

WHERE THE BUFFALO ROAM: Western Colorado Rides

In the mid 1800's there were 30-60 million American Buffalo roaming the plains of the western United States, including western Colorado. What the Buffalo knew, and what many riders are starting to discover is that the western part of that state is one of the best places to ride in the entire country.

Central Colorado boasts the heart of the Rockies, which are majestic, and beautiful and a ride over any of the passes is an experience all to itself. But head a little farther west and the variety of your riding experiences expands exponentially.

Cutting along the southern edge of the Rio Grande National Forest you are met with a combination of valleys and wooded hills. Heading north out of Durango you run along the famed "Million Dollar Highway" which lives up to its namesake and more as one of the truly remarkable roads in the lower 48.

Cutting further west to Gateway brings you into a proper western movie with the Dolores River rolling through the red rock and desert-like fauna. You start with sheer walls on both sides and then it opens into a wider valley where you wouldn't be surprised to see John Wayne riding by.

At the far western edge of Colorado is the Colorado National Monument which is 24 miles of twisty roads and beautiful rock formations. While the Rockies have earned their reputation for epic riding, don't miss out on one of the most unique and exciting rides you'll ever take by venturing further and heading a bit farther west.



DANDAN THE FIREMAN Is Saving Riders Lives

His name is Daniel Tolomei, but everyone knows him online as "DanDan The Fireman". His YouTube channel has 206,000 subscribers who tune in frequently to learn the risks of the road and how to avoid them. DanDan has created what seems like a thousand YouTube videos on rider safety and gear advice. And with over 31 million views, you know his tips and insight are more than good! DanDan not only provides safe riding videos for new bike riders, he also analyzes motorcycle crash videos while pointing out the mistakes that were made — and gives solid suggestions of what to do to improve your ability to foresee road dangers ahead.

After watching a few of these videos, I'm totally hooked. DanDan is hands-down the most interesting and informative MSF Rider coach that I have seen. His videos are well worth watching for riders of all skill levels. DanDan is also an Accident Scene Management Lead Instructor and former Firefighter/EMT.

Learn more at:

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Abused Children

Find Allies In Biker Group

There is one band of bikers that stands out from the rest. These are the men and women who are part of Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA for short).

For BACA members their mission remains simple—keeping kids safe and breaking the chains of child abuse. BACA's objective is to remove fear so that an abused child can feel safe. Whether it be escorting them to school or court hearings, riding in the middle of the night to comfort a child, or helping their parents to feel safer, no job is too hard for these big-hearted bikers.

BACA was founded over 20 years ago by a social worker named John Paul Lilly after seeing the mind-bending trauma that kids go through during and after various kinds of abuse.

At that time, Lilly was working in response to a particularly difficult case involving an 8-year-old boy who refused to leave his house due to fear of his perpetrator. He sought the support of fellow bikers to volunteer to provide an empowering experience for the boy. With permission from the boy's guardians, 27 motorcycles and nearly 40 people from clubs, organizations, and solo riders responded and rode as one group to the child's home; they dismounted, greeted the child, and offered him a ride on a motorcycle.

Following his ride, the boy was outside of his house riding his bicycle on his own within hours. This idea led to the formation

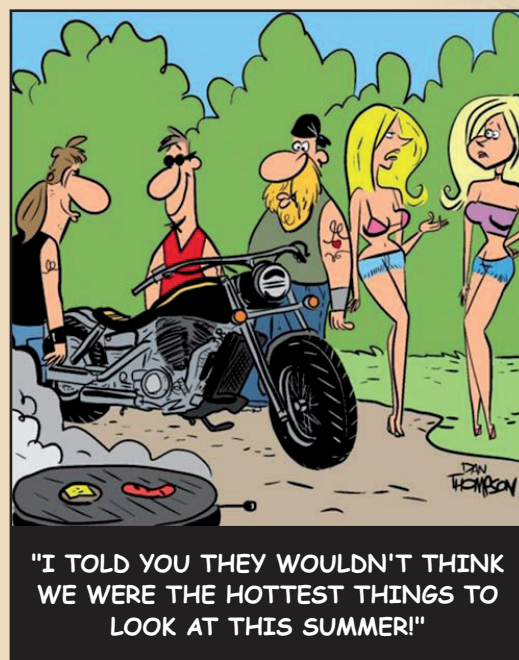
of BACA on a local level, then grew regionally, and today has progressed into an international organization across three continents.

