

# He'll sell his 'cycle now

## Motorcyclist survives 65-foot fall into mine shaft

**DALLAS, Ga. (AP) —** Anybody want a motorcycle?

Gary Holcomb, who had been thinking of selling his Honda anyway, had the kind of experience that could put him off cycling for a long time.

He was riding through woods in Paulding County Monday when he went over a small bluff and found himself heading straight down into a 65-foot-deep abandoned copper mine shaft.

"There wasn't anything I could do," Holcomb, 22, recalled from his hospital bed Tuesday. "My front wheel was already starting to go straight down."

Sheriff Bob Shipp, one of the rescue workers who spent two hours Monday pulling Holcomb from the mine shaft, said, "I don't see how it didn't kill him."

"The good Lord was just with that boy," the sheriff said. "He never lost consciousness and he must have bounced off the walls of that hole all the way down."

Holcomb suffered a broken arm, a severe burn on his ankle, cuts and bruises. "I hurt everywhere," he said.

"I had been wanting to sell that motorcycle for a while now, but I just hadn't gotten around to selling it," he added. "Of course my wife is insisting that I sell it now and I'm pretty sure I will."

1975 Motorcyclist rescued after fall into shaft



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