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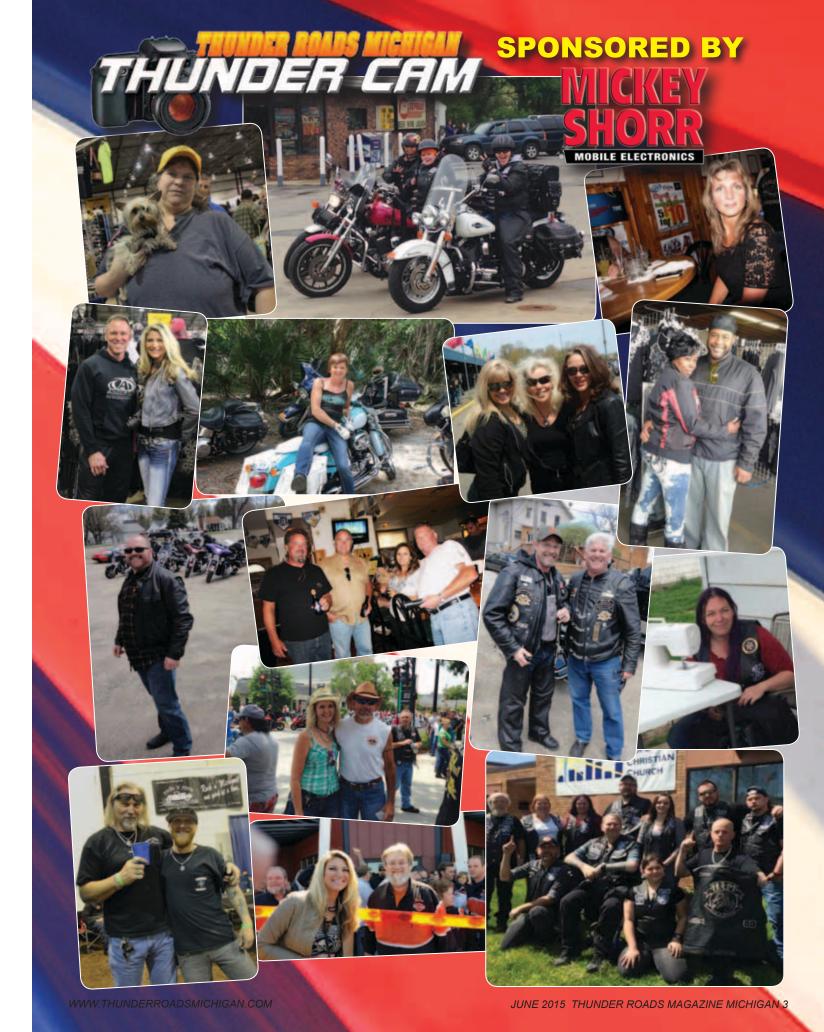
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in March 2013. It's a 2008 Ridley Auto Glide Classic 740 CC's, an

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them make me a bling motorcycle helmet to match my bike, bling Concho's for the custom motorcycle seat, bling gas caps, bling license plate frame, bling Ridley emblems & my husband purchased a bling Guardian bell to match the bike. Now it was time to come up with some kind of theme for my motorcycle to make it my

own and different. I am a gun owner of many guns and enjoy shooting at the range so the theme kind of explains itself. I found a painter named Joseph Lucia from New Baltimore, Michigan. I told him I was looking for something unique and different, so we put our heads together and came up with custom painting the Colt 45 guns on my gas tank, painting the hard saddlebags to match the bike. Joseph knew of a leatherier and they came up with the idea to make the leather straps holding 45 bullets' going down the front and back fender of the motorcycle and around the front of the gas tank. Joseph made the suggestion why not bling the Colt 45's to match the rest of the motorcycle. I enjoy talking to people about this bike and it really gets the attention!





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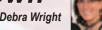








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Harley-Davidson Offers Free Riding Academy Training to All U.S. Military (including veterans)

Harley-Davidson announced that it is offering all current and former U.S. military free Riding Academy motorcycle training. The new "Learn to Ride" program, open to active-duty, retired, reservists and veterans, begins on Armed Forces Day, May 16, and runs through Sept. 13, 2015.

The announcement was made from the flight deck of the USS Yorktown. Harley-Davidson teamed up with U.S. Army veteran and two-time Paralympian, Heath Calhoun, and six riders who are also in the military, to make today's announcement by demonstrating fundamental motorcycle riding exercises aboard the USS Yorktown in Charleston, S.C.

