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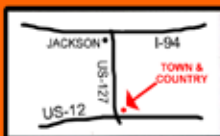
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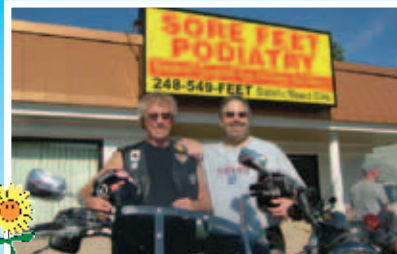
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Last month the Biker Friendly character was on page 39. On the cover picture shown for a subscription to Thunder Roads Michigan. See if you can find him this month, see character you are looking for in the Biker Friendly Directory (much smaller version to find in each issue).

Now for some "Mo" Advice:

In the spirit & memory of Eric Mohowitsch:

You always used to say, "There's no future in the past". It has been a year now my friend, my brother, a guardian angel now for us.

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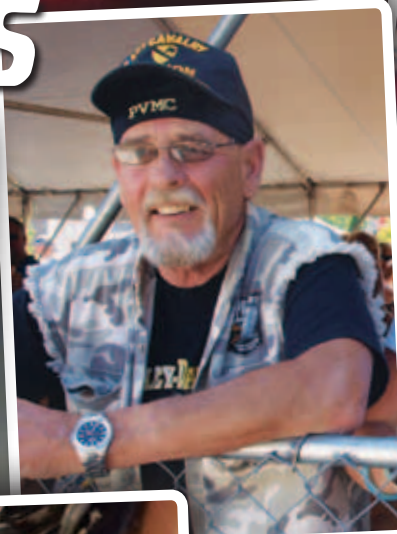
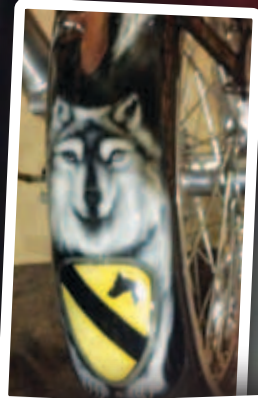


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SFC Carl A. Bergman READERS RIDES



BY Gary Sternaman ~ PHOTOS BY Kristie Crisler

SFC Carl A. Bergman, U.S Army, and Michigan Army National Guard: put in 20+ years of Service for our great Country.

Carl has several Awards and Citations for his distinguished and meritorious service while in Vietnam in 1968-69. Carl's dad was an Army cook during WWII, and saw enough combat to get a Purple Heart and a

Bronze Star. Carl's grandfather joined the Navy at 15 during WWI, got kicked out for lying about his age, and later was in the Army AND the Air Force. This is quite the Military family!

One of Carl's bikes, this one in particular, is a 1996 H.D. Dyna Wide Glide, it was custom painted by Kristie Crisler. Kristie did a fine job, with her excellent air-brush skills, in portraying the stories that Carl wanted told on this bike. Every part has a different story to it, and the only real way to get the stories straight, is to ask Carl himself. Some sections of the bike pertain to his own family, and others are about his Band of Brothers from VN, Cambodia, etc.

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Florida In-State Tuition for Veterans

Warm weather is not the only reason military veterans may decide to head to Florida. The state will now waive out-of-state tuition fees for veterans. The Florida G.I. Bill eliminates out-of-state tuition fees for honorably discharged veterans. The new law, which won unanimous support in the state legislature in March, will cost an estimated \$11.5 million annually, according to state officials.

The federal post 9-11 G.I. bill obligates the Department of Veterans Affairs to cover in-state tuition for all military veterans within a 15-year period of their retiring from the service. The new measure in Florida means veterans who are not residents of the state will no longer have to pay the out-of-state difference in tuition, so there will be no out-of-pocket tuition costs for veterans.

Veteran Seeks to Open Military Stores to All Who Served

Thales Newsome of Orangeburg spent a decade in the military, with 13 months fighting in Vietnam.

Having put his life on the line for his country, he said he was shocked by what he experienced when he went shopping at the Fort Jackson military base earlier this year.

"I went to the Army base to buy some military items," Newsome said. "When I went to the cashier, she asked for my military identification card. I showed her my veteran's card and my driver's license."

"She needed to see a current military card," he said. "I informed her that I am a combat veteran and spent ten years in the military. She told me that was not good enough and that I was not authorized to shop there."

That prompted Newsome to begin collecting signatures on a petition to allow all veterans to shop at military installations. Newsome received 200 signatures, which were sent to U.S. Congressman James Clyburn last month and is now working on obtaining another 200 signatures to be sent to President Barack Obama.

The DeCA notes that commissaries provide veterans an average cost savings of more than 30 percent compared to shopping at a civilian grocery store.

Sheriff Joe Introduces Segregated Veterans' Unit in Arizona Jail

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio has introduced a new jail unit specifically for inmates who served in the military, joining eight other jail units under his jurisdiction in Phoenix, Arizona.

"They fought for our country. The least we can do is help them. When some came back, some had mental problems. We have drug prevention programs, alcoholism," said Arpaio.

He hopes segregating the veterans will help keep them on the right track. "I served in the military in the Korean War, so I have a bond with these guys. I want to see them succeed," said Arpaio.

The cell blocks in the veterans' unit are painted red, white and blue. Flags from all branches of the military hang from the ceiling, and military themes adorn the walls. The unit is home to 250 veterans, the majority from Maricopa County's Durango Jail, which houses over 2,200 general population male inmates.

Inmate Touche Jamar Pouncey is an Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield veteran. He is currently in jail for probation violation, and admits transitioning back

to civilian life was a challenge. "I've seen decapitations; I've seen people burned up. I've seen a lot of things that affected my brain and why I do the things that I do now," Pouncey said.

Maricopa County Jail provides special services to the veteran inmates suffering from PTSD, such as psychological attention and job training. Special treatment programs are not the only benefits. Inmates in the veterans' unit do not see the gang wars that dominate the jail's general population. "Where we've come from and what we've experienced throughout the military is camaraderie. It's deeper than what your race is. Being here is a blessing because we don't have to deal with the constant violence," said Pouncey.

Veterans Fly American Flags for 1st Time in 14 Years at Hart Plaza

A group of U.S. war veterans gathered today at Hart Plaza on Detroit's riverfront, where they returned large American flags to poles that had been bare for 14 years.

With a tall ladder amid falling snow, the veterans raised each of five 10-by-15-foot flags on their newly restored poles near Jefferson Avenue. Then they sang "God Bless America."

A \$60,000 fund-raiser is under way to bring to 20 the number of bright, bold, new American flags flying in the plaza by Flag Day on June 14.

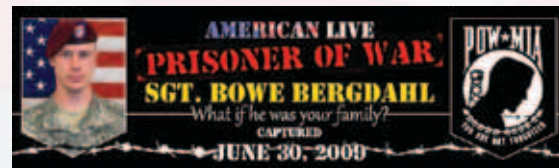
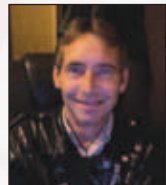
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IF HE WAS YOUR SON...



At times over the last few years I catch myself thinking about two parents that I have never met but that have become very much a part of my prayers. I wonder what each day in their lives must be like. I think the not knowing would drive me half crazy. Of course I'm talking about Jani and Robert Bergdahl. They are the parents of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl the only American being held captive in the Afghanistan conflict. I have three sons of my own and it was hard to sleep when they would come home a little late as they were growing up. It's hard to think about what these two parents have been going through for the last 4 1/2 years.

First we need to remember that Bowe is not the only missing American. He is the only missing soldier from the current conflict. I think most of you know where I stand on this subject. If there is ever one American missing it is one too many. WE MUST NEVER LEAVE ONE BEHIND! When someone joins out military they do so to defend our freedom. It seems that the least we can do as a people is to make sure they come home. There is no flag I have ever seen that moves me the way the POW/MIA flag does. As most of you know I wear a doo rag almost everyday. It is not an accident that most of them have to do with our POW/MIA. We must not let this issue be swept under some political rug. We as a people must demand that our politicians bring our soldiers home. Every Tuesday for the last three years I have shared on my Facebook page Bring Bowe home. I never thought it would still have to be shared almost 5 years after he was captured. I ride with some friends and we decided to get some of the Vietnam POW/MIA bracelets only this time with Bowe Bergdahl on them and wear them until he comes home. I had no clue it would be on still. I wear it with honor and hope his parents know they are not alone.

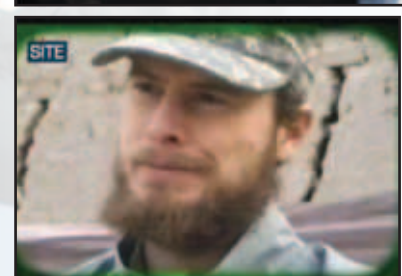
Sgt. Bergdahl was born March 26, 1986 in Sun Valley Idaho. Bowe was assigned to the 501st Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division based at Fort Richardson, Alaska. He went missing on June 30, 2009 in South East Afghanistan near the Pakistan border. He is believed to be held by the Haqqani network an insurgent group affiliated with the Taliban somewhere in Pakistan. There have been a few videos where he has been seen alive. The latest was dated Dec. 14, 2013 and in the video he talks about the death of Nelson Mandela proving that the video was filmed recently. There are also reports out there that say that he was drunk when captured or that he joined the Taliban. Most of the reports have been denied by the Dept. of Defense. I don't care about the circumstances. BRING HIM HOME and we can sort all the rest out.

In closing I just think that we need to treat our soldiers better. They have no problem signing a blank check to the American people. When we stop taking care of the ones that defend our freedom we lose the part of us that makes us Americans. Bowe's parents watched him leave for military service with the belief that one way or another he would come home someday. We need to keep that promise to them. Because like I said at the beginning **WHAT IF IT WERE YOUR SON...?**

— Courtesy Thunder Roads MD-DE-DC



USA PFC Bowe Bergdahl



Bergdahl, of Hailey, Idaho, as last seen in a video released in December 2013, footage seen as "proof of life" demanded by the U.S.



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May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

Motorcycle season is finally underway, and during the month of May we recognize Motorcycle Awareness Month. This month is a chance to celebrate all things motorcycling and to promote awareness among all drivers by encouraging them to watch for motorcycles. Over the years I've helped a lot of injured bikers with their motorcycle crash cases, and I wanted to share three important things Michigan riders can do to help protect themselves and other bikers during this motorcycle season.

Get endorsed: In Michigan, a motorcycle endorsement (CY) is required in order to ride on the roads legally. Having a CY endorsement means you have passed a vision test and a written test at a Secretary of State office, you have passed a rider skills test or completed a certified motorcycle safety course, and that you have brought proof of having done these things to the Secretary of State's office to get your endorsement.

Getting a motorcycle endorsement in Michigan isn't expensive; the initial cost is less than \$15, and renewals are only \$5. It's worth it: riders who are pulled over without one could be fined and may have points added to their driver's license. Legal benefits aside, motorcyclists who get their CY endorsement will be able to apply the skills and lessons they learn from their experience.

Get insured: As The Motorcycle Lawyer, I can't emphasize enough how important it is to have proper insurance on your motorcycle. Without insurance, you can be left high and dry if you put your bike down or if something happens to you; the risks of riding without proper insurance far outweigh the costs to insure yourself and your bike.

In Michigan, the bare minimum insurance for motorcyclists is to have bodily injury coverage. Without it, you're not riding legal. In my opinion, you should also have uninsured and under-insured motorist coverage. These compensate you for your injuries if the negligent driver has no insurance or too little insurance. I always recommend carrying a medical or health insurance policy as well; call it a "backup plan." No Fault only pays the medical bills when a "motor vehicle" is involved. Without this backup you could be stuck with the medical bills if you go down because of something like loose gravel, a pothole, an animal, or another motorcyclist.

In Michigan, wearing a helmet is the motorcyclist's choice. If you plan to ride without a helmet, you also need to have at least \$20K in First Party Medical Benefits coverage for yourself, and any passenger, over the age of 21, who plans to ride without a helmet must also have \$20K as well. Collision coverage will pay to fix your bike if it is damaged in a crash, and accessories coverage will cover repair or replacement costs if you have any custom work or accessories on your bike.

You know the expression, "dress for the crash, not the ride"? I always tell people that insurance is protection, and you can never be over-insured. Insure yourself and your bike for the crash so you can enjoy the ride without worry.

