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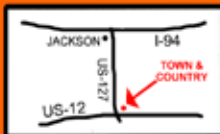
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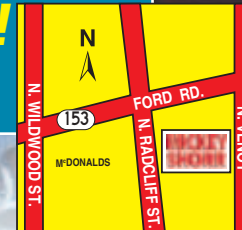
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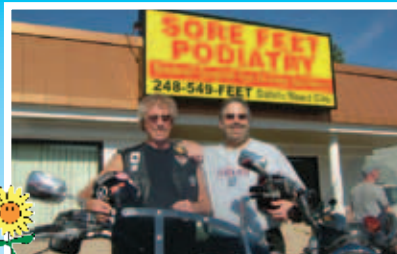
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# READERS RIDES

Paul & Jan Bethke



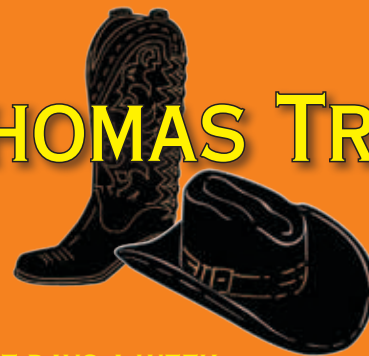
Paul has spent 45 years of his life riding motorcycles, in his early years of riding like a lot of us he started out riding dirt bikes; he also spent some time in the winter months ice racing with members of the Muskegon Motorcycle Club. Paul became a life member of Muskegon Motorcycle Club back in 1983 wanting to have more time to ride with friends who were also fellow members of the club. Working for a company like Sealed Power for 38 years Paul was no stranger to the mechanics of a motorcycle. He has even had

the opportunity to build a couple of bikes of his own. Jan also worked at Sealed Power for 21 years before she looked into a major career change to further her education and work for Community Mental Health where she retired from.

Both of them talk passionately about one of their bikes, a 1976 Harley Davidson Super Glide®, that they had for several years putting an incredible 100,000 mile plus on it. They spend many vacations touring the country on this bike. Today their passion for riding is just as great as it was when they were married 33 years ago. The ride looks a little different, not that they had any reason medically or otherwise back in 2006 they choose to put their name on the list to invest in a 2006 "Cheetah Chopper" trike. They have taken many long trips on this ride no different than any of the others they have had in the past, but they both have said this one seems to draw more attention than the others.



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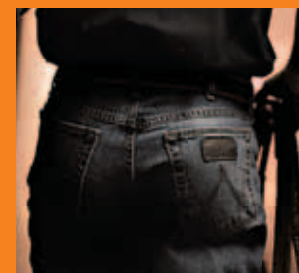


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**1. The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally (or simply Sturgis, as most people call it) began with a motorcycle race held in 1938 among what founding motorcycle club?**

- a) Jackpine Gypsies
- b) Hells Angels
- c) Mongols

**2. Sturgis is held each year in which state?**

- a) Wyoming
- b) South Dakota
- c) Florida

**3. The Sturgis Rally has been held annually since that first race in 1938 except for two years during what larger event?**

- a) World War II
- b) Vietnam War
- c) OPEC Oil embargo

**4. What nearly doubles each year during the week of the Sturgis rally?**

- a) The amount of French fries produced in Sturgis
- b) The amount of CO2 emissions in South Dakota
- c) The population of South Dakota

**5. Which section of the rally serves as the site for major concerts?**

- a) The Sturgis Zone
- b) The Black Hills Zone
- c) The Bear Butte Zone

**6. Rapper Lil John and rockers Molly Hatchet have both performed at what favorite Sturgis watering hole?**

- a) Sturgis Gentlemen's Club
- b) Full Throttle Saloon
- c) The Crazyhorse

**7. What is the estimated value of motorcycles stolen each year during the Sturgis Rally?**

- a) \$250,000
- b) \$500,000
- c) \$1,000,000

**8. J.C. "Pappy" Hoel, who helped found the Sturgis Rally, owned a motorcycle shop that sold what brand of bikes?**

- a) Harley-Davidson
- b) Mercedes-Benz
- c) Indian

**9. What favorite event that's held annually at Sturgis is sponsored by American Motorcycle Dealers Magazine?**

- a) World Championship of Custom Bike Building
- b) The Sizzling Tire Smoke Off
- c) The Sturgis Two-Wheel Easter Parade

**10. How long is the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Race?**

- a) Quarter mile
- b) Half mile
- c) Mile

### ANSWERS

- 1. (a). Jackpine Gypsies-** The Jackpine Gypsies were the club that held the first race on August 14, 1938 that eventually became the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.
- 2. (b). South Dakota-** Sturgis is named after its host town of Sturgis, located in western South Dakota.
- 3. (a). World War II-** World War II led to two years of the Sturgis Rally being cancelled.
- 4. (c). The population of South Dakota-** The population of the entire state of South Dakota doubles as hundreds of thousands of attendees of Sturgis show up each year.
- 5. (c). The Bear Butte Zone-** The Bear Butte Zone has hosted bands like Creedence Clearwater Revival, Poison, Joan Jett, Steppenwolf and Journey.
- 6. (b). Full Throttle Saloon-** One can only imagine that the Full Throttle Saloon is the only place that can boast of hosting both Lil John and Molly Hatchet.
- 7. (a). \$250,000-** An average of \$250,000 worth of bikes is stolen during the rally each year.
- 8. (c). Indian-** Pappy Hoel owned an Indian Motorcycle dealership when he co-founded Sturgis.
- 9. (a). World Championship of Custom Bike Building-** AMD sponsors the World Championship of Custom Bike Building, a favorite event among Sturgis attendees.
- 10. (b). Half mile-** The Sturgis Motorcycle Race honors the 1938 race that kicked it all off by maintaining a half-mile run, much like the original version.

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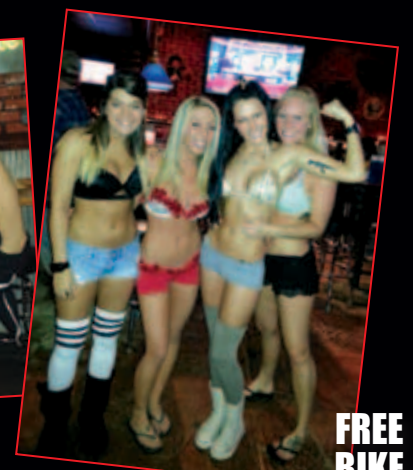
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## House votes to give vets access to private care

The House unanimously approved legislation to make it easier for patients enduring lengthy delays for initial visits to get VA-paid treatment from local doctors instead. The Senate was poised to vote on a similar bill, said Democratic leader Harry Reid.

The legislation comes close on the heels of a Veterans Affairs Department audit showing that more than 57,000 new applicants for care have had to wait at least three months for initial appointments and an additional 64,000 newly enrolled vets who requested appointments never got them.

The House bill and a similar version in the Senate would spend hundreds of millions of dollars to hire more doctors and nurses, but that may be easier said than done given a nationwide shortage of primary care physicians.

"This is not a problem that is just isolated to the VA," said Rep. Dina Titus, D-Nev.

Primary care physicians are expected to become increasingly in demand as millions of people newly insured under the federal health care law start looking for regular doctors. The Association of American Medical Colleges has projected that by 2020, there will be 45,000 too few primary care physicians, as well as a shortage of 46,000 surgeons and specialists.

## Veterans turn to American Legion for medical help

A counselor at the local Veterans Affairs office looked at Rebecca King, a victim of domestic violence and abuse who was seeking help for depression, and told her she would not be able to see a psychologist. She looked too nice and put together for someone depressed, King was told.

Like others who've failed to receive help at troubled VA offices, the Army veteran then gave up. "I have a son, I'm his only support system, I have to keep it together" King recalled telling the VA office in El Paso, trying to explain why she didn't look disheveled.

She is now among nearly 1,800 people who have turned to the American Legion, which has held town-hall meetings and opened temporary crisis centers in Phoenix, Fayetteville, North Carolina, and El Paso. Patients can gain access to health benefits, schedule doctor's appointments, enroll in the VA and even get back pay.

The centers come in the wake of the VA scandal that brought to light long wait times and false record-keeping among other things, and are being established in towns where the VA audit showed wait times were longer. Between now and October, crisis centers will come to Fort Collins, Colorado; Saint Louis, Missouri and Baltimore, Maryland. They also plan to visit Clarksburg, West Virginia; White City, Oregon and Harlingen, Texas.

Jessica Jacobsen, deputy director of the VA's regional public affairs office in Dallas, said the VA will use community partners, such as the American Legion, to help "accelerate access and get veterans off wait lists and into clinics."

On the first day the Legion's crisis center team arrives in a town, they typically hold a town-hall meeting, where they take questions from veterans — sometimes, the head of the local VA is there to answer as well. In the days following, veterans come to the Legion post and talk to counselors, who assess the best way to tackle a given problem, be it benefits, retroactive payment, scheduling a doctor's appointment or enrolling a veteran in the VA's system for the first time.

## Volunteers build home for vet who lost arms in Afghanistan

"Faith, family, friends and the community" are helping Eric Lund as he recovers from the wounds of war and seeks to come home.

That was among the messages shared at a groundbreaking for Lund's Helping a Hero home in Hamlin Township.

Lund, a sergeant in the Army National Guard, lost both arms in Afghanistan in May 2012. He was honored with a gathering of people committed to help create an adaptive home for him.

As shovels dug into the dirt at the home site, the crowd shouted, "Welcome home, Eric" and waved American flags.

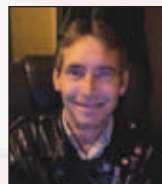
Lund will celebrate when a second Helping a Hero home is built in Michigan and he is able to help with that cause.

Meredith Iler, chair of Helping a Hero, said applications are being taken for that second home for a wounded warrior and are available at the organization's website, [www.helpingahero.org](http://www.helpingahero.org).

## Last of original group of Navajo Code Talkers dies

The last of the 29 Navajos who developed a code that stumped the Japanese during World War II has died. Chester Nez, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, died June 4 of kidney failure, said Judy Avila, who helped Nez write his memoirs. He was 93.

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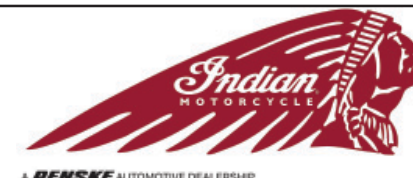


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Life happens and is full of surprises. This is what LJ Griffin Funeral Homes and the American Legion Post 32 (Livonia) recently experienced on June 20th.

LJ Griffin Funeral homes recently bought another funeral home only to discover the unclaimed cremated remains of approximately 60 individuals spanning several decades. Since some of the remains were of veterans, one as far back as the Spanish-American War. David Griffin contacted the Honor Guard at Post 32 for assistance.

Funny, how some things out of the ordinary, like never rendering a proper ceremony or interment brings the best out of people. The Honor Guard did what they do best; start planning the ceremony as they do hundreds of times a year. The twist was that there was no family or friends to see to

the procession and ceremony. Post 32 immediately accepted the honor (not a burden) of this duty.

The word went out to both membership and other local veteran organizations about the effort and requirements to fill a flag line, honor cordon and a funeral procession. The response was overwhelming and the support from the community was equally as great. Bikers and people came from far and wide, including some from Ontario Canada.

It is always nice to see the biker and non-biker communities come together and do the right thing...

