

## 'Wild Hogs': Laugh riot with plenty of sight gags



Travolta shows his gang how to get off on a motorcycle in the often hilarious "Wild Hogs."

### REPORT CARD

Entertainment Value: **A**  
Artistic Crap: **C**  
Plot/Script: **C**  
Performances: **B**  
Overall GPA: **2.75**

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I am often aware of the lack of originality seen in movies these days. One of the few unfortunate things about the movie "Wild Hogs" is that it doesn't have too much going for it in the way of originality.

With this aside, whatever else it has to offer, this film is able to pull out a plentiful array of great laughs and an overall completely enjoyable film.

Mainstream cinema should take a lesson from this flick, showing that the mainstay formula of most films of this caliber can be pulled off if the prank falls, gay jokes and mismatched camaraderie is executed and timed precisely.

Not that I am a fan of excessively used gay jokes, as they seem to be these days (I feel if you're gonna target a certain group of individuals, be sure not to overdo it) but the ones in this film were just so well-played (especially by "Scrubs" John C. McGinley).

Here's the gist:

Doug (Tim Allen), Woody (John Travolta), Bobby (Martin Lawrence) and Dudley (William H. Macy) are your typical middle-aged men with issues abounding.

Doug is beginning to feel a bit lame and boring, Woody was a suc-

cessful man who lost it all, Bobby is afraid of his wife (among other things), and Dudley is just your typical spaz.

For years the four men have been getting together on a weekly basis to have drinks and ride their motorcycles to the nearest excuse for a biker bar.

One day Woody gets the idea to go on a road trip with no plan or map, with the intention to head west to the Pacific and have a rootin'-tootin' good time with his friends.

After some cajoling, the four head out into the unknown. Along the way they get mixed up with a homosexual cop who wants to "join the team," burn down their tent and sleeping bags and have a lovely time skinny dipping with an ill-fated family of four.

One of their stops takes them to a dive of a biker bar set in the middle of nowhere in New Mexico. The bar regulars peg them as "posers" from the get-go and give the four men hell.

The leader of the pack, Jack (Ray Liotta), talks the credulous Dudley into trading bikes. What Jack fails to mention is that the bike he is giving him is a piece of junk lacking everything but the seat.

Now stuck in a sidecar attached to Woody's bike, Dudley is without wheels. Woody is infuriated and decides not to stand for this. He wants to go back and get the bike for Dudley, but the other three want nothing to do with this dangerous proposition.

Woody walks back to the bar and instead of trying to talk to the bikers, he sneaks around and cuts all of their fuel lines, then rides off on Dud's cycle.

The foursome rejoice in Woody's triumph as he tells a lie about standing up to the pack of devils. Next thing we see, the four are driving by the bar waving their hands in supposed friendship, except for Woody

who shoots them the bird, and the dive full of gritty bikers heads out to get them.

With all the fuel lines cut, they are unable to get anywhere. On top of that, one of them throws down a lit cigarette, and then the entire place explodes.

Woody notices the explosion and realizes that he and his group are pretty much dead.

Miles down the road, the four decide to stop in a small town called Madrid. Within town Dudley meets the beautiful Maggie (Marisa Tomei) and all is happy, that is until the gritty gang finds their location.

What will our four heroes do to get out of this ordeal? Will they die? Will they forever hide while Madrid is torn apart? Or will Hollywood cook up some silly ending that will seem to satisfy most who watch this film? I guess you'll have to watch to find out.

This film was indeed a laugh riot with many sight-gags and jokes to keep movie-goers laughing through the end credits.

The story was a bit thin but it didn't need to be too complicated or involved for a film like this to work.

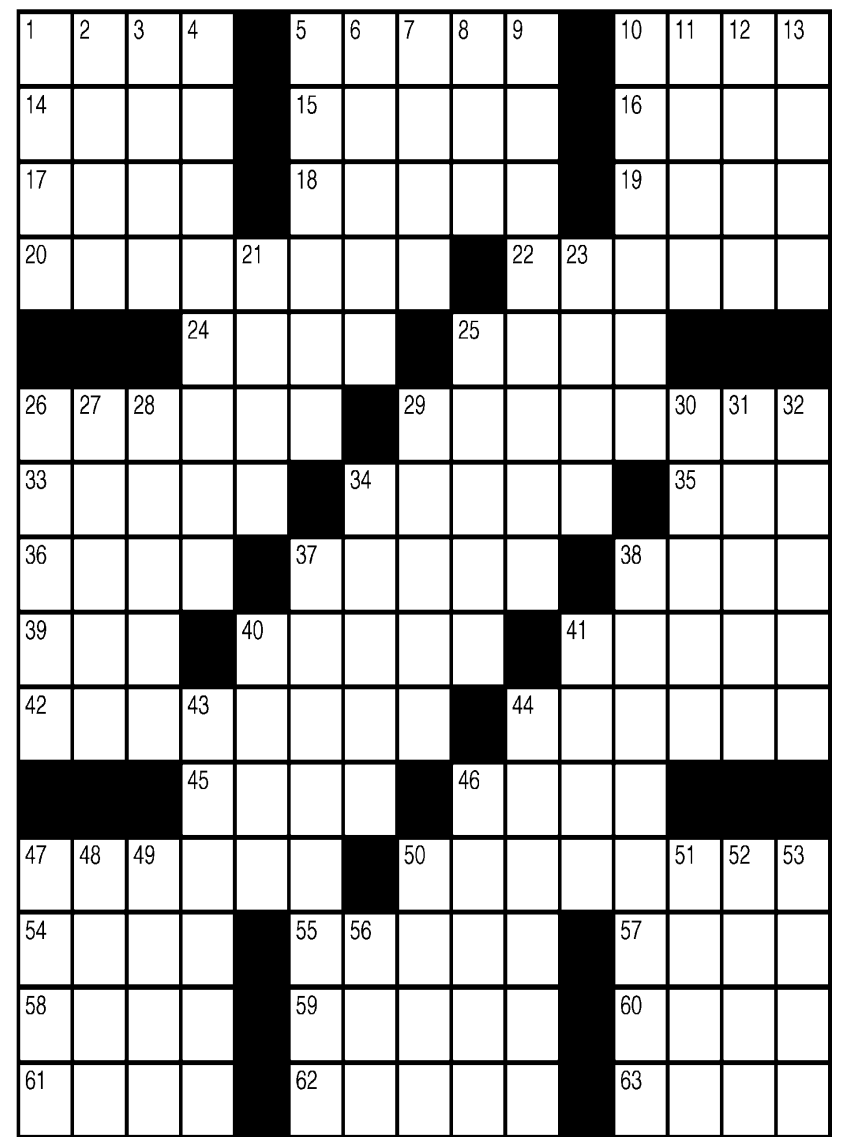
Travolta and Macy steal the show with their performances as Woody and Dudley. Tim Allen takes on the sappy Disney-esque character (something tells me this might have been originally slated as a Disney film since it was released by Touchstone).

