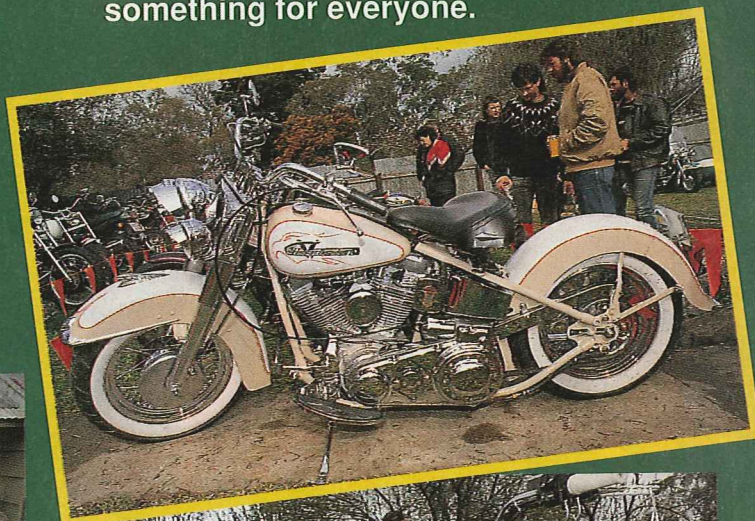
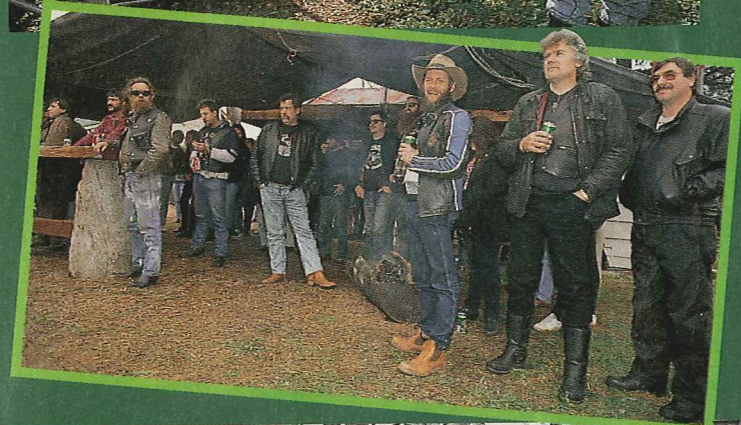




# SHOW ON THE MOUNT

The Longriders CMC's second annual Mt Barker Bike Show was a top day with something for everyone.



**D**O WE plan to succeed or fail to plan? We don't have to be kicked around too many times in this life to realise there is more than one way to handle any given situation. Sometimes we react to the hassles by blaming others for a bad turn of events, insist that whatever the problem, the real faults lay elsewhere. Tacit with that stance though is an admission that we've relinquished control.

Say we get caught speeding, or with a few plants in the back yard. Reacting to the bust by badmouthing the cops will almost surely make things worse than they already were, maybe even swing us a cell for the night. And a