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## Changes to Michigan's Laws that Could Benefit Motorcyclists

So far this year, we've seen a number of Bills proposing changes to Michigan's motorcycling laws. I believe some of these changes could benefit motorcyclists and potentially increase rider safety, which is a step in the right direction. Here are a few changes proposed this year to Michigan's motorcycling laws.

House Bill No. 4781: This Bill amends the section of Michigan's vehicle code (MCL 257.306) that deals with the Temporary Instruction Permits (TIPs) for motorcyclists. Previously, motorcyclists who did not have a CY endorsement on their driver's license could get TIP, allowing them to ride legally for six months under certain restrictions, including only riding during daylight hours, always wearing a helmet, always riding with a fully-endorsed adult, and others. The purpose of the TIP was to give new motorcyclists the opportunity to practice their skills before taking their rider skills test as part of the CY endorsement process.

However, rather than using the TIP to practice for their Skills Test and to get their CY endorsement, some riders were using a TIP for the entire riding season, letting it expire over the winter, and then applying for a new one the start next motorcycling season.

House Bill No. 4781, which was unanimously approved in May of this year and takes effect on January 1, 2015, limits riders to just two TIPs in a ten-year period. That gives motorcyclists more than enough time to practice before their Skills Test, if they don't want to take a certified Rider Safety Course. This change is a step in the right direction, at least as far as encouraging riders to ride legally with a CY endorsement. Hopefully, having fewer untrained, un-endorsed riders on the roads will lead to more safety for all.

Taking a certified Rider Safety Course is a good idea, and I always recommend motorcyclists get their CY endorsement. Getting endorsed is not expensive, especially compared to the fines you might pay if you are caught riding without an endorsement. Plus, insurance rates tend to go down once you get your CY, so getting endorsed can save you money.

House Bill No. 5438: This Bill would amend section 37 of the Driver Education Provider and Instructor Act (MCL 257.657), specifically to include motorcycle (and bicycle) awareness and safety training for all new motor-vehicle drivers.

The Bill proposes that "classroom instruction shall include information concerning the laws pertaining to bicycles and motorcycles and shall emphasize awareness of their operation on the streets, roads, and highways." House Bill No. 5438 has not yet been made law yet, but it's on its way.

If the Bill passes, motorcycle awareness and safety training will be a legal part of the driver education curriculum. Promoting motorcycle

awareness among new drivers will help spread the word to Watch for Motorcycles, and could help save lives.

House Bill No. 4265: This Bill would amend section 611 of the Michigan Vehicle Code (MCL 257.611). The proposed change would allow motorcyclists, as well as moped and 3-wheeled motorcycle riders, and bicyclists, to proceed through a red light if their motorcycle or vehicle does not trigger the light's sensors, within certain restrictions. The rider would have to wait at the red light for a complete light cycle or a minimum of sixty seconds if the light is not cycling. They would also be required to yield to oncoming traffic "in the manner required by the stop signal."

Other states have enacted similar laws, often called "safe-on-red" laws. Every state's law is different, but the general idea is the same: to allow motorcyclists and others on small vehicles to proceed when sensors don't pick up their vehicles, as long as it is safe to do so.

Safe-on-red laws will increase convenience, but it's not clear what impact they may have on rider safety, if any. I think any safe-on-red laws enacted must be accompanied by a strong awareness campaign. If motor vehicle drivers are educated about the new law and reminded to watch for motorcycles in intersections, it could go a long way to making laws like this one safer for motorcyclists.

Stay tuned for updates on these and other new laws here in Michigan, and stay safe this summer!

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This morning on Hwy. 12, I looked over to my left and there was a woman in a brand new Cadillac doing 65 mph with her face up next to her rear view mirror, putting on her eyeliner. I looked away for a couple seconds... to continue shaving; and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane, still working on that makeup. As a man, I don't scare easily, but she scared me so much I dropped my electric shaver, which knocked the donut out of my other hand.

In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car using my knees against the steering wheel, it knocked my cell phone away from my ear, which fell into the coffee between my legs! splashed and burned "Big Jim and the Twins", ruined the damn phone, soaked my trousers, and disconnected an important call.  
Damn women drivers!

Celibacy can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by unforeseen circumstances.

While attending a Marriage Weekend, my wife and I listened to the instructor declare, 'It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other..' He then addressed the men, 'Can you name and describe your wife's favorite flower?'  
I leaned over, touched my wife gently, and whispered, 'Gold Medal-All-Purpose, isn't it?'  
And thus began my life of celibacy.....

Four guys go fishing. The conversation went this way:  
1st guy: I had to promise my wife that I would paint every room in the house next weekend to come fishing".  
2nd guy: I had to promise my wife that I would build her a new deck for the pool.'  
3rd guy: I had to promise my wife that I would remodel the kitchen for her.' They realized that the fourth guy has not said a word. "So, what's your delio? What'd you have to promise?"  
4th guy: I just set my alarm for 5:00 am. When it went off, I shut off the alarm, gave the wife a playful little slap on the ass and said: 'Fishing or Sex, your choice?' And she groggily replied,.....  
"Be sure and wear sun-block, honey".

The football coach noticed that his star tackle, "Boner", had so many women hanging around that he couldn't possibly handle all of them. So one day he asked Boner "Just what the hell is your secret, kid?"  
Boner replies, "Well, Coach, whenever I'm about to have sex, I always whip it out and bang it on the dresser like a hammer. That numbs it up, and I can lay pipe till they beg me to stop!"  
The coach went home early one day and went to the bedroom. He heard his wife in the shower. Seeing a window of opportunity, he tore off his clothes and started bangin' the hell out of his "wanker" on the dresser. His wife stuck her head out of the shower and yells out, "Grab ya' a beer Boner baby, I'll be right out".

Ma was in the kitchen fiddlin' around when she hollers out...."Pa! You need to go out and fix the outhouse!" Pa replies, "There ain't nuthin wrong with the outhouse." Ma yells back, "Yes there is, now git out there and fix it." So.....Pa mosies out to the outhouse, looks around and yells back, "Ma! There ain't nuthin wrong with the outhouse! " Ma replies, "Stick yur head in the hole!" Pa yells back, "I ain't stickin' my head in that hole!" Ma says, "Ya have to stick yur head in the hole to see what to fix." So with that, Pa sticks his head in the hole, looks around and yells back, "Ma! There ain't nuthin wrong with this outhouse!" Ma hollers back, "Now take your head out of the hole!" Pa proceeds to pull his head out of the hole, then starts yelling, "Ma! Help! My beard is stuck in the cracks in the toilet seat!" To which Ma replies, "Hurt's, don't it?"

A pharmaceutical truck that was fully stocked with various prescription medications was stolen today.  
The majority of the inventory consisted of Viagra.  
The police have asked the public to assist them by being on the lookout for a group of "hardened" criminals.

On the morning that Daylight Savings Time ended, I stopped in to visit my aging friend. He was busy covering his penis with black shoe polish.  
I said to him, "You better get your hearing checked - - - You're supposed to turn your clock back".

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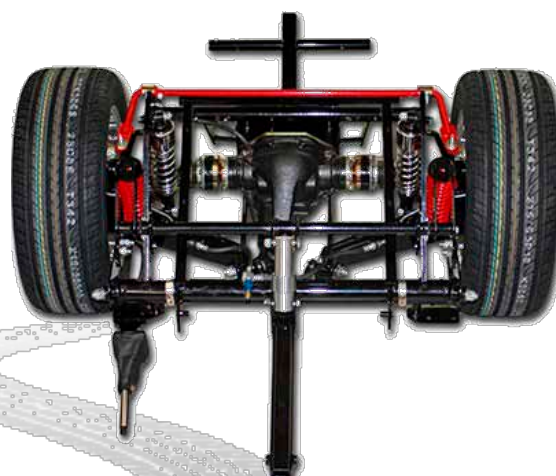
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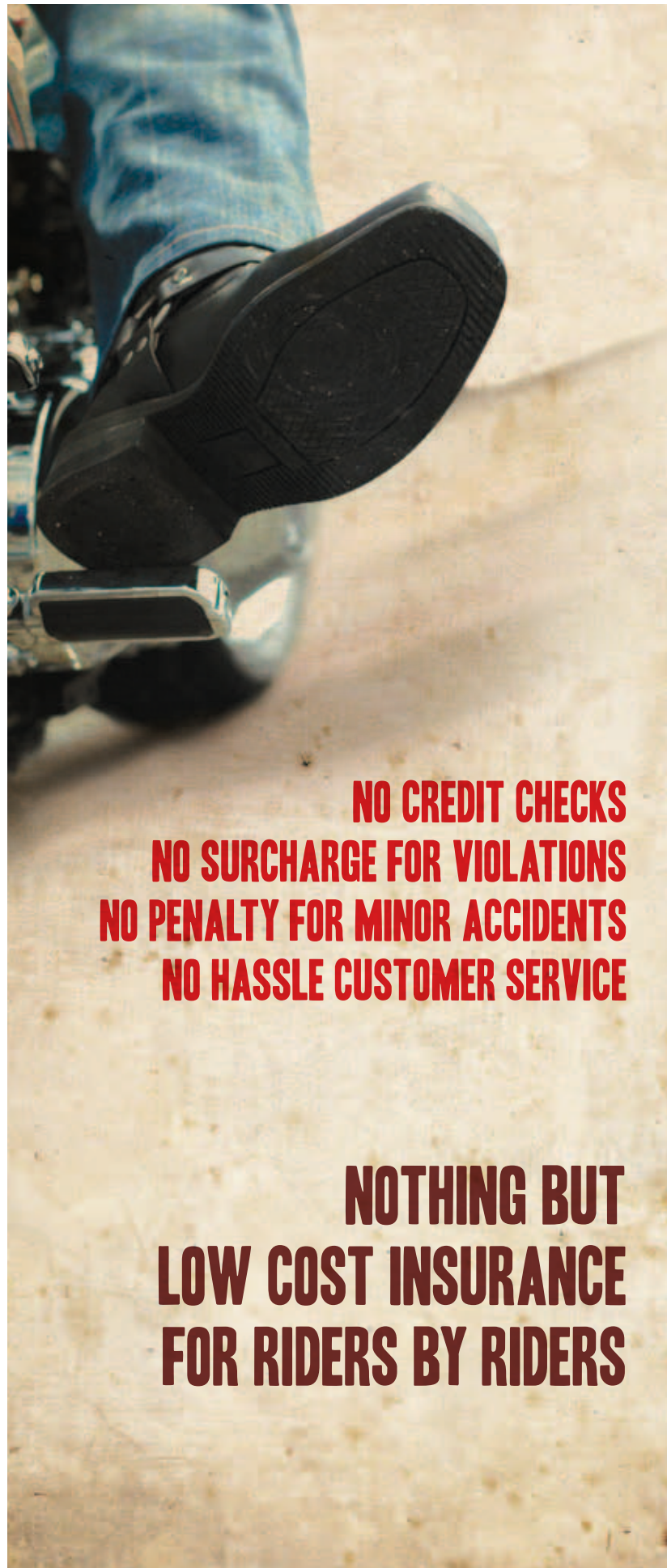
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Once a Rider has registered at the stop - their Card number is then entered into the drawing for that stop. Thunder Roads Michigan will then select rider checks-ins randomly each month from across the state for special prizes and incentives.

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If your check-in is drawn, Thunder Roads Michigan will post your card number both online (Thunder Roads Michigan Facebook and ThunderRoadsMichigan.com) and in the magazine. See the list of June winners in this issue. Riders will then have at least 45 days to "claim" their prizes.