Spread the word: There's only so much motorcyclists can do to protect themselves while out on the road. Obviously, how we ride matters, as does getting endorsed and being properly insured. At the end of the day, though, a big part of rider safety is ensuring that car and truck drivers are aware of motorcycles and share the road. Without driver awareness, it's almost impossible for motorcyclists to ride safely. That's why motorcycle awareness campaigns are so important. My office has spent a lot of time and energy creating a Watch for Motorcycles campaign that involves billboards, bumper stickers, and driver education to remind people to be hyper-vigilant when they get behind the wheel of their cars.

In my opinion, every motorcyclist in Michigan needs to be actively involved in promoting motorcycle awareness; tell your friends, get a bumper sticker for your car or truck and a sign for your lawn, and use social media to spread the word. Remind drivers that motorcyclists are everywhere. Tell them that motorcycles are harder to see than larger vehicles, so they should look twice. Let them know that most motorcycle-car crashes happen at intersections, when a car turns left directly in front of a biker. Motorcycle awareness campaigns don't work if nobody hears about them.

This Motorcycle Awareness Month, get endorsed, get insured, spread the word: let's do everything we can to protect ourselves on the road, and help ensure a better riding season for all.

Attorney Jason A. Waechter is a Michigan attorney specializing in the areas of motorcycle and motor vehicle injury litigation as well as Michigan's Motor Vehicle No - Fault Law. Mr. Waechter has collected millions of dollars in settlements, awards and verdicts for his motorcycle clients over the past 20 years. A portion of each case settled goes to educational resources for bikers, funds to help bikers while their cases are being litigated and our motorcycle accident prevention campaign.

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Due to the current financial situation caused by the slowdown in the economy, the Government has decided to implement a scheme to put workers of 60 years of age and above on early, mandatory retirement, thus creating jobs and reducing unemployment.

This scheme will be known as RAPE (Retire Aged People Early).

Persons selected to be RAPED can apply to the Government to be considered for the SHAFT program (Special Help After Forced Termination). Persons who have been RAPED and SHAFTEd will be reviewed under the SCREW program (System Covering Retired-Early Workers).

A person may be RAPED once, SHAFTEd twice and SCREWED as many times as the Government deems appropriate.

Persons who have been RAPED could get AIDS (Additional Income for Dependents & Spouse) or HERPES (Half Earnings for Retired Personnel Early Severance).

Obviously persons who have AIDS or HERPES will not be SHAFTEd or SCREWED any further by the Government.

Persons who are not RAPED and are staying on will receive as much CHIT (Challenged High Intensity Training) as possible. The Government has always prided themselves on the amount of CHIT they give our citizens.

Should you feel that you do not receive enough CHIT, please bring this to the attention of your MP, who has been trained to give you all the CHIT you can personally handle.

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P.S. - Due to recent budget cuts and the rising cost of electricity, gas and oil, as well as current market conditions; The Light at the End of the Tunnel has now been turned off.

*Updates to follow.

Lanny was in his back yard trying to launch a kite.

He threw the kite up in the air, the wind would catch it for a few seconds, then, it would come crashing back down to Earth.

He tried this a few more times with no success.

All the while, my wife, Deb, is watching from the kitchen window, muttering to herself how men need to be tutored on how to do most everything.

She opens the window and yelled out; 'Hey, you need a piece of tail.'

Lanny turned with a confused look on his face and yelled back, 'Make up your damn mind.'

Last night you told me to go fly a kite!

Back on January 1st, a group of Nashville, Tennessee bikers were riding down Highway 49 when they saw a girl about to jump off the Cumberland River Bridge.

So, naturally, they stopped.

Lion Head; their leader, a big burly man of 53, gets off his Harley, walks through a group of gawkers, past the State Trooper who was trying to talk her down off the railing, and says, "Hey Baby.....whatcha doin' up there on that railin'?"

She says tearfully, "I'm going to jump and commit suicide! (even though the fall would damn sure sting when she hit the water, it would not kill her). While Lion Head didn't want to appear "sensitive," he also didn't want to miss this "be-a-legend" opportunity either so he askedWell, before you jump, Sugar-Britches...why don't you give ole Lion Head here your best last kiss?"

So, with no hesitation at all, she leaned back over the railing and did just that ... and it was a long, deep, lingering kiss followed immediately by another even better one.

After they breathlessly finished, Lion Head gets a big thumbs-up approval from his biker-buddies, the onlookers, and even the State Trooper, and then says, "Wow! That was the best kiss I have ever had, Doll-Face! That's a real talent you're wasting, Sugar Britches. You could be famous if you rode with me. We'll call you the "Lioness". Why the hell are you committing suicide?"

"My lame-ass parents don't like me dressing up like a girl."

* It's still unclear today whether "Sugar Britches" jumped or was slightly pushed!

Of all the blonde jokes, this one has to be one of the best -- because it makes football make sense!

A guy took his blonde girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked it.

"Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents."

Dumbfounded, her boyfriend asked, "What do you mean?"

"Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was.....'Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!'

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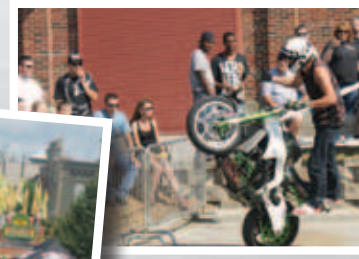
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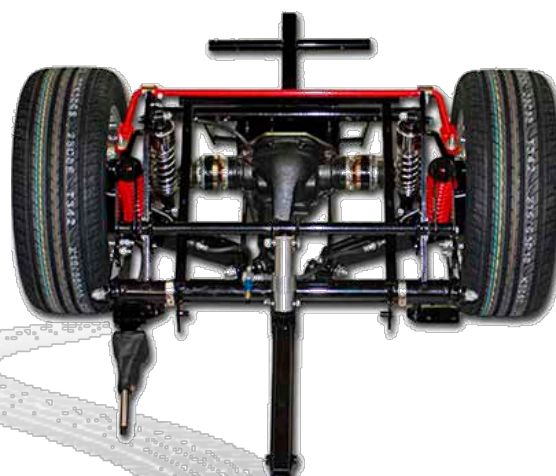
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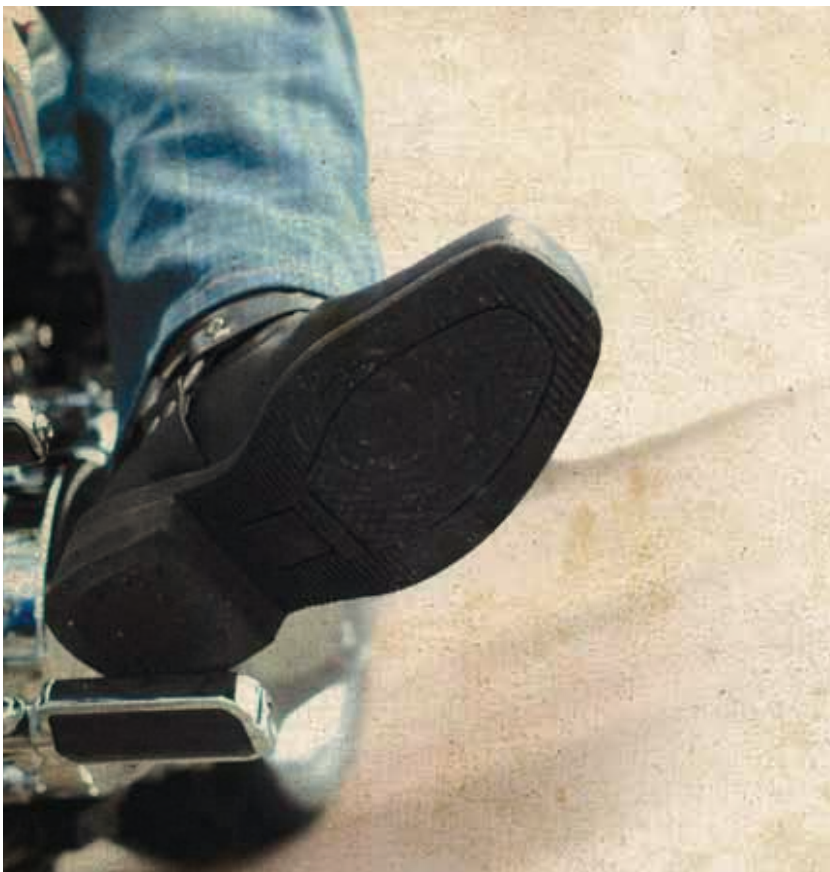
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The Way it Works
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 Once a Rider has registered at the stop - their Card number is then entered into the drawing for that stop. *Thunder Roads Michigan* will then select rider checks-ins randomly each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

Prizes are developed by both *Thunder Roads Michigan* and our sponsors - allowing for some exciting options. They may include stays at exciting stops, riding gear or accessories, gift certificates, cash, and even the opportunity to win a motorcycle!



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State and Stop Prizes
 Every month the *TRMI* staff will randomly select winners from the check-ins. Some prizes will be specific to the particular stop - and usually sponsored by that stop. For instance, a leather shop may award a custom leather vest to someone visiting their store during the month of June. That would be a prize specific to that stop and only riders checking in at that location would be eligible for that prize. Other prizes will be state wide, with everyone checking in at any location eligible to win!

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The Winners

If your check-in is drawn, **Thunder Roads Michigan** will post your card number both online and in the magazine. Riders will then have at least 45 days to "claim" their prizes. For state-wide prizes, winners will often have the opportunity to select from a number of prize options. For instance, a rider might have the option of winning a **Rally Package** that includes accommodations and extras for attending the particular Rally. If that rider isn't able to take advantage of that prize - they might opt for a **Premium Leather Jacket** instead.

- 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. The bonus criteria may be adjusted at some stops to accommodate riders or particulars of that stop. Specifics of each stop will be listed each month in Thunder Roads Michigan as part of the Stop Listing.

IT'S REALLY THAT SIMPLE!

1. Get your Michigan Ride Card.
2. Get the list of stops each month from your Thunder Roads Michigan Magazine's website (ThunderRoadsMichigan.com), or Facebook.
3. Ride out to these stops and show them your card.
4. And then you win cool prizes, including cold hard CASH!

The first step will be for riders to register for their **Thunder Roads Michigan Ride Cards**. A number of select locations will serve as Registration Centers. Riders can easily register at these points – free of charge. They will then receive their Ride Cards.

Thunder Roads Michigan will also be registering riders for Ride Cards at specific events throughout the year as we distribute magazines. Key events, such as Bikes on the Bricks or Bike Nights will have special booth for Ride Card registrations. In most cases, we will be offering special incentives both for those registering for the cards and those checking in with their previously issued cards at these stops.

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. In many cases, we will have specific prize drawings for those at these events.

The Ride Cards will allow participants to easily and safely check in at all stops. **Some Thunder Roads Michigan Sponsors will also be offering discounts** to readers that present the cards. **Thunder Roads Michigan** 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!**

One key aspect of the MTR is that we will be limiting the number of stops to a reasonable amount each month. We are NOT simply adding anyone willing to write a check. We will be considering stops recommended by our readers and editors, and we will only select those that offer a legitimate interest to riders – making them worth the ride to visit. We are not hosting the run as simply a means of supporting the magazine, but as a fun way to promote partners and cool destinations all across the state.

This is not simply a "Chinese fire drill" or mad-dash across the state. This is a Ride program. It is meant to be a means for readers to discover new riding destinations and enjoy the ride there. In fact, we have designed the program to encourage folks to break out of their local routes and trek to the furthest corners of the state.

Just Get Out and RIDE!



One of the really exciting aspects of the program is that the Michigan Thunder Run can be modified and added to throughout the summer – if not the entire year. We will be adding and dropping stops each month. Readers will be able to nominate stops, we'll investigate them, and if we agree that it's a suitable stop – they'll be invited to join the run. Some stops will only run a few months – and possibly not consecutive. A cool winery in Traverse City might be a stop early in the season, and then we bring them back during the harvest season! We can also modify the run if it turns out that something just isn't working.

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. Again this is not simply a sales tool for us or meant to subsidize the magazine! We have designed this run to entertain and challenge our readers – as well as promote our partners.

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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.

