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## ON THE RESOLUTION AD ...

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## Historic Rock Café destroyed by fire

Cause of blaze unknown; owner Dawn Welch says she will reopen the restaurant

The historic Rock Café on Route 66 in Stroud was destroyed by a latenight fire May 20.

Officials from the state fire marshal's office were unable to determine what caused the blaze, although a spokeswoman told the *Shawnee News-Star* that the fire did not appear suspicious.

Owner Dawn Welch told Route-66News.com the fire was reported about 11:20 p.m. May 20. She said witnesses across the street told her flames were "billowing" from the building.

The thick stone walls are still standing, but the fire gutted the interior of the building, and the roof was destroyed. Wooden braces have been constructed to stabilize the walls for the time being.

The neon sign and outbuildings, including the gift shop, were not seriously damaged by the fire.

Most of the guestbooks signed by Rock Café visitors had been moved to the gift shop last winter, so they were not harmed by the blaze. A current guestbook and a photo album were found under the collapsed roof, damaged but apparently salvageable.

A plaque commemorating the Rock's 2001 cost-share grant from the National Park Service's Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program also survived the fire.

The Rock Café — a popular stop

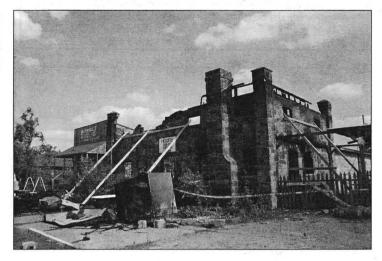


Photo by Emily Priddy

Fire tore through the historic Rock Café on May 20, destroying the roof and the building's interior. The Rock was built in 1939 and is named for the native stone used to construct its walls.

on Route 66 since it opened in 1939 — gained international fame after Pixar used Welch as the inspiration for the character Sally Carrera in the movie *Cars*.

The Food Network program *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives* also featured the restaurant in a recent episode.

Welch plans to reopen, but she has said the process could take at least a year. The building was insured, but additional assistance may be needed as Welch repairs the building and reconstructs the interior.

The Oklahoma Route 66 Association's historic preservation committee will remain in contact with Welch and will offer appropriate assistance as needed.

For details on how you can help, please call the Association office at (405) 258-0008 or e-mail okrt66association@sbcglobal.net.

Welch has set up a blog to track the progress of the rebuilding effort at http://rockcafert66.wordpress.com/.

## Two people to be inducted into Hall of Fame

The Oklahoma Route 66 Association will induct two people into the Hall of Fame this summer.

The induction ceremony will be held at 6:45 p.m. June 27 at the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum, 2229 Gary Blvd. in Clinton.

Every two years, the Oklahoma Route 66 Association selects two people to be inducted into the Oklahoma Route 66 Hall of Fame.

These recipients have made outstanding contributions to the promotion, commerce, preservation, or education of the public of America's Main Street

Nominations are made from the Association membership.

After all nominations are in, the President of the Oklahoma Route 66 Association appoints a committee to review the nominations and select two winners, one living and one deceased.

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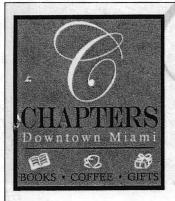
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Photo by Jill Ann Church

Jeanne Miller (left) helps Cletus Simpson (middle) celebrate her 66th birthday as Cletus' granddaughter surveys the festivities at Gar Wooly's

## Cletus Simpson celebrates 66 years on Route 66

Eastern vice president surprised by party at Gar Wooly's

#### By JILL ANN CHURCH

Cletus Simpson celebrated her 66th birthday with family and friends at a surprise birthday party held in her honor at Gar Wooly's Restaurant on Route 66 in Davenport, Oklahoma on Tuesday evening, May 6, 2008.

There were 21 in attendance, coming in from all over between Oklahoma City and Sapulpa.

The preparations went on for several weeks, but the secret never slipped out, as Cletus was surprised when she arrived for a bite to eat, straight from planting tomatoes.

"I thought there was some top secret Oklahoma Route 66 meeting going on, because I saw a couple of cars I recognized, and Frank [Gierhart] and Stella [Dobson] walked in with me."

Marilyn Emde and Jeanne Miller decorated the meeting room at Gar Wooly's with LP streamers.