- Riders are able to win multiple prizes - based upon the drawing of their check-in.
- Some prize drawings are specific to only check-ins for the particular month - while others prizes are drawn from check-in's season long.
- ALL CHECK-INS remain in the system for end of the season prizes!
- Riders are able to check-in once a week at a stop (Monday-Sunday), for a maximum of 4 check-in's per month (not counting bonuses)

BONUS Check-ins!

The 2014 Michigan Thunder Run is supported by our sponsors, so we want to encourage everyone to support them in turn. For that reason, we will issue a BONUS CHECK-IN to riders spending \$10 or more at the stop. That particular check-in will then count twice!



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Thunder Roads Michigan will also be working with charities and various non-profit events to include them in the Run schedule as well. This will be an easy means of encouraging participation and attracting riders from outside the local communities.

Some Thunder Roads Michigan Sponsors will also be offering discounts to readers that present the cards. Thunder Roads will be listing special discounts and offers in the magazine throughout the year as an added value to readers and means of encouraging our partners to offer these extra savings.



PLEASE NOTE: Once you have received your MICHIGAN RIDE CARD, you will not be asked to provide personal information or emails at any location for check-in. *You simply enter your ride card number!*

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Of course one of the key components in this whole program, second only to the riders themselves, is the stops. If you have a venue or event that you would like to get involved in the run, please don't hesitate to let us know about it. You can send information to [MichiganThunderRunRide@gmail.com](mailto:MichiganThunderRunRide@gmail.com)

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As we mentioned, this is a dynamic event – intended to be tweaked and developed over time. If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns – please don't hesitate to let us know. You can email us at

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We want to keep things exciting for you – the readers and riders on the run. We're bikers and it's all about the ride. We want to help create fun experiences for you and share some cool spots in our state. And we want to discover new spots as well, which is why we are encouraging everyone to nominate their favorite riding destinations. We have designed this run to entertain and challenge our readers – as well as promote our partners.

As with the magazine itself, the Michigan Thunder Run is presented through the support of our sponsors and partners all across the state. We have secured several key sponsorships already, but opportunities remain. If your business would like to get involved, this is a great way to promote yourself all across the state in a positive manner. Even if your organization is not a riding destination you might become a sponsor for the tremendous promotional value it offers through the constant media attention it will receive. Obviously this will be a heavy focus within the magazine but we are also working with radio and other media outlets to help spread awareness of the run. Sponsors are able to tap into this network and enjoy great exposure.



# AUGUST STOPS SCHEDULE



STOP	TYPE OF STOP	ADDRESS & PHONE	HOURS	SPECIALS & PRIZES	NOTES
46 Bar	Ride Stop	3015 E. Apple Ave Muskegon, MI 49442 231-747-7810	Mon-Fri 7am-2am Sat 10am-2am Sun Noon-Midnight	1 lucky winner wins a \$10 gift card	Thursday Night- Bikes, Burgers & Beers
702 Bar & Grill	Ride Stop	702 S. Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48642 989-835-2851	Mon-Fri 10am-2:30 am Sat- Noon- 2:30 am Sun- Noon-10pm	1 lucky winner will receive a \$50 GAS Gift Card!	A Five Star Dive Bar. Live music, great burgers & cold beer!
ABC Harley-Davidson®	Ride Stop	4405 Highland Rd Waterford, MI 48328 248-674-3175	Mon-Fri 9-6, Sat 9-5 Sun 11-3	1 lucky winner will receive a \$25 gift card	"Love what we do, ride what we sell, stand behind our service and throw a great party!"
Beaverton Tavern	Ride Stop	102 W. Brown St. Beaverton, MI 989-435-2094	Sun- Noon-10pm Mon-Thurs 11am-10pm Fri & Sat 11am-1am	1 lucky person will win a free small "Best" Nacho or Burrito of their choice.	Voted Mid-Michigan's Best Nachos & Burritos. A great destination ride.
BMW of Grand Rapids	Ride Stop	5995 South Division Grand Rapids, MI 49548 616-530-6900	Mon-Fri 9-6, Sat 9-3 Closed Sun	Prize TBD	Family owned, friendly & knowledgeable staff.
Boondox Motorsports	Registration & Ride Stop	2535 28th St SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512 616-575-9250	Mon & Wedns 9-8 Tues, Thurs Fri 9-6 Sat 10-4, closed Sun	Free oil change to 1 lucky person or vouchure for later date.	The good ole boys bike shop. Stop in and get a root beer & see for your self!
Brighton Harley-Davidson®	Ride Stop	5942 Whitmore Lake Rd Brighton, MI, 48116 810-225-2915	Mon-Fri 10-7 Sat- 10-5 Sun- 11-4	1 lucky winner will receive a \$25 gift card	100% staffed by rider's & stocked with everything you need & want.
Central Motor Sports	Ride Stop	905 Corporate Dr Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-773-6025	Mon-Fri 10-6 Sat 9-3 Closed Sun	1 lucky winner will receive a \$25 gift card	"Michigan's Powersports Headquarters Specializing in Trike Conversions, Side Cars & Trailers"
C & K Corner Store	Ride Stop	8892 Van Cleve Rd. Vassar, MI 48768 989-871-3120	Sun-Thurs 7am-9pm Fri & Sat 7am-10pm	Show your card here and 2 lucky people will win a \$10 gift card.	Hersey's hand-dipped ice cream, pizza, cold beer & more
Cornwell's Turkeyville	Ride Stop	18935 15 1/2 Mile Rd Marshall, MI 49068 269-781-4293	Everyday 11am - 8pm	1 lucky winner will receive their choice of a T-shirt or \$10 gift card	Bike Night Wednesday's 6:30- 9pm
Doc's Sports Retreat	Ride Stop	19265 Victor Parkway Livonia, MI 48152 734-542-8162	Mon-Sat 11am-2am Sun Noon- 2am	1 lucky winner that stops here will receive a \$100 gift card at the end of the season.	Thursday Bike Nights 6pm- Food & Drink Specials, Bikini Bike Wash & Give-a-ways!
Driftwood Bar & Grill	Ride Stop	7456 S. Croton Hardy Dr Newaygo, MI 49337 231-652-2686	Sun-Thurs Noon-10pm Fri- Noon- 2am Sat 11am- 2am	1 lucky winner will receive a \$20 gift card	Bands on the deck every weekend overlooking the lake!
Fox Powersports	Ride Stop	3562 29th Street SE Kentwood, MI 49512 616-855-3660	Closed Sun & Mon Tues- Fri 9-7 Sat 9-5	1 lucky winner will receive a \$25 gift card	Stop in and use your Thunder Roads Coupon for 15% off apparel (see ad).
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Hubble Boondocks Bar & Grill	Ride Stop	219 E. Railway St. Coleman, MI 48618 989-465-6315	Noon- 2 am Everday	1 lucky winner will receive 2 free bottle coozies.	Tues Bike Night & Open Mic Night- live music & cheap drinks. \$2 domestics & well drinks.
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Iron Horse Bar & Grill	Ride Stop	3592 Main St. Akron, MI 48701 989-691-5761	Open 7 days a week 11am-2am	1 lucky winner will receive a FREE T-shirt or long sleeve shirt of your choice.	Bike Nights Wednesdays- specials & happy hour. The thumbs largest biker bar.
MI's Café (located behind Eastman Party Store)	Ride Stop	5103 Eastman Ave Midland, MI 48640 989-835-1781	Mon-Sat 7am-2pm Sun 8am-2pm	1 free breakfast or \$10 gift card	Great service, great food & fast! Breakfast & Lunch only
Macomb Powersports	Ride Stop	46860 Gratiot Ave Chesterfield, MI 48051 586-949-4000	Mon & Thurs 10-7 Tues, Wedns & Fri 10-6 Sat 10-4, closed Sun	1 lucky winner will receive a \$25 gift card.	Your 1 stop with huge selection of ATV's, UTV's, Motorcycles & Watercraft! Friendly & knowledgeable staff!
McNasty's Saloon	Ride Stop	19300 Waltz Rd. New Boston, MI 734-753-4900	Tues- Sat 10am-2am Sun- Noon-Midnight Mon- 10am-midnight	Show your card here for an extra chance to win a FREE 1/2 lb Burger & fry.	Great burgers, family owned with a Cheers atmosphere. Try their deep-fried pickle spears!
MC Supply	Ride Stop	2310 Michigan 37 (M-37) Hastings MI 49058 269-945-2782	Mon- Fri 9-6 Sat 9-1 Closed Sundays	1 lucky person that stops here will receive a \$50 in-store gift card!	Hometown provider of PowerSports & Power Equipment to meet your needs as well as your wants.
Mornin at Maggie's	Ride Stop	819 Saginaw St. Bay City, MI 989-892-3142	Mon-Fri 7am-2pm Sat & Sun 8am-2pm	1 lucky person will win a free entrée.	The freshest, tastiest, and most unique breakfast items!
Motor City Harley-Davidson®	Registration & Ride Stop	34900 Grand River Ave, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335 248-473-7433	Mon-Fri 10-7 Sat- 10-5 Sun- 11-4	1 lucky person that registers here will receive a \$25 gift card	A Detroit original with 3 floors of everything Harley!
Museum of "Moses"	Ride Stop	9979 S. 8 mile rd (vogel center) McBain, MI 49657 231-825-2219	Open daily 9:30am-9pm. Sun 9:30-7pm	Cool prizes for lucky winners	A mere fraction of 1 man's collection of vintage Harley's & much more. A great ride out there!
My Alibi Bar & Grill	Ride Stop	2185 S. Meridian Rd Midland, MI 48640 989-835-3573	Mon-Sat 11am-2am Sun- Noon-Midnight	1 lucky woman & 1 lucky man that stops here will win a My Alibi T-shirt or tanktop of choice	Bike Night Thursday's 6pm- Burnout Pit, Biker Specials & Live Music
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Tecumseh Harley- Davidson®	Ride Stop	8080 Matthews HWY Tecumseh, MI 49286 517-423-3333	Sun 11-4, Closed Mon Tue-Fri 10-6 Sat 10-4	1 lucky person that stops here will receive a \$25 gift card.	Fun events, knowledgeable & friendly staff.
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AUGUST EVENT STOPS SCHEDULE


Date	Day	Time	Event Name	Address	Event Type
August 2nd	Saturday	10:00 AM	Driftwood Charity Fun Ride	Driftwood Bar & Grill 7456 S. Croton Hardy Dr. Newaygo, MI 49337	Registration at 10 am, kickstands up at 11 am.
August 9th	Saturday	10 am- 7 pm	Rockin' Rides Car & Bike Show	Sagaming Eagles Landing Casino in Standish, MI.	Rain or Shine. Beer tent, vendors, food, music, demos & Jeff Gordon Nascar Simulator.
August 16th	Saturday	1 pm- 2:30 pm	Dealer Demo Fleet	Shiawassee Harley Davidson 11901 N. Beyer Rd Birch Run, MI 48415	Demo truck will be at the dealership with a variety of models for you to try. Food, drinks, entertainment.
August 21st	Thursday	6:30 PM	Thunder Thursdays	First Merit Event Park Saginaw, MI (Across from The Dow Event Center)	Concert featuring Raggedy Ann (Parking inside venue gates for bikes).
August 23rd	Saturday	10:30 AM- Noon	Alzheimer's Judy Mann Memorial HOPE Ride	Pat's Roadhouse on Getty St. in Muskegon, MI.	Benefit ride, steak dinner, music & great prizes.
Aug 30th & 31st	Saturday & Sunday	During event hours	Freedom Fest	Iron Horse Bar & Grill in Akron, MI.	Event starts Wedns Aug 27th (Labor Day Weekend). See cover & full page ad this issue).