We also have a number of unique opportunities for branding - including being featured on contest motorcycles, jackets, shirts, and other opportunities. The exact number and nature of these options will be determined as details are finalized and as the promotion develops over the summer. Sponsors will ALWAYS have first priority in these placements.

Sponsors will also have the opportunity to team up with **Thunder Roads Michigan** to help promote various charity events across the state. The Michigan Thunder Run is a great vehicle to help promote non-profit events in communities all across the state. With the support of regional and state-wide sponsors – **Thunder Roads Michigan** can help promote these community events to a larger audience. **Thunder Roads Michigan** is involved in countless charitable events all across the state already – but with the support of our sponsors, we will be able to assist even more. Partners can assist in the sponsorship of specific events, areas of concern (such as breast cancer, child abuse, or animal shelters), or other specific areas.

For more information on sponsorship, please email us at MichiganThunderRunRide@gmail.com

Of course one of the key components in this whole program, second only to the riders themselves, is the stops. The **Thunder Roads Michigan** team has spent a lot of time collecting nominations and researching stops for the Run; but there are undoubtedly plenty of more stops out there. 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. If it's your place, we will get in touch shortly with more information on the run and what's involved. If you are recommending a spot for someone else – we will reach out to them and let them know they have been nominated. If you can suggest a contact person, that can help expedite the process. You can send information to MichiganThunderRunRide@gmail.com

The 2014 Michigan Thunder Run will begin in June, with all necessary information and additional details in each month's issue of **Thunder Roads Michigan**. We will also have a complete listing on our website – ThunderRoadsMichigan.com and our Facebook pages. We will include a listing of registration stops – including a wide variety of events in June; including Bike Nights, Bike Blessings, and rides.

The RIDE kicks off in June!

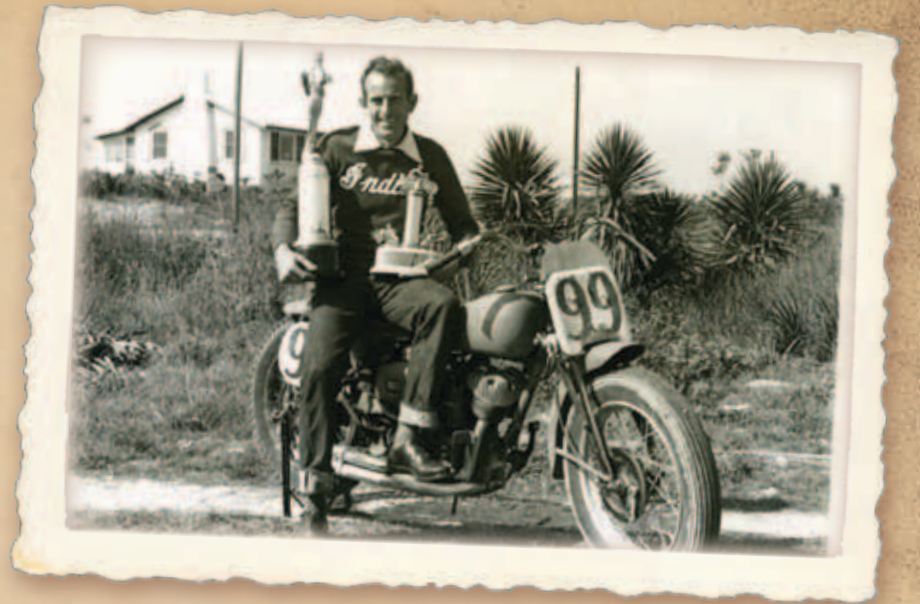
As we mentioned, this is a dynamic event – intended to be tweaked and developed over time. If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns – please don't hesitate to let us know. You can email us at MichiganThunderRunRide@gmail.com



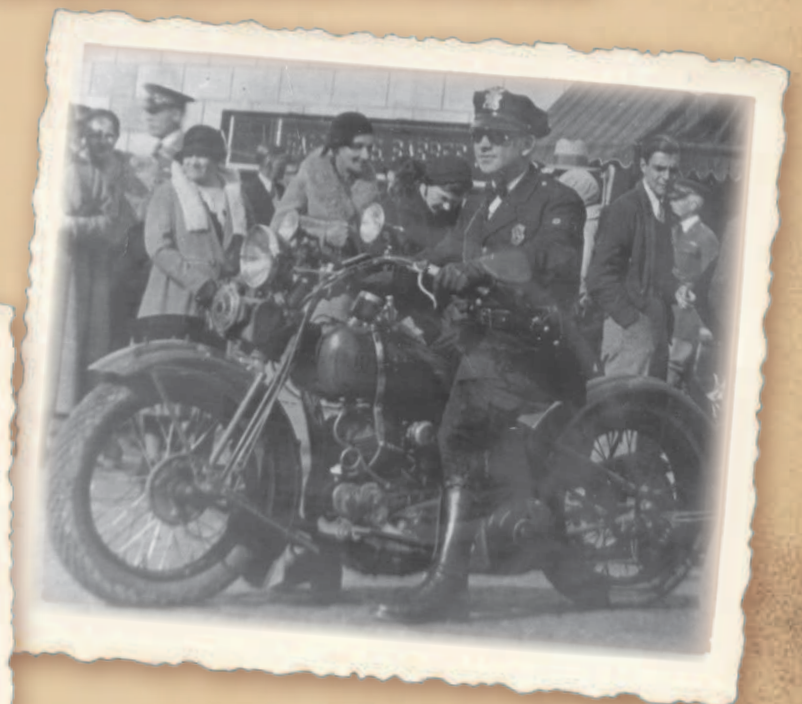
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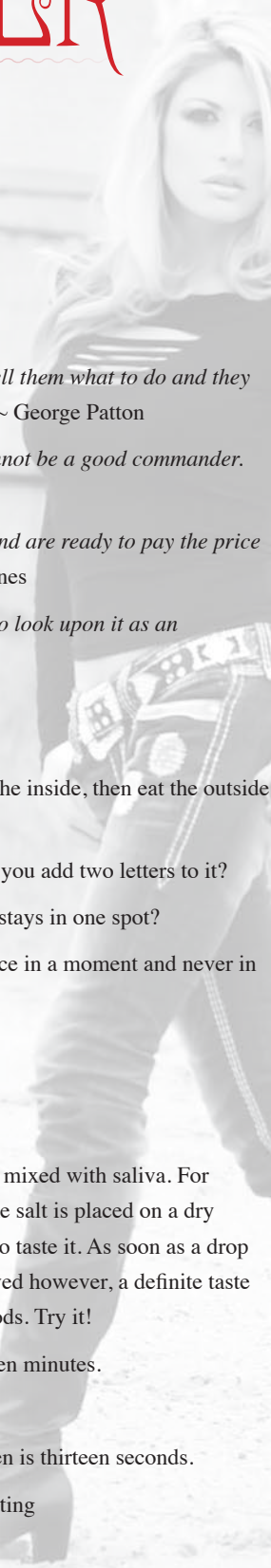
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One way to get the most out of life is to look upon it as an adventure. ~ William Feather

Riddles

A. Throw away the outside and cook the inside, then eat the outside and throw away the inside. What is it?

B. What word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?

C. What travels around the world but stays in one spot?

D. What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in one thousand years?

(Answers below)

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A person cannot taste food unless it is mixed with saliva. For example, if strong-tasting substance like salt is placed on a dry tongue, the taste buds will not be able to taste it. As soon as a drop of saliva is added and the salt is dissolved however, a definite taste sensation results. This is true for all foods. Try it!

The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

Starfish don't have brains.

The longest recorded flight of a chicken is thirteen seconds.

Snails can sleep for 3 years without eating

Answers: A). Corn on the cob B). Short C). A Stamp D). The letter M

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TECH TIPS **OLD GAS**

— Courtesy Thunder Roads OH

After one of the coldest winters on record, even some of the most hard core Midwest riders have left their bikes sitting for an extended period of time. "Sitting" is pretty much the worst thing possible for a motorcycle — especially if left unprepared for the lack of activity. In most cases, the biggest challenge will be your old fuel — if not properly treated with a stabilizer. While this has always been an issue — the standard use of Ethanol in our fuel makes things even worse.

Condensation can also build up in the tank and possibly get water in the gas and carburetor. This can especially be a problem if the tank was left less than full or if the temperature went up and down a lot over the winter. You should ALWAYS fill up your tank with treated fuel before storing or leaving your bike to sit. Of course, we don't always plan on leaving our rides parked for extended periods — so old fuel is often an issue we must consider.



As gas gets old, it breaks down and turns into a varnish form, the last thing you want to do is try to start the motorcycle, otherwise it will try to draw all that solid varnish material into the idle and main jets, and clog them up so bad that the motorcycle will hardly idle or won't even run until you clean them out.

It is almost impossible to empty all of the fuel from any engine system so there is always old fuel somewhere in any fuel system. Straight gasoline starts to deteriorate around 30-60 days and ethanol fuels break down even faster than straight gasoline. When gasoline breaks down leaving gum and varnish in fuel tanks, fuel lines, carburetors, etc. Ethanol is also a great cleaner of gums, varnishes, dirt and the rust that water in the fuel creates. That is why ethanol is used in almost every bottle of carb / injector cleaner on the market. So when you fill up your tank you introduce fresh ethanol to run through your fuel system and it will dissolve the deposits running all that crud through the engine's fuel system clogging fuel filters, injectors, and carburetors. Clogged fuel filters will drop fuel pressures telling the regulator to work the electric fuel pump harder to keep the fuel pressure up. This will burn out fuel pumps. Gummed up carburetors and fuel injectors all lead to poor performance and all of this leads to hefty repair bills. Considering you never really know how long the E10 sits at the refinery in a holding tank before it gets transported to the pump station to sit in the underground storage tank just to be purchased by you to sit in your tank before being burned in the engine, break down of the E10 gasohol fuel can be a real issue.

Pure gasoline does not absorb water but ethanol will. Ethanol is hydrophilic this means it pulls moisture from the air and bonds with it. In ideal conditions E10 gasohol will keep roughly .5% water by volume is suspended in gasoline. Our fuel tanks and fuel storage cans are hardly ideal conditions as they need to be vented allowing the ethanol to absorb more moisture from the atmosphere or in the form of condensation. Ethanol never truly bonds with gasoline molecules; it is a loose mixture at best so when the threshold of .5% water is exceeded or the E10 gasohol mixture cools off every night the water / ethanol solution falls out of suspension in the gasoline. Oil and gasoline float on water as they are lighter than water so the water / ethanol mixture will stay at the bottom of your fuel tank. The process of the water and ethanol separating from the gasoline and sinking to the bottom is called "Phase Separation". Phase Separation is a real

problem because the water from the bottom of the tank is sucked up and sent to the engine it causes a lean condition raising the engine temperature causing valve damage, carburetor, fuel lines and electronic fuel injection pumps pull fuel from the bottom of the tanks where the ethanol / water mix stays and water doesn't burn well in the engine leading to premature engine / fuel system corrosion and poor engine performance. It gets worse, ethanol and water mix in E10 gasoline is a breeding ground for microbes like bacteria and fungi which just adds to the corrosion and debris in your fuel system.

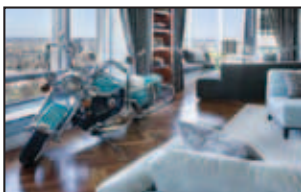
All of this means that you need to do something about your old gas. If you stored your bike without adding any fuel stabilizer to your gas, the first thing you want to do is drain the fuel into a safe container without any holes in the bottom so no fuel leaks out. Pull the hose off the petcock (fuel valve) and make sure fuel comes out. Drain each float bowl on each carburetor by opening the drain valve screw on the lower outer side of each carburetor float bowl. Make sure to inspect this fuel very carefully. If it smells like bad fuel, but doesn't have any rust or any solid varnish particles floating around. You're good to go. Check the condition of the fuel tank. If there isn't any debris in the tank. You can flush it out with fresh fuel and put some fresh fuel in it. Your old fuel can go into your cage (four wheeled vehicle) — if it doesn't have any debris in it. They are far less sensitive and it will mix in with the newer fuel in the larger tank. No need to waste it.