The Gar Wooly's staff prepared supper from their menu for each of the guests and kept the coffee and tea coming into the night.

Marilyn brought a delicious angel food cake with white icing, decorated with number "66" candles, and black icing created the Route 66 shield, with "Happy Birthday Cletus: 66 on 66" written around the shield

Jeanne furnished vanilla ice cream, and there were several other treats, gifts and cards, all served up with a big slice of Route 66 hospitality.

Toward the end of the party, Cletus paused from her conversation, sat back comfortably in her seat and announced, "I've decided I'm going to stay 66. This is nice."

Cletus' party was a wonderful success, and rumor has it that her next 66 years on Route 66 are going to be even better than the first 66 were.

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Miss Route 66 Outstanding Teen Courtney Clayton led the Nettie Davenport Day Celebration Parade on May 10.

# Miss Route 66 Outstanding Teen leads parade in Davenport

BY JEANNE MILLER

Miss Route 66 Outstanding Teen Courtney Clayton led the Nettie Davenport Day Celebration Parade on May 10, 2008, riding in a blue 1963 Corvair convertible owned and operated by M K Stidham and spouse Nancy. Courtney rode in the convertible with assistant director of Miss Route 66 Scholarship Pageant, Michelle Goldstein.

Route 66 office administrator Marilyn Emde and Eastern Vice President Cletus Simpson followed in a red convertible owned and driven by Tom and Debbie Walker. County representatives Carol Duncan and Frank Gierhart and Association member Stella Dobson tossed out candy and gum from a pickup driven by Rep. Jeanne Miller and spouse Joe Sr.

Courtney; her father, Ed Clayton; Miss Route 66 Pageant Director Esther Brown; and assistant director Michelle Goldstein were treated to lunch at the Davenport Senior Citizens Center and also took in a quilt show before the parade.

Courtney said she loved Davenport and would not mind living there. Ed Clayton said it was the most fun he had in a long time.

Got news? E-mail *sundayjohn66@mac.com*. Deadline is Aug. 15.

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## White Dog Hill opens in old Clinton Country Club

By JILL ANN CHURCH

Clinton, Oklahoma grew in popularity over the past year in the Route 66 Community, hosting the 2007 International Route 66 Festival in June.

One of the treats offered to guests of the festival was an open house at the work-in-progress restaurant attraction, White Dog Hill, just east of town.

Nelson King, creator of the establishment, offered guests coffee, fine desserts and a grand view as a reprieve from the crowds, heat and summer thunderstorms.

The restaurant officially opened for business in August, but weather setbacks postponed the grand opening

ing.
While threats of severe winter weather persisted, it couldn't have been a more beautiful day on Feb. 17, 2008, for White Dog Hill's

Grand Opening.

A large crowd attended the event, including Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Jari Askins. King and Askins performed the ribbon-cutting ceremony, and the food and fellowship continued into the late afternoon.

White Dog Hill is located atop the hill three miles east of downtown on Route 66, at the former Clinton Country Club.

The property sat in a deteriorating state until King purchased it. Over several years of hard work and seemingly insurmountable obstacles, he created a masterpiece that whispers its achievement through both the warmth and beauty of the premises and the fine cuisine.

White Dog Hill is open Wednesday through Saturday, 5:30-9:30pm. King also books weddings and other special events. Dining reservations are appreciated. For reservations, call (580) 323-6922.



Photo by Jill Ann Church

Nelson King, left, and Lt. Gov. Jari Askins cut the ribbon for King's new business, White Dog Hill.

### **Briefs**

#### **BOARD MEETING**

The Oklahoma Route 66 Association will hold its next quarterly board meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 13, at the Oklahoma Tourism Information Center at 122nd Street and I-35 in Oklahoma City.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its Hot Dogs and Hot Rods on Route 66 festival June 27-28 in Clinton. Volunteers are needed to help with the Association booth at the event, which will include a car and bike show,

children's area, wiener dog races, Buddy Holly concert, crafts, poker run, and free hot dogs. If you can help for a few hours or longer, call Administrator Marilyn Emde at (405) 258-0008.

#### HEARTLAND CRUISE

The annual Heartland Cruise will be held June 13-14 in Weatherford. The event will include a welcome party, downtown cruise, \$1,000 cash giveaway, car show, loud exhaust contest, burnout contest, craft and food vendors, cash drawings, trophies and more. For more information, call (580) 772-5234

or e-mail njchain@itlnet.net.

