

# Adventure USA

Rider of the Month-

May 2009 Newsletter

Rod "Wulfe Rider" Brown of Australia



Born at a very young age in Melbourne in 1969, Rod Brown grew up primarily in and around farming communities where he first discovered the pleasure associated with being outdoors. It was this enjoyment which led him to gaining an affinity with bushcraft and the Native American Culture. It was through his interest in the Native Americans that he discovered his own 'Spirit Guides' – the Eagle, symbolizing freedom and the Wolf, symbolizing survival.

Rod discovered trailbikes and trailbike adventure touring and the enjoyment associated with actually being a part of the environment and not just watching it go by through a car's windscreen. It was through this freedom that he started exploring and discovering more of Australia, but being new to the game and not knowing other adventure riders to ask questions of he made plenty of mistakes. This led him into chasing down as much information as possible regarding the best ways to set up his bike safely.

'**WulfePak Productions**' started off as a dream – a dream to have my own series of trailbike based adventure books. The majority of trailbike adventure type books are along the lines of 'I did this trip – A to B – and this is what happened along the way' but without much in the way of practical information for the reader. My idea was to start from scratch with the first book informing the reader on how to set both themselves and their bike up for the journey.

And '*Dirtbikes And Dreams – A Poormans Adventure Touring Guide*' was born!

He has also taken with incorporating the 'Wulfe Ryder' tag in his name to celebrate his ancestry – Finnish, Native American (still checkin' on that one), French, Irish, Scottish, English, Kiwi and Aussie, his affinity with the Wolf and the fact that he 'rides a bloody bike'.

It is also through this 'mongrel' heritage that he believes that "through me runs the blood of warriors and poets!

Planning for book two, '*Doing A Line*', is nearly finalised. Locations are identified for the first leg (Brisbane, Maryborough, Miles, and Tenterfield) and a final meeting with fellow riders is all that is required. Leg two (Cairns, Townsville) is in final preparations. I am in contact with two fellow riders in the Cairns area who are running reconnaissance rides in preparation to my arrival. They are also contacting other riders for information in regards to possible rumored 'hidden' bunkers and sites.

Initial planning and pre-publicity for book three – '*Zero To 55*' is already underway. Beginning at Ground Zero on Sept 11, 2011 and finishing in Cabo San Lucas for Sammy Hagar's Birthday Bash. (The book title from Zero to 55 from *I Can't Drive 55* Hagar song.)

Rod 'Wulfe Ryder' Brown

"Earth First-We'll Ride The Other Planets Later"

Book One (in print as of Nov 2008)

'*Dirtbikes And Dreams – A Poormans Adventure Touring Guide*'

'*Dirtbikes And Dreams*' is a guide for the trailbike adventure tourer, either those new to the adventure or those veterans wanting to relive, and is intended to help show the rider the easiest methods of setting both themselves and their bikes up for touring.

Set out in six main chapters, the book covers 'The Bike' – bike prep and set-ups and modifications, 'The Gear' – clothing, cooking and eating, lighting, tent's and shelter, bedding, backpacks, fuel, water etc, 'Food' – meals and recipes, 'The Journey' – State Forests, campsites, camp hygiene, maps and compasses, 'The Backups' – First Aid and 'Survival' – hot weather riding, safety, shelter, water, visibility, and bush tucker.

Current cost per unit \$21.45USD

## Editor's Corner:

*I am so excited to share with everyone Rod "Wulfe Rider" Brown's current book "Dirtbikes and Dreams-A Poormans Adventure Touring Guide", featuring all the riding information you need to hit the Aussie trails. Now I know, this newsletter is Adventure USA. And while there are endless great rides in America, I've been to Australia and it is hands down the best place to vacation outside the US. Read all of Rod's story, including information on how to get a copy of his book and his upcoming books including Zero to 55 in America on our website-*

*www.rideguideusa.com. Thanks, Rod! G'day!*

*Shelly, Editor*