"As a veteran, and a rider, I have found that nothing is more therapeutic than getting on my bike and taking a ride," said Calhoun, Wounded Warrior Project Alumnus and owner of a 2014 Harley-Davidson Tri-Glide. "I am honored to help Harley-Davidson empower all of us who have served to find comfort on the open road."

All stateside military can take advantage of this offer by visiting a Harley-Davidson dealer or going to h-d.com/militarylearntoride. If Riding Academy is not available in a particular area, Harley-Davidson will issue a Harley-Davidson gift card totaling the cost of the certified motorcycle safety program. Those currently deployed outside the U.S. can also submit the "Learn to Ride" form by Sept. 13 and will receive a voucher for free motorcycle safety training that is good through 2016.

"For us at Harley-Davidson, this is our way to thank the millions of people who have courageously defended our country and everyone's personal freedom to ride," said Christian Walters, managing director of U.S. Sales and Marketing at Harley-Davidson, and U.S. Army veteran.

\$1.1M in federal funding headed to Grand Rapids Home for Veterans

The Grand Rapids Home for Veterans will receive more than \$1 million in a pair of federal grants from VA. The money will go toward several upgrades at the veterans' facility, according to a news release.

A \$697,125 grant was secured Tuesday, May 5, and will be used to install emergency generators and hot water system. A second, previously announced \$466,875 backing is meant for a new anti-wanderer and security system.

Federal Government Gives \$1.6M to Help Homeless Veterans in Michigan (mostly Detroit)

The federal government announced a \$1.6 million investment to help end homelessness among veterans in Michigan. The funding, announced by U.S. Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow, includes \$1.1 million for the Detroit area.

It's part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Veterans Affairs supportive housing program. It combines H.U.D. rental assistance vouchers with clinical services provided by the V.A. The Ann Arbor Housing Commission and V.A. Ann Arbor health care system were also given funds.

Interactive rehabilitation device restores vet's use of hand after stroke

After suffering from four strokes in two years, the right side of David Villareal's body was completely debilitated. The 53-year-old retired Marine could no longer play music, his profession and passion, and was often left immobile from painful muscle spasms.

Now, three years after his first stroke, he has regained mobility— and reignited his love for music— thanks to an innovative upper extremity rehabilitation device, the MusicGlove.

The MusicGlove was invented by Nizan Friedman when he was a biomedical engineering post doctorate student at the University of California, Irvine. Friedman and his advisors created the MusicGlove to fill the gap between expensive arm training devices purchased by hospitals for upwards of \$60,000 and home rehabilitation and he founded Flint Rehabilitation in 2011.

The device, which looks like a glove made with strings, has sensors on the finger pads to detect movements connected with a game similar to Guitar Hero, in which patients must make hand gestures to "play" music notes. As a user progresses, the degree of difficulty increases with more grips and notes. The MusicGlove movements are designed to mimic functional movements, such as a key pinch and finger opposition. The team's studies have resulted in patients reporting the regained ability to do everyday tasks, such as tying shoes, washing dishes, using a remote control, and using the bathroom independently.

MusicGlove has undergone three clinical studies so far. The second, randomized control trial of 12 individuals more than six months after stroke onset, found that those who used the device significantly improved more than when they did conventional exercises. Ninety percent of participants improved some amount during the study.

The company is aiming to have the device in as many clinics as possible, so patients can use and interact with it. A therapist can guide them through what they would recommend as a regime and then the patient can use it at home when their therapy sessions are over.

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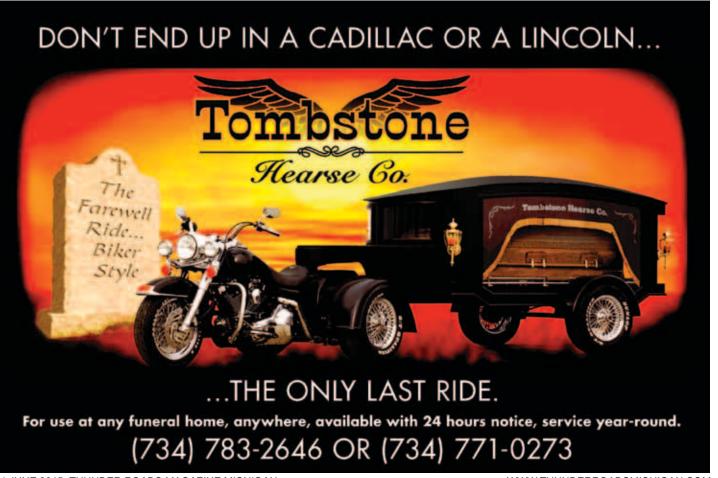