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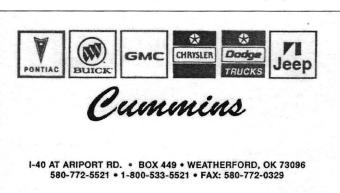
At the April 13, 2008, quarterly board meeting of the Oklahoma Route 66 Association, the board voted to have Association lifetime memberships available for those members who choose to pay a one-time Lifetime fee instead of the current annual dues. Dues for Lifetime memberships are: \$200 for individuals; \$300 for families; and \$490 for businesses.

#### MISSOURI MOTOR TOUR

The Route 66 Association of

Missouri will hold its 19th annual motor tour Sept. 5-7.

The tour, which will start in Collinsville, Ill., and end in Lebanon, Mo., will focus on the eateries on Route 66 in Missouri. Registration starts at 4 p.m. Sept. 5 at the Comfort Inn in Collinsville, Ill. Stops will include Zeno's Steakhouse in Rolla, Mo.; Arlington; Sheldon's Market in Devil's Elbow; the historical museum in Waynesville; and Wrink's Market in Lebanon. For more information, visit www.missouri66.org or contact Kip Welborn by phone at (314) 776-7385 or by e-mail at rudkip@sbcglobal.net.





## Minutes from the Oklahoma Route 66 Association board meeting

The Oklahoma Route 66 Association held its quarterly board meeting at 2 p.m. April 13, 2008, at the Oklahoma Tourism Information Center at 122nd and I-35 in Oklahoma City.

Meeting attended by: Mike Hickey, Jerald Ashby, Frank Gierhart, Marion Davidson, Brad Nickson, Ron Burden, Cletus Simpson, Carol Duncan, Jeanne Miller, Marilyn Ashby, Stella Dobson, Amanda Davis, Jill Ann Church, and Marilyn Emde. Visitors included: Pamela Lewis and Joshua Pickering.

President Mike Hickey called the meeting to order, Jerald Ashby made the motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting, Frank Gierhart seconded, motion passed.

Marilyn Emde presented the treasurer's report. The checkbook balance is \$18,834.13. Frank Gierhart made motion to accept the report, Marion Davidson seconded. Motion passed.

Marilyn Emde gave the administrator's report. The Association acquired 26 new members and 73 renewals since January's meeting. The Byways Grant, providing funds exclusively for the Trip Guide, has been submitted. Booth registration of \$350 for the National Preservation Conference has been submitted and volunteers are needed for the booth. The Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce requested that we join for \$350. General discussion led toward discovering affiliation perks. Mike Hickey suggested that the Department of Tourism may be of greater value. Marilyn Emde suggested that we have a state-wide Route 66 yard sale next year because of several inquiries. Newsletter submissions

## deadline is May 15. OLD BUSINESS

Bunion Derby: Carol Duncan discussed the very successful Bunion Derby 80th Anniversary, held April 12. Carol also suggested that the t-shirts left over from the event be sold and those funds used to build the Preservation Fund back up.

National Scenic Byways Update: Pam Lewis presented information concerning Accelerate 66. This new project looks solely at business development along the Route. The recent Byways grant cycle was also mentioned. Pam also discussed two other programs that are currently being rolled out: the Chamber for Continuing Excellence and the University of Oklahoma Community Training and Resource Institute. Both of these programs will further enhance economic and community development throughout Oklahoma.

KOMA Sign: Marilyn Emde requested recommendations for what to do with the KOMA sign. An appraisal of between \$1,300 and \$1,500 as is was offered. The Interpretive Center wants to purchase it, but Mike Hickey motioned to contact KOMA to see if they were interested in making an offer.

2008 Trip Guide Sales Report: Marilyn Emde reported that the Trip Guide ads sales totaled \$23,590. To date, \$11,811 has been received, leaving \$11,194 outstanding. There are 30 new ads this year.

Two bids were made to print the Trip Guide. They were submitted by Norman Transcript and American Road Magazine. American Road offered the best deal at a cost of \$13,040 for 40,000 copies, double-strapped bundles of 50, and delivered to up to 5 different places throughout Oklahoma. Jill Ann Church made a motion to accept American Road as printer, Brad Nickson seconded. Motion passed

The members briefly discussed how to determine how a photo cover should be chosen. A decision was made for the members to come up with ideas so this can be determined at the fall meeting.

