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**A Mile
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Stephen Berner



Ligaments

ligament | lig' ə mənt | *noun*, a short band of tough, flexible, fibrous connective tissue that connects two bones or cartilages or holds together a joint.

I make notes in a journal about the things that cross my radar, and to deliver this regular blast of empirical insight, I sift for the connective tissue in my largely incoherent scrawlings. I look for the ligaments.

Identifying the connective tissue this issue was easy. I was reminded recently that as much as *this* is about V-twin-powered motorcycles and mechanical madness, it is more about the people who fuel the passion, make it happen, and whose shared traits of enthusiasm, capability and generosity keep it going in a positive direction. By and large, you aren't going to get insight into what makes people tick if you only see them at bike events (Daytona, Sturgis) and at press-the-flesh business events (V-Twin Expo). It is like only seeing your friends at holiday and birthday parties—it just ain't right.

If you leave your hidey-hole and make the effort to meet people on their turf, you get the good stuff. You make important connections, get to know folks beyond a few days hanging out at an event and you get to make friends. How do I know this?

Well, *IronWorks* has been out visiting. I've seen some really interesting

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