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5969	7950
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5840	7879
5879	5959
5212	5398
7032	7805
7866	6435
7599	5945
6403	7401
7870	5160
6632	5403
5944	5013
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# Jody "Mo's" THUNDER FUN

## Inspiration

(From Forbes- Top 100 Inspirational Quotes)

*Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.*  
~ John Lennon

*We become what we think about.* ~ Earl Nightingale

*Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, and catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover.* ~ Mark Twain

*Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it.*  
~ Charles Swindoll

## Riddles

**A.** A very pretty thing am I, fluttering in the pale-blue sky. Delicate, fragile on the wing, indeed I am a pretty thing. What am I?

**B.** Violet, indigo, blue and green, yellow, orange and red; these are the colors you have seen after the storm has fled. What am I?

**C.** A father's child, a mother's child, yet no one's son. Who am I?

**D.** There is a frog, dead in the middle of an island. If he swims north, the distance to the mainland is 2 meters. If he swims south, the distance to the mainland is 3 meters. If he swims east or west, the distance is 4 meters. Which way does he swim?

(Answers below)

## Fun Facts

The world's largest yacht is 590 feet (approximately 197 yards) long and 94,000 horsepower.

The restaurant 'White Castle' is America's oldest and 1st hamburger chain.

Bats always turn left when exiting a cave.

Answers: A.) a Butterfly. B.) a Rainbow C.) I'm their daughter. D.) He doesn't swim at all, he is dead



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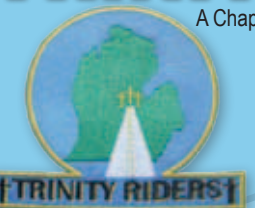
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# funny stuff

**Cuz' everyone needs a good laugh now and then..** contributed by TRO

## Top Ten Reasons Why Harley Riders Don't Wave Back

10. Afraid it will invalidate warranty.
9. Leather and studs make it too heavy to raise arm.
8. Refuse to wave to anyone whose bike is already paid for.
7. Afraid to let go of handlebars because they might vibrate off.
6. Rushing wind would blow scabs off the new tattoos.
5. Angry because just took out second mortgage to pay luxury tax on new Harley.
4. Just discovered the fine print in owner's manual and realized H-D is partially owned by Honda.
3. Can't tell if other riders are waving or just reaching to cover their ears like everyone else.
2. Remembers the last time a Harley rider waved back, he impaled his hand on spiked helmet.
1. They're too tired from spending hours polishing all that chrome to lift their arms.

## Top Ten Reasons Why Gold Wing Riders Don't Wave Back

10. Wasn't sure whether other rider was waving or making an obscene gesture.
9. Afraid might get frostbite if hand is removed from heated grip.
8. Has arthritis and the past 400 miles have made it difficult to raise arm.
7. Reflection from etched windshield momentarily blinded him.
6. The espresso machine just finished.
5. Was actually asleep when other rider waved.
4. Was in a three-way conference call with stockbroker and accessories dealer.
3. Was distracted by odd shaped blip on radar screen.
2. Was simultaneously adjusting the air suspension, seat height, programmable CD player, seat temperature and satellite navigation system.
1. Couldn't find the "auto wave back" button on dashboard.

## Top 10 Reasons Sport bikers Don't Wave At All

10. They have not been riding long enough to know they're supposed to.
9. They're going too fast to have time enough to register the movement and respond.
8. You weren't wearing bright enough gear.
7. If they stick their arm out going that fast they'll rip it out of the socket.
6. They're too occupied with trying to get rid of their chicken strips.
5. They look way too cool with both hands on the bars or they don't want to unbalance themselves while standing on the tank.
4. Their skin tight-Kevlar-ballistic-nylon-kangaroo-leather suits prevent any position other than fetal.
3. Raising an arm allows bugs into the armholes of their tank tops.
2. It's too hard to do one-handed stoppies.
1. They were too busy slipping their flip-flop back on.

## top Ten Reasons Why BMW Riders Don't Wave Back

10. New Aerostich suit too stiff to raise arm.
9. Removing a hand from the bars is considered "bad form."
8. Your bike isn't weird enough looking to justify acknowledgment.
7. Too sore from an 800-mile day on a stock "comfort" seat.
6. Too busy programming the GPS, monitoring radar, listening to ipod, XM, or talking on the cell phone.
5. He's an Iron Butt rider and you're not!.
4. Wires from Gerbings is too short.
3. You're not riding the "right kind" of BMW.
2. You haven't been properly introduced.
1. Afraid it will be misinterpreted as a friendly gesture

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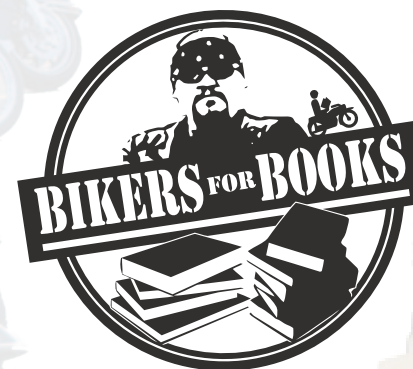


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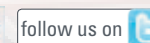
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# Biker Preacher's Corner

**Psalm 133:1 "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony!"**

This article is primarily for Christian riders but I'm sure everyone will be blessed in some way from this article.

God is truly bringing unity back into His church. Can I get a Thank you, Lord?!! I'm part of a new organization called Kingdom Warriors Council, as an overseer. Our mission is to bring all motorcycle related ministries into Christ-like unity and brotherhood. In fact, I just returned from a week-long conference in Ohio, called the Kingdom Warriors Conference. This was our first conference of many more to come. But what we saw, blew our preverbal wigs back!!

There were brothers and sisters from some 30 + motorcycle ministries (MMs), Christian Motorcycle Clubs (CMCs) and Biker Churches (BCs) that came together for one purpose. To worship The Lord in one accord – in unity. This was one of the most powerful and beautiful sights I have ever seen or been a part of. The Spirit of the Lord God was so powerful!

Ya see, for far too long motorcycle ministries, like many churches, have been divided against each other along denominational lines, differences of opinion and even territorial lines. This ought not be! Jesus said in **Luke 11:17 "Every kingdom divided against itself is headed for destruction, and a house divided against itself falls."** The reason we haven't seen the mighty move of God that our hearts are longing for is, partly, because of our disunity. The pre-Christians, as I call them, see it and say things like "I don't want what they've got... there's gotta be something more than that?" and there is.

Listen, Jesus is still praying for His people, in this way **John 17:21 "May they all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I am in You. May they also be one in Us, so the world may believe You sent Me."**

At the Kingdom Warriors Conference, we saw brothers and sisters from different ministries, wearing different patches, worshipping God together, praying together, encouraging each other, riding together, laughing, breaking bread together and enjoying each other's company. This is a fulfillment, to me anyway, of **Psalms 133:1 "How good and pleasant it is when brother live together in harmony (unity).**

As for me and all of Victory Biker Church we desire to work together hand in hand with all Motorcycle Ministries, Clubs and other Biker Churches for the Glory of God and advancement of His Kingdom.

If you'd like more information about the Kingdom Warriors Council please feel free to contact me.

Much love and respect,

**Apostle Brian "BMAN" McKay**  
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# FREEDOM CRUISE



by Pamela Schultz

The very first year of the Freedom Cruise was held in Grand Rapids MI, from June 25th-29th.

The event featured incredible entertainment and special History Channel guests which brought thousands of bikers into the Grand Rapids area.

This 5 day event was to HONOR all of our veterans who have served our great country. The Freedom Cruise raised over \$44,000 for West Michigan Veterans. Unlike other motorcycle events the Freedom Cruise combined motorcycles and custom cars bringing everyone together for "Honor Cruises".

Starting with a Blues concert at the Fifth-Third Ballpark on Wednesday. On Thursday there was a "Village Motor Festival" with live music, great food, entertainment including a procession of cars and bikes rolling into Sparta stretching out over two miles and over 500 vehicles.

Friday kicked off with a Freedom Cruise Golf Classic and another Honor Cruise to Lowell.

Exhibitor booths, bands and History Channel celebrities, along with food and craft beers were held at the Delta Plex.

Saturday was a Freedom Cruise Car and Bike Expo at the Delta Plex. A chance to meet Rick and Kelly Dale from American Restoration and the Fagawis. An Honor Cruise to Dorr, MI with a presentation of awards for veterans, along with a pig roast.

Saturday evening was a feature event at the Delta Plex honoring veterans and American Fallen Soldier Project Presentation. A tribute to Brandon Stout of Kent City, MI who died in Iraq in 2007.

The National Anthem was rocked out by Madison Rising and then a concert featuring Danny the Count Koker with special surprise guest Robyn Robins founding member of the Silver Bullet Band; rocking out Bob Seger tunes with "Counts 77 Band".

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# Round up at the Ray C's Rodeo

By Billy D



This year marked the 10th anniversary of the Ray C's Rodeo over at Ray C's Harley Davidson® in Lapeer, Mi. The Rodeo is an annual summer event that allows bikers and their families an opportunity to hear some great live music, enjoy a little BBQ' D Hog and flex their bikes muscles during the horsepower shootout on the dyno stand.

The weekend kicked off with a great performance by 3rd Degree Burns. This band is a local non-profit organization for the youth of Lapeer County. Founded by Gary Burns of Metamora back in 2004, 3rd Degree Burns gives local students the opportunity to perform in a live rock band and they really did ROCK! The Horsepower Shootout kicked off on Saturday, with glorious mechanical sounds booming from the dyno room. Midnight Blues provided the soundtrack for the day with their performance on the band stand, and of course, everyone was able to enjoy some lip smacking BBQ outside in the sun. The delicious Hog was provided by the Country Smoke House in Attica, Mi.

The weekend concluded with a chapter bike run in the morning and a 10th anniversary performance by Bull Honkey Deluxe, yes they have performed at every Rodeo at Ray C's. Sadly, this will mark the last Ray C's Rodeo at their location on Imlay City Rd. But, do not fear next years Ray C's Rodeo will be even bigger and better at their new location. TBA.....

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## AUGUST

July 31-August 2  
SPC Bradley D. Rappuhn Memorial Beer Tent & Poker Run  
American Legion Post 48, Grand Ledge, MI. 7pm-midnight, live entertainment, \$5 cover, \$2 beers, raffles & silent auction. Poker run on 2nd \$10 hand, regis 9am, run 11am-6pm.

July 31-August 2  
Alpena Bike Fest  
French Rd, Alpena, MI. Camping \$25 per couple for 3 days or \$5 pp per day, bands, games, vendors. For more info call 810-300-2599

**August 2**  
2nd Annual Driftwood Charity Fun Ride  
Driftwood Bar & Grill, Newaygo, MI. Regis 10 am, starts 11 am, \$10pp. For more info call 231-652-2686 or email driftwoodbarandgrill@gmail.com (See ad this issue).