Tulsa Bike Rally: Marilyn Emde briefly discussed the fact that the Bike Rally and the International Route 66 Festival times conflicted and that the sponsor had not returned an e-mail from her about their needs. Mike said that we would take the booth to the event if the sponsor contacted the Association again and it didn't cost any money.

Litchfield Route 66 Festival: Marilyn Emde discussed sending representatives from the OK Route 66 Association to the International Route 66 Festival in Litchfield, IL in June. A proposal was made to designate \$1,000 for travel expenses. After much deliberation, motion failed.

Clinton Route 66 Festival: The Clinton Route 66 Festival is a Chamber of Commerce event, and volunteers are needed to man the booth on June 27-28. Erin Adams will be contacted soon for more details. The Route 66 Hall of Fame Awards, sponsored by the Association, will be held Friday, June 27, at 7 p.m. at the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum.

Membership Drive: Jerald Ashby reported that the Membership drive is going well. A Press Release has gone out. Each member that brings in five new memberships will receive a free annual membership. Other prizes will be given in the membership drive, including a first prize to be mentioned later.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ribbon Road Update: Amanda Davis reported that a study is being conducted by OU students in association with the Scenic Byways Committee, to gather information on the County response to Route 66 Preservation.

Website Statistics: The Oklahoma Route 66 website is averaging 367 hits per month, with 88.6 new hits in March, as reported to Marilyn Emde by webmaster Drew Knowles. Ads for the website are needed, and it was encouraged to the membership to research ways of promoting this advertising and cost, and to discuss it at the next meeting.

Yarddawgz Game: The Oklahoma Yarddawgz Route 66 Night will be April 27 at the Ford Center in OKC. We will have a booth to sell t-shirts and hats, and will set up outside around noon. Mike Hickey suggested developing something to give away at these types of events. The idea was offered to create the map that will appear in the center of the Trip Guide as an independent item with sponsored ads, and use the revenue from those ad sales to fund the project.

Corporate Sponsorships/Lifetime Memberships: Mike Hickey suggested considering what we can offer in exchange for corporate sponsorship. He mentioned offering lifetime memberships to any member at the rate of the cost of membership x 10. Jerald Ashby made a motion to accept, Jill Ann Church second, motion passed.

Stenciling the Road: Marilyn

Emde reported that the stencil has arrived, and several items were discussed in relation to this activity. Mike Hickey suggested that the job be divided into sections and done on a low traffic day, such as Sunday. Towns and counties must be contacted to designate where stencils can and cannot be placed. We discussed the need for painters, traffic control and material control. Safety is a top concern. City Chambers of Commerce should become involved. This should be presented as a newsworthy event.

2008 Events and Cruises: Several events and cruises were discussed. RedFork Main Street will host the Tulsa Christmas Cruise. Other possible cruises suggested were the Coleman Theatre Cruise, a Museum Cruise, and a possible Poker Run. Mike Hickey stressed the importance in collaborating with other upcoming events when planning these Route 66 events for additional advertisement and planning assistance.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Jerald Ashby outlined the Association accomplishments with the Trip Guide and requested that these be published in next year's Trip Guide.

Frank Gierhart reported that the Sapulpa Historical Society will have the renovations finished on the old gas station in time for the Sapulpa Blow-out in June.

Jeanne Miller reported that Miss Route 66 Michelle McCoy and Miss Route 66 Outstanding Teen Courtney Clayton will be in the Nettie Davenport Parade on May 10.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Marilyn Emde reported a new computer was donated to her of-fice.

Marilyn Emde expressed the need for a canopy pop-up to use at locations where booths had to be outdoors. She stressed the need for an easy-up and easy-down feature. Mike Hickey suggested not setting limits on the cost. Mike Hickey motioned, Jerald Ashby seconded, motion passed.

Jeanne Miller motioned the meeting to adjourn, Jill Ann Church seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

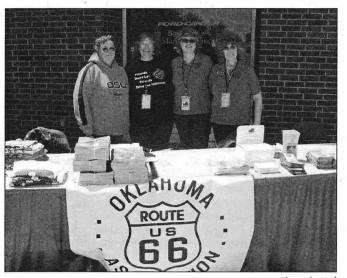


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Barbara Dingman (left), Jill Ann Church, Marilyn Emde and Cletus Simpson staffed the Oklahoma Route 66 Association's booth.