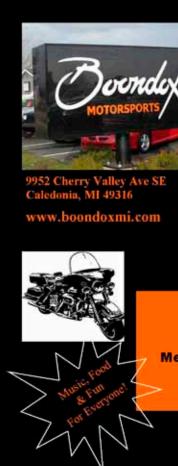














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Group Riding Tips from The Motorcycle Lawyer

Every now and then, I'll take a call from a motorcyclist who has fallen while riding in a group, often because of the actions of other riders. Now that Motorcycle Awareness Month has come and gone, and we are fully into the swing of the riding season, I thought I would take the opportunity to provide a few tips for riding in groups; I'll go through a few basics, and then look at some specific riding

The most important thing to keep in mind when it comes to group riding is this: Safety has to be your number one priority. It's not worth jeopardizing your safety for the sake of keeping the group together.

Careful planning can make all the difference in a group ride. The first step is to identify what type of ride you want to do. Are you heading for a particular destination? Are you just exploring a particular route, with no particular destination in mind? Or, is this a charity or event ride, with particular stopping points along the way?

Once you know the type of ride, it's a good idea to keep the least experienced rider in mind when planning the route. Plan the length of the route as well as each segment on that person's ability level; it will be safer for them as well as the other riders in the group. Take lots of timely breaks along the way to combat fatigue and stay

While riding, it's usually not advised to pass within the group. In terms of passing other vehicles, do so only if it is safe and legal. On two-lane roads, pass slower-moving vehicles one at a time; on a multi-lane highway, it may be best for the entire group to pass as a single unit. In this case, the leader would signal a lane change (after determining that the entire group can pass safely), and then each rider would signal before changing lanes one at a time. In general, stay staggered and leave plenty of room between yourself and the other bikers. Be Motorcycle Aware while you ride; use your mirrors, signal, and be as predictable as you can. There are a few different formations for group riding:

Staggered formation: The leader rides in the left-third of the lane, while the next rider follows at least a second behind, but in the right-third of the lane. The third rider would follow in the left-third of the lane at least one second behind the second rider, and so on for the rest of the group. If hazardous conditions arise, it may be best to switch to single-file riding.

Side-By-Side: If you intend to ride side-by-side within a group, check to see if it's legal in the state where you're riding; in many states, riding side-by-side is actually illegal. Riding side-by-side can be dangerous; it leaves you less room to maneuver within the Single file: Riding single file gives riders more room to maneuver. particularly on curves or ramps. It can also be good for low visibility riding. When riding single file, be sure to leave lots of room between bikes; two seconds or more is recommended.

How you plan your route will determine how many intersections vou'll have to deal with. Discuss the plan ahead of time (before starting out), and make sure that there are frequent catch-up stops for riders who may fall behind or have to wait for a light. You never want to create a situation where a motorcyclist feels pressure to ride too fast or take risks just to keep up.

The most important thing about group riding is to be prepared and plan it well. Get everything ready in advance; pack rain gear if needed, charge your phone, and bring your emergency repair kit. Fill up your tank before you meet up with the group, go over the route and stops, decide what to do or where to meet if someone gets separated, and discuss any hand signals before you ride. For a complete list of hand signals, check our blog: http://goo.gl/

While I can't cover everything, this article should be a good start for planning epic group rides this riding season. If you have a tip to share, or a comment about this article, find us on Facebook (facebook.com/TheMotorcycleLawyer) or let us know on Twitter (@ cyclelawyer1). We look forward to hearing from you and wish all Michigan motorcyclists a safe and long riding season!