If the fuel looks OK, then put the fuel hose back on, turn the fuel valve on, and let some fuel run through the carburetors, and flush out the float bowls. Then turn the fuel valve off. Close all the drain valve screws on the floats and turn the fuel back on. Hopefully, no fuel will run out any of the hoses anymore. If it does, then you have dirt in the needle and seat portion of the float and you will have to pull the carburetors and clean them.

If you drain the tank and brown sediment flows out with the fuel you will have to pull the carburetors and have them cleaned and synchronized by your local mechanic.

To avoid these problems in the future, at the end of the riding season, make sure to top off the tank with fuel and add fuel stabilizer to it. With the proliferation of ethanol blended fuels — we strongly recommend regularly adding a fuel stabilizer or treatment to your tank.


No matter how comfortable you keep your bike over the winter — the fuel in the tank will break down.



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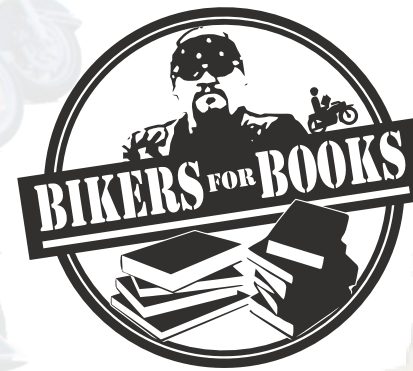
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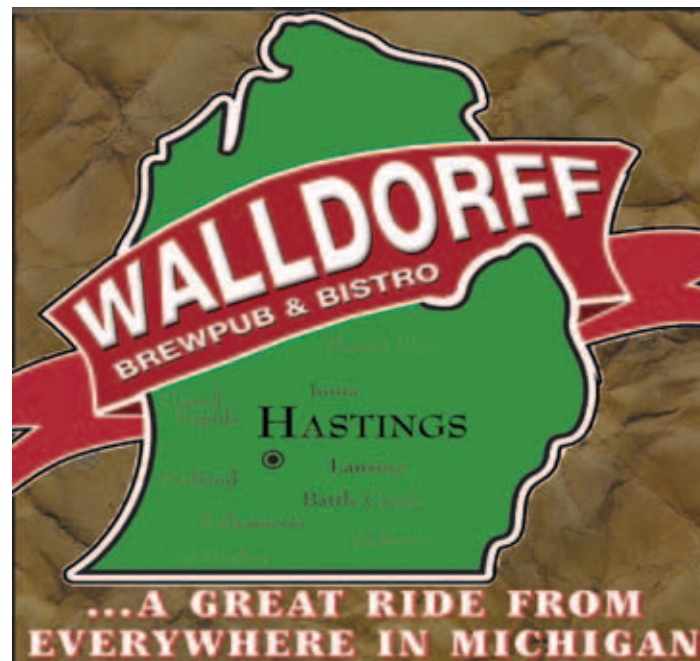


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As the youngest son of a living World War II veteran, I was brought up to know and love God, to love family, to love my country and to show respect and honor; specifically, respect for our military veterans. I was taught to stand up out of respect when our honored vets would walk by, carrying our flag held high, during our parades. So needless to say, May is a special month for me. It's not just because Rolling Thunder is on Memorial Day weekend. But, it's the honor and respect I see that so many have for our veterans of all wars and conflicts.

For me, this is all summed up in what Jesus said in **John 15:13** **"No one has greater love than this, that someone would lay down his life for his friends."** This is exactly what these national heroes have done... They volunteered to be in harm's way, even lay their lives down, for the rest of us Americans (their brothers and sisters), so that we could live free and be in peace while maintaining the cause of liberty and freedom globally. However, among our national heroes there are those that gave their all. A solemn walk along the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC will open your eyes to the fact that these are not just names on a wall but people that paid the ultimate price for our freedom. There is No greater love.

Proverbs 18:24 says **"...but there is a friend who stays closer than a brother."** Ya see, Jesus is that friend that sticks closer than a brother (He's got your back). He said He would never leave you or forsake you and He meant it. Much like our vets, Jesus laid down His life, not just for His countryman, but for all mankind, that we would have true freedom, liberty and victory over sin and death and be restored to God, our creator. In a way, Jesus, took the bullet (nails) that were meant for us so that we didn't have to.

This is **GOOD NEWS** for you today – that God loves you and made a way for you to be made righteous by sending His own Son (Christ Jesus) to die in your place, taking the penalty of your sin for you, once and for all. Will you take up this precious gift of God's love for you today? Will you show honor and respect for the King of Glory by receiving Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Ask The Lord to forgive you of all your sins and trespasses and to be your Lord and Savior. You won't regret it!

Veterans from all conflicts, we salute you this Memorial Day, we thank you and honor you for your service and sacrifice. May God Bless you and keep you all. Welcome home!

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2014 HARLEY-DAVIDSON® *Dyna Low Rider*



For a mid-season 2014 release, Harley-Davidson returned to the same place it unveiled the original icon in 1977 – Daytona Beach. More than forty years ago, Harley-Davidson introduced the world to the Dyna Low Rider – one of its first “factory customs” that offered up a pallet for customization and unique expression. It’s low seat height also offered new options for those not previously comfortable on many of the big v-twins.

It’s been five years since Harley-Davidson offered the Low Rider, and it’s clear that during that time some thought has gone into its recreation. While the bike lives up to its name – with a seat height of only 25.4 inches; there’s a lot more to it. At its launch, the H-D Project leader talked about how the Harley Engineers went beyond simple feet on the ground comfort – progressing to full-body ergonomics and factors that effect confidence and control while riding. With a wide range of adjustable factors, Harley claims that the bike can easily accommodate riders from 5 foot 1 to 6 foot 1 without any outside modifications. From removable bolsters on the seat to easily adjustable handlebars and risers; the bike is designed to uniquely fit a wide range of riders while still appearing stock.

Beyond the creative fitment options; this is just a cool, old school Dyna that begs to be taken out and let loose. It has a nostalgic feel to it that makes this new incarnation an instant classic.

Highlights:

PREMIUM CUSTOM STYLE

From wheel to wheel, the all-new Low Rider® model is a low riding feast for the eyes, loaded with high-end finishes as it holds true to the heritage of all the Low Rider® motorcycles that have rolled down the streets of the world before it. From the 70’s inspired seat to the chunky mag wheels to the true, sculpted beauty and finish on its 103 cubic inch V-Twin engine, this is premium Harley-Davidson custom style to the bone. So even though you’re riding low, you’re doing it in high style.

PERFECT FIT ERGONOMICS

Whether you’re 5’1” or 6’1”, thanks to perfect fit ergonomics, you can dial the new Low Rider® motorcycle in to fit you like a motorcycle glove. H-D® developed perfect fit through an innovative look at how riders fit on a motorcycle using both simulation and actual rider studies. The result is a unique handlebar riser that provides 6cm of movement fore and aft and an innovative, yet simple, seat design, which allows you to select from two riding positions that offer an additional 3.8cm of adjustment fore and aft. This is pure Harley-Davidson steel tailored to your body.

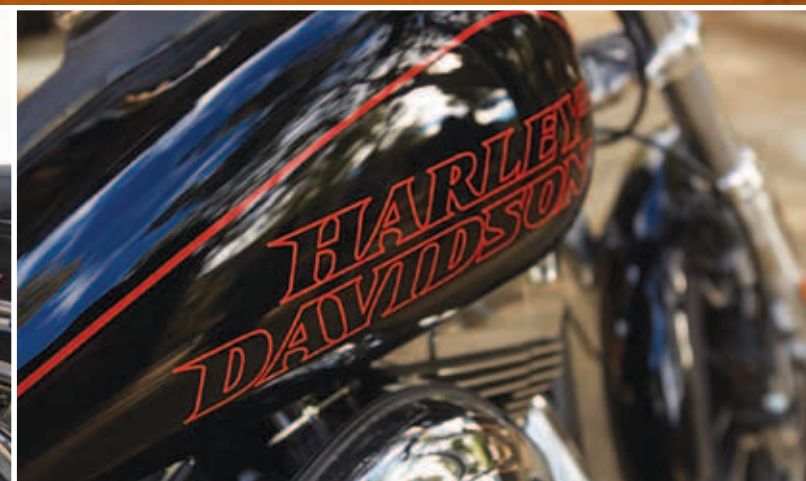
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The Legend of the Bell

Many years ago, on a cold December night, a crusty old biker was returning from a trip to Mexico with his saddlebags filled with toys and other assorted trinkets for the kids at a group home near where he worked. As he rode along that night, he thought about how lucky he had been in life, having a loving riding partner that understood his need to roam the highways and to his trusty old pan that hadn't let him down once in the many years they had shared the road together.

Well, about 40 miles north of the border, in the high desert, lurked a small group of notorious little critters known as road gremlins. You know, the ones who always leave little obstacles like, one shoe, boards, and pieces of old tires on the road, and also dig those dreaded potholes for bikers to run over and crash, thus giving the road gremlins a chance to rejoice over their acts of evil.

Well, as the lone wolf of a biker rounded a curve that moonlit night, the gremlins ambushed him, causing him to crash to the asphalt and skid before coming to a stop next to one of his saddlebags that had broken free. As he lay there, unable to move, the road gremlins made their way towards him. Well, this biker, not being one to give up, started throwing things at the gremlins as they approached him. Finally, with nothing else to throw but a bell, he started ringing it in hopes to scare off the dirty little gremlins.

About a half a mile away, camped in the desert, were two bikers sitting around the campfire talking about their day's ride, and the freedom of the wind blowing in their faces as they rode across this vast country. In the stillness of the night air they heard what sounded to them like church bells ringing, and upon investigating, found the old biker lying along the roadside with the gremlins about to get him. Needless to say, being part of the biker brotherhood, they proceeded to ward off the gremlins until the last ran off into the night.

Being grateful to the two bikers, the old road dog offered to pay them for their help, but as all true bikers do, they refused to accept any type of payment from him. Not being one to let a good deed go unnoticed, the old biker cut two pieces of leather

from his saddlebags tassels and tied a bell to each one. He then placed them on each of the biker's motorcycles, as near to the ground as possible. The tired, old road warrior then told the two travelers that with those bells placed on their bikes, they would be protected from the road gremlins and that if ever in trouble, just ring the bell and a fellow biker will come to their aid.

So, whenever you see a biker with a bell, you know that he has been blessed with the most important thing in life—friendship from a fellow biker.

