

SHE-WOLF ANGELS RIDE WILD TO HELL...NAKED

THE TOP 10 MUST SEE CLASSIC (OR NOT) BIKER MOVIES

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Recently Quick Throttle published a three part series called *Two Wheels of Fury: The Rise of the Biker Movie*. This well written and entertaining exposé inspired a veritable flick fest and thanks to Netflix many of these classic (and not so classic) movies are actually still available for your viewing pleasure. Most of the poser flicks included the words Wild, Angles or Hell in the title but after weeks of diligent watching, extensive scientific research and a lot of beer I've have provided my top ten list of must see Biker Netflix. The criteria are based on three factors; first the actual availability to view the movie, secondly, the socio/political impact on motorcycle culture and finally, how much I personally liked the movie. What make's me a movie critic? Everybody's a critic! I intentionally did NOT include *The Wild One*, *Easy Rider*, *On Any Given Sunday*, *Worlds Fastest Indian*, etc. because they are obvious choices. In typical Letterman Top Ten countdown fashion let the games begin.

THIS GANG THOUGHT IT WAS TOUGH...

'til it found a new type of hell...
THE BRIDE OF SATAN!



WEREWOLVES ON WHEELS
In COLOR
STEPHEN OLIVER · SEVERN DARDEN
PAUL LEWIS STUART FLEMING DON GERE DAVID M. KAUFMAN & MICHEL LEVYSQUE MICHEL LEVYSQUE
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Classic line from *The Wild One*

Girl: What're you rebelling against, Johnny?

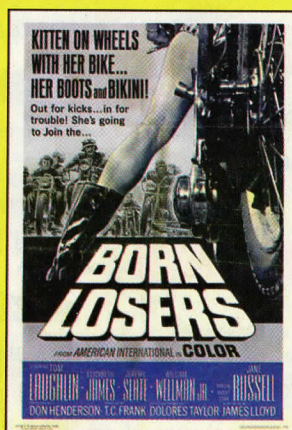
Brando: Whaddya got?

10 1971 *Werewolves on Wheels* - What happens when motorcycle gang. "The Devil's Advocates" meet up with a cult of satanic monks who promptly turn them into werewolves? No scripts, bad acting and lousy cinematography are the highlights of this thriller. To be watched fully inebriated.



9 1968 *She Devils on Wheels* - The Man-Eaters, an all-female motorcycle gang terrorize a local community with the new prospect, Hon-eypot. Racing each other for first pick of their male groupie "stud line" and throwing raucous orgies. Really no redeeming qualities but a cult classic must see and again, twelve-pack suggested.

8 1967 *Born Losers* - This first film of the Billy Jack series bombed at the box office. Vicious motorcycle gang intimidated the residents into silence (The Wild One anyone?) Shot in Seal Beach, CA the Irish Pub is a prominent location shot.. When supposed Indian half-breed / Vietnam vet Billy Jack rescues a young woman from the bikers' violence, he finds himself in trouble with the town's racist police and the gang. The Mod/Hippie bikers in black turtle-necks wear buttons with slogans: Support Sloppiness and LSD.



7 is two DVD's, *Biker Triple Mania!* / *Rebel Rousers* / *The Wild Ride* / *Biker Babylon* and *Johnny Legend Presents: Biker Mania!* Both available at Netflix. *Biker Mania* is basically a collection of impossible to find

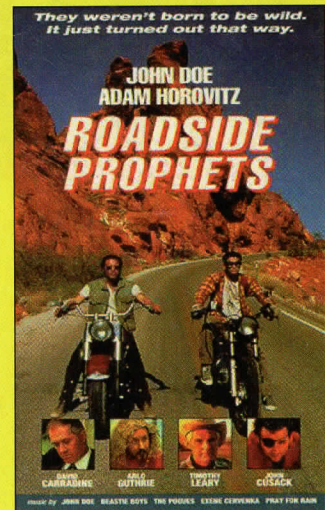
biker movie trailers and is truly worth the watch because really the trailer is all you will ever want to see. The bonus material includes back-story on Johnny Legend which I suggest watching first. *Biker triple mania* is another Johnny Legend presentation. This double feature includes all star cast Jack Nicholson, Bruce Dern, Harry Dean Stanton, Diane Ladd and Cameron Mitchell in *Rebel Rousers* and *The Wild Ride* (1960), both flicks perpetuate stereotypes that bikers are drunken rapists and Mexicans wear ponchos. The *Biker Babylon* documentary on the other hand includes some amazing footage from the 60' and 70's,

6 1970 C.C. and Company Filmed the year after Broadway Joe Namath's legendary Super bowl victory. A totally hot Ann Margaret plays Namaths love interest and the moto cross and nightclub sequences are extremely entertaining. Although the music is atrocious and cameo appearance of Mitch Ryder playing the hit song C.C. Rider is kinda creepy this is on the must see list for Joe's Zebra painted Chopper alone. NOT available on Netflix but I had to see this and picked it up on eBay for 5 bucks.



