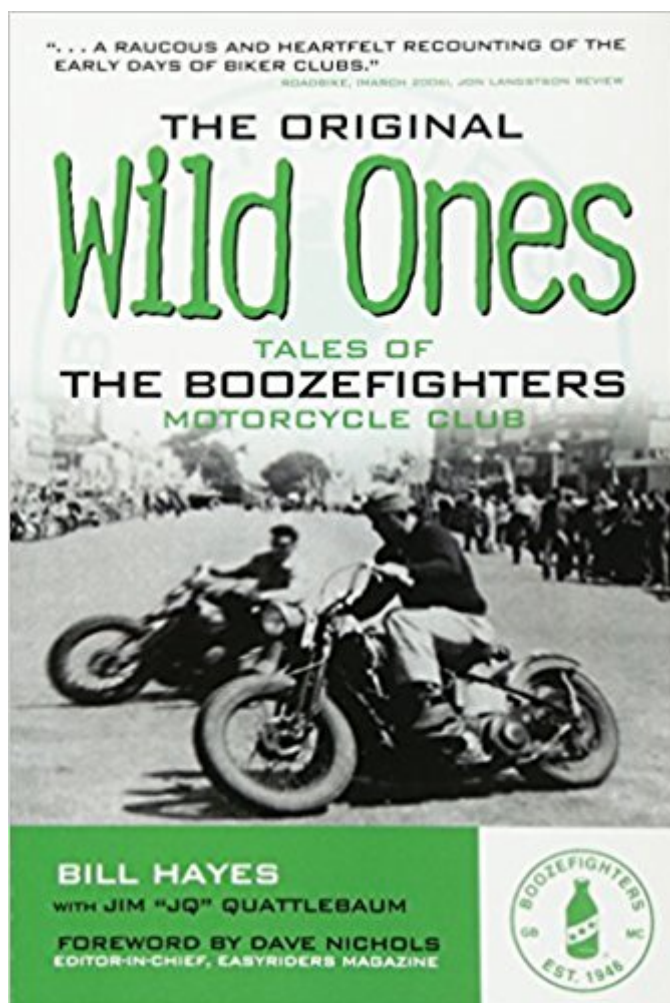


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The Original Wild Ones: Tales Of The Boozefighters Motorcycle Club



Synopsis

Get an inside look at the real beginning of outlaw biker culture with this "raucous and heartfelt recounting of the early days of biker clubs" (Roadbike). The story starts one weekend in 1947, at a motorcycle race in Hollister, California. A few members of one club, the no-holds-barred "Boozefighters," got a little juiced up and took their racing to the street. Word of the fracas spread, and soon enough Life magazine was on hand to tell the world, with sensational (albeit posed) pictures of the outlaws. And then the "Hollister riot" made its way into the movies, immortalized in Marlon Brando's "The Wild One." What was the reality behind the myth? Through interviews with the surviving members of the Boozefighters, current member Bill Hayes and club historian Jim "JQ" Quattlebaum take readers right into the fray for a firsthand account of what happened in Hollister, and the formation of the Boozefighters, where the outlaw biker culture truly began. The book, "with its great stories and entertaining real-life characters" (MotorcycleUSA.com), is "mandatory reading for anyone interested in American motorcycling history" (Minnesota Motorcycle Monthly).

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Customer Reviews

RoadBike, March 2006 (circ.: 55,997) “A raucous and heartfelt recounting of the early days of biker clubs. “ Hayes puts real human faces with, and lends authentic human voices to the legends, myths and lore of those early biker days … The narrative is helped along

considerably by the many vintage photographs, most of them black-and-white snaps, that show clearly the youthful glint in the eyes of then-young-men. There is little tough-guy posturing in those old pictures. Most of the guys are smiling, happy to be alive and happy to be on their bikes … Frozen in time, they have no idea that they're about to ride straight into the history books. And that's what makes them so appealing and what makes *The Original Wild Ones* worth reading. Minnesota Motorcycle Monthly, December 2007 "Mandatory reading for anyone interested in American motorcycling history. Three-out-of-four cylinders; four-out-of-four if you enjoy motorcycle lifestyle periodicals. This is one delightful book."