THE PURPOSE OF THE BELL

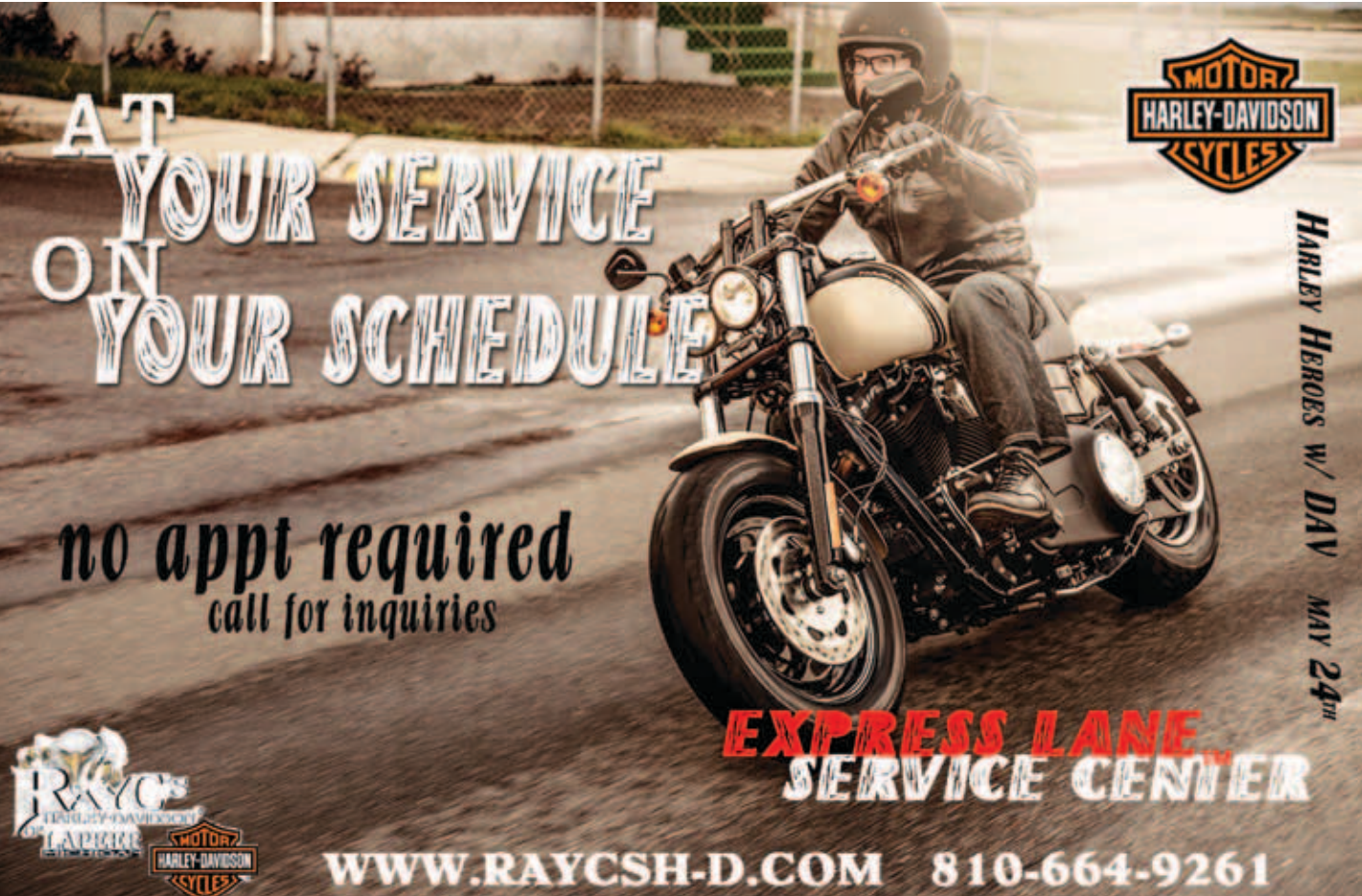
Many of us have heard the story about Evil Road Spirits. They are little gremlins that live on your bike. They love to ride, and they're also responsible for most of your bike's problems. Sometimes your turn signals refuse to work; your battery goes dead, the clutch needs adjustment, or any of several hundred things that can go wrong. These problems are caused by Evil Road Spirits. Evil Road Spirits can't live in the presence of the bell, because they get trapped in the hollow of the bell. Among other things, their hearing is supersensitive, so the constant ringing of the bell and the confined space drives them insane. They lose their grip and eventually fall to the roadway. Have you ever wondered how potholes are formed? The bell has served its purpose.

If you pick up a Bell of your own, the magic will work, but if your bell is given to you, the power is doubled, and you know that somewhere you have a special friend helping to look after you. So, if you have a friend who doesn't have a bell, why not give them one? It's a nice feeling for the recipient to know you care. The bell, plus a good preventive maintenance program by the bike's owner, will help eliminate Evil Road Spirits.

POLISHING THE BELL

It has been a tradition among some of us for a long time to attach a brass bell to our left swing arm, to remember our brothers and sisters who have gone down riding. It's a small thing, but the reason a brass bell is chosen is that, as we ride, it gets dirty and tarnished. Every time we get down washing and polishing it, we are reminded of friends lost, and our thoughts turn to the meaning of being in the wind. As we ride and hear the bell ring, we know that our brothers and sisters are riding with us, and how easy it would be to join them with a single mistake. And maybe, just maybe, the next time a situation comes up; they will be there to help us...as long as we remember them by polishing the bell.

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MAY

May 2-3
Jokerfest
Fireman's Park, Clio, MI. \$5 pp includes weekend pass & primitive camping, motorcycle rodeo games, live bands & 2 day scavenger hunt with prizes. Proceeds in part to Clio Fire Fighters, Inc.

May 3
"MOSES" Bib Bash
9979 S 8 Mile Rd, Vogel Center, MI. 11am-1pm. Wear your BIB OVERALLS in Kevin's memory, hot dogs, donuts, cotton candy & frolic! 50/50 drawing & prizes. Donations to Museum greatly appreciated. Ride to follow weather permitting. Not a ride event can come by car, truck, motorcycle, etc. For more info go to www.museumofmoses.com or call 231-825-2219

May 3
4th Annual Awareness Run
Fireman's Park 3016 Lewis Ave, Ida, MI. \$10 pp, includes dinner, live band, run, blessing of bikes, ride from noon-3pm. For more info contact Mark 734-777-7530 or Ann 734-790-7927

May 3
Blessing of the Bikes
Axemen MC founding chapter 8480, South St. Detroit, MI. Noon open, blessing at 1pm, all bikes welcome.

May 3
Open House
Custom Connection Motorsports/C4 Choppers, Battle Creek, MI. 9 am- 3 pm, food & prizes. For more info go to www.c4choppers.com or call (269) 288-0160

May 3
3rd Annual Rohde's Rebels Benefit Run
Walled Lake Eagles, Walled Lake, MI. Regis 9:30 am- 11:30 am, \$20 driver, \$15 passenger, 10:30 first bike out. Cars welcome. In honor of Tom Rohde benefiting ALS. For more info contact Bill 248-722-2930 or email hamgravy@comcast.net

May 3-4 ****PLEASE NOTE:
SHOW CANCELLED****West Michigan Motorcycle & ORV Show
28th Street Showplace, Wyoming, MI. Sat 10 am- 8pm, Sun 11 am- 4 pm. For more info or vendor space call Russ 616-261-5664 or email wizbizpromos@yahoo.com

May 3-4
WEA Sportsman Series
Grattan Raceway Park, Belding, MI. For more info call 770-720-5010

May 3-4
Thunder Across the Thumb
Thumb Motorcycle Chrome, Caro, MI. Bike show on the 3rd, \$10 regis from noon-1:30pm, free chili & hot dogs while they last & prizes. Police escorted ride on the 4th, line up 11am at Caro Municipal Airport, free hot drinks & donuts. For more info go to www.thumbmotorcyclechrome.net or call Talonda 989-673-2750

May 4
Walneck Motorcycle Swap Meet & Show
Monroe County Fairgrounds, Monroe, MI. \$6 admis. 8 am- 3 pm. For more info go to www.walneckswap.com

May 4
15th Annual Church of the Living Word's Blessing of the Bikers
Ovid, MI. Arrival 9:30-10:30, service 10:30-11:30, hog roast 11:30, \$5 all you can eat, noon bike show, blessing at 1:30 pm, charity ride at 2 pm & live music. More info www.cotlw.org or call 989-834-5950

May 4
Bikers for Books Golf Outing Event
Centennial Acres Golf Course, Sunfield, MI. For more info go to www.bikerforbooks.com or call Badge 517-862-7960 (See ad this issue).

May 4
Muskegon Motorcycle Club Spring Run
Mt. Garfield 5803 Lake Harbor rd., Muskegon, MI. Gates open 8 am. For more info go to www.muskegonmotorcycleclub.com

May 7
Estrogen Extravaganza
Shiawassee HD, Birch Run, MI. 6:30-8:30 pm, ladies only event, special vendors, new products, refreshments & prizes. Reservation required. For more info go to www.shiawasseeharley-davidson.com (See ad this issue).

May 9-11
Demo Days
Motorcity Motorcycles, 1765 S. Telegraph Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI. 9 am-6 pm Friday & Saturday, and 11-4 Sunday (one time open on Sunday- normally closed). For more info call 248-920-2000 or go to www.motorcitymotorcycles.com

May 9-18
Myrtle Beach Bike Week

May 10
Blessing of the Bikes
Tecumseh HD, Tecumseh, MI. For times & details call 517-423-333 (See full page inside front cover this issue).

May 10
14th Annual Jackson Blessing of the Bikes
1st Church of the Nazarene, Jackson, MI. Noon, with Blessing at 1:30 PM. Door prizes, food, donation drawing, music, ride-in bike

show (\$5 to enter), Michigan Veterans Traveling Wall on display. ALL bikes, bikers, clubs, and general public invited. NO attitudes or alcohol allowed. For more info call Gary at 517-531-3481 or 517-782-7084

May 10
Coldwater Swap Meet
Branch County Fairgrounds, Coldwater, MI. 8am-4pm, vendors, contests, cruise party down Main Street & bike blessing. For more info call 517-278-5367 or go to www.coldwaterswap-meetandcarshow.com

May 10
Blessing of the Bikes & Poker Run
Washington Life Center, Marine City, MI. Regis 10-11 am, blessing at 11 am, ride returns at 4pm, \$20 per bike, \$10 per addtl hand/passenger, prizes, auctions & refreshments. Benefits council on aging. For more info call 810-765-3523 or email events.wic@gmail.com

May 10
2nd Annual Allegan Blessing of the Bikes & Classic Cars
110 N. Cedar Street, Allegan, MI. 8 am- 2pm, \$5 gate fee, Pig Roast, Games, and Music by Clearwater, Vendors, Proceeds to help the Following Charities. For more info call Bob "Ace" 269-806-3883 or email Knightsnbikes-michigan@gmail.com

May 10
1st Annual HIM Hogs in Ministry Bike Blessing
Retail Warehouse, Sturgis, MI. Regis 9:30-11:30 am, blessing at 11:30 am, ride after at 12:30, free donuts & coffee. For more info contact Roger via email at vandam@maplenet.net

May 10
Blessing of the Bikers and "Ride for a Reason"
Hot Rod HD, Muskegon MI. 10:00am - noon, complimentary bagels/coffee from Brooklyn Bagels, live music by "Malachi". Charity ride at noon to benefit Muskegon Pregnancy Services, suggested donation of \$10/bike (all proceeds go directly to MPS). For more info contact us at Blessed Bikers on Facebook.

May 10
Open House
ABC HD, Waterford, MI. In-store poker run, demo rides, contests & live music. For more info go to www.abcharleydavidson.com (See full page ad this issue).

May 10
5th Annual Bob Seger Birthday Bash
Wonderland Lanes, Commerce, MI. \$25 includes: bowling, darts, arcade, buffet dinner & entertainment by Detroit's Bob Seger Tribute Band- Lookin' Back. For more info & ticket info go to www.tributetoseger.com

May 11
Mother's Day Swap Meet and Ride in Bike Show
Midland Co Fairgrounds, Midland, MI. Event is 11 am-4 pm, Sign up for bike show is 11:00-1:00. Only \$5.00 admission. For Info & vendor spots call 989-697-5525 or email bubba@bubbastricitycycle.com

May 15-18
5th Annual Blessing of the Bikes- formerly known as Camp Ally
Camp Ally Misty Moon Recreation Area in Bitely, MI. Day passes available, live concerts, burn outs, games & more. \$30 pp for wkend in advance or \$35 at gate. Day passes \$10. For more info call or text Rod 231-343-2549 or call Rick 231-773-7202

May 16
14th Annual Pride Ride
UAW Local 652, 426 Clare St, Lansing, MI. cost free, police escorted ride & show. Regis 8 - 9 am. Line up 9:30am, ride begins 10am sharp. Raffles, vendors, commemorative T-Shirt order deadline 4/15/14, for questions/regist forms or to order contact Barb atbaroercco@aol.com or Linda 517- 694-7914

May 16-18
42nd Annual Blessing of Bikes Festival
South MI 37 Hwy, Baldwin, MI. Vendors, camping, gates open at 9 am. \$5 per bike. For more info go to www.paragonspromotion.com

May 16-18
2nd annual Blessing Breakfast
Old Iron Bar & Grill, Grant, MI. 8am each morning blessing weekend. For more info call 231-834-5388 (See ad this issue).

May 17
Lake Shore Riders Spring Run
560 7th Street, Baldwin, MI. 9:30 am meet, kickstands up at 10 am. Free to public, live music, \$10 camping pp. for more info call Brandon 616-217-1286

May 17
5th Annual National Armed Forces Day Freedom Ride
American Legion Hall, Flint, MI. Police escorted ride leaves at 4pm, ride to Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Mott Lake, food, vendors, bands, raffles & cash bar. For more info call 810-845-7610

May 17
3rd Annual Great Lakes Burn Camp Challenge
City Parking Lot, Jackson, MI. Regis at 11 am, \$10 pp, prizes, food & fun. For more info call Gary 517-262-0896 or email spankyncarol@juno.com (See full page ad this issue).

