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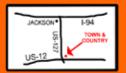




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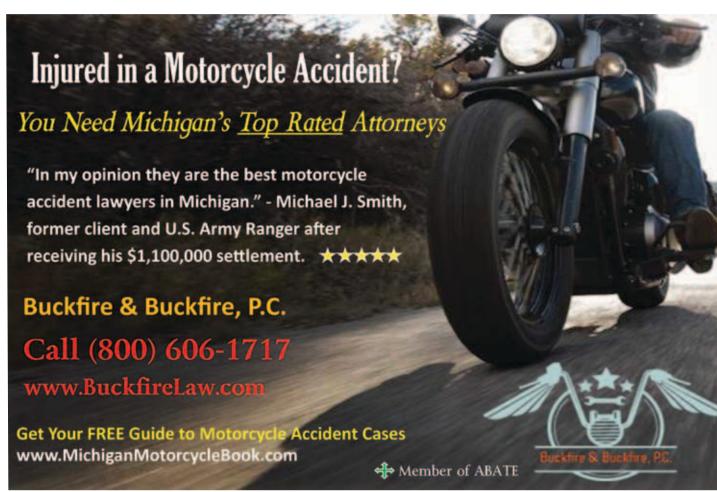


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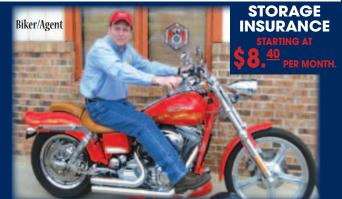
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It's that time of the year to plan your fall color tour rides; visit your favorite cider mill for some doughnuts and cider; then check-in with your Ride Card one last month to win some great prizes! As I write this I am looking back on our quick summer in amazement that it's already fall and soon we will be enduring another Michigan winter... with that said next issue we will be thinking about winterizing our bikes and the holidays! But for now, let's savor each day we can and get

In this issue, we are taking a look at some amazing body art done by some very talented tattoo artists. We have a special feature on the infamous Corey Miller and hope you enjoy this month's factory feature on the Indian Roadmaster. Also, we have a couple of northern Michigan routes mapped out for you to take on your fall color tour. There's something for everyone to enjoy and especially to know where to go with the events calendar and be sure to look at each ad as well for some end of the season bike nights.

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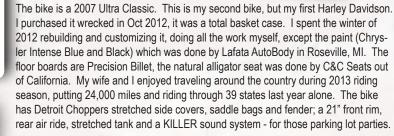


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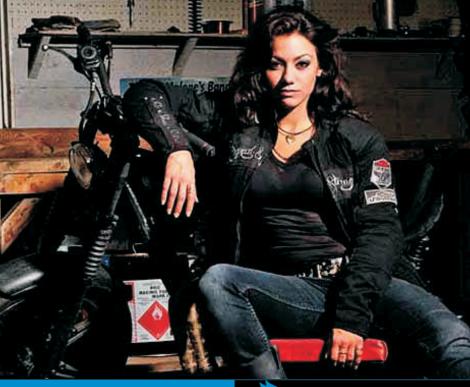
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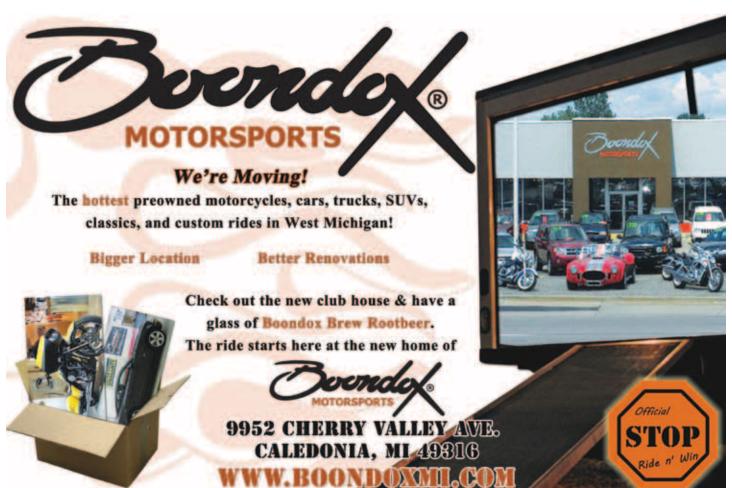


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Man, it constantly amazes me what they are able to do with prosthetics for our war injured.

iPod touch used to control war veteran's prosthetic hand is stolen

Normally a story about a stolen iPod touch wouldn't be worthy of major news coverage. That changes, however, when the iPod touch in question is used to control its war veteran owner's prosthetic hand. The iPod touch belongs to Afghanistan vet Staff Sqt. Ben Eberle, 27, who lost both his right hand and two legs in a bomb explosion three years ago while on a tour of duty. The device features an app called i-limb, which allows Eberle to use his prosthetic hand. The iPod was stolen after Eberle's truck was broken into.

"[Getting a new prosthetic hand and iPod configured to work together] takes a long time." Eberle told the San Antonio Express-News. "It's tedious and it's a lot of work with the hand itself."

Although the iPod touch costs only around \$240, police have said that the thieves could be charged with felony theft between \$20,000 and \$100,000 in this instance.

Hopefully this incident is resolved as quickly as possible. "I believe that we owe guys like this a lot more than this sort of treatment, as a society," San Antonio Police Department spokesman Sgt. Javier Salazar has said.

Divers find resting place for World War II sailors, Marines in Java Sea

Navy divers from the U.S. and Indonesia confirmed that a sunken vessel in the Java Sea is the World War II wreck of the USS Houston, a cruiser sunk by the Japanese that serves as the final resting place for about 700 sailors and Marines, officials announced

The Japanese sank the Houston during the Battle of Sunda Strait on Feb. 28, 1942. The ship carried 1,068 crewmen, but only 291 sailors and Marines survived both the attack and being prisoners of war. The Houston's commanding officer, Capt. Albert H. Rooks, posthumously received the Medal of Honor for extraordinary hero-

U.S. Pacific Fleet commander Adm. Harry Harris said Monday that divers have documented evidence the watery gravesite has been disturbed. Assessments conducted in June to determine the condition of the Houston found that hull rivets, a metal plate and unexploded ordnance were removed from the ship. There is also oil actively seeping from the hull. Officials are working on measures to keep the site from further disturbance.

The Houston was nicknamed the "The Galloping Ghost of the Java Coast." Resting off the west coast of Java, Indonesia, the ship, which remains sovereign property of the U.S., is a popular recreational dive site, the Navy said.

The Navy estimates there are more than 17,000 sunken ships and aircraft resting on the ocean floor worldwide.

Monroe County veteran's court gives second chance

Justin Taft, an Army veteran who fought in the Iraqi War, stood before a Monroe judge who sentenced him to a year in jail for assaulting a paramedic.

But Taft, 33, won't have to spend any time in a cell if he successfully completes counseling and other requirements, such as avoiding additional legal issues and alcohol.

He is the first client of Veteran's Treatment Court in Monroe County, a program designed to help treat veterans who get into trouble with the law, according to the Monroe News

"Our purpose here is to rehabilitate," First District Judge Terrence Bronson told Taft. "It's not a punishment court. We're here to help you if you are willing to do this."

"Yes, sir," Taft responded quietly yet firmly.

With that recent initial hearing, Veteran's Treatment Court officially began here. Held once a month in Judge Bronson's courtroom, the court is designed to identify eligible veterans who have committed crimes and try to get them the help they need instead of putting them in iail.

"There are a lot of people who experienced trauma and nothing or very little had been done about it," Bronson said. "Sometimes that trauma leads to encounters with the law. Do you punish that person or do you want to rehabilitate them? The bottom line is we want to try to treat it."

Veteran's Treatment Court involves many individuals from a variety of organizations, including circuit and district court probation, therapists, physicians, members of Veterans Affairs and law enforcement officials.

Local police, prosecutors and Jail Administrator Maj. Troy Goodnough work together to create a plan that will recognize veterans and see if they are willing to participate. Most of those who qualify have committed crimes like drunken driving, assault or other misdemeanors, but even some who committed lower level felonies could qualify.

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The Motorcycle Lawyer on THE LAW A Review of Michigan's Helmet Law

I get a lot of questions about Michigan's helmet law. It's been two-and-a-half years since the current law was enacted, but many people still aren't clear about how the law applies to them. This seems like the perfect time to revisit Michigan's helmet law, including a bit of background information, and a review of how it affects Michigan operators and their passengers, as well as out-of-state motorcy-clists. Obviously, this article can't get into the specific details of the law, and every case is different. If you have questions about Michigan's helmet law or any other motorcycle-related legal questions, contact me directly.

Michigan's helmet law was enacted by Governor Rick Snyder in April of 2012, and not without some controversy. Opponents of the new law presented statistics that helmetless riders are more likely to suffer from a severe head injury than riders who wear a helmet. These injuries could increase medical costs to both the government and insurance companies, and allowing riders to ride without a helmet could cause a spike in insurance rates.

On the other hand, supporters of the law felt that being able to choose whether to ride with or without a helmet is an issue of freedom; that riders should be able to make an informed choice and not have their actions dictated by the government. Proponents also pointed out that nearby states including Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, and Wisconsin had already repealed their mandatory helmet laws. They argued that Michigan was missing out on tourist dollars, as riders from these other states would avoid coming here if it meant wearing a helmet to ride.