## Fun for all at the YardDawgz' Route 66 Night in Oklahoma City

By JILL ANN CHURCH

The Oklahoma Route 66 Association and Pops sponsored the Oklahoma City YardDawgz/Austin Wranglers arena football game on April 27, 2008.

The event, appropriately called Route 66 Night, was held at the Ford Center in OKC. The pregame FanFest began two hours before the game, and located just outside the front doors of the Ford Center, served as a great start to the afternoon.

The Oklahoma Route 66 Association's booth was staffed by Marilyn Emde, Cletus Simpson, Barbara Dingman and Jill Ann Church. Also present were Miss Route 66 Michelle McMoy and

Miss Route 66 Outstanding Teen Courtney Clayton.

New friendships were made, many stories were heard from visitors about their travels on the Mother Road throughout the years, and interest from attendees about becoming new Oklahoma Route 66 Association members was evident.

The Association's own Jerald Ashby presented his Bathtub Derby as part of the YardDawgz half-time show, and Oklahoma Route 66 prizes were drawn and awarded throughout the game.

What started out just another cool windy Oklahoma day turned warmer by the wonderful spirit of Route 66 at the YardDawgs Fan-Fest and arena football game.

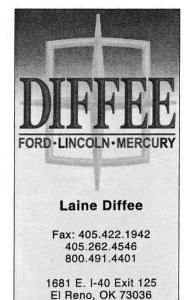
## Membership drive contest continues

The Oklahoma Route 66 Association membership drive contest is still ongoing.

Association members have brought in 18 new memberships so far. Two members have earned their next year's Association membership free by bringing in five new paid memberships each.

The person bringing in the most new paid memberships will be announced at the Association's fall quarterly board meeting on Oct. 12. Prizes will be awarded, with the grand prize being a pocket bike.

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## Association celebrates Bunion Derby's 80th anniversary

By CAROL DUNCAN

Eighty years ago in 1928, the First International Transcontinental Foot Race was organized. The runners started at Ascot Speedway in Los Angeles and followed Route 66 to Chicago. At Chicago, the routing was directed east to Madison Square Garden in New York City.

C.C. Pyle was a sports promoter who specialized in track and football events. With the blessing and support of the National U.S. Highway 66 Association, Mr. "Cash and Carry" Pyle put together a huge track event with a grand prize of \$25,000.

The winner of this foot race was Andy Payne of Foyil, Oklahoma. Payne was a mixed-blood Cherokee farm boy who loved to run every day to school. He participated on the track team in high school and did very well. He was determined to win this race. He wanted to help his family and marry Vivian, his best girl. This was an amazing story of courage and strength. Andy became an Oklahoma hero.

The Oklahoma Route 66 Association decided to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the so-called "Bunion Derby" with a motorized relay across the state from the Texas line to the Kansas line. A commemorative plaque was passed from person to person relay-style. Instead of running, vehicles were used.

Model As to modern Corvettes could be spotted rolling along the Mother Road. Anyone could caravan along. The procession made a colorful sight along 66. It was fun and exciting to watch our Association team working together to make this event a success.

On Friday, April 11, the plaque traveled from Texola to Stroud. After an overnight stay, on Saturday,



Photo submitted

Tour participants paused for a photo op with a statue of Andy Payne in Foyil as they celebrated the 80th anniversary of the Bunion Derby with a motorized relay across the state in April.

April 12, the plaque traveled from Stroud to the Kansas border.

The mayor of Chandler came out to meet the Route 66ers when they rolled into the parking lot at the Route 66 Interpretive Center. Volunteers and visitors strolled through the exhibits.

A very special Route 66 supporter met the caravan at Turk's Country Store and rode with the group into Chandler. Kyler Miller is one of our youngest members. He was dressed up with a neat Route 66 T-shirt and got his picture taken with the next relayer, Don Ferrell.

The Rock Café in Stroud was really rockin' with customers and roadies. The mayor of Stroud was on hand to greet everybody. At Claremore, Miss Route 66 Outstanding Teen Courtney Clayton joined the caravan. This was an opportunity for her to get acquainted with us and to learn more about Oklahoma Route 66. We certainly enjoyed having her along with the group.