May 17
Tribesmen M/C "Back Road Bash"
914 Garfield Rd, Fostoria, MI. Noon- it ends, \$10 admis, \$15 couple on bike, free vendor space with paid admis, Primitive camping available, live music, DJ, bike show, NOT a BYOB event. For more info call Buddha 586-784-8813

May 17
Rest in Peace Run- ABATE Region 7
Evergreen Park, Van Dyke Rd (M-53) (9 miles North of M-46), Cass City, MI. Starts at noon, donations accepted to pay for R.I.P Memorial. For more info call Butch 989-295-3080

May 17
6th Annual Biker Blessing followed by The Matthew Brotherton Memorial Cancer Ride
Merriman Rd Baptist Church, Garden City, MI. Regis 9am, blessing at Noon w/ the ride to follow, free food, bike wash, music, bike show & vendors. For more info go to www.mrbcfairriders.webs.com (See ad this issue).

May 17
30th Annual Charity Golf Classic Presented by Stevens' Cycle
Green Hills Golf Course, Pinconning, MI. 8 am shotgun start, 18 hole, 4 person scramble, \$90 pp, \$360 per team- includes refreshments on course & golf cart. Dinner after golf, prizes & more. For more info & to register contact Amanda or Lori at 989-684-9872

May 17
Open House
Sandy's HD, Fremont, MI. 9 am- 3 pm. American Flag Ceremony noon, Red Cross Blood Drive 10:15- 2:45, free pizza after 1 pm. For more info go to www.sandyharley-davidson.com (See add this issue).

May 17
40th Annual Hobo Dinner
Ghost Park, 1329 Glen Hill Hwy, Clayton, MI. Food, vendors, 2 bands, stage show, poker run, 50/50 & camping- tents only. For more info call Trent 517-815-4834

May 17
Cause for Paws 3rd Annual Poker Run
American Legion Post 274, 300 S. State, AuSable Twp, MI. Regis 10 am- 11 am, kickstands up at 11:30. Ride ends at American Legion Post 274 at 4pm.

May 17
Blessing of the Bikes
Shiawassee HD, Birch Run, MI. 1 pm. For more info go to www.shiawasseeharley-davidson.com (See ad this issue).

May 17-18
Open House & Demo Days
Shiawassee HD, Birch Run, MI. Try before you buy, demo rides all weekend. For more info go to www.shiawasseeharley-davidson.com (See ad this issue).

May 18
Bikers for Boobies Observation Run
ABC HD, Waterford, MI. Regis 11-noon, \$10 per rider, all proceeds go to Breast Cancer Research. For more info go to www.abcharleydavidson.com (See full page ad this issue).

May 18
5th Annual Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet & Vintage Motorcycle Show
St. Joseph County Fairgrounds, Centreville, MI. 9 am- 4 pm, \$5 each or 16 & under free, show open to all pre-1986 motorcycles. Historic ride Saturday night. For more info or vendor spots call Russ 269-254-3793 or Dave 269-599-2938 or go to www.wolverineamca.com

May 24
Harley Heros
Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. For more info go to www.raycsh-d.com or call 810-664-9261 (See ad this issue).

May 24
10th Annual Dillinger Ride
The Inn Between Saloon, Port Hope, MI. Rain or Shine, regis 11 am- noon, kickstands up at noon, \$15 pp, \$25 couple, dinner, dancing, prizes & more. All proceeds go to hospice, all bikes, cars & trucks welcome. For more info find us on Facebook

May 24-25
Bubba's Memorial Day Weekend Classic
Bubba's Tri City Cycle, Linwood, MI.
24th Charity Bike Show, 25th Charity Poker Run
Sign up for both events both days is 10-1 and donation of \$10
Bike raffle at 5:30 on 25th. 2 days of bikes, music, food, friendship & charity fundraising. All proceeds benefit Camp Fishtales. For info 989-697-5525 or email bubba@bubbastricity-cycle.com

May 25
15th Annual Amble Motorcycle Group Charity Ride
Amble Roadhouse, Main St, Amble MI. Regis 10am- noon, kickstands up noon sharp, \$15 driver, \$10 passenger includes ride, 5 pm pig roast, live music- 2 bands: Jimmie Stagger Blues Band & Thundering Heart, raffles, vendor spots available. No minors, camping available. For more info call Tracy 616-218-0810

May 25
Coleman Veterans Memorial "United By Sacrifice" Concert Event
Downtown Coleman, MI. Gates open at noon, featuring Molly Hatchet & other great bands. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the gate. Kids 8 & under free w paid adult, rib cook-off, beer, food & more. For tickets go to www.coleman-veteransmemorial.org or more info contact Jim at 989-205-1269

May 25
Poker Run for Veterans
American Legion Post 49, South Haven, MI. Regis 10-noon, kickstands up at 12:15 sharp, \$10 includes poker hand & dinner. For more info call Susie 616-836-6478 (See ad this issue).

May 25
26th Annual Spring Valpo-Fest Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet
County Expo Center, Valparaiso, IN. 9am- 4 pm, \$8 adults, 12 & under free & free for ladies who ride their bikes. For more info go to www.paragonspromotion.com (See ad this issue).

May 27
3rd Annual Cause for Paws Poker Run.
American Legion Hall Post 274, AuSable Twp, MI. A scenic ride to benefit the Iosco County Animal Shelter. \$10 bike, \$5 rider. Regis 10 am-11 am. Last bike in at Post 274 at 4 pm. Food & prizes. For more info contact Crazy at 989-820-5703.

May 30- June 8
Ohio Bike Week
Sandusky, OH. Live entertainment on multiple stages all 10 days, bike show, stunt shows, daily rides, vendors & more. (See 2 page spread this issue).

May 31
Annual Miller Run
Our annual poker-style charity leaves from the wells. Regis Town & Country HD, Cement City, MI. For more info call 517-547-3333 (See Town & County HD/ Tecumseh HD full page inside front cover this issue).

May 31
Open House
Capitol HD, Dimondale, MI. 10 am- 3pm. Free food, live music & test rides. For more info go to www.capitolhd.com or call 517-646-2345

May 31
Swap Meet
Wolverine HD, Clinton Township, MI. Call to reserve your spot 586-463-7700. Go to www.wolverinehd.com for more info (See full page ad this issue).

JUNE

June 1
Blessed in Hell- The Blessing of the Bikes
Hell Creek Ranch, Pinckney, MI. Gates open 10:30 am, \$10 per bike, bike show, live band, vendors, contests & more. For more info call Cody 313-407-4671 or Dave 734-834-7694

June 1
Biker Blessing & Group Ride
First Reformed Church of Portage, Portage, MI. Regis. 11:00 am – noon, blessing at noon, ride leaves at 12:30 PM. Free lunch after the ride back at First Reformed Church. All bikers welcome! For more info call 269-327-3694 or email firstchurch@frcportage.org

June 7
Women's Run at T & C
Town & Country HD, Cement City, MI. Ladies only. Proceeds benefit breast cancer research. For more info call 517-547-3333 (See full page ad inside front cover).

June 7
16th Annual Chick Run Association RIDE
Dwight Lydell Park, Comstock Park, MI. All women motorcycle run, sign up 8:45am - 9:45am, leaves 10 am sharp, \$15 per rider. For more info call Deb 616-822-5749 or go to www.chickrunassociation.com

June 7
Project Red, White & Blue 4th Annual Charity Ride sponsored by Boondox Motorsports
American Legion Post 102, Rockford, MI. Regis at 9 am, kickstands up at 11 am, \$20 rider, \$30 with passenger. Supports our local Hero's & Vets. For more info go to www.projectrwb.us (See ad this issue).

June 7
2nd Annual Anything Goes Auto Show
Sault Sainte Marie, MI. Show for bikes, cars & trucks. 10 am- 4 pm. For more info call 906-203-8107

June 7
4th Annual Bikers Against Breast Cancer Headlight Run
Teazers Bar & Grill, Grand Rapids, MI. Regis 10am-11:30am, ride departs at noon sharp. \$20pp includes dinner & a chance to win a 2 night stay in Mackinaw City at the Lamplighters Motel, 5-8 after ride party. For more info contact Steve Melton 616-890-4082, Terri Tyler 616-914-0211 (See add this issue).

June 7
Open House & Charity Poker Run
Gildner's HD, West Branch, MI. For local claws & paws, food, discounts & more. For details go to www.gildnershd.com (See ad this issue).

June 7
American Legion Post #29 Poker Run
3200 Lansing Ave, Jackson, MI. Regis begins at 11 am, first bike out noon, last bike in 5 pm. \$15 pp, cars welcome, cash prizes for top two hands. camping avail. 50/50, food following ride. All proceeds go to veterans charities.

June 8
State Park Motorcycle Run
Draw a card from at least 5 different state park locations then play your hand to win. Rain Date: June 15th. \$5 Recreation passport required to enter state parks. For map or more info go to www.michigan.gov/dnr/calendar after April 1st.

June 8
19th Annual Vintage Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet
Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI. 8 am- 6pm, \$10 pp, children 11 & under free, vintage sidcar rides, demo rides, demos, museum & more. For more info contact Vicki via email at v.van@mei.net or call 269-671-5089

June 8
John Rodick Memorial Observation Run
Jet Lounge, 401 N. Groesbeck Hwy, Mt. Clemens, MI. 11 am check-in, back to post at 6 pm, \$15 per poker hand, rain or shine, all bikes & cars welcome. For more info call Mike 586-610-9812 or call Tim at 586-808-2580 or email director@americanlegionriders4mi.com

June 12
6th Annual Wheels & Heels
Midland Street, Bay City, MI. Only ladies ride-in bike show & fundraiser, music, trophies & more.

June 12-14
26th Annual Sandy Corley Memorial Run
Double JJ Resort, Rothbury, MI. Live entertainment, auctions, prizes, primitive camping & much more. Get your tickets early and save. For more info call 231-924-3020 or email hotadstrm@yahoo.com (See cover & full page ad this issue).

June 14
Harleyfest
Freedom Hill, Sterling Heights, MI. 10 am, featuring Jesse James Dupree of Jackyl and in concert, meet & greet & more. For more info go to www.freedomhill.net (See full page ad this issue).

June 14
4th Annual Cops on a Run Benefit for MLEOM
2233 Burdette St, Ferndale, MI. Regis. 8 am, kickstands up 10 am, police escorted, \$25 rider, \$25 passenger & \$20 after party. For more info call 313-930-3853 or go to www.copsonarun.com

June 14
Central Lake's "Show off your Ride" Classic Car , Motorcycle, Truck & Show in memory of Alan Childs.
Central Lake Chamber Cabin 2587 N. M-88 Hwy, Central Lake, MI. \$5 Early regis before June 7th, \$10 day of show, regis at 8 am. Show begins at 10 am. For more info call Nick at (231) 676-3495 or for vendor space call Patty 231-676-4457 or go to towntown.central-lake.com

June 14
Habitat for Humanity Blessing of the Bikers
Downtown Saint Johns, MI. 9:30 regis for bike show. Bikers games, 50/50, noon blessing and 12:30 charity ride. For more info call 989-227-1771

June 14
Real Steel Weekend & 17th Annual Blessing of the Bikers
Detroit World Outreach, Redford, MI. Bike show, blessing & ride. For more info go to www.dwo.org or Facebook RealSteel Weekend (See ad this issue).

June 14-15
AHRMA Road Racing- Grattan Raceway
Grattan Raceway, Belding, MI. For more info call 616-691-7221

June 14-22
Laconia Motorcycle Week

June 19
Thunder Thursdays
First Merit Bank Event Park, Saginaw, MI. (Across from the Dow Event Center). Summer concert series with live music. \$5 riders parking in venue, \$8 general public. More info to come (See ad this issue).

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June 19-22
Throttle Fest
Toyota Park, 7000 S. Harlem Ave, Chicago, IL. Saturday 7 am Support Our Troops Ride, Saturday night Jackyl night, and Sunday 9 am Ride For Dime Motorcycle Run. For more info go to www.throttlefest-chicago.com (See add this issue).

June 20-22
5th Annual Thunder at the River
Manistee, MI. Event honors our US Military. Bike show, vendors, beer, Hooter girl bike wash, great food & more. For more info call John 231-477-5162 or go to www.thunderattheriver.com (See ad this issue).

June 20-22
10th Annual Ray C's Rodeo
Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. For more info go to www.raycsh-d.com or call 810-664-9261 (See full ad this issue).