The law affects motorcycle operators and passengers a little differently. A motorcycle rider can legally ride without a helmet as long as they are at least 21 years old; have at least \$20,000 of first-party medical benefits coverage; and have had their motorcycle endorsement (CY) for at least two years, or passed a Certified Rider Training program in order to get their CY endorsement. Of course, it goes without saying that you have to have insurance on your motorcycle; that's a prerequisite for legal riding with or without a helmet. Michigan motorcyclists can now wear vanity helmets if they want to, provided they meet all the above criteria for riding without a helmet.

A passenger who wants to ride on a motorcycle without a helmet must be at least 21 years old and must be covered for at least \$20,000 in first-party medical benefits, either through their own motorcycle insurance policy or the motorcycle operator's policy. In other words, there needs to be \$20,000 in first-party medical coverage for each person on the bike riding without a helmet. VA, Medicare, or other health insurance policies do not satisfy the requirement for \$20,000 in first-party medical coverage if you want to ride without a helmet; the coverage needs to be part of your motorcycle insurance policy. Your best bet is to contact an insurance agent who

specializes in motorcycle policies; dealing directly with an agent will help you ensure you get all the coverage you need.

Motorcyclists from out of state are subject to the same rules as those of us who are from Michigan: they must be at least 21 years or older; must have a motorcycle license or endorsement from their home state; and they must have either had their license or endorsement for at least two years, or passed a certified rider training course in order to get their license or endorsement. However, out-of-state riders do not need to carry the \$20,000 in first-party medical coverage, as long as they ride here for a total of 30 days or fewer within the calendar year (MCL 500.3102).

One question I get asked a lot is whether or not the police can pull over a motorcyclist for riding without a helmet. Since the law clearly states that, as long as you meet certain criteria, riding without a helmet is legal, the answer is no. According Michigan State Police Update #95, officers must have "articulable and reasonable suspicion that a violation of the Michigan vehicle code has occurred" if they are going to pull over a motorcyclist.

Like I said, there is no way to get into all the nuance and exceptions to Michigan's voluntary helmet law in a single article, but I hope that readers will understand the basics of the law and ride safely and legally. You can always contact our office with your specific questions if you want to learn more about Michigan's helmet law.

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Myron Greenberg, a wealthy L.A. businessman received a letter of Audit from the IRS. It really upsets him and he called his Accountant, Saul Meyers.

Myron (pleading): "Saul, what are they doing to me? Why are they doing this to me?"

Saul (calming): "Myron, don't worry about it. I've got all the receipts, the account is up to date, it's no problem. But let me give you a bit of advice. When you go to the Audit, make a bad impression.

Wear the crummiest, dirtiest clothes you've got. Have holes in your shoes, ripped pants and look shabby. I mean really look terrible, because if they have a little sympathy, they'll go easy on you."

Then Myron called his Lawyer, Charlie Steinberg.

His Lawyer said: "Myron, it's no problem, I'm sure they got the receipts, I'm sure everything is up to date, you've got a great Accountant, don't worry about it. Let me give you a tip. When you go

to the Audit, it's very important that you make a good impression. Wear your best suit, and your shirt with a silk tie and cuff links and shine your shoes, look like somebody. Because if you look like a "somebody", they respect you, and will go easy on you."

And now he's torn. And that night he bumped into his Rabbi at the Deli. And Myron told the Rabbi his dilemma.

Rabbi: "Myron, it reminds me of sometimes when I perform a wedding. The bride's father will tell his daughter that on her wedding night to wear a nightgown with a high collar and long sleeves and a full-length robe...cover up, you know, be a little demure. And the mother says, 'Don't be silly. Wear a low cut "negligee" with the cleavage sticking out -- look a little sexy'... and, Myron, I will say to you just like I say to the bride on her wedding night; it makes no difference what you wear, you're gonna' get f***ed.

I saw a Fortune Teller the other day.

She told me I would come into some money.

Last night I banged a girl named Penny.

Is that spooky or what? Whoa, dude.

Three vampires walk into a bar.

The waitress comes up to them and asks them what they'll have.? The first vampire says, (Transylvanian accent required) "I'll have a glass of O Positive." The second vampire says, "I'll have a glass of O Negative." The third vampire says, "I'm the designated driver. I'll just have a glass of plasma."

The waitress turns toward the bartender and yells, "Gimme' two bloods and one blood lite!"

(written by kids; who always tell it like it is)

1. HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she

should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming - Dennis, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with - Terri, age 10

2. WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then - Beth, age 10

3. HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids - Kelly, age 8

4. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

Both don't want any more kids - Derek, age 8

5. WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

Dates are for having fun and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen really long enough - Jody, age 8 (Precious)

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date - Vernon, age 10

6. WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

When they're rich - Connie, age 7 (Gotta' love her)

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that - Patrick, age 7

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do - Stan, age 8

7. IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them - Lil' Rhino, age 9 (Bless you child)

8. HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there? - Mike, age 8 (Good point)

And the #1 Favorite is

9. HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck - Andrew age 10

If your husband tries to fib to you then maybe he should be run over by a dump truck - Renee, age $9\,$

10. WHAT SHOULD YOU DO TO MAKE SURE YOUR MARRIAGE WILL ALWAYS BE HAPPY?

Maybe take vacations....apart - Bob, age 10

You could always have a party but tell your husband that he can work late - Shelly age 9

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For eight consecutive years, the harbor town has brought to life Muskegon Bike Time, powered by Hotrod Harley-Davidson and Little River Casino. The kick- off of this four day event is the locking down of ten city blocks of western avenue also known as "Steel Horse Alley" to motorcycle traffic only and the opening of the Budweiser beverage tent that gets the wheels turning of this event with several local bands bringing this harbor town to life.

With Fridays' early morning sun rising in the eastern sky things start to take shape with vendors lining the entire perimeter of "Steel Horse Alley" and motorcycles of every shape, size and style roll in to fill the ten city blocks. One group of patrons that has attended this event since the start is the "Jager Team" each year this group has gotten together to complete their version of the kick-off to the weekend with a pub crawl. They visit seven of the local watering holes along this stretch of ten blocks usually starting at the bottom and working their way to the top, this gives them the chance to take to take it all in.

With so many things to see and do over the weekend one part that is high on everyone's bucket list is to hit the main concert area located at Hotrod Harley-Davidson also known as "Steele Horse Station." Friday's headline band this year was "The Stray Cat Lee Rocker" that kept the crowd in tuned to the music all evening. The burn out contest sponsored by A.B.A.T.E., which is also a crowd favorite as everyone who participates has the opportunity to try their hand at the smokiest, longest, loudest burn out for a chance at the prize.

With the pace already set from all the hoo-ha the day before Saturday was going to be another day filled with lots of entertaining events as well. The main beverage tent was to host several different contests: "Baddest Beard" Cody Johnson of

Fruitport took this contest by storm and what would an event like this be without a tattoo contest...? Juan Garcia of Muskegon displayed his "Alien vs. Predator" tattoo as it covered his entire back to take the prize for this competition, and of course we will not leave out the ladies as the "Miss Bike Time" contest. Hannah Rininger a Tennessee native was crowned Miss Bike Time as she had her first visit to the event. Other attractions that played a part in this incredible event were "Relentless Stunt Team" that performed several shows throughout the day near the beverage tent sponsored by Babbitt's Sport center of Muskegon.

With the evening winding down many headed to the main stage for one of Muskegon's favorite local bands "Yard Sale Underwear" was to open and set the pace for one of the greatest bands from the eighty's "38 Special".

With the start of the last and final day a massive group of riders gathered at "Steel Horse Station" for a police escorted ride through some of the most scenic byways in Muskegon County and ending ride down "Steel Horse Ally."











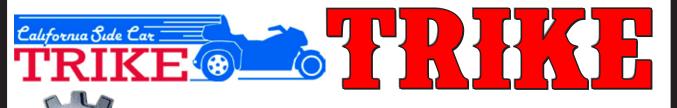














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Our first year for the Thunder Run Ride n' Win Contest has been a complete success! This is your last chance to go get your FREE Ride card at any of the registration stops or check-in to ANY of the stops listed on the next two pages. We have given away tons of gift cards, concert tickets, leather jackets, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort packages, and let's not forget 4 Premium Sound Packages courtesy of Mickey Shorr so far with 1 more to give away! This list goes on and on of cool prizes that folks have won each month just by checking in at the stops listed. So let's get out and ride one last month to wrap up our exciting summer with the Thunder Run Ride n' Win Contest! The last winners will be posted in the November issue of Thunder Roads Michigan. So be sure to check your ride card number to see if you won or like us on Facebook as I will also be posting them there.

Thank you to all our sponsors and for everyone that participated! Be sure to hold on to your ride card as it does not expire and you will be ready to go again next year. Also, there is a chance that I may do some fun giveaways to ride card holders throughout the winter. Be on the lookout for these opportunities in the magazine, Facebook or at events.