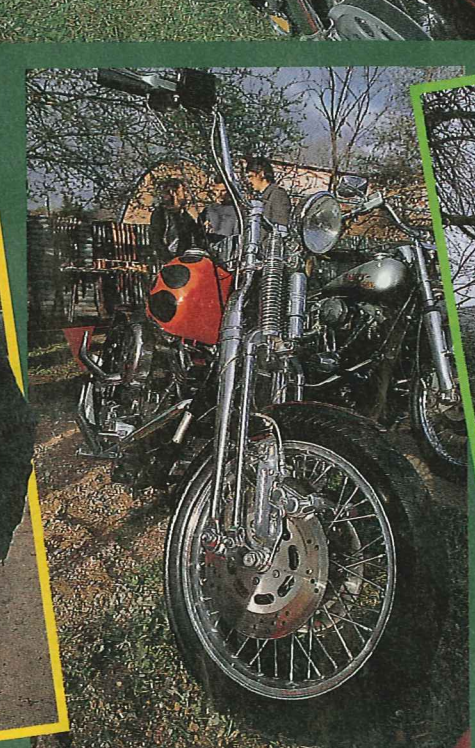
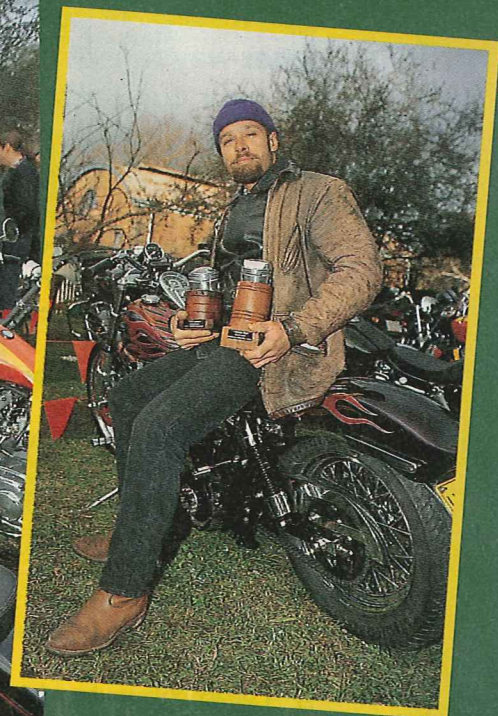
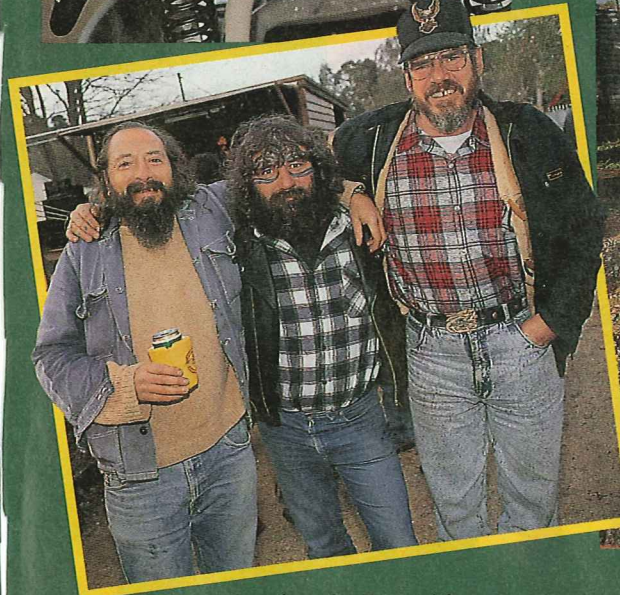
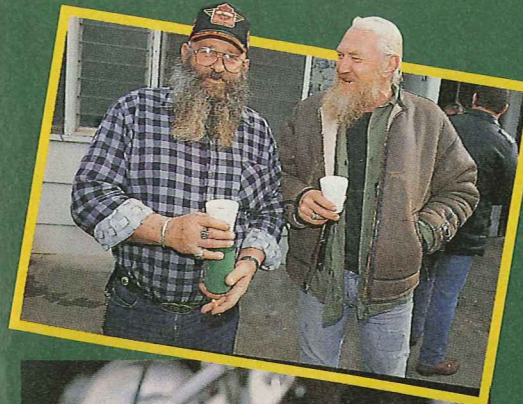