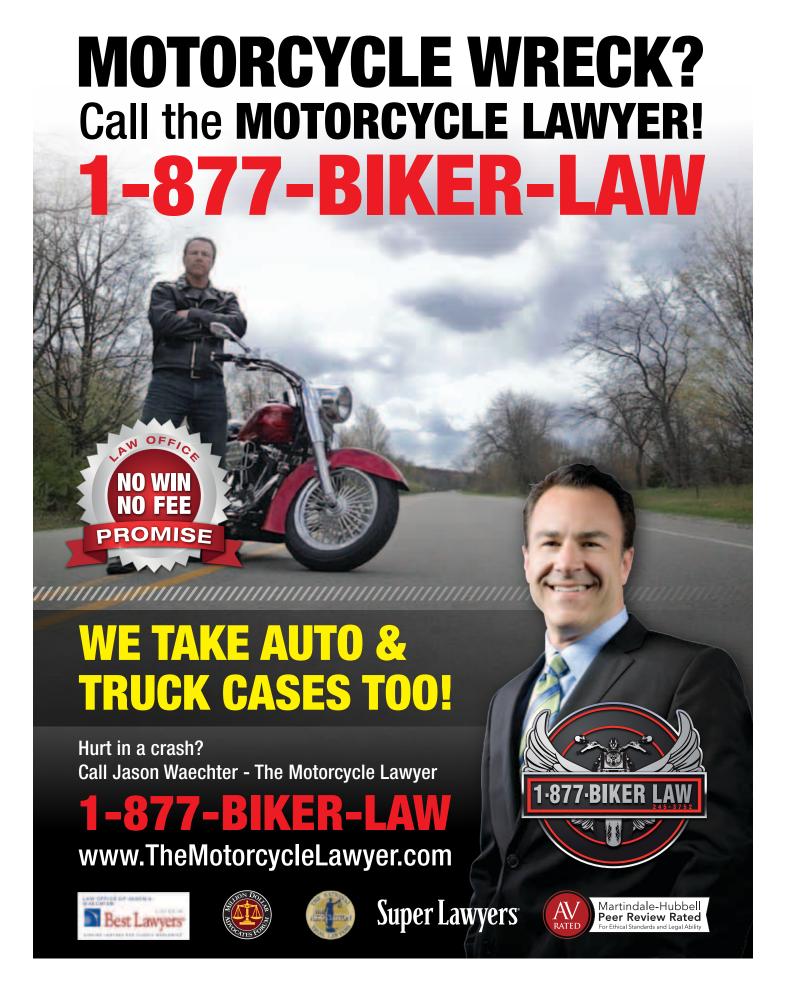
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A farmer was selling his peaches door to door. He knocked on a door and a shapely 30-something woman dressed in a very sheer negligee answered the door.

He raised his basket to show her the peaches and asked, "Would you like to buy some peaches, ma'am?"

She pulled the top of the negligee to one side and asked, "Are they as firm as this?"

He nodded his head and said, "Yes ma'am," and a little tear ran from his eye. Then she pulled the other side of her negligee off asking, "Are they nice and pink like this?"

The farmer said, "Yes," and another tear came from the other eye.

Then she unbuttoned the bottom of her negligee and asked, "Are they as fuzzy as this?"

He again said, "Yes," and broke down crying.

She asked, "Oh, dear, why on earth are you crying?"

Drying his eyes he replied, "The drought got my corn, the flood got my soy beans, a tornado leveled my barn......

And now I do believe I'm gonna' get screwed out of my peaches."

An air traffic control tower suddenly lost communication with a small twin engine aircraft. A moment later the tower land line rang and was answered by one of the employees.

An old pal of the Pilot's, whom was a passenger, was riding shotgun since the Co-Pilot called in ill .

He contacted the Tower and yelled,; "Mayday, mayday!! The Pilot of this aircraft had an instant and fatal heart attack. I grabbed his cell phone and as I hoped, he had the Tower on his speed dial memory. I am flying upside down at 18,000 feet and traveling at 180 mph. Mayday, mayday!!"

The employee in the tower had put him on speaker phone immediately. "Calm down, we acknowledge you and we'll guide you down after a few questions. The first thing is not to panic, remain calm. He began his series of questions: Tower: "How do you know you are traveling at 18,000 feet??"

Aircraft: "I can see that it reads 18,000 feet on the Altimeter dial in front of me." Tower: "Okay, that's good, remain calm. How do you know you're traveling at 180 mph?"

Aircraft: "I can see that it reads 180 mph on the Airspeed dial in front of me." Tower: "Okay, this is great so far, but it's heavily overcast, so how do you know you're flying upside down?"

Aircraft: "The sh*t in my pants is running out of my shirt collar."

The husband leans over and asks his wife, "Do you remember the first time we had sex together over sixty years ago? We went behind the village tavern

where you leaned against the back fence and I made sweet, passionate love to you."

Yes, she says, "I remember it fondly."

OK, he says, "How about taking a stroll around there again and we can do it for old time's sake?"

"Oh Jim, you old devil, that sounds like a crazy, but thrilling idea!"