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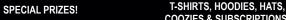




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46 Bar	Ride Stop	3015 E. Apple Ave Muskegon, MI 4942 231-747-7810	Mon-Fri 7am-2am Sat 10am-2am Sun Noon-Midnight	1 lucky winner wins a \$10 gift card	Thursday Night- Bikes, Burgers & Beers
702 Bar & Grill	Ride Stop	702 S. Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48642 989-835-2851	Mon-Fri 10am-2:30 am Sat- Noon- 2:30 am Sun- Noon-10pm	1 lucky winner will receive a \$50 GAS Gift Card!	A Five Star Dive Bar. Live music, great burgers & cold beer!
ABC Harley-Davidson [®]	Ride Stop	4405 Highland Rd Waterford, MI 48328 248-674-3175	Mon-Fri 9-6, Sat 9-5 Sun 11-3	1 lucky winner will receive a \$25 gift card	"Love what we do, ride what we sell, stand behind our service and throw a great party!"
Beaverton Tavern	Ride Stop	102 W. Brown St. Beaverton, MI 989-435-2094	Sun- Noon-10pm Mon-Thurs 11am-10pm Fri & Sat 11am-1am	1 lucky person will win a free small "Best" Nacho or Burrito of their choice.	Voted Mid-Michigan's Best Nachos & Burritos. A great destination ride.
BMW of Grand Rapids	Ride Stop	5995 South Division Grand Rapids, MI 49548 616-530-6900	Mon-Fri 9-6, Sat 9-3 Closed Sun	1 lucky person will win a BMW of Grand Rapids hat.	Family owned, friendly & knowledgable staff.
Boondox Motorsports	Registration & Ride Stop	2535 28th St SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512 616-575-9250	Mon & Wedns 9-8 Tues, Thurs Fri 9-6 Sat 10-4, closed Sun	Free oil change to 1 lucky person or vouchure for later date.	The good ole boys bike shop. Stop in and get a root beer & see for your self!
Brighton Harley-Davidson®	Ride Stop	5942 Whitmore Lake Rd Brighton, MI, 48116 810-225-2915	Mon-Fri 10-7 Sat- 10-5 Sun- 11-4	1 lucky winner will receive a \$25 gift card	100% staffed by rider's & stocked with everything you need & want.
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C & K Corner Store	Ride Stop	8892 Van Cleve Rd. Vassar, MI 48768 989-871-3120	Sun-Thurs 7am-9pm Fri & Sat 7am-10pm	Show your card here and 1 lucky person will win a Bud Light HD Party Lights prize.	Hersey's hand-dipped ice cream, pizza, cold beer & more
Cornwell's Turkeyville	Ride Stop	18935 15 1/2 Mile Rd Marshall, MI 49068 269-781-4293	Everyday 11am - 8pm	1 lucky winner will receive their choice of a T-shirt or \$10 gift card	Bike Night Wednsday's 6:30- 9pm
Doc's Sports Retreat	Ride Stop	19265 Victor Parkway Livonia, MI 48152 734-542-8162	Mon-Sat 11am-2am Sun Noon- 2am	1 lucky winner that stops here will receive a \$100 gift card at the end of the season.	Thursday Bike Nights 6pm- Food & Drink Specials, Bikini Bike Wash & Give-a-ways!
Driftwood Bar & Grill	Ride Stop	7456 S. Croton Hardy Dr Newaygo, Ml 49337 231-652-2686	Sun-Thurs Noon-10pm Fri- Noon- 2am Sat 11am- 2am	1 lucky winner will receive a \$20 gift card	Bands on the deck every weekend overlooking the lake!
Fox Powersports	Ride Stop	3562 29th Street SE Kentwood, MI 49512 616-855-3660	Closed Sun & Mon Tues- Fri 9-7 Sat 9-5	1 lucky winner will receive a \$25 gift card	Stop in and use your Thunder Roads Coupon for 15% off apparel (see ad).
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Hawgsville Saloon	Registration & Ride Stop	365 N. Main St. Watervliet, MI 49098 269-201-7120	Closed Mon & Tues Wedn & Thurs 4-2 am Fri , Sat & Sun Noon-2 am	1 lucky winner will receive a \$25 gift card	Bike Night 6 pm-1 am & Karaoke Thurs Show your Ride Card & Receive Specials
Hubble Boondocks Bar & Grill	Ride Stop	219 E. Railway St. Coleman, MI 48618 989-465-6315	Noon- 2 am Everday	1 lucky winner will receive 2 free bottle coozies.	Tues Bike Night & Open Mic Night- live music & cheap drinks. \$2 domestics & well drinks
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Iron Horse Bar & Grill	Ride Stop	3592 Main St. Akron, MI 48701	Open 7 days a week 11am-2am	1 lucky winner will receive a FREE T-shirt or long sleeve shirt of vour rhoice	Bike Nights Wednesdays-specials & happy hour. The thumbs largest hiter har
M's Café (located behind Eastman Party Store)	Ride Stop	5103 Eastman Ave Midland, MI 48640 989-835-1781	Mon-Sat 7am-2pm Sun 8am-2pm	or your crionee. I free breakfast or \$10 gift card	Great service, great food & fast! Breakfast & Lunch only
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Motor City Harley-Davidson®	Registration & Ride Stop	34900 Grand River Ave, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335 248-473-7433	Mon-Fri 10-7 Sat- 10-5 Sun- 11-4	1 lucky person that registers here will receive a \$25 gift card	A Detroit original with 3 floors of everything Harley!
Museum of "Moses"	Ride Stop	9979 S. 8 mile rd (vogel center) McBain, MI 49657 231-825-2219	Open daily 9:30am- 9pm. Sun 9:30-7pm	Cool prizes for lucky winners	A mere fraction of 1 man's collection of vintage Harley's & much more. A great ride out there!
My Alibi Bar & Grill	Ride Stop	2185 S. Meridian Rd Midland, MI 48640 080.835.3573	Mon-Sat 11am-2am Sun-Noon-Midnight	1 lucky woman & 1 lucky man that stops here will win a My Alisi T-shirt or tankton of holog	Bike Night Thursday's 6pm- Burnout Pit, Biker Specials & Live Music
Sandy's Harley-Davidson®	Registration & Ride Stop	11940 Maple Island Rd Fremont, MI 49412 231-924-3020	Mon-Fri- 8-5:30 Sat 8- 3	1 lucky person that registers here	Family owned & operated for over 38 years. Stop in and experience the difference!
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Silver Bullet Firearms	Ride Stop	5121 South Division Wyoming, MI 49548 616-249-1911	Mon-Fri 10am-9pm Sat 10am-6pm Closed Sun	1 lucky person that stops here will win a \$100 gift card.	West Michigan's "Top Gun".
Stevens' Cycle Sales Bay City	Registration & Ride Stop	3636 S. Huron Rd. Bay City, MI 48706 980-684-9877	Mon & Thurs 9-7 Tues, Wedns & Fri 9-6 Sat 9-5 Sun 11-3	1 lucky person that registers here will receive a t-shirt & hat of your chiral fast to exceed \$20)	Family owned & operated. One of the largest multi-line dealers in the area.
Stevens Sports Center Midland	Registration & Ride Stop	1911 E. Airport Rd Midland, MI 48642 989-631-6450	Mon-Wedns 9-6 Thurs 9-7, Fri 9-6, Sat 9-3 Closed Sun	I lucky person that registers here will receive a t-shirt & hat of your choice! (not to exceed 530)	Family owned & operated. Friendly & knowledgable staff.
Stingers Bar & Grill	Ride Stop	49110 Grand River Ave Wixom, MI 48393	Mon 11 am- 2 am Tues- Sun 8 am- 2 am	1 lucky person that stops here will receive a \$15 gift card.	Thursdays - Bike Nights, Bike Wash & Pole Dancers.
Tecumseh Harley- Davidson®	Ride Stop	8080 Matthews HWY Tecumseh, MI 49286 517-423-3333	Sun 11-4, Closed Mon Tue-Fri 10-6 Sat 10-4	1 lucky person that stops here will receive a \$25 gift card.	Fun events, knowledgable & friendly staff.
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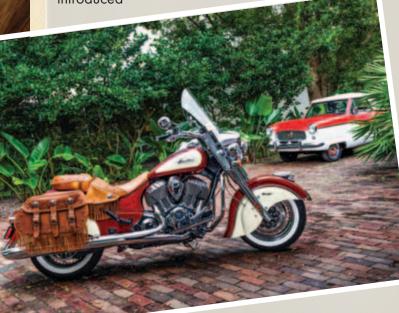
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Last year, the reborn Indian Motorcycle Company (owned by Polaris Industries) introduced us to three new models as it entered the market with a bang. This year, Indian again introduced



new models which were squarely aimed at industry dominating models from Harley-Davidson. The 69 cubic inch V-twin Scout and the Roadmaster supercruiser revive classic models from the Indian archives.

From 1947 to 1953, the Roadmaster was a dominant model in the Indian lineup and was recognized as one of the most comfortable and durable touring bikes of the period. The new 2015 Roadmaster seeks to reclaim that heritage with a number of upgrades and premium amenities aimed at providing comfort, convenience, and certainly luxury for the touring rider.





The 2015 Indian Roadmaster is powered by the same Thunder Stroke 111 engine that also powers the Chief Lineup – a 9-degree, 1811cc aircooled V-Twin. It also features the same six speed transmission found in the other Indian big V-twins.

The new Roadmaster offers much more for riding in virtually any weather:

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- Standard hard-sided saddlebags and a roomy quick release, carpet-lined rear trunk —both featuring remote locking for security and convenience
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- The Horizon Windscreen featuring power-adjust
- Desert Tan Genuine Leather heated seats with individual controls and high/low settings

- Heated grips featuring 10 temperature settings
- Adjustable airflow lower fairings with storage
 The Roadmaster is also loaded with premium
 features as standard equipment:
- High-resolution Anti-Lock Brakes
- Chrome front and rear highway bars
- Tire pressure monitoring system
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As we see and feel the cooling air and the color change we start preparing for the long cold of winter. We'll be taking the last few rides of the year, preparing the bikes for storage, closing down the gardens and winterizing the houses. But my question for you today is – Have you prepared to meet the Lord?

Ya see, we all at one time or another have to prepare for the end of our lifelong riding season, yet, there is a choice that has to be made, here and now. To live on your own "hope-so's" and ideas of the way you think it's going to be or to know that you're right with God, your creator because you have accepted His Son Christ Jesus. This choice for God can be made at any time in your life, but I encourage you to make it today because just as we don't know when the first snow fall will be - you don't know what tomorrow might bring.