August 2  
10th Anniversary Car, Truck, Bike & Semi Show  
Marion Fairgrounds, Marion, MI. Regis 8am-11am, show 9am-2pm, prizes, food, music. For more info call 231-679-1265

August 2  
American Legion Riders Post 216 Poker Run  
510 W. Commerce Road, Milford, MI. Regis begins at 10 am, last motorcycle goes out at noon, dinner and dance to follow the poker run. Regis fee gets you into the dinner and dance. For more info call 517-304-5363

August 2  
Sgt. Christopher P. Messer Memorial Run  
Dundee Veterans Memorial Hall, 418 Dunham Street, Dundee, MI.  
Regis starts at 11:00 am, motorcycles out at 1pm, \$20.00 for the rider, \$10.00 for a passenger. The ride ends with live music and food. All proceeds from the ride go to The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund. For more info call 734-625-5727

**August 2**  
**Lynn's Fun Run**  
**Mornin at Maggie's, Bay City, MI. Regis at Noon, kickstands up at 1 pm, ride ends**

**at Sporty's Wing Shack & Smokehouse in Pinconning. \$15pp, raffles, prizes. Benefits Michigan Sports Unlimited. For more info go to www.z93kqz.com**

**August 3**  
**3rd Annual Kevin "MOSES" Memorial Ride**  
**9979 S 8 Mile Rd, Vogel Center, MI. Arrive by 11am to register, ride leaves 1pm sharp, Michael J from WUPS 98.5 FM is here live. Burgers, hot dogs, homemade ice cream & more. Numerous prize drawings, 50/50 drawing. All proceeds benefit Museum of Moses. For more info go to www.museumofmoses.com or call 231-825-2219**

**August 3**  
**11th Annual Nathan Weidner Foundation Chicken Run**  
**Stevens' Cycle Sales Bay City, or start at Steven's Sports Center in Midland, or Bubba's in Linwood, Regis 9am-11am, ends at vets park in Bay City. Appx 100 miles, \$15 donation includes dinner. For more info call 989-684-9872.**

August 4-10  
Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, Sturgis, SD.

**August 9**  
**Escort the Kids to Great Lakes Burn Camp**  
**Meet at Wings Stadium, Kalamazoo MI. Regis 10am-12:30pm, Ride Leaves 1pm. Prizes, Food, 50/50. For more info contact Bill 517-206-1115 (see full page ad this issue).**

**August 9**  
**Come Ride with Local Fire Department (Great Lakes Burn Camp)**  
**Paw Paw Car Pool exit 60 & I-94, Paw Paw, MI. Regis 9:45 am, ride leaves at 10:30 am, be a part of the parade that ends up at K-Wings. For more info contact Tom 269-998-2067 (See full page ad this issue).**

**August 9**  
**Rockin' Rides Car & Bike Show**  
**Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, Standish, MI. Gates open 10am- 7pm, test drives, Jeff Gordon Nascar Simulator, beer tent, giveaways & more (See full page ad this issue).**

August 9  
8th Annual Mary's Dream Ride Against Domestic Violence  
The Morning Sun Parking Lot, 711 W. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant, MI. Regis at 9 am, Kick stands up at 11 am sharp, 50 mile police escorted ride. \$25 per bike. For more info email marysdream2008@yahoo.com and go to www.marysdream2008.org

August 9  
6th Annual Going to Hell and Back for Gold & Blue Star Families  
Screams Ice Cream Store, Hell, MI. 11am-4pm, free admis, kids games, bike games, raffle drawings, guest speaker Richard Brewer, proceeds to military families. For more info call Mike 616-897-7287 or email mikeandrosawelch@gmail.com

**August 9**  
**10th Annual Wounded America Run**  
**Biker Bobs HD, Taylor, MI. 10:30 am-noon, \$15 pp, ride track for \$10. For more info call 734-947-HOGS**

**August 9**  
**Bikes, Blues & Bikinis**  
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August 9  
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**August 9**  
**Brotherhood MC Poker Run**  
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August 9  
14th Annual Brad Webster Benefit  
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10 am- noon, poker run 10 am- 5:30 pm, lunch, HD bike drawing, entertainment. \$20 pp, free camping available, BYOB. For more info find us on Facebook or call Gretchen 989-879-5761

**August 10**  
**Ride for Red & Bike Detailing Workshop**  
**ABC HD, Waterford, MI. 11am-4pm. Free lunch & learn noon. For more details go to www.abcharleydavidson.com (See full page ad this issue).**

**August 14**  
**Motorcycle Boot Camp**  
**Biker Bob's HD, Taylor, MI. 6:30-9pm, learn about motorcycle basics from headlights to tailpipes. For more info go to www.bikerbobshd.com**

**August 14-16**  
**2014 Michigan State Hog Rally- The Great Lakes Rally**  
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**August 15-16**  
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August 15-17  
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August 15  
28th Annual Midnight Ride  
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August 15-16  
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August 16  
2nd Annual MDA Ride 4 the Cure  
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**August 16**  
**50's Party**  
**ABC HD, Waterford, MI. Live music, free food & fun contests. For more details go to www.abcharleydavidson.com (See full page ad this issue).**

August 16  
5th Annual Davison Eagle Riders Prostate Charity Run  
Davison Eagles, Davison, MI. Regis 10 am-noon, last bike back at 5 pm, live bands, breakfast 8-11, all proceeds to prostate cancer awareness. For more info contact Danny 810-653-0727 or gripper47@yahoo.com

**August 16**  
**8th Annual B.F.E. Motorcycle Run**  
**AJ's Bar & Grill, Dorr, MI. Regis 8:30am-10:45am, kickstands up 11am sharp, \$35 bike, \$20 rider, includes breakfast & dinner. Benefits Marine Cops Coordinating Council. (See ad this issue)**

August 17  
Blackhawk M/C Pure Michigan Run  
6791 Sarah Dr, Temperance, MI. \$10pp, Regis noon, kickstands up 1 pm, food, raffles, prizes. For more info email blackhawks.cm47@yahoo.com

**August 21**  
**Thunder Thursdays**  
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August 22 - 24  
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eral charities including VA Hospitality House in Saginaw & Wreaths across America. Fri - Jam session, raffles, Sat - bike show/SRP Band, vendors, biker games, Sun - scenic bike run. Call Jackie 989-569-3134 or Pat 248-640-7919

August 23  
Rumble from the Rock sponsored by Hogs in Ministry  
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August 23  
Classic Car Show (Rain Date the 24th)  
Beaverton Bowl & Lounge, Beaverton, MI. \$10 or \$8 advance, top 30 awards, best of show, silent auction, giveaways & more. For more info call Mike or Toni at 989-435-4964

**August 23**  
**Alzheimer's Judy Mann Memorial HOPE Ride**  
**Pat's Roadhouse, 157 Getty St, Muskegon, MI. Regis 11 am, ride leaves at noon, \$15 pp includes ride & steak dinner, ride only \$10 pp, dinner only \$8 pp, rain date August 24th same time. For more info call Diane 231-670-2983 (See ad this issue).**

**August 23**  
**Customer Appreciation Day**  
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**August 23**  
**6th Annual Metal House Mayhem**  
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August 23  
5th Annual Cruise for 22q- Logan's Heroes  
Millington Inn, Millington, MI. Regis 8:30 am- 10 am, ride leaves 10am, bike run & dinner \$12 pp. Everyone welcome, dinner 4pm, raffles & silent auction. Rain or shine. For more info call 810-656-1188 or go to www.logans-heroes.org

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## SEPTEMBER

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**September 6**  
**8th Annual Poker Run- Red Knights Firefighters MC Chapter MI-5 (Great Lakes Burn Camp).**  
**Lenox Township Park, 63775 Gratiot Ave (between 29 & 30 Mile Rd), New Haven, MI. Regis 10:30am- noon, kickstands up noon. For more info contact Chris 586-557-0892 or oldwiseass@yahoo.com (See full page ad this issue).**

September 6  
3rd Annual Luther Biker Bash  
Loggers Landing, Luther, MI. Regis 11 am- noon, ride leaves at noon, everyone welcome, autos can follow bikes. Games, food, music & prizes. For more info call Dixie 231-797-5688

September 11  
Night of Thunder 9-11 Ceremony  
American Legion Riders Post 514, Ida, MI. Starts at 5 pm - 10 pm, \$1 pp, food & drinks available, 50/50, entertainment.

**September 12-14**  
**8th Annual Bikes on the Bricks**  
**Saginaw Street Downtown Flint MI. Police escorted ride, police skills competition. For more info go to www.bikeson-thebricks.com (See ad this issue).**

**September 13**  
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**46 Bar, Muskegon, MI. Regis at 10am, \$10pp. For more info call 231-747-7810**

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**Biker Bob's HD, Taylor, MI. 1pm-2pm. For more info go to www.bikerbobshd.com**

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Camp Dearborn, 1700 General Motors Rd, Milford, MI. Regis 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Bike show entry fee is \$10.00, plus \$5.00 Camp Dearborn entry. Classic British & European bikes, awards, swap meet, vendors, food and beverages. Spectator admission: \$6.00 per vehicle. On-site camping is available. This is an AMA-sanctioned event, in support of Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation. For more info call 248-684-5000 or go to www.metrotriumphriders.com.

**September 18**  
**Thunder Thursdays**  
**First Merit Bank Event Park, Saginaw, MI. (Across from the Dow Event Center). Summer concert series with live music. Starts at 6:30 pm, \$5 riders parking in venue, \$8 general public. More info to come (See full page ad this issue).**

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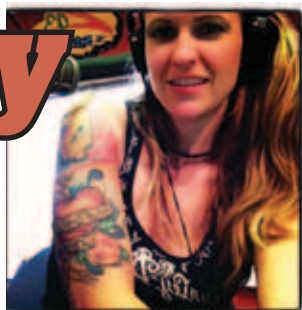
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# Thunder Thursday

by Lynn Roberts ~ WKQZ Assistant Program Director & Afternoons on Z93 The Rock Station



There was a rumble of Thunder on June 19th in downtown Saginaw, and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. It was motorcycles invading the First Merit Bank Event Park, located across from the Dow Event Center, for the first Thunder Thursday.

Thunder Thursday is a partnership between The Rock Station Z93, Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan and the First Merit Bank Event Park, presented by Great Lakes Harley Davidson, 3850 S Huron Rd, Bay City, MI. This exciting event brings together music & motorcycles in downtown Saginaw. The night featured live music from:

Distorted Waltz - from Auburn MI

Romantic Rebel - from Chicago

Bobaflex (headliner) - from West Virginia.

The bands did an incredible job rocking the stage. Bobaflex even managed to throw in a few surprises for crowd.

The true highlight of the evening was watching all the motorcycles, which were allowed to park inside the First Merit Park Event Bank. Motorcycles lined both sides of the stage and across the front of the stage.

"It's so cool seeing all the bikes inside!" said one spectator.

"I've never seen a concert let the bikes inside the park before!" said another attendee.

Thunder Thursdays take place on the third Thursday of each month through September. Tickets are \$8 per person, unless you ride a motorcycle, in which case they are only \$5 with special parking inside the venue. Tickets are available online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or at the gate day of the show.



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## ALGAE-FUELED MOTORCYCLE SETS SPEED RECORD



Scripps Institution of Oceanography alumnus Kristian Gustavson on his racing motorcycle powered by a 50/50 blend of biodiesel derived from algae and cooking oil waste from UC San Diego. On March 24, 2012 Gustavson and team member Devin Chatterjie established the fastest (and only known) algae-fueled motorcycle speed records at The Texas Mile land speed event in Beeville, Texas. Photo: RED i Nation

Below the Surface's "Driving Innovation" Team established the first official algae-fueled motorcycle speed records during The Texas Mile land speed event on March 24th, 2012. Team leader Kristian Gustavson reached 94.6 mph using a 50/50 blend of biodiesel derived from algae and cooking oil waste from the University of California at San Diego (UCSD). Fellow team member, Devin Chatterjie, reached 96.2 MPH on 100% algae-derived Green Crude diesel fuel supplied by Sapphire Energy Inc., one of the world's leaders in algae-based oil crude production. Together, they established the fastest and only known records to date for an algae-fueled motorcycle. The Driving Innovation Team rode a unique turbo-charged, 800cc diesel powered Track Motorcycle manufactured in Holland. The bike was shipped from Holland to the US last fall courtesy of FedEx Express in a show of support for the project. They rode five times, registering 94.6, 95.1, 95.2, 95.6, and 96.2 MPH. Their next official speed trial will be in El Mirage, Calif., on May 19th.