A police officer sitting in the next booth heard their conversation and, having a chuckle to himself, he thinks to himself, I've got to see these two old-timers having sex against a fence. I'll just keep an eye on them so there's no trouble. So he follows them.

The elderly couple walks haltingly along, leaning on each other for support aided by walking sticks. Finally, they get to the back of the tavern and make their way to the fence. The old lady lifts her skirt and the old man drops his trousers. As she leans against the fence, the old man moves in. Then suddenly they erupt into the most furious sex that the policeman has ever seen. This goes on for about ten minutes while both are making loud noises and moaning and screaming. Finally, they both collapse, panting on the ground.

The policeman is amazed. He thinks he has learned something about life and

After about half an hour of lying on the ground recovering, the old couple struggle to their feet and put their clothes back on. The policeman, is still watching and thinks to himself, this is truly amazing, I've got to ask them what's their secret?

So, as the couple passes, he says to them, "Excuse me, but that was something else. You must've had a fantastic sex life together. Is there some sort of secret to all this to give hope to my wife and I for our future together?

Shaking, the old man is barely able to reply,

old age that he didn't know existed.

"Sixty years ago that wasn't an electric fence."

Men have two emotions: Hungry and Horny. If you see him without an erection, make him a sandwich

Life is like a jar of Jalapeno peppers-what you do today, might burn your ass tomorrow.

Some people are like a Slinky--not really good for anything, but you still can't help but smile when you shove them down the stairs.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all you phenom Daddy's that make the world a safer place for your children. It takes a real Man putting forth the effort & time to be a Father.





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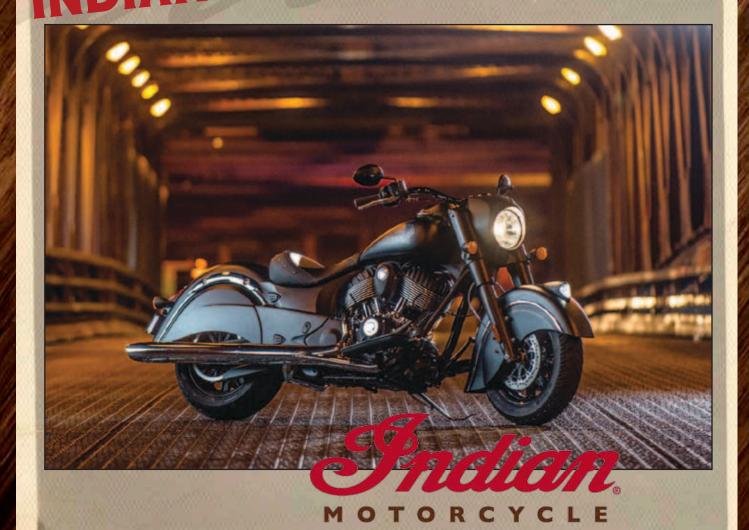
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displacement - 111 cu in / 1811 cc

electronic fuel injection system - closed loop fuel injection /54mm bore

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peak torque - 119.2 ft-lbs/ 138.9 n m

peak torque rpm - 3000 rpm/2600 rpm

suspension: front - type/travel telescopic fork/4.7 in (119 mm) - 46mm cartridge forks with dual rate springs

suspension: rear - type/travel single shock / 3.7 in mechanical preload (94 mm mechanical preload)

brakes/front - dual / floating rotor / 4 piston caliper dual front / 300mm with anti-lock brakes

brakes/rear - single / floating rotor / 2 piston caliper / 300mm with anti-lock

tires/front - dunlop® elite 3 130/90b16 73h

tires/rear - dunlop® american elite 180/

wheels - cast 16" x 3.5" front and 16" x 5" rear

exhaust system - split dual exhaust w/ cross-over fuel capacity (litres) - 5.5 gallons

rake/trail - 29°

seat height - 26.0 in

overall length - 103.5 in

weight (empty tank / full of fuel) - 751 lbs







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SATURDAY JUNE 6TH Burn Camp Challenge

JACKSON CITY PARKING LOT 11am-3:30pm 414 Water St (behind Wendy's) Presented by GWRRA MI of Jackson \$10 pp to be in the events (2 or 3 wheel bikes) For more info call Gary 517-262-0896



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Meet at BRIGHTON HARLEY-DAVIDSON® Registration 10:30am until noon \$20 Bike / \$30 with Rider For more info go to www.nozzlemenmc.com or call Ben 734-323-6291

SUNDAY JUNE 28TH Back Yard BBQ of Kalamazoo

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FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY JULY 10TH - 12TH