June 21
Women's Garage Party at T & C
Town & Country HD, Cement City, MI. Ladies only event for new and soon to be riders. For more info call 517-547-3333 (See full page ad inside front cover).

June 21
2nd Annual Ride to Remember in Memory of Mike & Melissa Jucius
Lapeer VFW post 4139, Lapeer, MI. Regis. 10am-Noon, approx. 100 mile ride with 4 stops, \$10 pp includes dinner. Proceeds to local charities. For more info call Tim 810-358-8342

June 21
Nozzleman
Brighton HD, Brighton, MI. Regis 10:30-noon, \$20 bike, \$30 w rider. For more info go to www.nozzlemenmc.com (See full page ad this issue).

June 21
Michigan Military Memorial Wall Ride
Centershot Gun Range, Dorr, MI. Regis 8 am- 10 am, kickstands up at 10 am, gun raffles, live auction, bike show & much more! \$25 per rider, \$15 passenger. \$15 non-riders. Come honor & pay respect to Michigan's Fallen Heros. For more info contact Chad 616-502-3199 or Janet 616-502-3068 (See ad this issue).

June 21
Walk for Cornerstone
Detroit Zoo, Detoit, MI. Begins at 8:30am, \$20 per walker, free parking & zoo admin, rain or shine. 100% proceeds benefits Kids attending Cornerstone Schools. For more info go to cornerstoneschools.org or call 1-800-343-0951

June 21
Bikers Fighting Blindness Poker Run
Estey Moose Lodge, Rhodes, MI. Regis 10:30 am – noon, \$15 pp includes dinner, prizes, free

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June 27-29
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June 29
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June 29
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July 9
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July 9-14
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July 11-12
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July 12
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July 12
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July 12-13
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July 17-20
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July 19
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LOOK FOR MOTORCYCLES

May was Motorcycle Awareness month. Then the government decided to change it to Motorcycle Safety Awareness month. Can't seem to ever leave well enough alone can they?

Anyway, time to get the signs out at excellent locations where cagers will be reminded to LOOK FOR MOTORCYCLES. ABATE of Michigan eliminated the whole May is whatever thing and focused solely on the message to, "watch out for motorcycles" this year. We have signs available for \$10 non-members and \$8 members that are designed to get the message out all summer long. See your local Abate Region Coordinator.

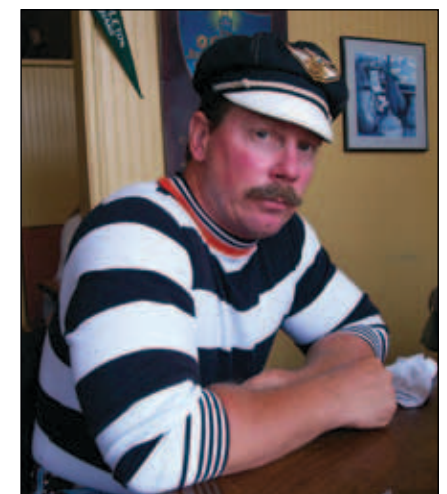
We have some other great ideas around the state that make an impact on motorcycle awareness also. In Grand Rapids Region 8 initiated a deal with the public transportation system to have Watch For Motorcycle signs on the backs of their busses. Excellent idea. Near and dear to my heart is our Region 21 Summer of Awareness Radio PSA program. We have 10 Public Service Announcements played 10 times a day on two of Mid Michigan's most popular radios stations. We record them ourselves and have a great time doing it. I can't say how many times over the years people say "I heard you on the radio"!

Our riders course trainers have already taught over 400 people how to ride and got them on the track to a cycle endorsement. We have dozens of Abate events already planned all across the state this summer. These events are all volunteer events that raise money FOR BIKERS IN MICHIGAN to have legislative representation in Lansing.

Speaking of legislation, we have been busy this last winter and with spring here you might appreciate a few accomplishments that we worked on that are beneficial to motorcyclists. HB 4781 should be completely passed by now, this reduces the number of Temporary permits obtainable, so as to ensure people get an endorsement. HB 4265 Passed. Allows motorcyclists to run a red light after two cycles when their motorcycle won't trigger the light. HB 5191 Passed. Allows choice on a helmet for ORV use on own property. HB 5211 Passed. Allows motorcyclists to sue for motorcycle damage up to \$1000, which was not allowed prior. HB 5438 Passed. Requires Drivers training classes to include Motorcycle Awareness. HB 4630 Dead. This bill would have raised license plate fees for motorcycles dramatically. HB 4763 Dead. This bill would have allowed tickets to be written based on Camera data.

Add to that our efforts in Washington to fight against Motorcycle Only Checkpoints, a National Federal Helmet law, and posturing for Mandatory High Visibility Clothing. The oversized, over funded, need to justify their existence, federal safety agencies just keep coming back with another attack on our freedoms and lifestyle.

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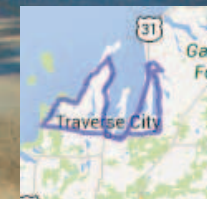


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From Northport ride south, still on M-22, to Leland which is on the west side of the peninsula, with Lake Michigan on your right and Lake Leelanau to your left. Continue south out of Leland on M-22 to Glen Arbor. From Glen Arbor, be sure to continue west to historic Glen Haven. Then turn left to head south on M-109. M-109 will take you past the Sleeping Bear Dunes; it will also take you to Empire and back to M-72 east back to TC. Continue north on US-31 through Acme to M-88 east in Eastport, which will take you back to Central Lake.

by Mark Douglas





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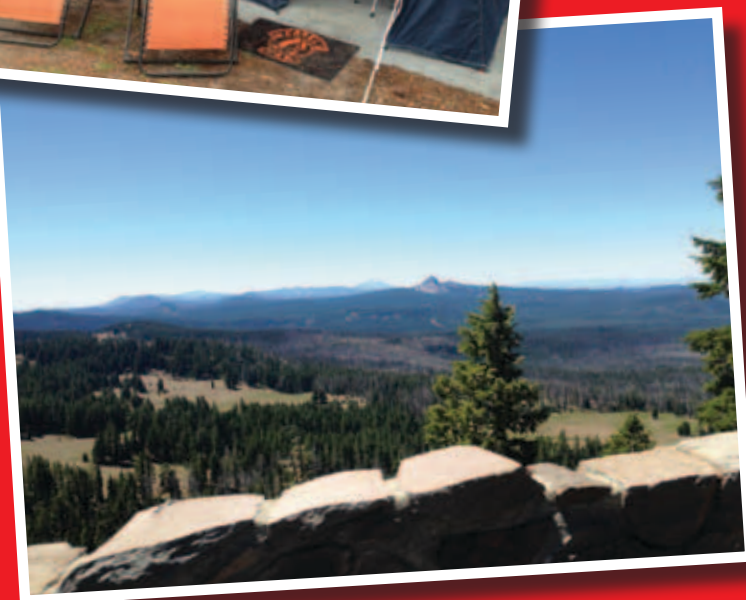
by Rebel Ron – Courtesy Thunder Roads TN

I've been riding street bikes around Franklin since 1976 & I've been working at S & G Custom Cycles in Columbia for 12 years along with doing business with the 40 year old bike shop since 1981. I've seen & done many

wild things in this time period along with meeting some fascinating people. Let me tell you about two of them.

Riders in the Middle Tenn. area may recognize these two Chapel Hill residents who both ride with the orange colors of the Weasles motorcycle group, aka a "Drinking Club." Here are "Pleazr" & "Jawz" Wiedel, two people who have lived the dream in 2013. That dream being a 19,000 mile motorcycle ride crisscrossing America from May 1st to Labor Day.

Early last year Jawz lost his job because of downsizing & soon after his wife was laid off from her job. After careful consideration & several adult beverages they decided to make that two wheeling trip they had dreamed of that many of us have on our Bucket List. While enjoying the beaches of Panama City they made the decision to go for it. They had no certain itinerary, no deadlines, some vague plans, & family/friends all across America they had not seen in a while. They traveled with their comfortable & well accessorized Bunkhouse Camper with a faithful GPS along with the determination to travel America away from the Interstates. (Less than 3K



miles of this trip were on Interstates.)

They toured some War Between The States battlefields on the way out of Tenn. & Miss., visited Pleazr's Mom in Ft. Smith, Ark., attended a Weasel party in the Ozarks, & cruised by their son's home in Kansas City. They would ride further on to see too many places to list here but they made it to the Grand Canyon, saw the World's Largest Ball of Twine, climbed Pike's Peak, partied at the Hollister Bike Rally, another Weasel party in Portland, crossed the Rocky Mountains a couple of times, went to Harley's 110 anniversary, & more in 24 states before heading to Sturgis Bike rally. (I asked them what was the best place they visited & both answered Crater Lake, OR. Very beautiful there!)

During this months' long bike ride they camped out 3/4 of the time along with staying with friends & checking in motels too. They had no problems with either of the Harley's & only needed maintenance & tires. Incredibly they



were only rained on 3 times & snowed on once on this long journey. The most miles they rode in one day was 740. Some of the more exciting things they had to deal with in their path were mud slides, major fires, a plane crash, wild animals, & some rough back roads. But the thing to remember is that they lived the dream so many of us riders have longed to do. Cruise the

back roads of America like the Sportster riding Bronson from that old TV series. More importantly the Wiedel's learned what "Freedom" is truly about in our country. It is sacred.

Finally, Jawz must be living right because when he finally came home a company from Jacksboro, Tenn. that makes travel trailers for bikes was looking for him about a job. He is now the new Product Development Manager at Bushtech Bunkhouse.

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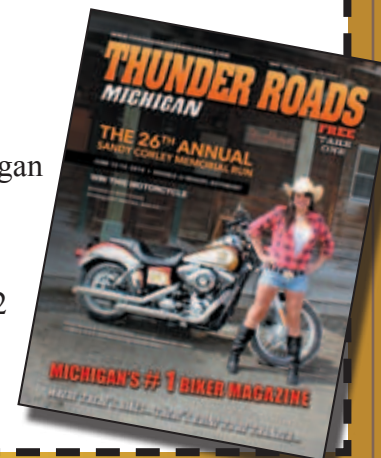
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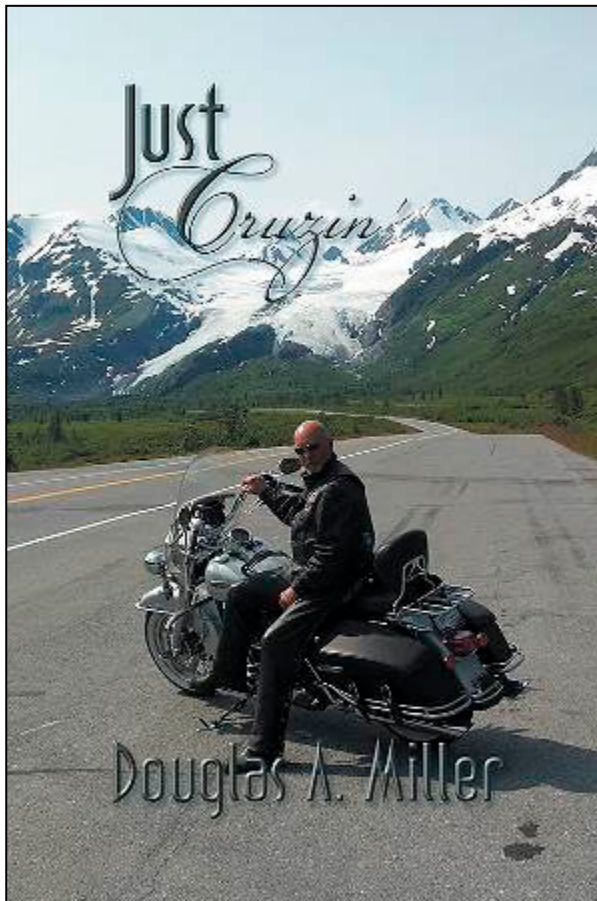
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About the Author: Douglas A. Miller didn't plan to write a book, but was encouraged by people who followed his adventure and heard his story. He has lived most of his life in Southwest Michigan, where he now resides in semi-retirement following a career in nursing.