"The Texas Mile organizers, racers, and spectators were extremely supportive of our team during the speed trials and I would really like to thank them for the warm welcome and opportunity to put algae fuel to the test. I am excited to work with them more in the future," said Gustavson.

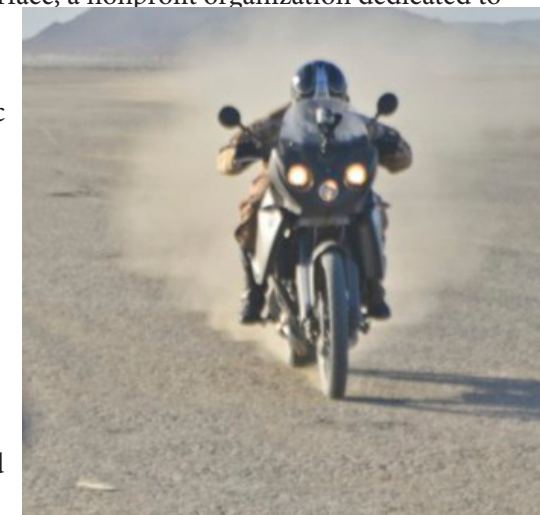
In a project entitled One Barrel for Baja, Gustavson led a team of UCSD students to make a portion of the biofuel themselves under the supervision of Dr. B. Greg Mitchell's Scripps Photobiology Group, with assistance from the San Diego Center for Algal Biotechnology. The students grew and harvested algae using a sponsored Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) unit supplied by World Water Works from ponds at the Carbon Capture Corporation's facility near the Salton Sea and at a greenhouse facility on the university's campus.

After the algae harvest, its biomass was isolated and sent to Dr. Skip Pomeroy's Laboratory at UCSD. In the laboratory, the lipids and fats were then extracted and further converted into usable diesel fuel by the Biofuels Action and Awareness Network.

Gustavson, a recent graduate of the Center for Marine Biodiversity and Conservation's MAS Program at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, is a co-founder of Below the Surface, a nonprofit organization dedicated to exploring waterways and educating the public about issues pertaining to water. He started the One Barrel for Baja Project in order to synthesize enough algal biodiesel to compete in various speed trials and the grueling Baja 1000 race this fall (<http://algae.ucsd.edu/Blog1/Blog-1-Baja.html>).

Below the Surface is committed to finding solutions to pollution and believes that biofuels from algae can help reduce run-off going into America's waterways. The Driving Innovation team is supported by: Dr. B. Greg Mitchell and his team from the Scripps Photobiology Group, Phitec, FedEx, Sapphire Energy, RED i Nation, Fun Bike Center, Clif Bar, Earth Protect, World Water Works, Carbon Capture Corporation, the BIOCUM Institute, Goal Zero, Screwed Industries, Dockers, New Leaf Biofuels, SD-CAB, BAAN, and the UCSD Student Veterans Organization.

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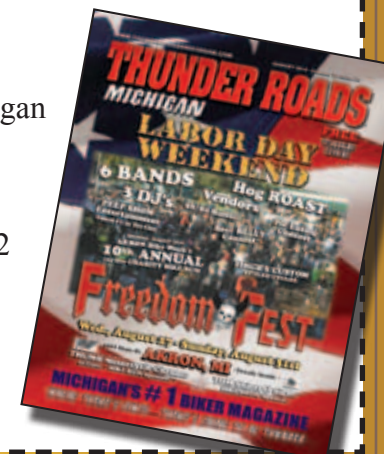
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# World War II Combat on a Harley-Davidson: Africa 1943

*First American Soldiers meet the British Army, 70 years ago, April 7, 1943*

BY *Beton Peepers*

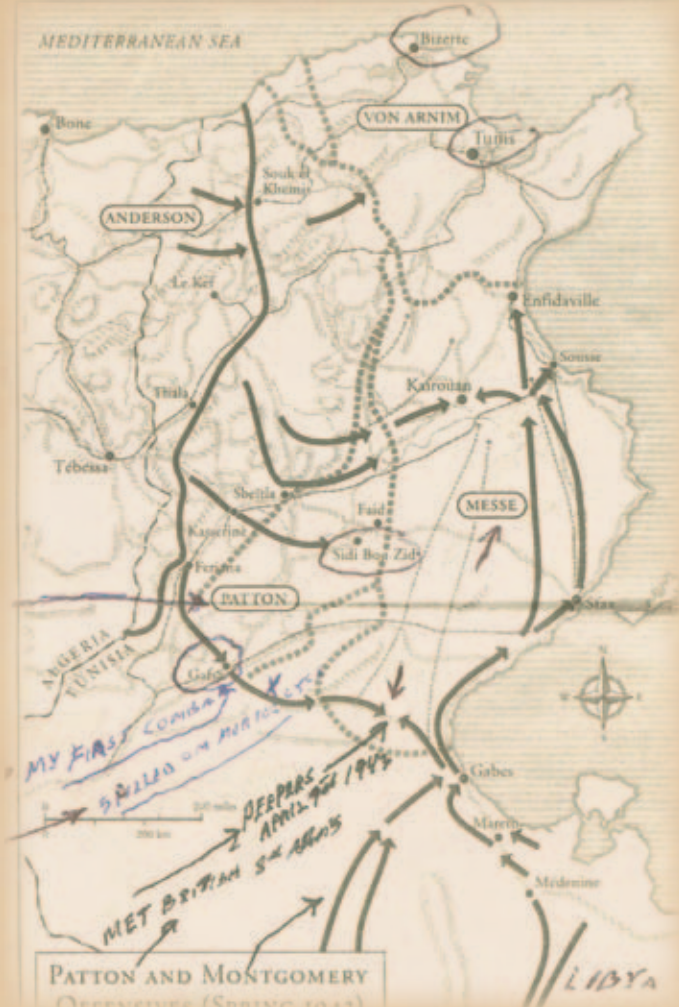
In 1943 Allied forces of the Western Task Force under the command of Major general George C. Patton were operating in North Africa. He was attacking the Axis powers, specifically, German Field Marshall Erwin Rommel, notoriously called "the Desert Fox". The 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion was part of the Western Task Force and was providing support for the battles at Gafsa and el Guettar. I was a messenger with the 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to its command post and it was



my duty to carry messages, by motorcycle, between Battalion command and my Company Commander. After landing at Casablanca January 25th, 1943 we trained in desert warfare and broke in the new equipment we were issued. Where we were bivouacked I could see, from my pup tent, the white building where on January 14, 70 years ago, Franklin Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Charles De-Gaulle met in Casablanca.

On one training exercise we had to get into a fox hole and have one of our tanks run over us. They had about 12 fox holes all in a row. I was in the last hole. I could hear that tank coming and the ground shaking. I had a feeling that something just wasn't right. When he got over my fox hole he turned the tank right on top of me and the side of my fox hole caved in on me. They blew the whistle to get up; I couldn't move. They yelled "Peepers get up!" I yelled back "I can't". So they had to dig me out. I was ok, but a little shook up. This is what they call "friendly fire". I had plenty of that in France, Belgium and Germany.

When I got my new Harley Davidson about three weeks after we arrived at Casablanca, Africa, I had to put 500 miles on it to break it in. That fun ended on March



1st, 1943 when we started the long trip to the front. It took us 7 ½ days and 1,400 miles. I got a good view of Africa riding my motorcycle. Some mornings when I got up I had frost all over me and my motorcycle. One day I got so cold riding I had to stop and jump up and down on the road to warm up. A French farmer saw me and had one of his workers bring a big arm full of straw and set it on fire so I could get warm. It sure helped a lot. We arrived at our new bivouac area on March 14, 1943. It was just east of Bouchebka which is just across the Algerian border in Tunisia. East of Tunisia is Libya. This is the area where the British and Germans had been fighting for about 3 or 4 years. Last year with the war in Libya, television reports showed Libya and all of North Africa: the whole area where I spent 10 months and put about 3 thousand miles on my motorcycle.

It was during this time that I stole little Moe, our "C" Company mascot, on orders from my First Sergeant. When the Sergeant wanted a jeep driver, he always picked me. I had to drive him and another first Sergeant into town and the first stop was a bar. The Bartender and owner had a little black puppy that belonged to his little daughter. He put it up on the bar so we could pet it. The Sergeant put a little brandy in a saucer and the puppy got drunk. The first Sergeant said to me, "Peepers, when we get ready to leave, you put the puppy in your jacket". I said, "Sergeant the puppy belongs to the bartender's little daughter, I can't do that". He said, "It's an order!" So that is how we got our company mascot. Little Moe went to Italy, England, France, Belgium and Germany with us. In England Moe liked to ride on my motorcycle. I was in the hospital when Little Moe got left in a Ger-

man house being used as the Company command post. They pulled out during the night and forgot about Moe. The last time I saw Moe, she was setting on a soldiers lap in a big army truck that went by me as I was standing on a street corner in a small town in Germany. That was the first and the last time I saw Moe since a week before "D" day, June 1st 1944. Moe landed at Utah beach on "D" Day and I landed on Omaha Beach June 10th.

On the morning of April 7th at about 7:00am I was given a message originating from Patton's headquarters to deliver to the Company "C" Commander of the 899th. The message contained orders to move his tanks up toward Tunis. They spread a map of the area over the hood of a jeep and showed me the "C" Company location and said they were getting ready to pull out and might be gone by the time I got there. I was directed to find them and make sure the Captain got the message.

On this assignment I met the British in Africa. We were about one mile into no-man's-land. The Germans were retreating and the British were attacking and I and George Keyges were in between. That is no-man's-land. George A. Keyges Jr., a tank driver from my company was looking for a ride back to "C" Company. He had just gotten out of the hospital and had one of his hands still bandaged. I told him to get on the back of my motorcycle since we were going to the same place. For the next half hour we didn't see another soldier or hear any shooting. It was quiet except for my loud motorcycle. At one point we took a spill and damaged the muffler at the end of the exhaust pipe so I took it off. We got to where "C" Company was supposed to be but they had already pulled out. We stopped on a small hill and, looking around, did not see any soldiers or vehicles. We did see about five or six wild camels and they were moving fast right toward us. I told George we needed to get out of there. Something had spooked the camels. We continued down the road looking for "C" Company. George saw a scout car on a hill off to our right so I stopped the motorcycle to get a better look. I think they were watching us closely and were probably scouting for Germans. I knew it wasn't an American scout car and I hadn't heard anything about the British being that close. I knew the German Army was close because we had been fighting them for the last five months. I told George we should go down the road a little further and then we will turn back if we didn't see Company "C". We went over a small hill and right in front of us was the British 8th Army convoy. They were stopped and standing by their trucks and tanks. When they saw we were Americans, they let out a yell, "Yanks, Yanks!" and their cheers ran down the convoy. They shook our hands and took our picture. We were as much a boost to their morale as they were to ours. We spent about five minutes with them and left to find "C" Company. We caught up with them in about a half hour. I gave the message to the Captain and I didn't even tell him that we met the British 8th Army. I had completely forgotten about the incident until I was reading the Chronicle-Telegram on April 7th 1993 about what had happened in history 50 years ago. It described the meeting of the Americans and the British 8th Army on that date. I exclaimed to my wife that the Americans were me and



George Keyges. When George and I met the British on April 7 1943 and they let out that cheer "Yanks" and it went all the way down their convoy, I wonder how many times that word was said that day. We sure made lots of British soldiers happy and me and George also. It's been 70 years and I still can hear "yanks".