The soundtrack was something typical of a comedic biker film with some staple biker songs thus contributing to the mainstream atmosphere. Otherwise, it adds to the enjoyment and lightness of the film, regardless of the brutal fights involved.

Suspend your disbelief with this one, folks. If someone underwent the torture and pain these guys go through, they would be dead halfway through the film, but it is still fun to watch. Not too many people can fall off a bike a dozen times.

## Crossword

- ACROSS  
1 Ringlet  
5 Thick slices  
10 Gullible dupes  
14 Fabled canal  
15 Lama's land  
16 The Police or Green Day, e.g.  
17 Computer input  
18 Fossil resin  
19 Lively dance  
20 Granary adjunct  
22 On a plane  
24 Alimony recipients  
25 Serengeti stalker  
26 Act parts  
29 Scarlet birds  
33 City on the Rhone delta  
34 Fashions  
35 Illuminated  
36 Related  
37 Partnered  
38 \_\_\_ qua non  
39 Opposite of WSW  
40 Sees socially  
41 "\_\_\_ Life Is It, Anyway?"  
42 Caries spotters  
44 Wobble  
45 Feed the pot  
46 Hunky-dory  
47 Pang  
50 Clothes collection  
54 Called up  
55 Lasso  
57 Pension \$\$  
58 False god  
59 Missed the mark  
60 Catches in the act  
61 Autry of oaters  
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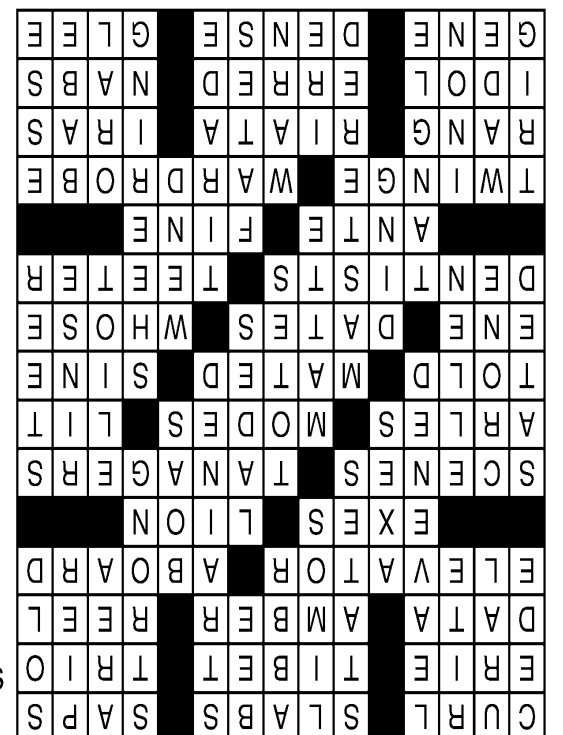


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- 9 Taxed to the utmost  
10 Robust  
11 Solid surface  
12 Dock of the bay  
13 Auctioneer's word  
21 Chopping tools  
23 Long, fluffy scarves  
25 Takes on cargo  
26 Fully gratified  
27 Hag  
28 Foley or Glasgow  
29 Carries the burden  
30 George who was Mary  
31 Washer cycle  
32 Take the tiller  
34 Picture border  
37 Brought under control  
38 Swerving off course  
40 Fender indentation

### Solutions



- 41 Move along  
43 Confused jumble  
44 Violent diatribe  
46 Destinies  
47 Math course  
48 Emulate an ibis  
49 Privy to  
50 Alert to danger  
51 Preacher Roberts  
52 Ballplayer Ruth  
53 Latin being  
56 Anger

- DOWN  
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