John 14:6 Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (HCSB)

Listen, brothers and sister! A relationship with God, through His son Jesus, is what your heart is really looking for. Trust me, I know where you're at. His love for you is everlasting. Will you prepare your heart and so change the direction of your life, both here and in eternity, by praying with me?

God, I know that you are real. Thank you for being in the wind with me even before I ask. Thank you for your son, Jesus that died for me. Please, forgive me of my sins, for I truly repent and turn to you. Jesus, I ask you now to come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior, that we might ride together daily. I dedicate myself and my bike to serving you. Thank you for saving me Lord! Thank you, for I am now in "Your" wind. Amen

If you prayed this prayer please contact me. I have some things for you and would love to pray for you and encourage you.

Much love and respect,

Apostle Brian "BMAN" McKay

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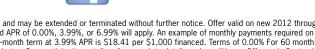
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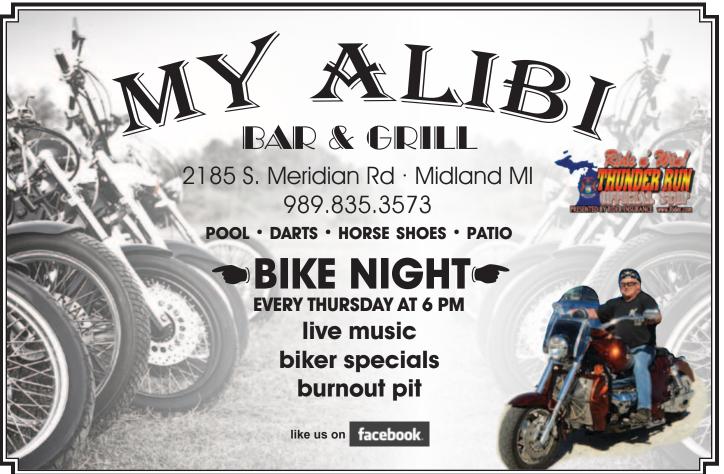


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Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. ~ Steve Jobs

Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is. ~ Vince Lombardi

I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions. ~ Stephen Covey

Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up. ~ Pablo Picasso

You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore. ~ Christopher Columbus

The Ride ~ Mark R. Crisp

We can't wait to feel the rubber hitting the street
I know my brothers and sisters understand this so well
We would all if we could ride forever and a spell
We have a black highway even though it's not marked

It has many turns and exits most ride into the dark

We toss, we turn, we wake restless from the week

Make a wrong turn and you may find yourself in hell

So ride straight and true with the wind as your tail

Tell the devil shove off while you leave him in your tracks

Remember we are a brotherhood of bikers

and we all have your back.

Our true love of the highway will never go away

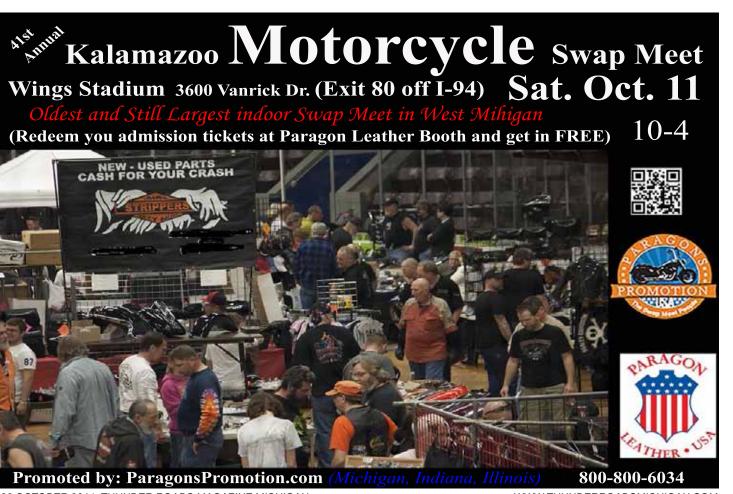
So ride my brothers and sisters like there is no end of days

If you don't make that ride you will never have peace

The ride is what we crave as the rubber hits the streets









Tech Tips By Steve

PRESSURE!

This is the good kind of pressure, Turbochargers and Superchargers, or blowers as they are nicknamed, are the topic for the next couple of ar-

ticles! These fun mechanical munchkins can give us some real horsepower and torque without digging inside the engine and in some cases you can take them off and transfer them to your next bike so that major purchase does not have to be made twice. We have a brand new Harley Davidson Twin Cam supercharger in our shop that KraftWerks has blessed us with and it is SUPER cool. But before we get into the install of this very compact horsepower delivery system I would like to step back a minute to explain Superchargers and Turbochargers, what they do, how they do it and the differences.

Your bike has a finite ability to make horsepower, one of the hindrances is how much air we can get into the engine and that is mostly limited by atmospheric pressure. Yes, the size of your carb/intake/injection/throttle body/cubic inches and so on all have a part but, what limits each combination of your parts is how much air I can get into the engine so I can shove more fuel into it to make Horsepower! This amount of air is dictated primarily by atmospheric pressure which is the weight of the air pressing down on the Earth and on the air below which causes air pressure (14.696 psi). Earth's gravity, of course, causes the downward force that we know as "weight." Since the pressure depends upon the amount of air above the point where you're measuring the pressure, the pressure decreases as you go higher. Quick Fact- Most people say that when you go to a higher elevation your bike will get a lean condition with the fuel air mixture, not so my friend ... it actually gets richer due to less atmospheric pressure and slightly lower O2 levels.

How can I get more air in then? That is the question that spurred the first supercharger for industrial application in 1860 by the Roots brothers in Indiana; however the first supercharger to be on an engine and working was by a Scottish lad named Sir Dugald Clerk. Turbos lagged behind, (yes pun intended), when a Swiss engineer named Alfred Büchi received a patent for his diesel turbo in 1905. Ok back on track, forced air induction was born, this meant we could strap on a blower or a turbo and in hours of mechanical installation bliss grab as much as 50% or more horsepower... WHAT- sign me up!

The Turbocharger

Turbochargers are the more efficient of the two forced air induction systems; they use the high velocity exhaust gasses being forced out of the engine to spin the turbine that drives the compressor that shoves the air into the engine (see Fig1). There are quite a few people out there making turbo combinations out there like Trask(Fig2), Areocharger, RB Racing and American turbo to name a few.

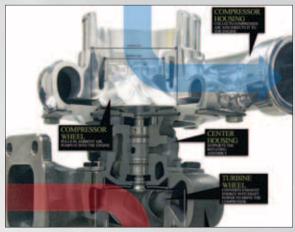


Fig 1 Turbocharger cutaway



Fig 2 Trask Turbocharger

The Supercharger

A supercharger is driven in a mechanical manner, such as a belt or gear drive system. There are two types of superchargers, positive displacement (roots and twin screw)and dynamic compressors(centrifugal and wave), the positive displacement style delivers boost at all RPM levels while the dynamic makes more pressure as a RPMs increase. As far as motorcycles go both are available, Kraftwerks and Procharger (Fig 3) make a Centrifugal style while Magnacharger and Thompson makes a roots style. (If I left anyone out, my apologies)



Fig 3 Procharger centrifugal supercharger setup

PROS AND CONS

Supercharger

Pros – instant on- no lag, great throttle response - centrifugal style are about 85% efficient.

Cons – mechanically driven which robs some power, more drag on motor, roots style less efficient, heat.

Turbocharger

Pros- lighter weight, less drag on engine= more efficient

Cons-more modification (exhaust and piping), lag in power, high heat and an aftercooler is almost a must.

Heat with both is an issue, especially if you really are putting some serious pressure to that engine, there is really only one way on a Harley to combat heat and that is with an air to air heat exchanger caller an aftercooler. The job of this device is to cool the heated air by running it through a series of channels with fins attached to them, as the air goes through the heat is dissipated through the fins as outside cooler air passes over them, similar to a radiator. Cooler air helps with detonation problems and it's denser so you can get more air into the engine. The problem is they are butt ugly on a Harley, there is no place to hide them and if I wanted a radiator on my Harley I would ride a Goldwing or BMW... just my thoughts here. With that being said, IF I was out for 100% max power I would do an aftercooler for sure!

All these products on the market are excellent craftsmanship and make some fantastic horsepower, but I was looking for something a bit more compact for the everyday rider, Luckily there is a new HD Blower in town, a blower that I can attach to my bike, ride everyday and not have it changing the appearance of the bike much, no big radiator, no leg interference and the performance change is awesome! It is made by KraftWerks(fig 4), now Kraftwerks have been in the supercharger game for years in the automotive industry and just this year are going to introduce their HD blower around October. They use a Rotrex centrifugal supercharger and because the Rotrex runs cooler (lower thermal stress), higher compression ratios and advanced timing can be run, thus further optimizing response and power and less need of an aftercooler.



Fig 4 KraftWerks Blower

We will start the installation of this blower this month and finish this in next month's article ... with dyno results to boot!

We are installing this on a 2008 Roadking that has a S&S 106 kit with S&S 583 cams (I would go to a different cam but these were already in the bike so we are going to live with them) S&S true dual head pipe and Vance and Hines oval mufflers with stock throttle body and heads. It also has a Barnett low profile lockup clutch.

This is what they sent (Figure 5) ... Christmas came a little early!



Fig 5 the KraftWerks Blower

Step one was to remove the battery cable and then the fuel tank, exhaust, air cleaner, cam cover and timing chain, Easy so far! Now to install the bottom gear (fig 6)



Fig 6 The NEW bottom gear that drives the Blower unit... simple and reliable with lots of tolerance for the Harley Twin Cam crank run out problems!