About 5 hours after we met the British I took a spill on my motorcycle and ended up in the hospital for 24 days. It had happened after "C" Company pulled out. We had just had lunch and I had lingered to finish my coffee. (Since I had my own transportation, I was pretty much free to do what I wanted unless I had a specific messenger assignment.) After coffee I left and rode to catch up with Company "C". When I caught up with the convoy, the first vehicle I passed was the maintenance truck that always brings up the rear, then the kitchen truck and then the ambulance. I just got by the ambulance and ran into a shell hole on the shoulder of the rough road and took a bad spill. The soldiers in the ambulance thought I had run over a mine or a shell had landed on me. They said I made a big cloud of dust and when it cleared up I was standing up and they could see that my collar bone was broken, and that I was dazed. I think that I completely flipped and came down on my head and right shoulder. When the medics pushed on my collar bone I passed out. They put big pieces of adhesive tape to hold my collar bone in place and started the 70 mile ambulance ride to an evacuation hospital. After we arrived they took me to a tent and laid me on the ground. I was on a stretcher and remember how dark it was in there. It was full of dead, wounded and injured soldiers.

About midnight they came in and announced that we were to evacuate. All walking patients would ride in British ambulances and other patients would go by plane. I had never been in an airplane and I didn't want to start then. I said that I could walk and that I wanted to go in the ambulance. The ambulance had benches on both sides that held patients on each side, stacked up. I had a small burlap bag with my personal things in it. I put it on my lap and rested my arm on top of the bag to relieve the pain on my broken collar bone. We hadn't gone very far when I got sick and vomited. They laid me on the floor and that's where I stayed for the rest of the trip to the General Hospital in Constantine, Africa. The hospital was an arrangement of tents set up in a wheat field. The next morning I walked over to the operating tent and got my



collar bone fixed and they put a jacket cast down to my waist. My arms were free to move. I had that on for 20 days. Our "barracks" were long tents and our "cots" were five or six inches of wheat. Our "air conditioning" was when we rolled up the sides of the tents. That is where I spent Easter Sunday, 1943.

By May 1st I was back with my company and got right back on my motorcycle. The operations against the Axis powers had ended in Africa while I was in the hospital. It had been a good rest for me. We didn't have to do anything but lie around and play cards all day. The incident with the British 8th Army and my injury showed me a lot about how luck and coincidence help you survive a war. I think that is why I completely forgot about meeting the British 8th Army for 50 years. I was also lucky that I fell on my motorcycle near an ambulance rather than near the maintenance truck or alone somewhere in the desert. When I saw that article in the Elyria Chronicle, it all came back to me. Before April 7th, 1943 at the Battalion command post, I didn't even know George Kegyes. He was from Company "C" but in a different Platoon. We were both from Ohio and lived about 13 miles from each other, I was from North Olmsted and George was from Elyria. Now I live just two streets from where George lived on 6th Street. George Kegyes is buried just miles from where I now live in Elyria.

## HARLEY-DAVIDSON MESSENGER AS A TARGET

Command Posts were a good target for German planes and artillery especially it's officers, vehicles and, in the following case, my motorcycle. It was in March 1943 that I was at the command post and assembled there were 2 motorcycles, two half-track radio vehicles in addition to my motorcycle. A captain stopped for information and told his driver to put the camouflage net over his command car. Two German planes spotted that green net and attacked. The first bomb covered my fox hole and I had to use all my strength to push myself out of the hole through the dirt to get air or I would have suffocated like four other soldiers did right near me. When I stood up shaking the dirt off me and getting air, I saw the other German plane coming right at me as he released his bomb. That plane was so low that I felt like I was looking at the German pilot right in his eyes. I jumped back into my fox hole and took cover as best I could since it was full of dirt. I don't know if I said it out loud or to myself, but I prayed "Please, God, I don't want to die yet".

As soon as the planes left we started to dig in fox holes for the soldiers that got buried. We dug with our hands. I got hold of a soldier's arm and another soldier helped me pull him out. He was dead. I got the order to pull out immediately because soon as those German Planes got back at their base they would give their artillery our location and they would shell us. We moved forward about two hundred yards and about one hundred yards off to the left of the black top road at the foot of some small hills. It was getting dark and I was getting in my sleeping bag because I was dead tired. An officer came up to me and said, "Peepers, you have to go back and get the Company Commander at the old command post." And I said, "Sir, can you get someone else to go, I am too tired. He said "It's an order" and I said "Yes, sir". So I got on my motorcycle and counted two small hills I had to get over to get out on the black top road. By that time it was getting pretty dark and I had to drag my feet to keep on the road. The only light I had on my motorcycle was my black out light. No head lights were allowed on the front lines.



When I got to the old command post, the captain yelled out "Is that you Peepers?" And I said "Yes, Sir." He said, "Follow me!" One the way back an infantry soldier yelled "Watch out there is a hole here". It was too late; I was already in the hole. I just gave the motorcycle more gas and climbed right back out. When we got back to the new command post, the officer that was with the captain came up to me and said, "How could you see?" I said, "Sir, I couldn't see a damn thing, I felt my way back by dragging my feet on the road". The officer said they had a hard time following my black out light on my tail light. The Germans didn't drop any bombs on us that night, so I got a good night's sleep next to my motorcycle. I was surprised those bombs didn't damage my motorcycle. Of all the bombs and artillery that we were in, we never got hit.

After the war ended in Africa, it was six more months of training before I was sent to Italy. We only stayed in Italy about ten days and they took all our equipment away from us and sent us to England for the invasion of France. There I got another new Harley Davidson. Eventually they took that one away from me and assigned me as driver of an armored car for the second in command. He never rode with me and I had it all for myself. This is the armored car I drove onto Omaha Beach June 10th, 1944. On July 20th, I was made a tank commander for the next 5 months when I was made Platoon (Staff) Sergeant.

George Kegyes died 34 years ago and I put flowers on his grave last Memorial Day. I will continue to do so as I do for my close buddy who died during the war. He is buried in Ravenna, Ohio, about 60 miles from where I live. I have put flowers on his grave for 66 years. He got killed by artillery fire.

## THE WAR AFTER 'D' DAY

Recalling operations in Africa brings back a lot of memories. It became a different kind of war after "D" Day. I lived through battles in France, Belgium, and Germany. As I met the British in Africa, I met the Russians at the Elbe River in Germany. Between those events we liberated thousands of French and Belgians and many prisoner of war camps. Even the Germans were glad to see us, but not the Russians. Four times I got into no-man's land. Although there are many stories to tell about "no-man's land", one I remember clearly. In Germany in 1945 my platoon officer said we have to move up to the German lines and knock out a German machine gun that has our infantry pinned down behind trees in the woods. I guess the look that I gave him caused him to say, "It is an order from the infantry Colonel, and we have to do it". He said "come on I'll show you where it is". At the edge of the woods there was high grass and we got down on our bellies and crawled like a couple of snakes. A couple of times he looked back at me and whispered "keep your head down". He pointed out to me the German machine gun. We crawled back the same way. I got in my tank and we moved up toward the machine gun. I could see our infantry lying behind the trees. I was giving the driver instructions and the gunner and we were right up in the German line. I could see the German soldiers as clearly as I could the American soldiers. I pulled out my pistol and shot at the closest Germans and hit one of them. We knocked out the machine gun and our soldiers attacked. Another time I was in a jeep and got about a mile into the German lines. There were five of us in the jeep when we saw three German soldiers coming out of a building. They ran for cover and our jeep driver slammed on the brakes and he backed down the road as fast as we could and turned the jeep around and we escaped with the three German soldiers shooting at us. No one got hit. When we got down the road about a mile we met our soldiers riding on our tanks. Our officer gave the Colonel the information and they spread the infantry out in the woods and the tanks down the road. The Germans pulled out real quick and not a shot was fired. The next day the Germans gave us a hard time before they retreated.

I have many more stories to tell and now's the time to do it. I had many close calls and spent 24 days in the hospital in Africa and about two weeks in Germany. I'm 93 years old and still in the color guard of the VFW Post 9871 in North Ridgeville, the American Legion in Elyria and the DAV in Elyria, and the Senior Fellowship of Elyria. I'm a life member of all of them.





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Ride of the Brotherhood, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, who was introduced to, recognized and accepted into record by the 113<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congress, wants to fill this long carried emptiness with this history making event The Return, The Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran Celebration.


In February 2015, 10 Vietnam Vets will ride motorcycles from the New Orleans area to Los Angeles, Ca. From there, they will fly to Vietnam and tour the different combat areas on motorcycles, to include standing on China Beach on March 8 to honor those troops who landed 50 years earlier (9<sup>th</sup> Marines, March 8, 1965). Upon return to Los Angeles they will ride their motorcycles cross country to the Vietnam Wall, Washington, DC. Each rider will be equipped with a satellite tracking device which will allow other Veterans and supporters to join them. After paying respect to those honored on the Wall, the 10 riders, joined by an estimated 100,000 motorcycles, will turn towards New Orleans and lead this caravan on a salute to all Veterans as they travel to their destination. Their arrival in New Orleans will signal the kickoff of the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Celebration. This all-star celebrity concert will be the Thank You these Veterans deserve. This is their welcome home so the Vietnam Vets will not be charged to attend. With over 700,000 Vietnam Veterans living in the United States, this monumental event will bring together many who served their country under unbelievable circumstances and creating a brotherhood that can never be broken.

The Return will be funded by corporate and individual sponsorships and donations. Funds generated from The Return will help create Camp NORA ("No One Rides Alone"). This foundation will assist Homeless Veterans. They will be offered lodging, medical assistance, help to return home or find employment and a place to live. For more info contact Ed "Cowboy" Lewis at [roth2015@yahoo.com](mailto:roth2015@yahoo.com). Rider and volunteer positions are available.


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*K.I.S.S. page composed & edited by: Toni McCoy Shearon of Tennessee aka "MaMa Thunder" of Thunder Roads Tennessee*

**"MY" BACON, EGG, VIDALIA ONION, SWISS CHEESEBURGER WITH AN EASY-OVER EGG ON TOP**

\*I have been making these since I was 10 y.o. Thought I invented them, then saw it on some cooking show. Who Knew?

- 1 Ground Beef Burger - however you like it; thick or thin, but shape it the size to fit your bun and then push down gently in the middle with your thumb so it will cook evenly.
- 4 Strips of Hickory-Smoked Bacon
- 1 X-Large Egg
- 2 Slices of Baby Swiss Cheese
- 5 Strips of Vidalia Onion, sautéed golden brown

Now, you can grill your burger or fry it in a skillet, and sauté your onions up while frying burger and pick them out and drain on paper towel. Put your cheese on burger, add a little water to pan and cover with lid (keeps moist & melts cheese fast), remove & drain on paper plate; pile your onions on top, fry your egg in the grease, flip gently and remove to a paper plate. Butter your buns and toast in the oven. A toasted bun makes ANY burger better. Now just build your burger and put the easy-over egg on top and your favorite topping; mayo, ketchup, whatever. I break the yoke and let it run all down over the burger. Wooooeee! damn, this is slap-ass good!

