

CHICKEN

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at the same time I swerved to the right, then to the left forcing the right rear set of duals to go into a breaking broadside toward that chicken.

He was caught unaware of my sudden burst of blinding speed and was hit by my balding, outside 800x16 tire. I skidded to a stop and backed up so's I could gloat over his ruffled body. I found him on the side of the road in a heap. I said, in my best John Wayne voice, "You got a problem pilgrim?" The chicken raised his head, looked me square in the eye, raised his chicken foot and gave me the chicken finger and then passed away.

I had that chicken foot mounted as he gave it, and it adorns my wall amongst my other trophies.

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NOTE: I wrote this story over 20 years ago for another publication in southern California and sent a copy to my mother and father and my sister Sue in Newberg, Oregon. What I got back from them was quite amazing; a small blue coffin with a chicken in it with one leg in a Reebok running shoe and in running shorts. The laugh is on me. I hope you enjoy my rewrite for the Gater and the Applegate area. RMF



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Dave Clayton stops to check out the Gater at Cabo Plumo reef in Baja California Sur.

Jerry and Andrea Nelson read the Gater in Wittenberg, Wisconsin and enjoy it very much.

Gabriella Sarrouh, 9, of San Carlos, CA, refuses to go to bed without entertaining herself with the Gater.

John Tittle, son of football great Y.A. Tittle, enjoys the Gater during a rare break at the bustling Mountain View, CA, headquarters of Y.A. Tittle Insurance.

On her third round-the-world trip, L. "Kitty" Yates, a former Salemer, stopped in Heidelberg, Germany and found herself inside the head of a relative.

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