Well that's it for this month ... Next Issue I will finish the install and show you the Dynamometer results along with what I think of how it rides in traffic and on the open highway ... maybe a few burnouts too?

May God Bless you with a safe and spectacular ride each and every time! As always, if you have any questions please email, call or Facebook us.

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There I was, back in the wild again

And I felt right at home where I belong
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Just like it happened so many times before

The spirit of the woods is like an old good friend
It makes me feel warm and good inside
I knew his name and it was good to see him again
'Cause in the wind he's still alive

~ Ted Nugent - "Fred Bear"

No shortage of Michigan bikers feel the spirit of the woods this time of year just like they do the spirit of the wind on the road. It makes perfect sense in my head as motorcycles and bow hunting have been a lifelong passion. While most of us share a sense of brotherhood and sisterhood with our riding companions I think most of us also enjoy the sense of solitude that pervades our senses when we are one soul in the wind, or in the woods. A free spirit washed clean of the rat race, responsibilities, and ropes that tie us down. Every time I get out on the road for a long ride I can't help but exhale a few heavy sighs within the first few miles as the weights blow off. The same thing happens when I relax into a tree stand 20 feet off the ground and settle in for a long, silent, communion with the woods. It's a sense of peace that comes from feeling free and totally in control of my own destination.

Forty years ago it was a 600 dollar Honda and a hand me down recurve bow, but if I said the thrill and the sense of well being then was any less than now I'd be lying. Now I have several motorcycles, and a half dozen bows, tree stands, and a ton of equipment for both. The learning curve over the years has curved almost back onto itself now. I spent a lot of time contemplating and working on how to improve upon perfection. Like so many things in life it's the parts that don't cost anything that hold all the importance. New equipment did

not make me a better rider or bow hunter. A lot of riding and bow hunting did. Not that I don't appreciate the nice bikes and advanced bows I have now, its just that I realize I would suffer more by not being able to ride or hunt than by having to go back to a stick bow and a 400 cc motorcycle. Its not a bigger motor, or a faster arrow, or making every major bike rally across the country, or shooting a Boone and Crocket buck. Its living life free and sucking the marrow out of every bone it throws you.

As I set about making a second lap on the learning curve I hope to focus on the preservation of my rights to enjoy the free things in life. Maybe instead of busting my ass to obtain a 103" Screaming Eagle and a 400 fps wonder bow, I'll just take more time to enjoy the scoots in the garage and maybe even break that old recurve out again. I also plan to be a lot more attentive about keeping the man off my back, and supporting those organizations comprised of my like minded brothers and sisters.

Hunt hard, Hunt free! Rusty



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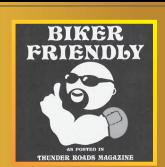
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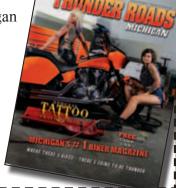
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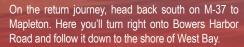
to wines, ciders and breweries. You can make the ride in a few hours and or make a day

of it as you visit some of the wineries along the way. If you're unfamiliar about the roads in this region, here are some suggested routes to enjoy the area's autumn

Old Mission Peninsula

Length: 45 miles

The Old Mission Peninsula, north of Traverse City is nearly 20 miles long. M-37 takes you along multiple orchards, vineyards, forests and villages; it's the perfect place for a morning or afternoon drive that combines fall color with beautiful views of the bay. The road begins with a steep climb through pleasant residential and orchard country, descends to the shore of East Bay and gradually climbs again to a spectacular view point near the Chateau Grand Traverse winery that overlooks both East and West Grand Traverse Bays. Heading north to the picturesque Old Mission Point lighthouse, you'll find old settlements from the 1800's. Plenty of curves that will keep you wondering what is around the next bend. Enjoy the true landscape that has brought many to call this region their home.



Elk Lake, Torch Lake and the Rapid River

Just east of Traverse City are two jewels of the Michigan landscape: Elk Lake and Torch Lake, beloved by generations of cottage owners but relatively unknown to the outside world. Torch Lake has been designated as the third most beautiful lake in the world.

Head north from Traverse City's eastern edge on U.S. 31, at the lively little port of Elk Rapids, turn right at the light and follow Ames Street (which becomes the Cairn Highway) along the northern shore of Elk Lake, through the village of Kewadin and southward again on County Road 593. This road will take you along the eastern shore of the lake, across the Torch River as it empties into the south end of Torch Lake, and into the village of Rapid City.

Continue east on 593 (now known also as Valley Road) as it winds its way up through the narrow valley of the Rapid River. A good stop here is at The Seven Bridges, where the river separates briefly into several braided streams. Continue up the valley past Rugg Pond, another very scenic area where Ernest Hemingway once camped during a teenage fishing trip, until the road ends at M-72. Turn right and follow the highway west to Traverse City, where you'll have a panoramic view of nearby Lake Skegemog. As you arrive in Acme, take time to reflect on the ride at a local brewery that favors Military Veterans at Bravo Zulu Brewery in Acme, just northeast of the US31, M72 intersection.

All routes start and end in Traverse City making it easy to make overnight reservations for the weekend



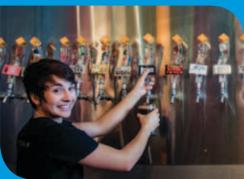
















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Thunder Thursdays continued to rock the FirstMerit Bank Event Park in downtown Saginaw on August 14th. The third of this four

show partnership between Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan, The Rock Station Z93, Great Lakes Harley Davidson & the First-Merit Bank Event Park featured local legends, Raggedy Ann and Saginaw new comers Operation 13.

Saginaw based, Operation 13, brought a great variety of songs to their performance along with a lot of energy. With two members still in their teens they rocked liked seasoned rock stars. Raggedy Ann did not disappoint their fans who were looking forward to reliving some of their favorite memories of the band. Their performance lasted over two hours and the band did not run out of steam, keeping the crowds full attention the whole









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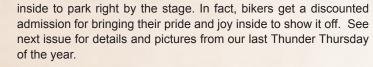




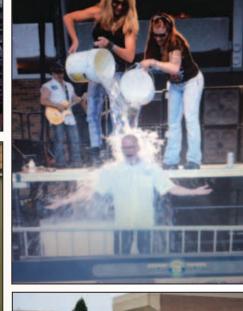
time. They proved that they haven't missed a beat since reuniting two years ago.

"I just love Raggedy Ann, we rode an hour to get here to see them. I loved the opening band too!" said Diane from Standish.

One thing that makes this event so unique is that the motorcycles aren't left in the parking lot. They are allowed









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Six feet Under Cattoo Parlor





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I recently had the opportunity to "interview" Corey – the owner of Six Feet Under Tattoo Parlor (www.sixfeetunder.com) in Upland. As it turns out, it wasn't really an "interview" - it was more like just a regular conversation with a regular guy. Our conversation did lead me to believe that his family is very important to him and he has spent a majority of his life perfecting his craft as one of the world's most skilled and well known tattoo artists. One thing that was clear right away is that Corey has also always loved to ride motorcycles and still does to this day, most of his past has been riding some kind of Harley or another but now days he rides a custom built chopper built by his friend and tattoo client Jesse James. He has also recently started riding a supermoto bike a lot lately too. He likes how easy it is to get around the urban environment on the nimble ride. It seems like a lot of tattoo artist's is such a great fit for Thunder Roads Nor-Cal. Over the years Corey has produced thousands of pieces of flash art that has spread around the world. He feels humbled and grateful that so many people like what he is doing. His art has even made it onto some motorcycles over the 30 plus years he has been working at it. He even had a Nor Cal bike connection providing some of his work to Simms Custom Cycles in Hayward. When talking about his past, there was no doubt that the history of tattoo art was very important to him and the people that influenced him early in his career

like black and gray tattoo artist, Mark Mahoney who he learned a lot about the street styles that they were doing; as well as Mike Brown and Jack Rudy and also the shops that he worked at like Tattoo Land. All have played a part in how he developed as a tatride and that is why we think that tattoo art too artist, but most of all he appreciates the life lessons that he learned from all of these people as well. Corey told me that when he first started tattooing he made his first machine from a fish tank pump motor and a guitar string. They did not even wear gloves back then to tattoo and is amazed that they all came through it ok. He reminded me that back then they were all into tattoos because it was a way to "not fit in" and a kind of rebellious act to what society's norms of the day were. Although there are still a few segments of society who still frown on those of us with tattoos, it for the most part has been accepted as main stream. Co-

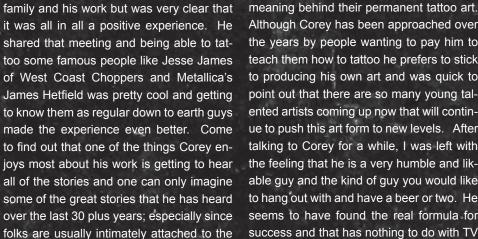
of the more memorable opportunities that are still appreciated by him to this day guys rey said that he felt a big shift after 9/11 as Panky and has been back there four times.