**THE ABSOLUTE BEST BATTER FOR FRYING ANYTHING!**

Compliments to: Michael Symon of The View - ABC (Handwritten while watching)

- 1/2 Cup of Cornstarch
- 1/2 Cup of All-Purpose Flour
- 1/2 tsp. Baking Powder
- 2 Tbls. of Old Bay Seasoning (spice aisle or often by seafood display)
- 1 tsp. Cayenne
- Pinch of Salt
- 1/4 Cup of Pilsner Beer (will say on label)
- 1/4 Cup of Water
- 1/2 Cup of Vodka

This batter is awesome for Vidalia Onion Rings!

\*Always use Peanut Oil for frying. It just holds temperature better and gives a good, clean taste. Don't re-use oil. Always use fresh so your food doesn't taste like what you last fried.

**IT AINT SUMMER WITHOUT DOWN-HOME NANER' PUDDING**

Banana Pudding: Mix in a cooled glass bowl

- 1 Box of Vanilla Pudding Mix
- 1/2 Cup of Whole Milk
- 1 Whole Can of Condensed Milk
- 1 Level tsp. of Nutmeg
- 1 Container of Frozen Whipped Topping

(If you want seriously better taste, make your own whip cream with 2 Cups of Confectioner's Sugar to 1 Cup of Heavy Whipping Cream and 1 Tbl. of pure Vanilla Extract. Just keep blending on High until stiff peaks form and then stop or it will all turn back to liquid.) Tastes SO much better though than the pre-made. And it's so easy!

- 1 Box of Nilla' Vanilla Wafer Cookies
- 4 Bananas; sliced into 1/4 inch rounds

Mix all ingredients together. Folding in the whipped cream gently towards the end on low. Mix should be creamy, not runny.

In a larger glass serving bowl, place a layer of the wafer cookies. Spread 1/4 of the pudding mix over the cookies. Lay 1/2 the banana slices over the pudding mix in a single layer. Spread another 1/4 of the pudding mix over the bananas. Repeat. Place any remaining cookies on top, but break them up into halves, but cover completely.

Refrigerate at least 3 hours or overnight.

Great serving idea: Serve in big spoonfuls into very large but squat heavy glasses or into Mason Jars and add a scoop of high-quality Vanilla ice-cream for every great big spoonful of Nanner' Pudding. This is perfect for summer!

**COOL & EASY WATERMELON FIZZIES**

- 2 Cups of Watermelon; cubed
- 1 Ounce of Gin
- 2 Tbls. of Fresh Lime Juice
- 1/3 Cup of Ginger Ale

Full Lime Slices for Garnish

Puree the watermelon cubes & strain. Pour back into blender and add other ingredients

If want a stronger mix, add more gin, want it lighter, add more Ginger Ale. For kicks, scoop out some watermelon balls; freeze and add to a chilled martini glass when serving up your mouth-watering Watermelon Fizzies. These are fun and delicious!

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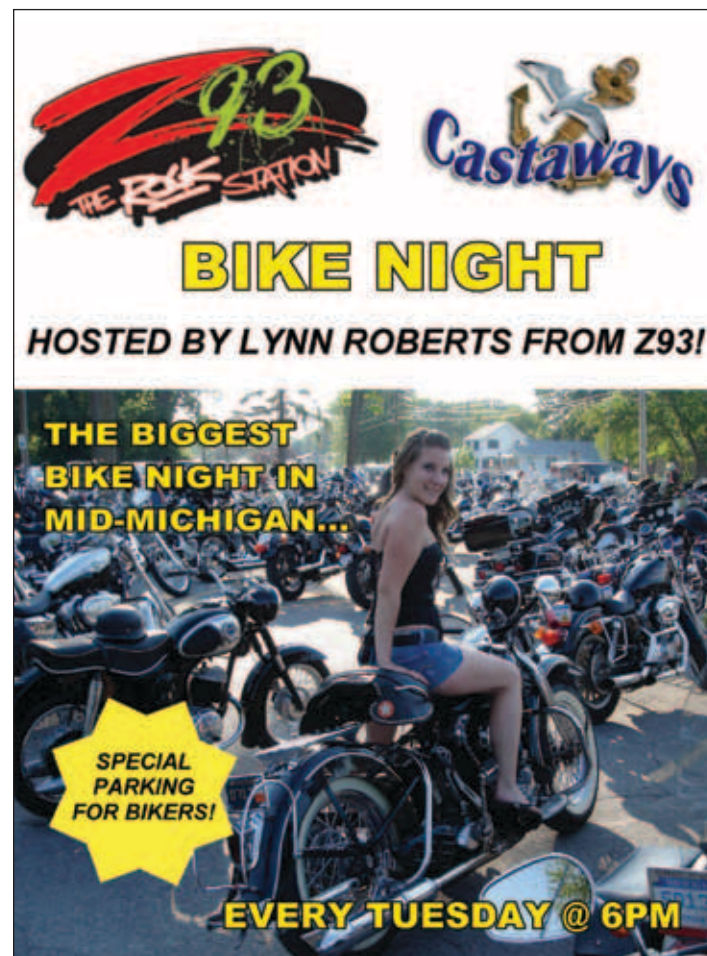
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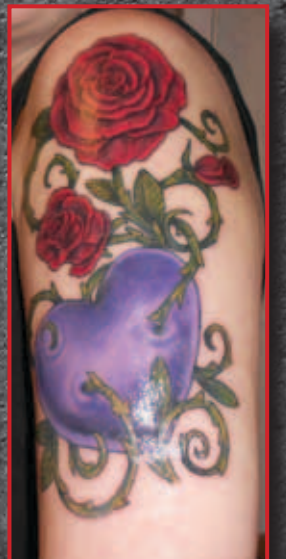
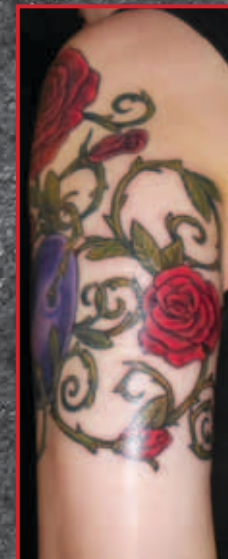
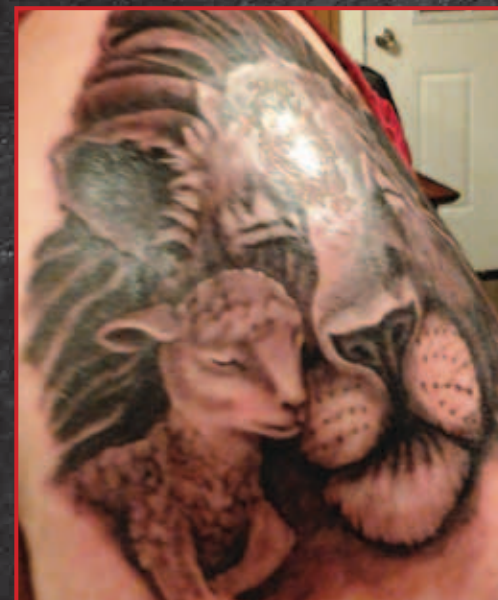
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# SKIN ART





Competitive Moto-Ball first officially began in France in the Mid 1930's.



Moto-Ball then spread east - to Germany and then later through the Soviet Union.



# Moto-Ball

**F**ar too often, we - Americans - forget that there is a great big world out there that doesn't evolve around the U.S. of A. Even when it comes to sports and our beloved motorcycles, there are variations and derivatives that leave us scratching our heads - possibly none so much as "MOTO-BALL".

I spent a fair number of years playing soccer while growing up - even a little in college; and obviously I have a love of riding - but never has it ever occurred to me to combine the two. But that is exactly what our friends over in France started doing years ago - playing soccer while on motorcycles. They call it MOTO-BALL and it's developed an avid following over the years, even to the point where there are professional traveling teams.

I reached out to one of our European sources for a little information on the game -

In the fine tradition of horse soccer and fireball football, Motoball is yet another adaptation of the Beautiful Game. What could be more fun than playing football while riding a motorcycle? Played on a gravel surface field similar in size to a football pitch, the game consists of four, 20-minute quarters. Each team has four motorcycle riding field players and one keeper who sadly is no longer allowed to ride a motorcycle too because this proved to be a bit too psychotic for the sport's own good. The teams also have a coach and a mechanic with the mechanic being arguably the most important part of the equation.

What about the ball? Glad you asked. In Motoball the ball is about twice the size of a regular football and it weighs one kilo. It may be kicked or headed, but for the love of God don't even think about using your hands or trying to carry it while you pop a wheelie or jump over a tank filled with sharks. The two referees - one at each half of the field - and their assistants will whistle you for an infraction faster than you can put down your kickstand.

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# Bullet Points

## Holsters 101 PART II *continued from last month*

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Last month, I covered the basics, what materials are used for most holsters, and three basic styles of holster (Belt, Paddle, Inside the Waistband). This month we'll dive a little deeper into concealment and cover some of the specialty holsters that exist and why they may be useful to you in some circumstances.

### The Shoulder Holster

Shoulder holsters have been used for many years and are often featured in various TV shows and movies. They can be a discreet option for carry under a suit or jacket, particularly in situations where a belt holster is simply not a viable option. The downside to shoulder holsters is that it is virtually impossible to draw your gun without sweeping most of the room, which is particularly dangerous in crowded locations. I highly recommend obtaining additional training before choosing to carry using this type of holster.

### The Belly Band



visible

concealed

This is an extremely versatile holster that is worn under clothing around the waist. It is an elastic band, similar to a sports wrap, but thicker for strength, and secures with a sturdy Velcro closure. This is a good option for people who do not wear belts, particularly when wearing clothing which does not support the carry of a firearm. The downside to this holster is that it is more challenging to draw from deep concealment. This is a holster type that requires more training and practice than a standard belt holster due to the fact that the draw is a bit more complicated.

### The Ankle Holster



visible

concealed

This is a specialized holster, designed for a small pistol. It is commonly used for a "backup gun," and, in my opinion, is best suited for use while seated or in a vehicle for extended periods of time. You can draw from this position without moving your upper body much at all, and the ankle is easily accessible while seated. I would not recommend using this type of holster as a primary means of carry, as drawing from the ankle is too slow and difficult in most situations.

### The Waist Pack Holster

This is an option for those who want to carry discreetly, particularly in the summer. This holster entirely encloses the firearm, secures the firearm on the body, and can be worn without a belt. The downside to this style is that it is very difficult to draw quickly, and requires much training and practice to become proficient with its use.

### The Purse Holster

This is an option for women that is very popular, but carries with it many concerns. Because the firearm is not being carried on the body, there is the danger of the purse being stolen, and with it, your gun. The purse is one of the more common targets of theft, and I advise against using this sort of holster for every day carry. There are women who make excellent use of this style of holster, particularly when wearing a dress, but they have undergone many hours of training to ensure proficient use. I would advise extensive training if you make the decision to use a purse holster. Under no circumstances should you ever use a normal purse for concealed carry. If you want to make use of a purse for carry, buy one designed to be used in this way. Galco Gunleather offers many options for purse holsters, and all are available online at [www.galcofirearms.com](http://www.galcofirearms.com).

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