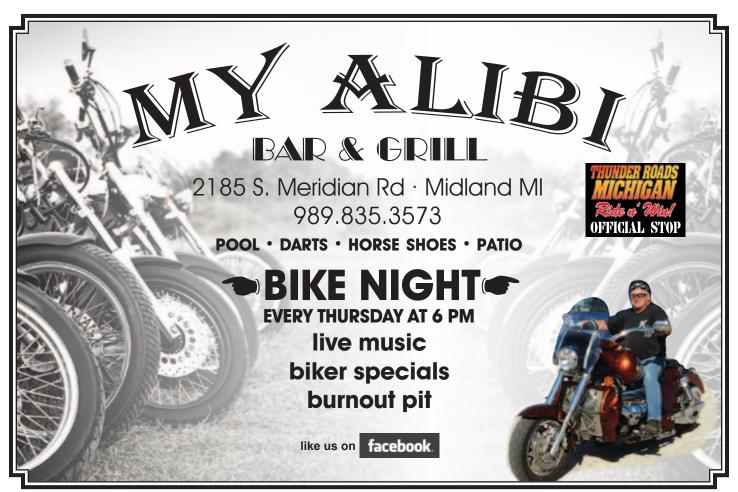
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THURSDAY-SUNDAY - JUNE 25-28









at Hamilton Harley-Davidson 9am-6pm Demo ride any new Harley-Davidson! Downtown Sturgis Bike Night featuring "Big Caddy Daddy" Miller Lite Beer Tent. 5-10 pm.





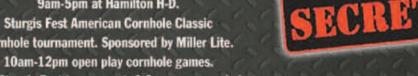
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ALL DAY DEMO TRAILER at Hamilton H-D 9am-6pm



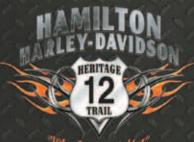
SATURDAY - JUNE 27

ALL DAY DEMO TRAILER EVENT 9am-5pm at Hamilton H-D. **Sturgis Fest American Cornhole Classic** cornhole tournament. Sponsored by Miller Lite. 10am-12pm open play cornhole games.



12-5pm ACO Sturgis Fest tournament. 6-8pm open cornhole games. \$40 per team register at www.americancornhole.com 1,2,3 prize SSS. Beer Tent Food and Bands until 10pm.





SUNDAY - JUNE 28

Sturgis Fest Freedom Run for Veterans-Wounded Warrior Event leaves Hamilton H-D noon



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2015 MICHIGAN THUNDER RUN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST



Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan is proud to announce that

The 2015 Michigan Thunder Run has officially started!



All you need to do to get started is:

1. Go to any Registration stop listed on the map with a red star or on The Stops pages. If you already have your card from last year you do not need to register again. The Ride Cards do not expire so hold on to it. The information that you provide when you sign-up for your FREE Ride Card



only goes to me and will NOT be used for any other purpose than this contest. You will not have to provide any other personal information again after this. You will be handed your FREE Ride Card right then. It has a unique number on it- take note because that is YOURS and ONLY YOURS.

- 2. Once you have your Ride Card go to any or all of the stops listed this month and show them your card! Registration stops are also ride stops. There are also event stops each month. That stop will write your unique Ride Card number down. Let them know if you spend over \$10 there because your Ride Card number will get counted twice!
- 3. Check the following months issue to see if your Ride Card number is listed as a winner. You must check this each month as Thunder Roads staff will not contact you and let you know you won. If your Ride Card number is listed as a winner email MichiganThunderRun@gmail.com to claim your prize. In the email provide your name, address, phone number & Ride Card number. Again, the information only goes to us at Thunder Roads. Please note: You only have 45 days to claim your prize from the 1st the month it is listed in the magazine.

Make sure to pick-up your copy each month of Thunder Roads to see that month's Ride Stops and also to see if your Ride Card is listed as a winner!

Few Facts:

- Winners are randomly picked from each Registration/Ride Stop, Ride Stop & Event Stop each month.
- The more places you check-in the greater your chances are of winning a prize from that stop or one of our sponsors prizes; including the chance to win the Grand Prize of a 2015 Harley-Davidson Roadglide courtesy of Shiawassee Harley-Davidson!
- If you spend \$10 or more at any of the Registration/Ride Stops or Ride Stops your Ride Card number gets counted twice! Please note: The reason why this contest is FREE to you the rider is because our sponsors and stops. So we want to encourage everyone to support them in return. That is why we count your Ride Card number twice if you spend \$10 or more.
- You can check-in 1 time each week at each Registration/Ride Stop & Ride
- Riders are able to win multiple prizes based upon the drawing of their
- 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!