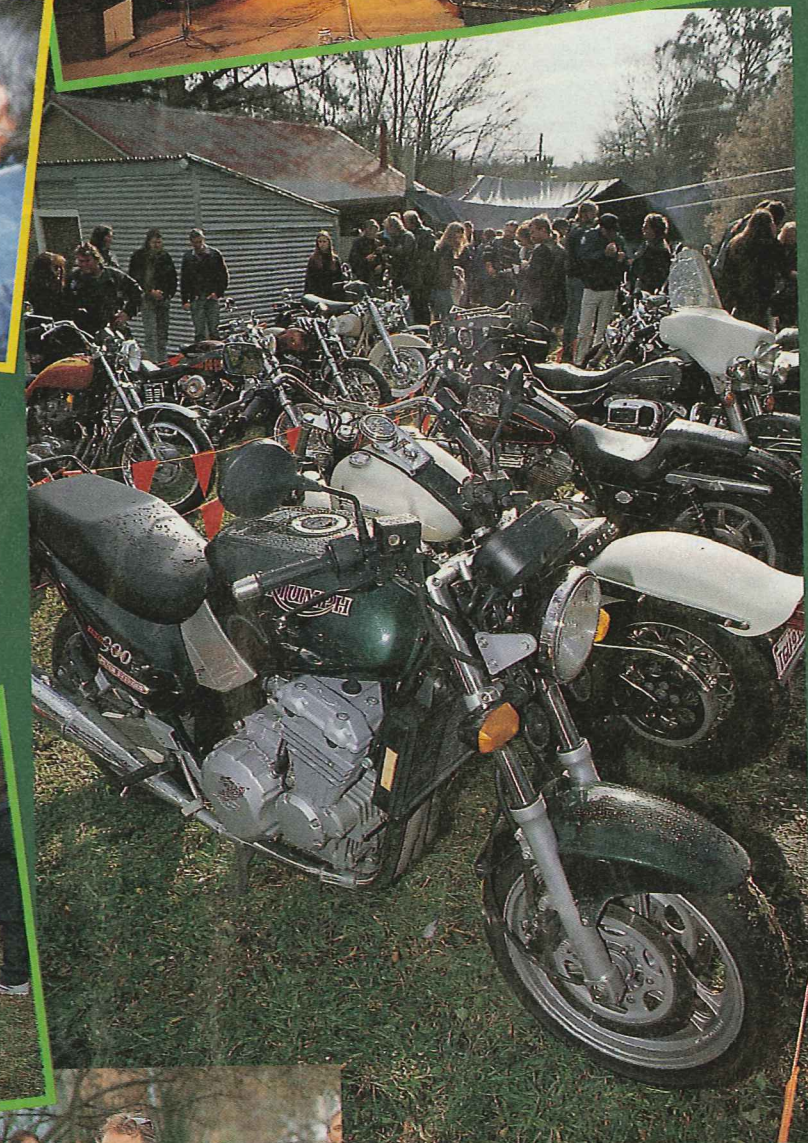
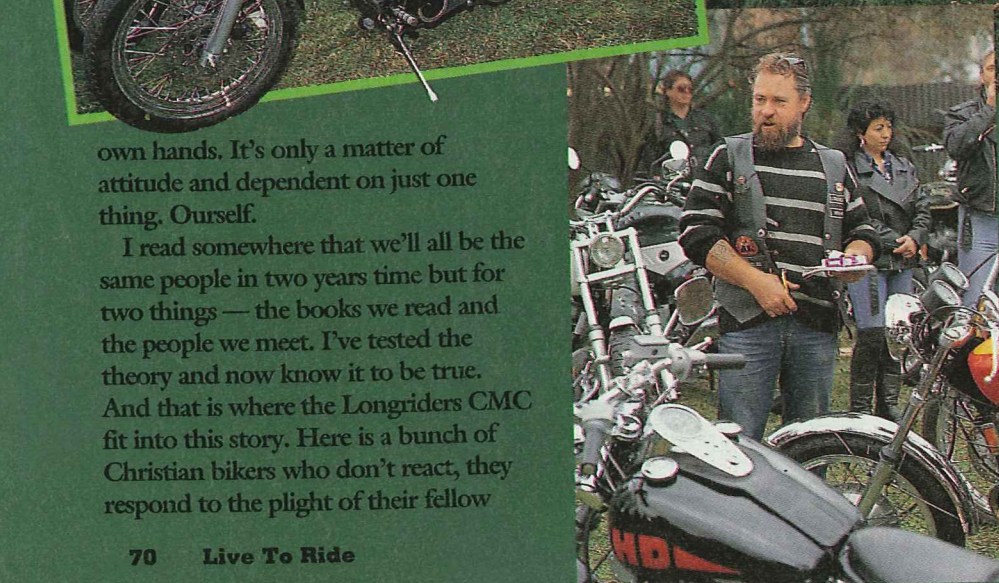
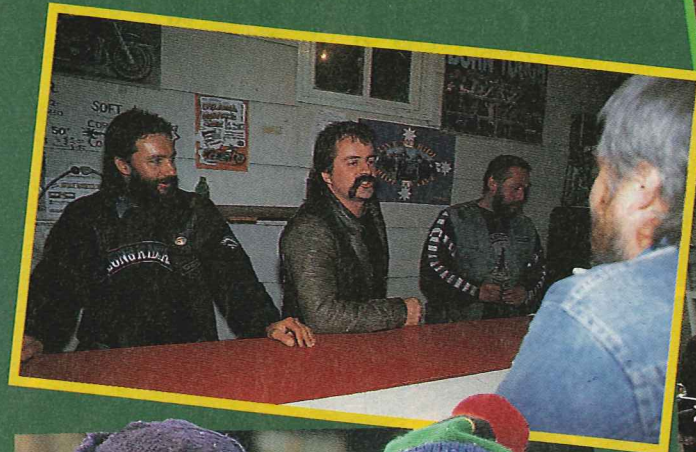
bigger hassle. It can also reinforce feelings that it's not our fault.

