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## Storytime for bikers

Now it's time for you to shine. Send me humorous, true, false, bullshit, sad, happy stories. Remember, I will put your name on it so it's kinda like, what you say, what you are, type thing. I will rewrite for/with you, or will copy and paste off e-mail.

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### Bad Place to Pee

The bikers riding with us on the poker run grabbed a beer and sat down at the massive round table in the center of the bar. I was seated next to my wife Hai when I leaned back just a bit and grabbed her by the back of the neck ever so lightly and ask her why she was clawing me from the back seat of our motorcycle earlier. She brushed my hand away and put her elbows on the table with her head resting in her hands.

She tried to focus on me, but Suzuki Dave broke in and said, "Ya', what's up wit' the clawin'." He said it loud enough for the entire group to hear, now everyone was just as curious as I was about Hai's antics on the back of a speeding eight hundred pound Harley. We quieted down to let her have the floor ...I mean table.

"When I sleep on moto'cycle I dream about when I'm twelve year old in Vietnam. When you guys make all the noise, like hot rod, you know ...I think Cong Ma' (ghost) is chasing me."

Her eyebrows folded inward and down toward her nose with a serious look on her round Vietnamese face. In an unnerving softness, almost a whisper she continued to tell everyone at the table the story of her dream on the motorcycle. **To be con't;**

240 words ...from the book *Poker Run*

By John Michael Hanzlik

## Down and Dirty

### Tips on maintaining your scooter

#### Spark Plug Indexing

One of the simplest ways to improve the combustion in your engine is to index the spark plugs. Indexing the plugs ensures that the gap is facing the combustion chamber. If the stem of the ground electrode is facing into the chamber, then the spark is shrouded from the majority of the fuel/air mixture. When the stem of the ground electrode is facing away from the chamber, the fuel/air mixture will burn more quickly and completely (#2, #3).

The easiest way to accomplish this is to mark the insulator or metal base with a felt tip marker showing the location of the ground electrode stem. Install the plugs and torque to 10 ft-lbs. Ideally, the gap will be facing toward the intake valve or centered between the intake and exhaust valves (#2, #3). You want to be able to see your mark on the plug (#1). It's best to have the line fall between the two head bolts. If they are not within this range, try swapping the plugs from the front head to the rear head and vice versa, and they will usually come pretty close. While some people may notice a difference in their engine's performance, most will not. As a general rule, it is recommended replacing the spark plugs with new standard plugs every 5,000 miles.

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