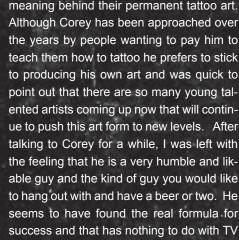
people started to realize that they wanted to live life their way and were not as concerned about what others thought of them for doing it. It made me realize just how much the world had changed since then in a relatively short period of time. Many of us were affected one way or another by the events of that day or the aftermath that followed. One thing is for sure life is short and we better make it count today. Some have come about because of Corey's hard work and the skills that he developed are things like going to Japan to tattoo a guy in 1991. Tattoos were still pretty much an underground thing and this guy searched Corey out for a tattoo that would serve as a memorial of a bad experience while here in the US. He was subsequently invited back three more times to Japan. He went over to Amsterdam in 1993 to work with Hanky





Of course when the TV series (Miami Ink & LA Ink) came calling that opened a lot of doors and for that he is very grateful for the opportunity. He expressed that being on a reality show is not what most of us think it is because they do not get paid very much and there are no residuals from the reruns. Corey ended up leaving the show because it was just taking to much time away from his







with feeling blessed with what life has to offer and getting up every day working hard at being the best you can be and being there for his family. I really encourage you to go say hi to him while you are at the Renegade Rendezvous Bike Show/Tattoo Expo. And be sure to check out some of the great local talent we have right here in Northern California, you will be impressed.



PURE/ CHIGAN Tunnel of Trees

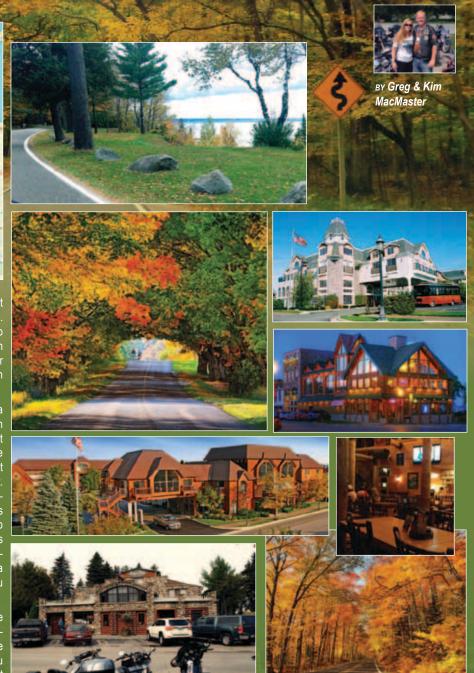


The entrance to the "Tunnel of Trees" (Route 119) is just southwest of the very popular tourist stop of Mackinac Island Mackinac Island is located in the Straits of Mackinac also known as "The Straits." "The Straits" is where Lake Michigan and Lake Huron meet; it also separates Michigan's Lowe and Upper Peninsula. The starting point for this route can be from Mackinaw City or from Harbor Spring, along M-119.

M-119 hugs the eastern shoreline of Lake Michigan through a dense forest. On one side you get glimpses of beautiful cabin homes tucked back in the forest and on the other side you get brief glimpses of the Lake Michigan shoreline. The tree-line is so dense in some spots and you'll pass by the Silver Buller Band front person, Bob Seger's home and not even know it The road is a narrow and twisty and runs through a dense forest of trees and, yes, it's one of those roads that you always see photos of in travel magazines that makes you crave to ride down. You look ahead through the narrow tunnel of trees road and wonder what will be around the next curve. It's difficult navigating pulling a camper but if you like driving it in a car, you'll love it on a motorcycle. It's the kind of road that you always dreamt of finding.

An ideal fall ride during the color change making the best time of the year mid-September into late October for prime ridingan absolute must for any enthusiast!!! You can start this route as far south as Petoskey riding north around the harbor you go through the town of Harbor Springs and head up the coast and this is where things really get good. It's a very scenic tour of the Northern Michigan coastline and a very serene ride. There are plenty of places to stop for pictures or just soak in the view. A must stop, is the Legs Inn in Cross Village, an old rustic cabin-style restaurant made of field stone and old large logs. It's warmly lit with amber lighting inside that relaxes you the second you walk in the door. They specialize in Polish

On our last ride, we started from Mackinaw City and drove south along the shoreline. It's a paved road all the way that narrows at times with over 200 curves tight twist-backs. The speed limit varies from 15-30 mph. About halfway through the dense forest opened up on the east side and a large meadow where it's not uncommon to see deer grazing







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IRON How to Keep Your Elink Tattoo from Fading

There's nothing like a fresh piece of body art--the colors are so crisp and bright. Unfortunately, many people will notice their tattoo has faded over time and the colors aren't nearly as vivid as they used to be. It's normal for tattoos to fade some over the years, especially on areas exposed to a lot of sun. But some people's tattoos will fade in just a matter of weeks or months. If the tattoo artist applied the ink correctly, your color should not fade too drastically. There are steps you can take to keep tattoos from fading so guickly.

- 1. Follow the aftercare directions your tattoo artist provided you. Don't switch to a different product because it's cheaper or ignore the advice he's given you because a friend told you it was ok. Tattoo artists who suggest specific products usually do so because they already know what kind of results you will get. They have probably tried several different aftercare products before choosing one to offer to their clients. If you completely disagree with a product he's given you, then talk with him about an alternative that you've used in the past and see what he thinks.
- 2. Remove the bandage the tattoo artist should have covered your fresh tattoo with in the allotted time he specified to you. Wash your hands with an antibacterial soap and then gently wash the tattoo with antibacterial soap and apply a light coating of the aftercare product suggested by the tattoo artist.
- 3. Re-apply the aftercare product throughout the day, as needed. Keep the tattoo moist without saturating it. During the healing process, the tattoo still needs to breathe. If you overdo the ointment, it can pull color out of your tattoo. You will also want to wash it at least two to three times each day with antibacterial soap to rid it of old ointment and flaking skin and ink. After the tattoo is healed, a moisturizing lotion will help keep the color vivid when applied regularly, or when it feels dry or
- 4. Picking at or scratching any scabs that may appear on your tattoo during the healing process is a quick route to completely losing color in the spots that are picked off. Refrain from pulling off any scab, no matter how small, while the tattoo is healing; instead let the scabs fall off naturally. Some tattoos scab a lot and others may not scab at all, but the better you take care of your tattoo, the less scabbing you should have and the brighter the colors will stay.
- 5. Wear loose clothing while your tattoo is healing. Tight clothes that rub on a new tattoo can irritate and scrape the area to the point of pulling off flakes and scabs that aren't ready to come off.

- 6. Stay out the water for 10 to 14 days while your tattoo is healing. Only take showers for the first two weeks following your tattoo procedure. Submersing your tattoo in water can pull the ink out and thus fade your tattoo. It's especially important to avoid swimming, whether it's in a lake, ocean, swimming pool or hot tub. Lakes and other bodies of water are full of micro-organisms and germs that will attack an open wound; this is a quick way to get an infection in a fresh tattoo. Chlorine in swimming pools and hot tubs and salt in seawater can bleach out your color. The hot water in heated pool and hot tubs is a breeding ground for germs if the water is not treated with the proper chemicals. Again, this will lead to fading in your tattoo and possibly an infection.
- 7. Avoid or limit exposure of your tattoo to bright sunlight. The UV rays can cause it to fade, especially if the tattoo has colored ink rather than just black. Make sure to apply sunscreen before going outdoors.
- 8. Tanning should be avoided for 10 to 14 days, as well. The sun's rays are very damaging to tattoos whether fresh or old and tanning beds are even more intense and cause more damage. Even if you cover your tattoo for the first two weeks, UV rays can still soak through many kinds of material and still affect your tattoo. After two weeks, you can go back to tanning as long as you use a strong sunscreen with at least a 35 SPF.
- 9. Take good care of your skin. Even after the tattoo is healed, the more you pamper your skin and the healthier your skin is then the brighter your tattoo will stay over time. This includes immediately washing off any harsh chemicals or other products you may get on the area around your tattoo. The longer the product sits on your skin the more damage will be done. This includes cleaning products, diesel and gasoline and anything with harsh ingredients. You should moisturize your tattoo daily after it has healed.
- 10. Lastly if all else fails and your tattoo fades go back and see your artist. Many artists will provide color touch ups free of charge if your tattoo shows signs of fading, if they did the original work. At the very least they will most likely charge





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OCTOBER

October 3-4 Carved in Stone Camp Out Weekend Evergreen Park, Cass City, MI. Sponsored by ABATE of MI to raise funds for Region 7 Monument for deceased members. Games, music, memorial ride and toy run weekend. Bring new, unwrapped toy or \$10 donation. For more info call 989-673-4743

October 3-5 **Victory Motorcycles Demo**

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Motorcity Motorcycles, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Come test ride the new 2015 Victory motorcycles. For more info go to www. ridemotorcity.com (See 2 page

October 4 Harley's at the Dragway Milan Dragway, Milan, MI. \$12 to race or watch, gates open at 3pm. For more info call 734-439-7368

October 4 Children's Toy Run American Legion, Iron Mountain, MI. Poker run, music, raffles, all bikes welcome. For more info email ziggychop@hotmail.com

October 4 **Detail Clinic** Biker Bob's HD, Taylor, MI. 1pm-2pm. For more info go to www.bikerbobshd.com or call 734-947-4647

October 4 4th Annual Run in the Name of Love Charity Ride

Marathon Gas Station, 2808 E. Beltline, Grand Rapids, MI. Regis 9:30 am. kickstands up at 10:30. 1 hrs-2 hr ride with 2 stops. ends in Walker, MI, BBQ, raffles & more. Call 616-328-4208 for more info.

October 4

A Friend in Need Poker Run 36 S. Washington St. Oxford Charter Township, MI. \$20pp, regis 10 am, all vehicle run, raffles, proceeds benefit heavenly Paws of Mi- no kill animal rescue, last vehicle in at 3pm. For more info call 248-917-9997

October 5 30th Annual Peotone Motorcycle Swap Meet Will Co Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL. For more info go to www. paragonspromotion.com (See ad this issue).

October 5 15th Annual Great Lakes Chili Cookoff Downtown Plymouth, Plymouth, MI. 11 am- 5 pm, Harleys & Jalapenos. For more info call Terri

248-347-4350

for more info.

