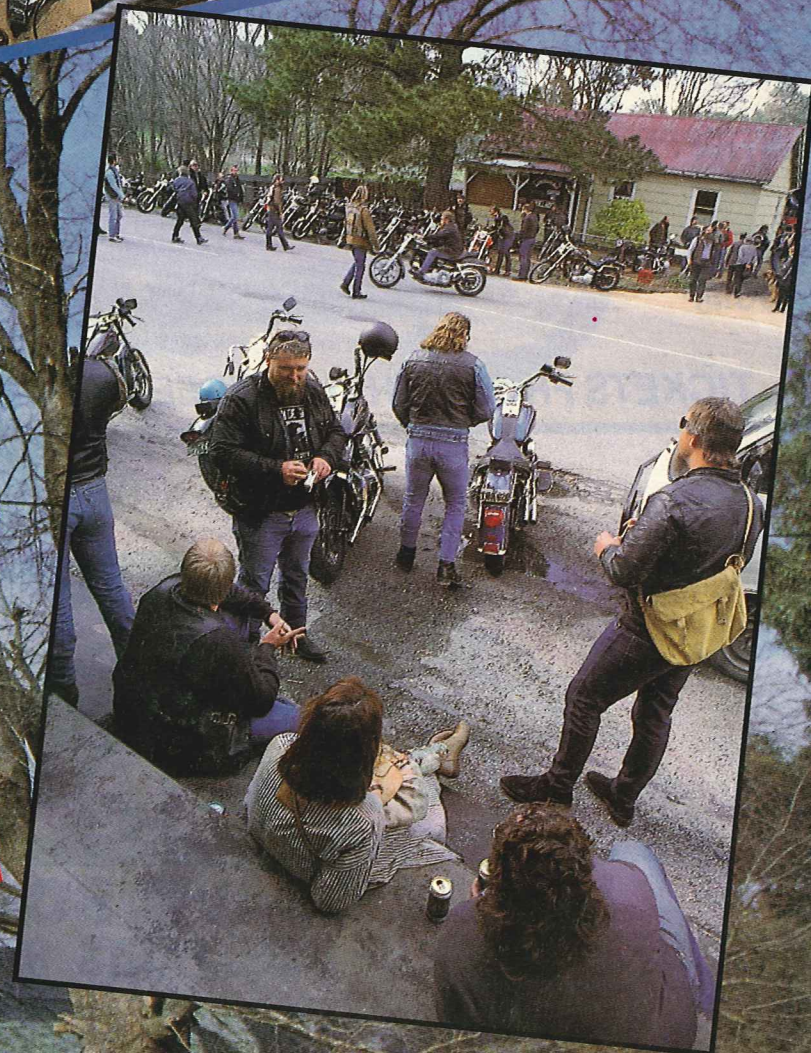
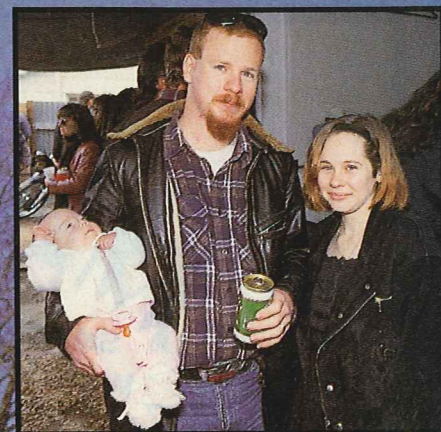