2015 MICHIGAN THUNDER RUN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST



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
- 3. Ride out to these stops and show them your card.
- 4. And then you win cool prizes, including cold hard CASH!

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 Harley Fest, Bikes on the Bricks or Bike Nights will have a special booth for Ride Card registrations. We will list these events each month on the Event Stops page in the magazine. In most cases, we will be offering special incentives to those checking in with their previously issued Ride Card at these stops.

Thunder Roads Michigan will also be working with charities and various nonprofit 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!

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

Just Get Out and RIDE!

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. We have designed this run to entertain and challenge our readers – as well as promote our partners. If your business would like to be a stop or be a sponsor, please email us at MichiganThunderRunRide@gmail.com



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No purchase or submission to sales presentation necessary. Purchase does not increase chance of winning. Void where prohibited. See complete rules available at Shiawassee Harley-Davidson. Contest begins 11/27/15 and ends 11/28/15. Open to legal U.S. residents, age 18 or older with a valid driver's license who received an original mail piece via U.S. Mail. Employees of Shiawassee Harley-Davidson, mail house, AHNO, associated sponsors or agencies, and their family members and members of same household are ineligible. Corestant must match a randomly selected winning number on file with AHNO and contained in the sealed security envelope to win corresponding prize. The act of opening the door of the vehicle vault does not constitute a winning attempt. Vehicle Vault will be displayed during normal business hours between contest dates at participating locations. Available prezes approximate retail value and odds of winning. 2015 H-D Read Glide Special \$24.175. 1:1.000.000. Maximum of one prize award available per prize level. In the event of a vehicle vaultifelectronic digital lock or locking mediated into exortest is well be contest. locking mechanism malfunction the contest is void and no prizes will be awarded. In event an error voids contest, promotion will be re-mailed at a future date. All validly dalimed prizes will be awarded. Any unclaimed prizes will not be awarded. Sportson not responsible for late, lost, misdirected or damaged mail. Contest sponsor. Shawassee Harley-Davidson 11901 N. Beyer Rd. Brich Run, MI 4841.



RIDING OUT OF STATE? If you ride to Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Delaware, Maryland or Washington DC, make sure to pick up a copy of Thunder Roads in each state and look for a Registration Stop to register for that state's ride card. Then check-in at any stop listed in that state's issue. You could win prizes in each state!

LET'S RIDE!

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@

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2015 MICHIGAN THUNDER RUN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST

JUNE EVENT STOPS



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JUNE 6 ~ D-Day Plus 71 Honor Ride

Hot Rod HD, Muskegon, MI. Regis 8 am – 9:30am, 9:30 depart, \$10 pp incl patch & goodies plus a riders only raffle ticket, 60 mile police escorted scenic ride throughout Muskegon County ending at the Mart Dock. All bikes, cars & trucks welcome.

For more info go to www.facebook.com/muskegondday (See ad this issue).

JUNE 7 ~ Biker Sunday

Midland Nazarene 5700 Jefferson Ave, Midland, MI. 10:45 am, great music, special guest speaker Jerry McGee (former member of a notorious biker gang), Hog Roast. Everyone welcome. For more info call 989-631-4620 (See full page ad this issue).

JUNE 13 ~ Harley Fest

Freedom Hill County Park, MI. 11 am-10 pm, live concert featuring Skid Row. For more info go to freedomhill.net

JUNE 19 ~ Harleys at the Dragway

Milan Dragway, Milan, MI. \$12 race or watch, all bikes welcome, fun runs, vendors, biker games & more. For more info go to www.milandragway.com (See full page ad this issue).

JUNE 19-21 ~ 6th Annual Thunder at the River

Little River Casino Resort, Manistee, MI. Honoring veterans, special guest Terri Clark Fri 9 pm, escorted ride sat noon- 3 pm, for more info & tickets call 800-585-3737 or go to ThunderattheRiver.com (See ad this issue).

JUNE 24-28 ~ Freedom Cruise

Grand Rapids, MI. 5 days of bike events & classic cars, honor ride, golf classic, free outdoor concerts, blessing & more. For more info call Tom 616-887-7210 or go to www.freedomcruise.net (See full page ad this issue).