Flip the coin. If our attitude is one that responds (rather than reacts) to bad times, we'll have the posture and be in charge of our lot. We'll still get busted if caught doing the wrong thing but admitting our error in the first place is worth heaps more than blaming everyone else for it. We all know the rules regardless whether we agree with 'em or not.

How did that T-shirt go... "I hate this fuckin' system but this system sure loves fuckin' me!". Life can be a bitch, or whatever we seek to make it. Our destiny is in our



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own hands. It's only a matter of attitude and dependent on just one thing. Ourselves.

I read somewhere that we'll all be the same people in two years time but for two things — the books we read and the people we meet. I've tested the theory and now know it to be true. And that is where the Longriders CMC fit into this story. Here is a bunch of Christian bikers who don't react, they respond to the plight of their fellow

human beings in need. Some might knock what these blokes are into but the Longriders have the strength of their convictions that'll see them get through.

We've probably all heard the old "Give a man a fish and he'll have food for a day — teach him how to fish and he'll be able to fend for himself." The latter is what the Longriders are into. Helping those seeking to re-take charge of their lives. It takes a big commitment

to do what the Longriders do and without commitment even the strongest among us can fall. The Longriders well know that the "How" to life is worth only so much towards where we are heading. More important for that trip is the reason why we want to get there. If the reason is big enough the how will usually sort itself out.

That said, the Longriders CMC held their second annual bike show in Adelaide last Spring, a family day open

to anyone who enjoyed bikes and biker company, music and good food. Cloudy skies and the cold might've kept some fair weather riders away but that did not diminish the good company we found down at Mt. Barker that day. Peter Stevens Motorcycles in Adelaide were kind enough to lend this scribe one of their new Triumphs for a few days that weekend too. Their Trident maybe looked out of place among the more

"traditional" machinery but no-one was offended by its presence as far as I could tell.

It was an enjoyable afternoon that ran on well into the evening, the Longriders again showing by good example that ya don't have to snarl or get really out of it to have a good time. It's just a matter of perspective, or attitude, eh. Thanks for the invite fellas.

