



# Pig Trails

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## Haulin' Ass...

PigTrails

What in the world are you going to do on a motorcycle in the middle of winter? Should you put it in storage? How about put it in the shop for maintenance? Maybe shine it up real good so it looks awesome sitting in the garage. I say hell no to all of the above!

I live in Texas and yesterday it was 70 degrees in the middle of January! I am going for a ride! Now I have to admit, most bikers I know are pretty fickle when it comes to the weather. Comfort seems to rule their ride. Too cold, windy, or a chance of rain and you will find them tooling down the road in the cage. This is such a sad story. Last time I checked they make incredible riding gear. Everything from full body armor to electric heated gloves that plug into the electrical system of your motorcycle. Life is just too short to miss out on the simple pleasures in life. You don't have to go for the butt burner 400 mile ride.

My wife and I got out last week with a very simple plan that led to a full day of fun... antique stores! I know I am a biker. I realize I am a man. But this is one of our favorite things to do on our day off. I try to find two or three shops around 30 miles apart. Then look at the roads between each place and then get creative with my route. This way we still get some quality time on the bike and about the time the chill of the winter air starts to kick in it is time to shop! We are not your ordinary antique hunters. We try to find that one special thing that just screams trailer park! Here is a good example. Hanging in our kitchen is the head of a bear. Not a real one, more like ceramic. He has a stick in his mouth and on the stick are hooks to hang your keys on! You have to love it!

I think my favorite purchase to date would have to be our deer's Butt! That's right, I said deer's butt. Most of the folks I know would have a fine stuffed deer's head and antlers hanging in that perfect spot over the fireplace. Well it just does not work that way for my wife and me. The story behind this purchase is even funnier than the butt itself.

Let's start this story off with a bang! It's Valentines' Day around two years ago. Yes, Valentine's day! We were out for a ride on the bike heading down to Granbury to enjoy the day. Granbury is full of great antique shops in the town square. We love this place. I also figured while we were doing our search for that one colossal purchase I would

have my own hidden agenda to get something special for my sweetheart for Valentines!

Paula rounded the corner at one of the shops and there it was. Hanging on the wall was a stuffed deer's butt. We laughed for a moment then my wife said "I want it". I was shocked! For real? She was dead set on getting this thing. I was surprised because I am the one usually picking out the thing that no one would ever buy. Then we looked at the price and damn near had a cow! They wanted 80 bucks for this thing! I was certain that we were now the "butt" of this joke if we actually paid that much for this thing.

Then my wife said something that would make the King of the Trailer park himself proud! I have to quote her here just to believe it myself. She said "It can be my Valentine's present" And I said "Shut the hell up" Oh my god! I was stunned! I told her that we should look around and certainly find something better to buy as a Valentine's present. We looked around for a few minutes but there was no talking her out of it! I asked her, "What would our friends think of me when we tell them this was what I was giving you on this special day?" Paula said our friends would think you have a really cool wife! So I finally told Paula she could have the deer's butt.

I realized this thing was not going to fit anywhere on the motorcycle. I was sure that this would be my way out of this purchase. Not a chance! The coolest wife in the world said, "I will carry that ass all the way home!" Needless to say the way home was nothing but a blast! You can just imagine all the looks we got and horns honking. This was one of the greatest days of my life. And we did it all in the middle of winter. We did it all on a motorcycle. And I absolutely have



the coolest wife that ever walked the earth! Paula you are my soul mate and my Trailer Park Queen!

Find the time in your life to take advantage of the little things! Make the most of the time that you have on this planet. Try hard not to bitch and complain. Don't worry too much about how other people see you. Get out and do things. Life doesn't always have to be a grand adventure. Sometimes a simple trip to an Antique store can complete your life! Get on your bike and go for a ride any chance you get. Be proud of the state you live in. Texas rocks! I can't say enough about the love that my wife and I are able to share together! I thank God for the day she walked into my life! I love you Paula!



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