October 5 Make a Wish Motorcycle Color Tour Ride Ironhorse Western & Cycle Wear, Traverse City, MI. Regis 9:30 am, kickstands up at 11 am, \$20 per bike, \$30 with passenger, proceeds donated to Make a Wish of MI. Call 231-932-0095

October 11 41st Annual Motorcycle Swap Wings Stadium, Kalamazoo, MI. For more info go to www. paragonspromotion.com (See ad this issue).

October 11 **Halloween Pet Costume Con-**

Town & Country HD & Tecumseh HD. Proceeds to benefit Humane Society. (See inside front cover this issue for more details).

October 11-12 Motorcycle Swap Meet Gibraltar Trade Center, Mt. Clemens, MI. \$5 pp, Sat/Sun 10am-6pm, 100's of tables with parts, accessories, etc. For more info go to www.gibraltartrade.com

October 17 **Hibernation Clinic** Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI, 5:30 pm- 7 pm, RSVP early. For more info go to www.raycsh-d. com (See ad this issue).

October 18 **Polish Palooza** ABC HD, Waterford, MI. 11 am- 3 pm, food, fun, contests & more. For more info go to abcharleydavidson.com (See full page ad this issue).

1st Annual Ride for Angels ABC HD. Waterford, Ml. Regis at 9 am. kickstands up at 11 am, \$25 for driver, \$10 rider, raffles, auction, buffet, live music, WRIF Broadcasting live. All proceeds to benefit angels place. Go to www.abcharleydavidson.com or www.angelsplace.com for more info.

October 24 Veteran's Stand Down 141 E. Apple Ave. Muskegon MI. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, bringing veterans together with the resources that they need. For more info call Thomas (Cowboy) at 231-728-

NOVEMBER

November 8 Hamilton HD Fashion Rally Hamilton HD, Sturgis, MI. See latest styles modeled by local celebrities. Call 269-651-3424 for more info.

November 28 **Boom Audio Workshop** Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. 5:30 pm- 7 pm, RSVP early. For more info go to www.raycsh-d. com (See ad this issue).

DECEMBER

December 6 **Toys for Kids** Shiawassee Sports Center. Birch Run, MI, Call 989-624-4400 for more info.

December 19 **Performance Workshop** Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. 5:30 pm- 7 pm, RSVP early. For more info go to www.raycsh-d. com (See ad this issue).

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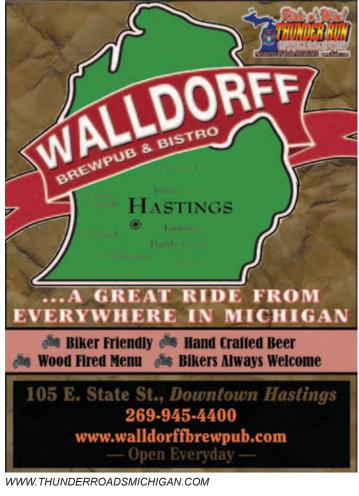
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Remember to call ahead before planning to attend any event as the information/ dates may change. Thunder Roads is Not responsible for errors or omissions.











I HAVE CHOSEN THIS NAME FOR OUR MONTHLY RECIPE PAGE, AS THAT WAS WHAT MY MOTHER, REST HER SOUL. ALWAYS USED TO SAY WHEN I WOULD ASSIST HER IN THE KITCHEN, MOM WAS AN AVID SUPPORTER OF THE K.I.S.S. (KEEP IT SIMPLE SWEETIE) METHOD OF COOKING, I NOW, MORE THAN EVER, TRULY APPRECIATE HER PHILOSO-PHY OF ALWAYS TAKING SHORTCUTS WHERE YOU CAN, AS LONG AS YOUR ULTIMATE OUTCOME IS THAT OF DOWN HOME. LABOR OF LOVE COOKING.

K.I.S.S. page composed & edited by: Toni McCoy Shearon aka "MaMa Thunder" of Thunder Roads National Founders' Office.

ALABAMA ("BAMA") WHITE BBQ SAUCE

This is SO delicious and can use on/in all kinds of ways then just on chicken, Cluckin' A.

- 2 Cups of Quality Mayo (*or Miracle Whip)
- 3 Tbls. Horseradish; Fresh or Bottled
- 4 Tbls. Apple Cider Vinegar
- 2 Tbls. Lime Juice; Fresh or Bottled
- 1 tsp. Sugar or Splenda
- 1/2 tsp. Cayenne Spice
- 2 tsps. Salt (Kosher or Sea if want)
- 4 tsps. Ground Black Pepper

Mix it all up, slather it all over your chicken, lay on a REALLY hot grill to get good grill marks, then move to the side to cook slowly. Slather more on before serving.

SMOTHERED CHICKEN IN CAST IRON

My Mom (my beloved Guardian Angel) used to make this once a week and I remember walking in, the smell filling up the whole house, and knowing that I was definitely staying home for supper.

In A HUGE cast-iron skillet, med. high heat, add:

Enough quality Olive Oil to just cover the bottom of pan. To this add 3 good size pats of butter or quality margarine

- 1 Green Pepper; cored and med-thin slices, then cut those in half
- 1 Red Pepper; same way
- 1 Yellow Pepper; same way
- 1 Huge Sweet Yellow Onion; medium chop
- 1 Box of Sliced Mushrooms; pat dry and add last
- 1/2 Lb. of Bacon; fried crisp, drained and put aside

Saute' up all your veggies. Use slotted spoon and remove to a side plate. Make up a spice mix of palmful of: cinnamon, basil, parsley, salt, pepper coriander, celery salt, garlic powder, and whatever else you really like. Pat chix good & dry; rub spice mix all into chicken, really good. Let just rest while you're sautéing veggies.

After removing veggies, put your chicken in; skin side down, cook until deep golden brown, flip and turn heat down to low, add veggies back in so that they encircle chicken, not covering. Just let go like 40 minutes, slow and

low, until bottom golden brown and then, at end, flip chix back over and top each piece generously with rough-chop bacon and kinda' press down. Next add your favorite cheese on top of bacon. My mom (and me) always used Monterey Jack but you can use Cheddar, Pepper Jack, Baby Swiss or Brie....whatever; you're the Cook. Put a lid on it to let cheese melt and a good trick is to just add a like 3 Tbls. of water to mix and then cover and it creates this heavenly steam chamber. Let go 5 mins. Remove lid and slide skillet off of heat and just let it rest for 5 mins.

* I didn't say this in the beginning but use whatever pieces of chicken or even a whole chopped up bird. I only do wings as they have the most amazing flavor. But a couple breasts thrown in would be good also.

This is freakin' INCREDIBLE! All those veggies, this awesome flavored chicken so tender it literally falls off the bone, the skin is infused with sauce and spices, and then there's this gravy that's created that is a silky wonder. This is food that creates forevva' memories. And that's what cooking is all

BALSAMIC PORTABELLO MUSHROOMS

Portabello 'shrooms are SO meaty, you could serve them as an entree. But

Costco or Sam's Club is your best bet to get BIG 'shroom caps. Take a teaspoon and run it all along the inside to remove all that "fuzz" up under the inside lip. Now, take a damp cloth and rub them down good. Do Not Wash under water as you'll end up with a limp shroom and nobody wants that. Fry up a tube of sausage, your fave brand, drain and put aside. Add 'shrooms, cap side down to drippings, add couple pats of butter and on med. heat saute' till golden brown both sides. Drain bottom down for 10 mins, on paper towels. Stuff with chopped purple onion and sausage mix. Place back in skillet and top with your favorite cheese. Do the lid trick again; couple Tbls. of water and tight lid it for 5 mins. Remove to serving dish, drizzle reduced down till thick, quality Balsamic Vinegar over top. This is flayva'!

K.I.S.S. STRAWBERRIES & ANGEL CAKE

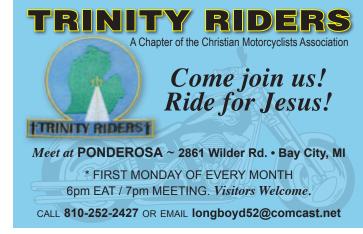
BIG quart of big, totally ripe, delicious s-berries.

Slice thick. Discard tops cut. Sprinkle sugar or Splenda all over the top in a flat, glass dish. Pour white corn syrup all over generously and let hang out in fridge for about 3 hours. Buy you a gorgeous Angel Food Cake, slice it up, pour your fabulously reduced down strawberries and tons of delish "sauce" over & top with real whip cream.

TO ALL OUR BRAVE, PROUD TROOPS... YOU'RE IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS DAILY. God Speed You Home.

















Bullet Points

Some Assembly Required

Courtesy of Wolverine Shooting Sports, Inc. ~ Dani Sparks



Previous New



Deer season is fast approaching, and for those of us who make the yearly trek into the great outdoors, being prepared is vitally important. From hours spent at a range sighting in scopes, to being certain that our Hunter's Orange clothing is ready for the woods, we hunting enthusiasts gear up and ready our good luck charms for that fateful morning in November, hoping that Lady Luck will give us a trophy buck. For many, this is a nostalgic time full of tradition, and nothing could deter our annual trip into the woods.

This year, however, some changes were made to the structuring of the hunting licenses, and those who are unaware may be caught off guard. Within the new structure, prices have been modified, and the new license options are a bit bewildering at first glance. You now must assemble a combination of licenses to suit your individual needs, though there are some "Pre-assembled" Combo Licenses, which may suit your needs perfectly! Everyone who hunts or fishes in the State of Michigan is required to have a base license. This base license allows for the hunting of small game and the purchase of various restricted licenses, like the fishing

license and various deer licenses. In order to shoot antlerless deer, a specific license is available, or there is a combo license available to purchase. In fact, there are several combination licenses, both for residents and non-residents alike, designed so that you can make the most of your hunting and fishing seasons. I've included the chart from the Michigan DNR, (as seen in the Hunting and Trapping Digest) which includes the various price points and license options available.