Laurel Kane has done a fantastic job with her Afton Station. This was a must-stop for travelers and postcard collectors, too.

A quick break was taken at the park in Foyil for a photo opportunity. The group posed beside the Andy Payne statue. We are a great-looking bunch.

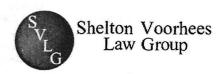
After the cruisers made the Kansas line, the group returned to Miami to the Pizza Hut Express for

refreshments and door prizes. The Pizza Hut has 1950s decor. The Kreeger family were gracious hosts.

The commemorative plaque will be placed on display in the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum in Clinton. Names of the relayers will be listed at the bottom of the plaque.

The Association has a limited quantity of T-shirts left from the event. They are a limited edition design. Colors are white or wheat, and sizes are medium, large, or extra-large. Shirts are \$12 each plus \$3 shipping and handling. To order one, contact the Association at (405) 258-0008 or P.O. Box 446, Chandler, OK 74834.

Proceeds from the shirt sales will go to the preservation fund.



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June 11, 2008

Dear Oklahoma Route 66 Association member,

The membership drive contest is getting off to a slow but steady start. Association members have brought in 21 new paid memberships so far. Two members, Jill Ann Church and Marion Davidson, have each earned a free 2009 annual Association membership by bringing in 5 new members! Every Association member is eligible to win a free annual membership, so get busy and start bringing in those new paid members!!

The member that brings in the most new paid memberships will win the Grand Prize of a Pocket Bike. I have included an information sheet about pocket bikes with this letter so that you can see what a great prize this is. There will be a number of other prizes given as well, including a matted print by Shellee Graham.

The prize winners will be announced at our quarterly board meeting on October 12, 2008. This meeting will be held at the Oklahoma Tourism Information Center at 122<sup>nd</sup> and I-35 in Oklahoma City at 2:00. You don't have to be present to win, but you need to have all of your new member information into the Association office in Chandler by October 10 so that the numbers can be tallied.

If you have any questions, please call me at the Association office at 405-258-0008 or e-mail me at <a href="mailto:okrt66association@sbcglobal.net">okrt66association@sbcglobal.net</a>.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Emde

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#### **Pocket Bikes**

The mini-motorcycle, or pocket bike, craze is sweeping from California to New York. They are also known as a pocket rocket, miniature bike, or mini chopper and were originally used for racing in Europe and Japan. Pocket bikes are miniature motorcycles or two wheeled powered scooters that have a seat for the rider. They copy the racing looks of Honda, Kawasaki and Harley, but have a tiny stance of fewer

than two feet and weigh in at around 50 pounds.

These mini-cycles are generally powered by a 40-49cc gasoline twostroke lawnmower-type engine or even electric motor and they have a pull-cord starter. The basic pocket bike price tag starts at about \$200, but can go as high as \$3,000. The lower price models top out at about 30 mph, but the pricier models can hit 70 mph. They can hold a person weighing up to 250 pounds. The basic bikes have just over 4 hp, with some of the more powerful customized ones in excess of 12 hp.

Unlike full-size motorcycles, the pocket bikes usually lack safety features including brake lights, red rear reflectors, mirrors, turn signals, mufflers, horn, headlights, approved tires and other items necessary to operate on public streets. They are not regulated by any federal motor vehicle safety standards because they are sold as toys. Police are treating the machines as everything from motorcycles to mopeds to motorized toys. The laws and regulations that govern the operation of motorized scooters and pocket bikes vary from state to state. In addition, enforcement may vary from city to city. We recommend that you contact your local law enforcement agency, DMV and insurance carrier to obtain the most up to date and accurate information for your area. In addition, check local laws for motorized scooter and pocket bike helmet certification requirements.

Remember, no matter how cute these pocket rockets are, they are not a toy but a serious motorcycle. As such, serious injuries can occur.

Pocket bikes are intended for use by persons aged 12 or above. Riders need to wear full body armor, motorcycle helmet, motorcycle gloves, boots, goggles and anything else that will provide safety to them. Children need adult supervision while they are riding. Do not operate the pocket bike at night or in wet or icy conditions; do not carry additional passengers or tow anything with it. Ride only on smooth surfaces. Pocket bikes are not designated for off-road use. Because of their short wheelbase and low profile, they may not be easily visible to pedestrians or other vehicles.

Pocket rockets are here to stay. Remember to ride safe.



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