5 1968 Girl on a Motorcycle: Besides the fact that Marianne Faithful is regularly naked while slipping into and out of her leather cat suit (the European title was Naked Under Leather). This interesting British film actually addresses why we love to ride and is devoid of the entire stereotypical Hollywood biker fights and drunk fests. Well worth watching Ms Faithful ride through the European countryside on a killer 1967 Harley Shovelhead. Kick back, light up a fatty and if you remember the sixties, enjoy the trip... did I mention Marianne gets naked in this film?

4 1982 The Loveless - Willem Dafoe in his feature-film debut includes an actual script, interesting cinematography, classic Harleys and Corvette. Yes there is a lot of bad acting punctuated by Salem's, Lucky Strikes and really bad biker clichés while Dafoe channels Brando and James Dean.

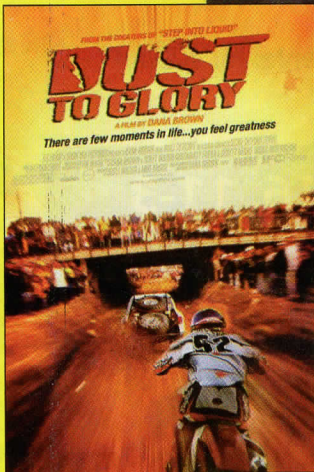


Girl: What do you do?
Dafoe: Nothin
Girl: What do you mean?
Dafoe: I mean like zero baby

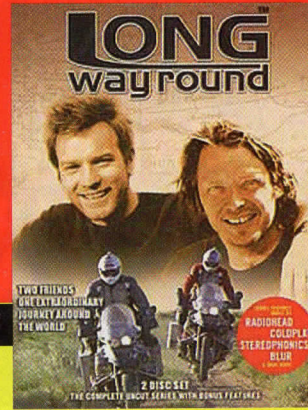
3 1992 Roadside Prophets - An entertaining script and some excellent cinematography this is a tale of factory worker named Joe (X front man John Doe) who hits the road on his Harley to scatter the ashes of a co-worker. Joined by wannabe biker Sam (Adam Horovitz of the Beastie Boys), Joe journeys from Los Angeles to Nevada looking for Eldorado. Along the way meeting wild characters played by

the likes of David Carradine, John Cusack, Timothy Leary and Arlo Guthrie with cameos by Flea and Don Cheadle. Great music, reasonable acting combine for a Netflix biker must see.

2 2005 Dust to Glory - This action-packed documentary chronicles the infamously treacherous Tecate SCORE Baja 1000 road race across Mexico's Baja Peninsula. In order to capture the race's true power and the majestic beauty of the desert, 55 cameras and four helicopters were used during filming. Join famous racing names such as Robby Gordon, Mario Andretti, Jimmy Vasser and Mike "Mouse" McCoy for an unforgettable look at one of racing's most thrilling events.



1 Drum roll please, my number one Netflix biker flick is 2004, The Long Way Round - Another documentary, The Long Way Round is one of the most compelling motorcycle adventure documentaries I've seen. It's actually a TV series featuring film actor Ewan Macgregor and friend Charly Boorman. This 25 part 5 DVD series documents a 19,000 mile journey through Europe, Asia, and Alaska to New York and is exciting, comedic, compelling and thoroughly entertaining.



Honorable Mention 2004, Motorcycle Diaries:

This true story is based on diaries of revolutionary Che Guevara. In 1952 as 23-year-old medical student Guevara motorcycled 8,000 kilometers on an old 1939 500cc single cylinder Norton 500 across South America with his friend Alberto Granada. Hilarious riding scenes good acting and beautiful cinematography. "The Mighty One" AKA the Norton 500 unfortunately dies 1/3 into the film.

41 years after Easy Rider captured the collective unconscious of American motorcycling culture we all have favorite films. What are the worst biker movie rentals? Rent Biker Zombies From Detroit or you can watch full length movies Hells Bloody Devils or Angles Wild Women on youtube if you really need a good dose of bad biker flick.

The very last lines in *Harley Davidson and The Marlborough Man*
Mickey Rourke: Where ya headin ?
Hot Girl: Nowhere special
Mickey Rourke: C'mon, I'll take ya there ...they ride off into the sunset.

Ride Safe