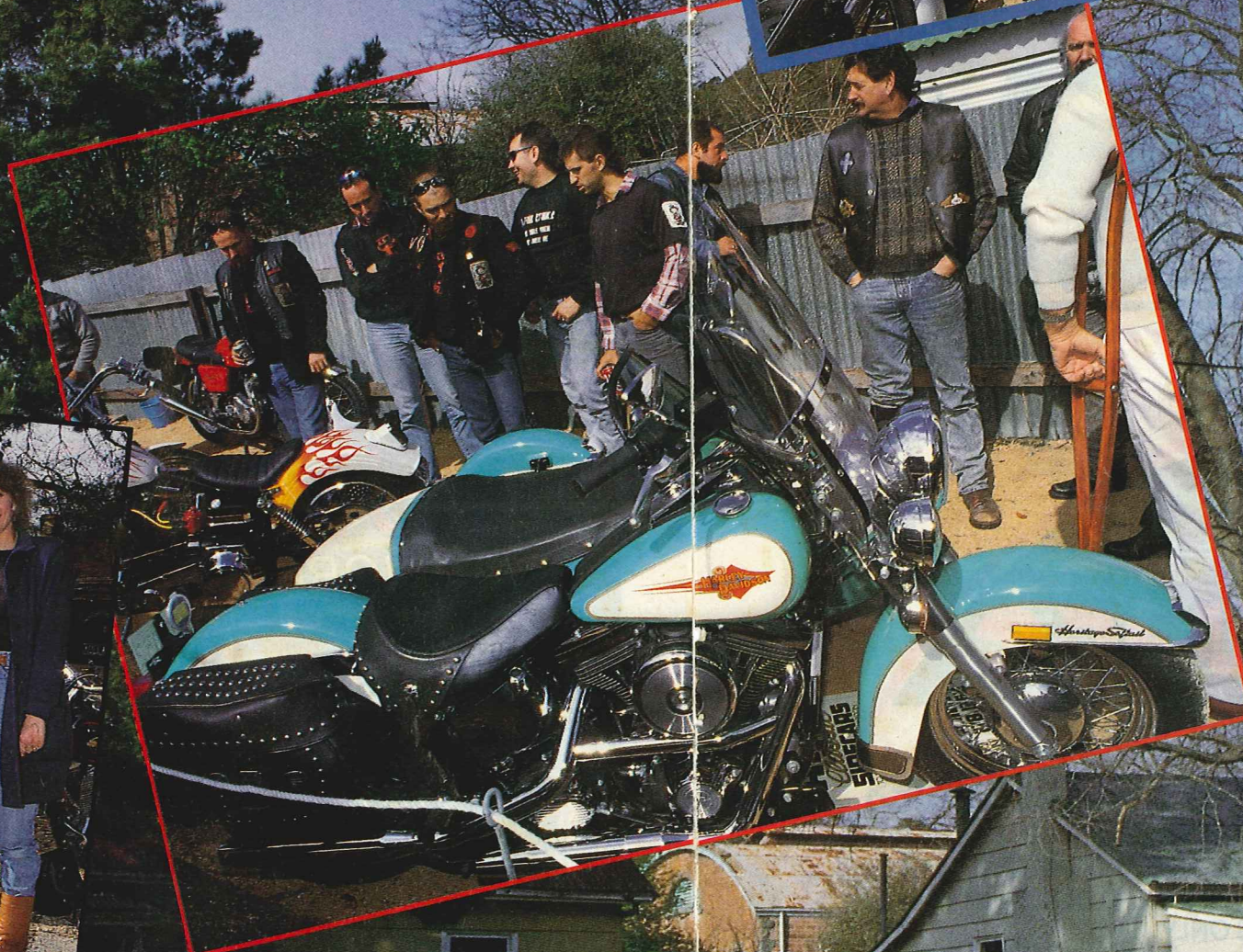
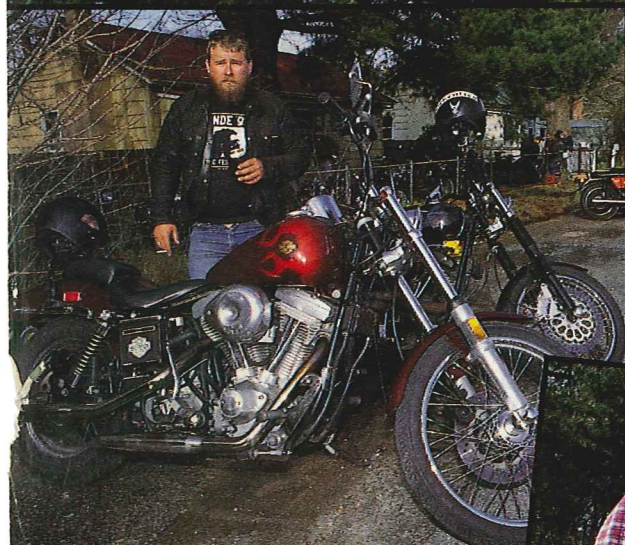