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Street Glides

ride harsh and that's being nice about it! Harley Davidson used their lower air shocks on the bike and they simply are a horrible riding shock, heck even the Ultra Glide shock is not all that great with the extra 1" of ride height. BUT, I have finally found a rear shock that will ride perfect for all Harleys (including trikes). You really have to try HARD to bottom out with full bags and 500+ pounds of riders on board ... even with a lower ride height if you choose! Too good to be true? ... Nope, they are a coil shock made by Terry Cable. Terry will build 'em just for your riding type and load with a huge amount of adjustability too if things change. Still not convinced, well ask Will Barclay the two time winner of the Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge riding over 10,000 miles straight with no hotels, no stopping for restaurants and almost no rest on a Harley Ultra Glide with Terry's rear shocks and front suspension upgrades. When you order them from your local shop tell them as much info as you can so Terry can have them already set for you. Of course, there is a crap load of adjustment available on these so if you would like a softer or firmer ride you can easily adjust to your liking. BONUS they are made in the USA!



Terry Cable Shocks- You will receive two shocks pre-adjusted and an adjusting tool (if you have a bagger you will also get the two air line plugs).

Easy to install, take off your bags if you have them, place a towel over your exhaust just in case something goes wrong and you drop something. Then remove the airline by pulling the top red tab up and wiggling the airline out and inserting the stainless air feed plug supplied with the kit so the shock won't loose air. Do this on both sides first, if you are not using a jack, so the shocks don't collapse. Personally, I like using a flat jack so I know nothing is going to fall or collapse, it makes it easier to line things up. Take the bottom bolt out first and then remove the top bolt, holding the shock in your hand to make sure it does not fall and scratch your exhaust. Then install it all in the reverse order one side at a time. You will be done in about 30 minutes or so!



Air line on original shock



Air line plug in original shock so it won't compress



Old shock and new shock, the shocks are at the same angle I just didn't take the picture from the same angle ... Sorry



I have unscrewed and raised the chrome cover to show you just how huge of a ride adjustment you have!

Now I would like to address the front forks and the lack of maintenance done on them. I believe you should change out your fluid every 20K; this can be quite a chore if you have an ultra or road glide which came with a left fork cartridge system 2002-2005 (NOT Road King). To do the oil change on this fork system you need to take the front left fork off to service it, what I like to do is switch out the innards to the old style or use the newer style cartridge emulator or dampening valve that Harley starting putting in the 2006 and newer that made them work like a cartridge style shock but made them easier to service and work much better.



The top spring is the cartridge style and the bottom is the Traditional style

A non-Harley service manual trick to change fork fluid on most other Harley model forks including both forks on the 2001 and older style fairing bikes and the right fork on the 2002-2005 fairing bikes and both forks on 2006 and newer style fairing model Harleys is as follows. Pull the ground wire off battery, take out the ignition switch by inserting the key and turning the switch to the accessory position then push up on a small tab under the switch and rotate the switch till it stops and pull up on the housing removing it, watching out for the spring under the switch because it may fall out. There is a nut below that with a metal and plastic spacer that you will have to remove. Then remove the plastic cover unplugging the wiring harness from it, this will gain you access to the top fork nut. You will have to spend about \$20 or so for a special socket to remove it without damaging your bike, Yup I have done without using this tool but it is soooooo easy with the correct tool!



Top fork nut after plastic cover is removed

After the top nut is removed take out the bottom drain plug. Tip – use a hand impact driver to take out the drain plug, it is in there tight and you can strip out the phillips head if you're not careful. Drain out the fork oil and measure how much comes out; you should get about 10oz or so after compressing the forks a few times.



Hand impact driver

When putting the new fluid back in the 2006 and newer bikes (Tip- ALWAYS use a new fork drain bolt and sealing washer) ONLY put about half of the fluid back in, put the top cap on then slowly compress the forks up and down, this will allow the fluid to get by the dampening valve. Pull the top cap back off and slowly dump the rest of the fork fluid in, put fork top cap back on, tighten and compress the forks a few times again.

For the 2002-2005 fairing model guys, you have a choice to make, however all of them include taking at least the left fork off the bike like the picture below. One choice is to follow Harley Davidsons service procedure and service the cartridge like the instruct then do this again in 20K miles. The second choice is you could buy the innards from a non-cartridge style FL fork system and install them into the left leg and discard the cartridge. YES the lower legs or "sliders" are the same inside on the cartridge and non-cartridge forks, then the next service interval you can do the service the easy way. With this choice you may get some fork dive due to no cartridge in the left fork but I have not heard any complaints from people doing this (you can always use heavier weight fluid to get a stiffer ride). Third choice is to get the innards from a 2006 and newer fairing Harley and change both sides out to the updated dampening valve system and have your cake and eat it too.

HUGE thank you to Richard Wityk from Ohio for taking the time to hand write me a letter describing his dealership fun fuel problem ... Turns out they said he had a bad baffle in the fuel filter on his injected 2007 Harley Deuce that would shift and shut off the fuel, similar problem we talked about a few articles ago with the fuel line pinhole on injected bikes, it would run great then starve for fuel and shut off, then coast to a stop try it again and the bike would run fine ... sorry you had a problem on the road Richard L but glad it is all fixed and you are up and riding J. Tip- always replace both fuel lines and the filter if you suspect this problem.

Hope you are all riding and having a great time brothers and sisters!

Need more help? Stop in and say hello!

God Bless you all
Steve



2005 Ultra with the left fork off for servicing ... FUN!



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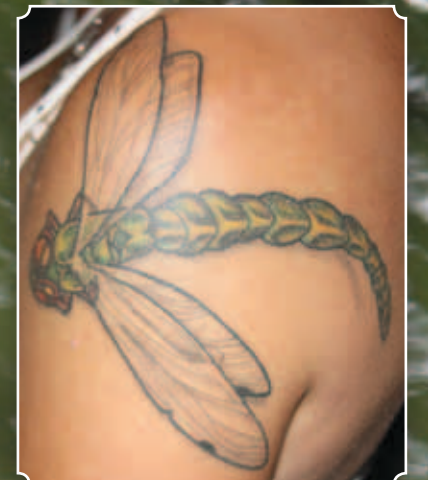
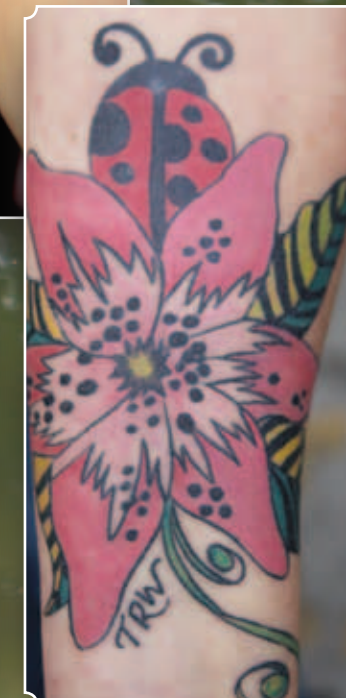
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MOM'S DAY TREAT.....BREAKFAST IN BED CORNFLAKE CRUSTED FRENCH TOAST

3 Large Eggs
1 Cup of Half & Half
3 Tbls. of Sugar or Baking Splenda
1 Tbl. of Cinnamon
1/2 tsp. Real Vanilla
4 Very thick slices of Challah or Brioche Bread; a hearty, heavy-duty bread. Sliced about 1" thick (4) feeds 2, for extra people, double or triple recipe
3 Cups of Plain Cornflakes; crushed very slightly
1 Cup of Slivered Almonds (or chopped)
Combine eggs, 1/2 & 1/2, sugar, cinnamon, and Vanilla in flat pie crust dish and whisk up thoroughly.
Combine cornflakes and almonds in another dish.
Over medium heat, in a pre-heated skillet, add about 1/4 stick of butter.
Add pieces of your bread one at a time and let each side soak up mix, but not get soggy. Transfer to skillet. Do all pieces quickly so they'll be done at the same time. Flip when you peek and they're a golden brown.

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2 Bananas; sliced to your desired thickness
2 Tbls. of Butter
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"VET'S CHOICE" PARMESAN CRUSTED CHICKEN

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1/2 Cup of Real Parmesan Cheese (Buy a brick at the Deli counter and use a box grater) REAL Parmesan makes all the difference in the world.
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1 Flat, Shallow Pie dish halfway filled with Italian Seasoned Bread Crumbs
Salt & Pepper your bread crumbs thoroughly

Lay chicken out in a 9x13 glass baking dish and submerge in Buttermilk for at least 1 hour. Shake off excess & pat dry. Combine Mayo with real Parmesan cheese in a flat, pie crust dish. Dredge chicken through mixture and get in there with your hands and make sure it gets coated really well. Now, take each piece over to the bread crumbs dish and thoroughly coat each side. Pat down to make sure it really adheres. Place on an elevated rack and just let sit for approx. 15 minutes. Place on flat pan sprayed with butter spray or a silt cover. Bake at 425 for 20 minutes until deep, rich golden brown. Let rest 5 minutes. OMG! Sprinkle more Parmesan on them fresh out of the oven and a drizzle of lime or lemon (your preference) juice on each. Delicious

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1 Tub (8 oz.) Cool Whip Topping
Make care per directions, adding in the coconut, milk and dry coconut pudding mix. Pour into prepared sprayed pans. Cook, then cool for 10 minutes. Remove from pans and cool totally.
Next, beat dry vanilla pudding mix, sugar and remaining milk in large bowl with whisk. This will be thick. Stir in Cool Whip. Refrigerate until ready to put cake together. Put down a cake doily and one cake, cut a straight line to off if too rounded to make it flat. Frost all over top, sprinkle good with coconut, then add 2nd layer and frost that baby all over. Sprinkle coconut all over top and kinda' throw it onto sides and then press some too. Mom will LOVE this & you!

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I field a lot of questions from bikers, especially when they see my Sporty parked outside the shop, and one of the most common is, "Can I open carry on my bike?" The legal answer is, though it may be visible, it is legally considered concealed, because you are operating a motor vehicle. You may carry it unloaded, in a locked case, with ammo separate from the gun, reasonably out of reach within your saddlebags, and then there are still a lot of laws you must know! You may not possess it on the premises of anywhere that sells beer, wine, or liquor – that includes the parking lot! I recommend obtaining your CPL, and then you don't have to worry about that particular issue (with the exception of bars), and you may have your loaded gun on you, concealed or not! There are several steps you must take, and it will cost you about \$200-\$300, but it's absolutely worthwhile if you want to ride and have your firearm with you.

STEP ONE: Be a resident.

I know this may sound silly, but not all states require residency to issue a concealed weapons permit. Michigan does. You must be a resident of the State of Michigan for at least six months prior to applying for your Concealed Pistol License (CPL), though this may be waived if you hold a current license from your prior state of residency.

STEP TWO: Know your background.

In order to obtain a license to carry concealed, you must undergo a background check by the State of Michigan, in order to prove that you have behaved in a lawful and responsible manner in the past. Before you proceed to step three, you should read the application to verify that you meet all the requirements.

STEP THREE: Take a class.

The State of Michigan has explicit requirements that CPL classes must meet in order to be valid. Be sure that you are enrolling in a class that will give you a solid education, because otherwise

you are cheating yourself, and ignorance of the law is not an excuse that will work in a courtroom, should you ever find yourself there. Prices will vary a bit from instructor to instructor, but I'd be wary of anyone charging less than \$100 for their class. Some instructors charge more, but Wolverine is one shop of many who charge \$100. The CPL class offered at our shop will start you at the basics of firearm safety, and take you through everything you need to know in order to carry concealed in the State of Michigan. You will be shooting on the range, and we will work with you until you feel comfortable. We want you to be safe out there! You will be issued a certificate upon completion of the class, and from there you move to...

STEP FOUR: Apply at the county clerk.

You will take your certificate and government issued identification down to the county clerk, where it will be processed. Some counties require that you bring in a passport quality photograph and a fingerprints card, while others will take your picture and fingerprints at the time of application. You will then pay your processing fee to the county, and from there you simply wait. Your permit will arrive in the mail within three months, though I know some counties are processing applications within only a few weeks!

If you have more questions about obtaining your CPL, feel free to come down to the shop and pick our brains. There are several certified instructors on staff, and any one of us would be more than happy to help!

More information regarding firearms law, the application process, and detailed requirements for obtaining a CPL can be found online by going to www.michigan.gov/msp and clicking on the "Firearms" tab on the left side of the page.

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