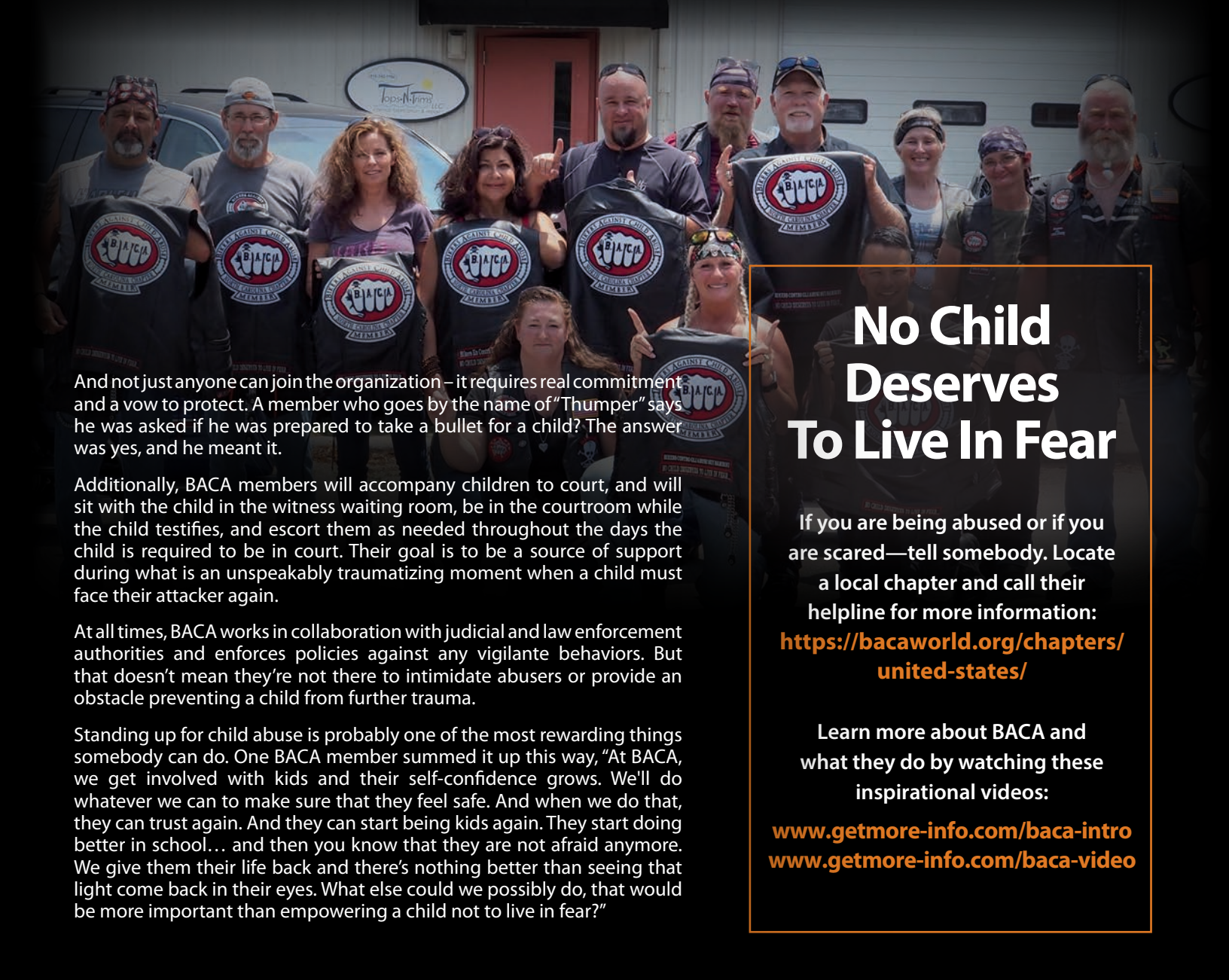
Children are referred to BACA through law enforcement, social workers, and counselors. In their first meeting, BACA members from local chapters ride as a group to the child's home where they are presented with a vest, patch, and stickers of their choice. The child may be offered a ride on a motorcycle and is given a stuffed bear with the phone number of the local chapter written on the shirt of the bear.

"Kids seem to have a connection with bikers. They gravitate towards bikers because they understand that we look out for our own. They understand that we cover each other's backs. And they understand that we are going to be there for them."

Children are assigned two primary contacts who they can call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, if they are feeling fearful. The primary contacts make regular follow-up visits with the child until the situation is stable. If their abuser refuses to back down, BACA will set up an around-the-clock presence, so the child is never alone. They'll also notify police of any of the suspect's actions and conduct "neighborhood awareness rides" along the street where the suspect lives until the harassment desists.

HAVE A LAUGH!





And not just anyone can join the organization – it requires real commitment and a vow to protect. A member who goes by the name of “Thumper” says he was asked if he was prepared to take a bullet for a child? The answer was yes, and he meant it.

Additionally, BACA members will accompany children to court, and will sit with the child in the witness waiting room, be in the courtroom while the child testifies, and escort them as needed throughout the days the child is required to be in court. Their goal is to be a source of support during what is an unspeakably traumatizing moment when a child must face their attacker again.

At all times, BACA works in collaboration with judicial and law enforcement authorities and enforces policies against any vigilante behaviors. But that doesn't mean they're not there to intimidate abusers or provide an obstacle preventing a child from further trauma.

Standing up for child abuse is probably one of the most rewarding things somebody can do. One BACA member summed it up this way, “At BACA, we get involved with kids and their self-confidence grows. We'll do whatever we can to make sure that they feel safe. And when we do that, they can trust again. And they can start being kids again. They start doing better in school... and then you know that they are not afraid anymore. We give them their life back and there's nothing better than seeing that light come back in their eyes. What else could we possibly do, that would be more important than empowering a child not to live in fear?”

No Child Deserves To Live In Fear

If you are being abused or if you are scared—tell somebody. Locate a local chapter and call their helpline for more information:

<https://bacaworld.org/chapters/united-states/>

Learn more about BACA and what they do by watching these inspirational videos:

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NEW BIKE REVIEW:

Indian Challenger

Indian Motorcycle has been hard on the gas to make its mark on the motorcycle industry with the all-new Indian Challenger. Indian's newest bagger is clearly targeting the Harley Road Glide with its frame mounted fairing and similar design cues. The Challenger is the first to be powered by the PowerPlus 108 motor, a liquid-cooled, 60-degree V-twin with valves actuated by single overhead cams. On paper it delivers 122 hp and 128 ft-lbs. of torque, which are solid numbers in the bagger world.

With Victory out of the picture, Indian appears to be taking the "If you can't beat them, join them!" approach to styling in nearly all facets of its product line. If performance is all you care about, the Challenger is an enticing buy. But is it enough to win out over the Harley-Davidson Road Glide?