Backyard Beauty

The first Longriders' bike show might've been held in a backyard but **LOOSE BRUCE** reckons it was a beauty!



CHRISTIAN motorcycle clubs have been working for a number of years offering support and neutral ground to those most in need, and do much to foster harmony and good will among bikers less open to conventional wisdoms. Adelaide's Longriders Christian MC are one such club, an assembly of bikers not trying to ram the Bible down one's throat. Instead the Longriders model their beliefs on contemporary Christian values and at the same time enjoy biking with a passion as strong as you'll find in other clubs elsewhere. You don't have to know these blokes for too long either to realise that their door is always open where others may be closed.

Recently the Adelaide chapter perceived a need for a half-way house in their Mt Barker area. They gained permission and now

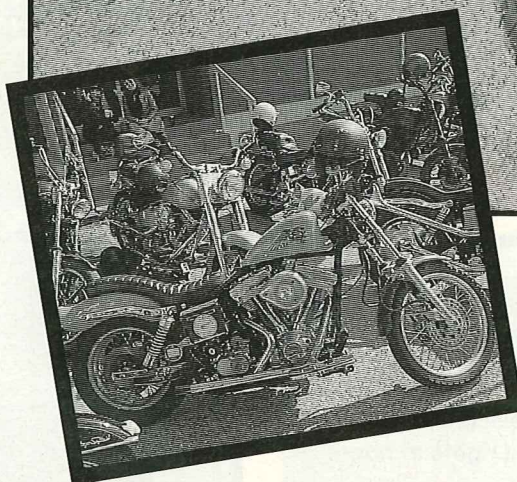
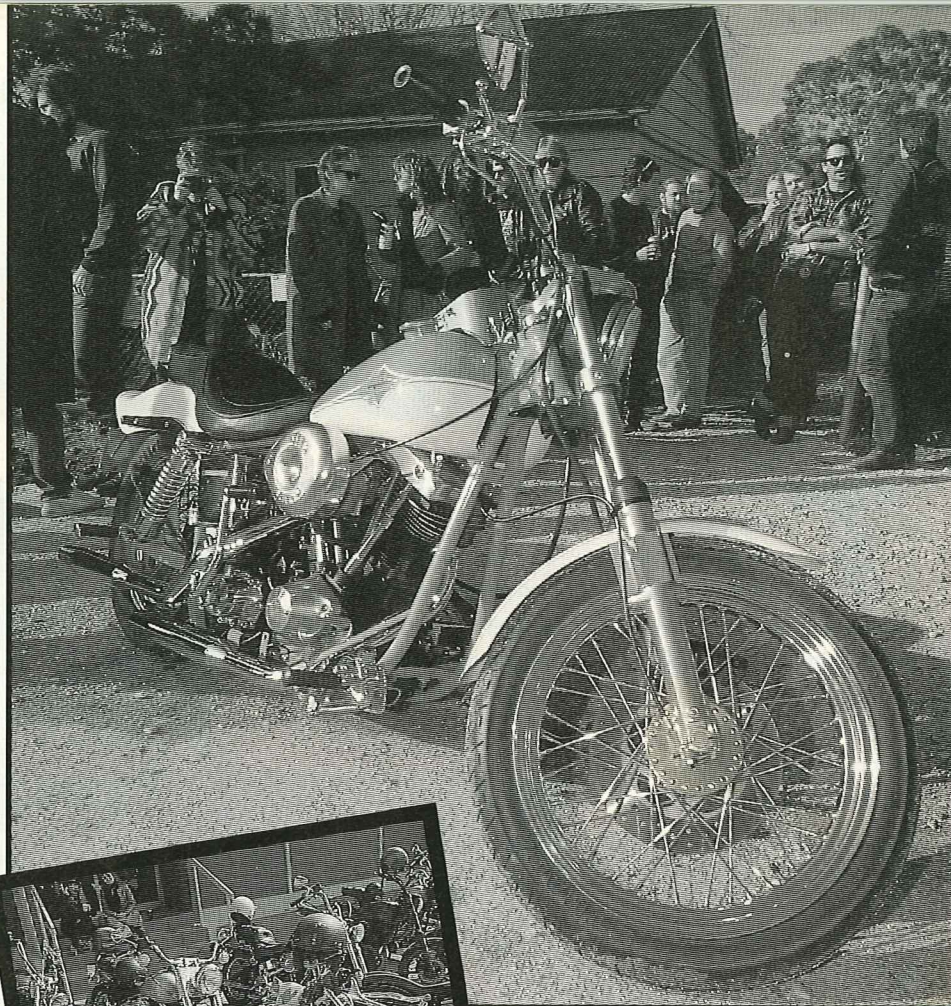



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pay a token rent to use two old railways-owned dwellings for that purpose, one as a clubhouse while the other is set up for families needing temporary accommodation and time to get back together after, for example, a spell in gaol. We caught up again recently when they celebrated their second anniversary with a bike show. Open to all comers, the only stipulations were that bikes entered had to be ridden in, and that any bad attitudes remain outside the gates.

As the accompanying pictures show, you don't get too many bikes or people crammed into your standard sized backyard. But that point didn't stop some 20 bikes being appraised by the three judges and over 200 folks lending support. Various other clubs joined in, including the Hells Angels who made this show a stop during their Memorial Ride honouring a member lost just 12 months before. Together we all enjoyed some fine music and company plus a great line of food that folks'd prepared and donated that day.

Charity might begin at home for a lot of people, yet the Longriders deserve our respect and support for

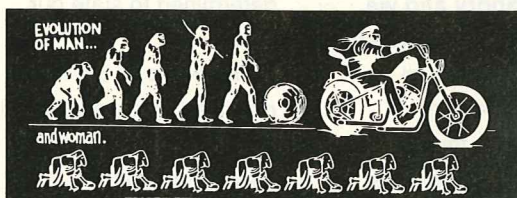


their caring attitude and a willingness to do something towards helping those less fortunate than ourselves. Should you wish to get in touch, write to the Longriders Christian MC, Private Box 2380, Kent Town, SA, 5071. 

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