Hunting Licenses	Price	Price
Base Junior	-	^\$6.00
Base Resident	-	^\$11.00
Base Nonresident	-	^\$151.00
Base Senior	-	^\$5.00
Antlerless Deer	\$15.00	\$20.00
Antlerless Deer Junior	\$15.00	\$20.00
Antlerless Deer Managed Area Hunts	\$15.00	\$20.00
*Applications	\$4.00	\$5.00
Bear	\$15.00	\$25.00
Bear Participation	\$15.00	\$15.00
Hunt/Fish Combo Nonresident (includes base, deer combo and fishing)	-	^\$266.00
Hunt/Fish Combo Resident (includes base, deer combo and fishing)	-	^\$76.00
Hunt/Fish Combo Senior (includes base, deer combo and fishing)	-	^\$43.00
Deer Resident	\$15.00	\$20.00
Deer Combo Resident	\$30.00	\$40.00
Deer Nonresident	\$138.00	\$20.00
Deer Combo Nonresident	\$276.00	\$190.00
Deer Senior	\$6.00	\$8.00
Deer Combo Senior	\$12.00	\$28.00
*Deer Management Assistance Permits	\$15.00	\$10.00
Elk (Michigan residents only)	\$100.00	\$100.00
Fur Harvester	\$15.00	\$15.00
Fur Harvester Senior	\$6.00	\$6.00

Harvest Tags	-	-
*Mentored Youth	\$7.50	\$7.50
Military (Active duty and 100% disabled veterans)	\$1.00	+\$0
*Small Game 7 Day Nonresident	-	\$80.00
*Sportcard	\$1.00	\$1.00
Survey Tags	-	-
Turkey Fall	\$15.00	\$15.00
Turkey Fall Senior	\$6.00	\$6.00
Turkey Spring	\$15.00	\$15.00
Turkey Spring Senior	\$6.00	\$6.00
Waterfowl Hunting	\$5.00	\$12.00
Wolf Nonresident	\$500.00	\$500.00
Wolf Resident	\$100.00	\$100.00

^{*}More information can be obtained online at www.michigan. gov/dnr

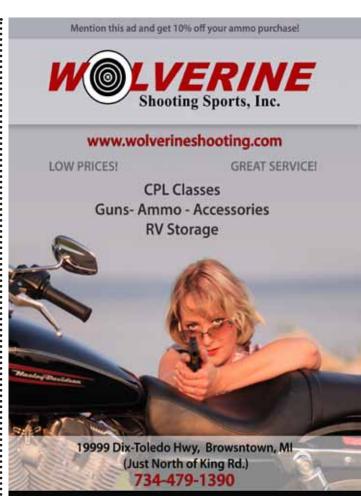
***Please note: A [regular] deer license may be used to harvest an antlered deer. This tag is not valid for the early/late antlerless firearm seasons. Those who purchase a single deer license may not purchase a second single deer license or the deer combo license.

Regarding the Deer Combination License:

Residents and nonresidents are entitled to purchase only one license with two kill tags (regular and restricted) for use during the firearm, muzzleloading, and archery seasons. These tags are not valid for the early/late antlerless firearm seasons. A hunter can use both kill tags in the firearm seasons, both in the archery season, or one in each season. To see how these tags may be used in each deer season, see pgs. 32-33 of the Hunting and Trapping Digest.

***These descriptions taken from the 2014 Hunting and Trapping Digest produced by Michigan DNR.

In addition to the license structure, there are other legalities : that must be taken into account when you head up north: for deer hunting this November, such as bag limits. These: limits exist for most species, and vary from location to loca-: tion. Most areas do not allow the hunting of antlerless deer with a firearm, even though the combo license allows for it! Additionally, there is a two buck limit statewide. When harvesting two bucks, one buck must have at least four or more points on one side. There are a lot of laws to know, and : they can change annually, so be sure to pick up a copy of : the Hunting and Trapping Digest from the same place you : get your license. If you intend to shoot any antlerless deer, : be certain to also pick up the Antlerless Deer Digest. The Michigan DNR produces these digests, so all the laws and : regulations are clearly compiled in one place. These Digests: are absolutely vital if you intend to go out in the woods in : your Hunter's Orange this year, so make sure to get one!



LEARN FROM THE BEST.

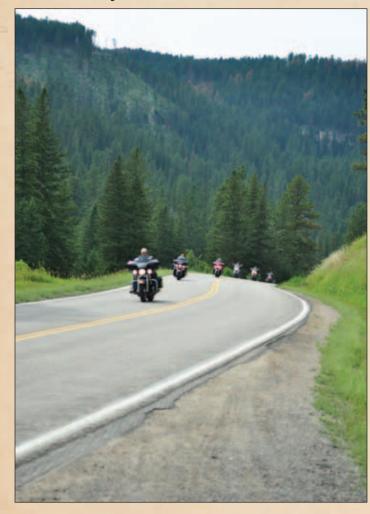


STURGIS Rides, Friends, Music

CONTRIBUTED BY "T" Collier ~ TRMOK

and Memories

As the sun sank behind the Spearfish Canyon wall, so did my heart knowing this was my last beautiful, scenic run of Sturgis 2014. I'll never quite be able to describe the magic of Sturgis to anyone that hasn't been there during the rally. The many facets that make it difficult to describe range from the gorgeous rides that twist and weave through the mountains and National monuments; to the music at



the various camps, amphitheaters, bars and roadside stops; to the smiles on the faces of the riders; to the people watching; to the variations of quality motorcycles from unknown builders competing alongside world famous builders; to the people I meet from all over the world; to developing friendships that last a lifetime even though I only see them in August of every year; to the crisp clean air and ridiculous rain storms. The list goes on.

Sturgis 2014 was filled with everything it's been in the past and more. My journey began as I met up in Oklahoma with a group of nine women riders from Women in the Wind MC, Twisted Sisters Chapter. We broke the trip up into two days, but made our first Sturgis stop at Crazy Horse as we entered from the South where we got to see Lakota Indian dancers perform in the foreground of the Crazy Horse monument.



A lot of my time was spent at the Buffalo Chip this year where I enjoyed the Legends Ride, a fundraiser for Black Hills Special Olympics and the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame. Funds are raised through the rider's entries and auction items which included a few large items and a custom bike built by the students of Sturgis High School. This year, a total of \$54,800 was raised. The



Biker Belles Ride, hosted by the Chip, was Tuesday in Deadwood with a host of wonderful women riders who, contributed to Helping with Horsepower and Sturgis Motorcycle Museum. A symposium featuring six women riders covered topics re-

lating from seasoned riders to new riders and their experiences. Unfortunately, the pouring rain refused to stop and the group ride was cancelled for safety reasons. However the David Uhl painting of talented Jessi Combs, famed fabricator and TV



personality, will be held out to auction at a later date on the Buffalo Chip Website. The day was wrapped up by a rocking concert by Alice Cooper and Motley Crue.

Wednesday, I took advantage of the tremendous racing at the Sturgis Dragway. While the races at the Dragstrip lasted all day, there was more racing around town



including a flat track AMA race and a TORC (The Off Road Championship) Race at the Buffalo Chip. I was fortunate to catch the ribbon cutting of the new TORC track at Buffalo Chip on Monday morning. These cars/trucks, sporting 500 to 800 hp, ran on a hillside track. Wednesday evening, I enjoyed a Chip Concert with Florida Georgia Line and ZZ Top! I had a beautiful chilled night ride back to my



cabin, just enough for a cozy hoodie.

The Rat Hole Bike Show was up for grabs on Thursday again at the Buffalo Chip. A large number of great looking bikes rolled in to compete for the famous Rat Trophy. From there, I took a quick ride down through Nemo and the National Forest area. I also took a quick circle back up to Rapid City to the Black Hills

Harley-Davidson where a large alternate venue was hopping. There are several vendors who choose to set up at this venue which has become very popular for great prices, National Vendors and yummy food! My grazing was interrupted by a call that one of the builders I knew won the dresser/touring category at the Rat Hole show and he was able to do a photo shoot with me out by gorgeous Bear Butte and Bear Butte Lake. This was a perfect way to watch the sun go down in Sturgis at the Butte. Back into town, I met up with my riding buddies and we spent a night prowling Main Street. (Details are spared...what happens in Sturgis, stays!)

Friday gave me a pouty face knowing it was my last day, but not for long as I pulled the trigger on a new set of HeliBar Handlebars. New bars on, I made a quick trip out to say bye to all my friends I'd made at Full Throttle Saloon, The Chip, through the breathtaking Spearfish Canyon and back to town as we all bought our souvenirs to return home. Back at our cabin, packing our belongings was interrupted by some hunky fellas from Iceland. Come to find out, one of them was previously named the first billionaire in Iceland. Hmmm...lucky guy! He was riding this awe-



some Indian, customized by Roland Sands. It was beautiful and well crafted

While you may think this is the end of the story, it is not by any means. On Saturday morning, our new rowdy neighbors woke the group early. While the group I rode up with were taking a two day journey home, I made a wacky decision to run it all in one day! Off I went....847 miles in 16 hours and 20 minutes. Alone. Me,



my bike and the highway through four states! Bam! My Sturgis 2014 trip got a cherry on top by upping my one day, long distance ride mileage record. Next time, I'm gunning for that iron butt award!

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