"Read this captivating story and decide for yourself if the Boozefighters were really the outlaws depicted in *The Wild One*. Born To Ride (September, 2005) "The original Boozefighters done it and they done it good. Readers are therefore at liberty to just open the book at any page and start reading, put it down and later repeat the same satisfying process. Thunder Press (September, 2005) The Boozefighter By-Laws of 1946 1: To become a Boozefighter a man must attend four meetings consecutively and be voted on by secret ballot by all members present and must not be opposed by three (3) or more members. 2: Club is closed at twenty members. 3: Initiation fee is two (2) dollars. Dues are 50 cents a week. When a member is voted in, he must pay the sum of \$2.50. 4: If a member misses three meetings consecutively without a substantial explanation, he will be voted upon again. 5: Any member who is absent without a reasonable excuse from the club activities will automatically be dropped from the club. 6: If a member misses a meeting without a reasonable excuse he will be fined \$1.00. 7: Officers will be elected every three months, if they are still living. 8: There will be a fine of one dollar for any member not wearing his sweater to meetings, club activities, races, etc., without a reasonable excuse. 9: Any member leaving or being voted out of the club will either remove the lettering from his sweater, or sell it back to the club. 10: It is strictly against all club rules for any one member to bring more than one case of liquor or one keg of beer or wine to a meeting. 11: There will never be any women in any way affiliated in any way shape or form with the Boozefighters Motorcycle Club or its subsidiaries. 12: If any member of the Boozefighters, or its subsidiaries, is found guilty of crapping out on his back, having the club name where it can't be seen, or not having his sweater on when being crapped out, he will be fined \$1.00. 13: No member will be completely without a motor for more than six months. If he is, he will be automatically dropped from the club.

For me a great look at my family history. My father is Cookie the owner of the All American Cafe where the Boozefighter began. Growing up my parents were always telling stories about these times. Unfortunately my father passed away in the 1980's and my mother passed before I knew about this book. My mother told many stories to my kids about Wino Willy, Teri, Fatboy, Les, and many others, as she aged these stories became more and more important to her, my regret she didn't read this book. My mom Doris Cook would of been so tickled to see this all in writing I can tell you that the boozefighters and the 13 rebels were a group of people having fun and working hard to take care of their families. Thank you Bill Hayes for memorializing these stories for future generations and letting this family know that grandma's stories were real (wooden legs and a police car, she was there).

As a member of the Boozefighters mc its a very informative and educational read. And at times i laughed out loud at some of the tales. A truly great book as Boozefighters i loved it... for those not club members gives a inside look at a life and life style you can't see unless your a member... a Awesome read by Bill Hayes of the Boozefighters mc an Dave Nicholas my man at Easy riders magazine. Grab a copy an enjoy... Chris W. Ox"

I really liked getting to hear some of the stories of the original boozefighters and what happened in Hollister. The guys that formed the group were an interesting bunch and it was interesting to see how much things have changed in respect to the "Outlaw" label. After awhile though, it started to drag a bit i was having a hard time staying interested. There were some stories that were just not very entertaining or interesting to me. Overall, it is worth the purchase and Bill Hayes is a good writer. (Check out "American Biker") enjoy.

I'm sure these guys are great and have had great times together, and I have the greatest respect for them and their generation. However, the book just couldn't hold my attention. It just wasn't fun to read after the first couple chapters. I found myself having to make myself sit and read a chapter or two at a time just to get through it. The stories were interesting for a while, but then it was almost like the author was telling the same or very similar stories over and over...and none of the stories were really that "wild". There are a few interesting tidbits and historical references here, but if you're looking for a fun and entertaining book, this DEFINITELY IS NOT IT. I had to force myself to finish reading it.

I read this book as a request from my son who has become a member of the Boozefighters. Now I understand his desire and pride in belonging to this brotherhood!

I loved this book. I have some experience in this lifestyle and this book is true to its subject. Thanks for a good read Bill Hayes.

Product was just as described.

I love reading about the club's history ! I'm honored to know a couple of bf., and they LOVE life to the fullest!

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