

Name: Jim (Jimbo) Bodner Jr.      Date of Profile – January 2021

Born: Jan. 1957 – Oct. 7, 2020 Sudbury, Ontario

Voted in to the WCMC Mid 1980's – Lifetime Member

First Bike : 1970 Suzuki 250 Hustler

Current Bike: 2007 HD Ultra Classic

Bikes owned: 1970 Suzuki 250 Hustler, 1973 Yamaha 500, 1978 Yamaha SR500, 1969 BSA Rocket 3, 1960 Triumph Hardtail Copper, 1973 Ironhead Harley Sportster, 1981 Goldwing Interstate, 1969 Kawasaki KZ 1300 – also known as the beast. 1968 GL 1000, 2004 HD Softail Standard



Suzuki T 250 Hustler

Jim became interested in Motorcycles at a young age when his Dad purchased a 1967 185cc dirt bike. He wanted his own so Jim Jr. Bought his first bike, a Black 1970 Suzuki 250 Hustler.

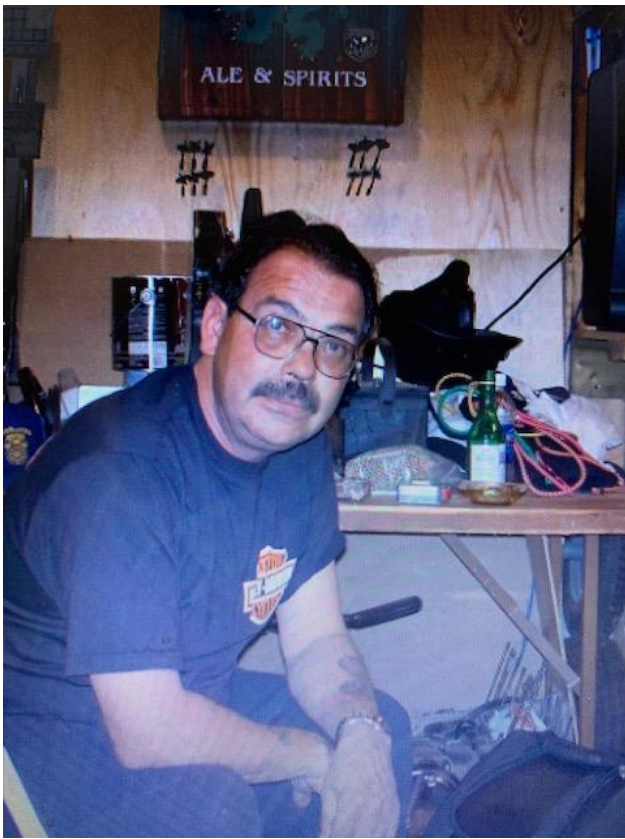


Jim with his 2007 HD Ultra Classic owned since new.

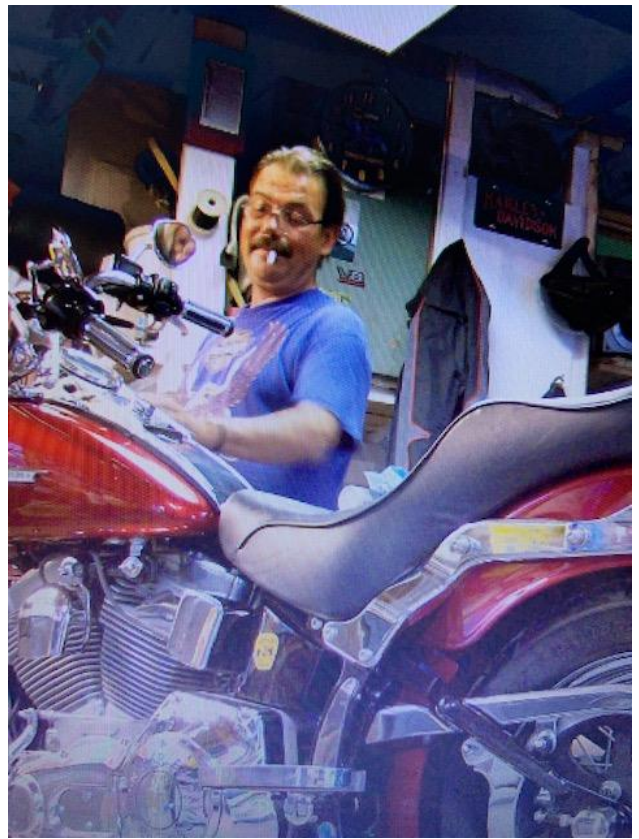
Jim was with another club before joining the Welland County Motorcycle Club looking for a more structured club and the opportunity of making new friends with the same interests.

Jim, was a life long rider and motorcycle enthusiast constantly involved in local riding and charity events including organizing the original B.R.O. cover the kids run in St. Catharines. Jim would try to take advantage of every run and event the club planned. Jim was always proud of our club and helped shape it to what it is today.

Three generations of the Bodner family have joined and stayed in the WCMC with Father, Jim Bodner Sr., son Jim Bodner Jr. and Jim Jr.'s son Stephen Bodner also in the club.



Jim in the Garage



Jim with the bike he bought in Huntsville

Jim spent 44 years in and around the Automotive Collision Industry as a painter and appraiser. Needless to say he painted his own bikes and was always accommodating to painting other club members bikes. If you saw the garage lights on Jim was likely there with some regulars on a Friday night having a good time.

While Jim was on a trip to my Muskoka Cottage, his old bike was acting up so he went into a local dealer in Huntsville to buy some fuses and walked out with a big grin, a handful of fuses and a Brand New Harley Davidson Motorcycle. That's just the kind of guy he was.





Jim with his Iron Head Sportster



Jim with his Goldwing

Jim was always genuinely interested in Motorcycle racing and improving the Club in any way. Over the years, Jim has likely done every job possible around the club including being our Past President, Vice President, racing coordinator and Board Member many times. Jim has received many awards for his dedication to the sport of racing motorcycles.

On Saturday race days, he could always be found riding the Golf Cart with his Dad, Jim Sr. Jim would drive around helping to coordinate the races and making sure the volunteers have enough water or see if they needed something to eat. (Beers come after the races are finished)

Sadly we lost our brother to a lengthy respiratory illness last year. We miss our friend and brother and the boys organized a respect ride by his family home in St. Catherine's in October 2020.

Ride on Bro, you'll be forever in our Hearts.

Written by member and good friend Jack Wilson.