THE STOPS

For the month of June check- in at any of these stops and you could win the prize at that stop. Don't have a Ride card? You can sign-up for your FREE Ride Card at any of the stops listed with a Ride Card next to it (Ride Cards from last year are still good as they do not expire). Then check-in at any stop with your Ride Card to win that prize. Make sure to pick up the July issue (or view the magazine online at www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com) to see if your Ride Card number is listed as a winner from this months stops. Sponsor prizes are randomly picked from event stops and stops listed below.



NORTH

BS & Co Bar & Grill

12946 S. Straits Hwy, Wolverine, MI 49799. (231) 525-8737 Hours: M-Th 7am-11 pm, Sat & Sun 7 am-12 am. 1 lucky person wins gift certificate for a large pizza.

Bike Night Saturdays

CoCo Cabana's

2355 South M-33, West Branch, MI 48661. (989) 345-1400 Hours: M-Th 11am-12am, Fri & Sat 11am-2am, Sun 12pm-12am. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gift card. Bike Night Thursdays, Tiki Bar & restaurant, outdoor patio.

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THE STOPS

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18935 15 ½ Mile Rd, Marshall, MI 49068. (269) 781-4293 Hours: 11am-8pm everyday. 1 lucky person wins choice of t-shirt or \$10 gift card. Bike Night Wednesdays

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2055 Merriman Rd, Garden City, MI 48135, (734) 812-8419 Hours: Every Tuesday at 5:30 pm Bike Night. 1 lucky person wins choice of shirt or \$10 gift card. Bike Night every Tuesday.

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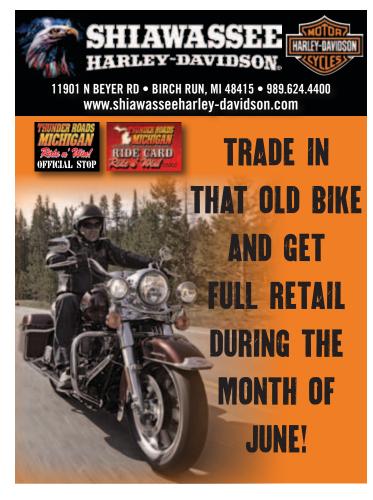
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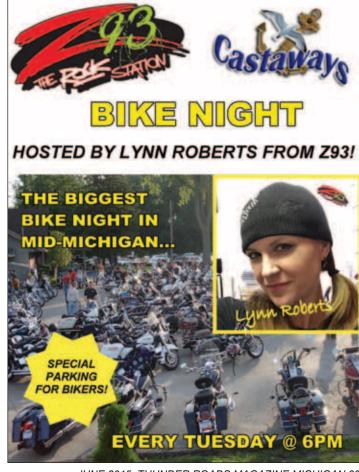
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The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.



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The 112 Best Things To Ever Happen To Motorcycling - And The 8 Worst ~ PART 1

Since 1885, plenty of things have made our favorite sport great, from the internal-combustion engine to the bungee cord. Here's an unscientific list of the best of them—and a few of the worst.







Motorcycling didn't just happen overnight. In fact, people have been building, riding and otherwise having fun on two-wheeled vehicles with motors since 1885. In that time, plenty of things have made our favorite sport great, from the truly ground-breaking machines that started it all to humbler stuff like the bungee cord and the plastic garbage bag. And frankly, it's both ends of the spectrum that make motorcycling what it is. In that spirit, here is a totally unscientific list of the 112 best things that ever happened to motorcycling—along with some of the things we're still smarting over. If you dig this history and would like to learn more about motorcycling, consider a ride to the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame in Pickerington, Ohio. You can find more information about the Hall of Fame, as well as riding directions, at www.motorcyclemuseum.org. (Speaking of the AMA, one of the best events in motorcycling is July 10-12 this summer at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio: AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days. Learn more at www.amavintagemotorcycledays.com.)

12 Things That Started It All

The Invention of the Wheel (about 5,000 BC in Mesopotamia). After that, we only had to wait a mere 6,876 years for Nicolaus Otto to invent the internal-combustion engine.

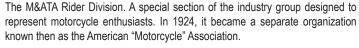
The 1885 Daimler "Einspur." Sure it had training wheels, and yes, it was a test bed for a motor, not a true motorcycle. But it put two wheels in line and a motor between them, with a rider on top.

The 1894 Hildebrand and Wolfmuller. A 1,488cc, liquid-cooled twin that was the world's first mass-produced motorcycle.

Motorcycle Clubs. Many of the earliest grew out of existing bicycle clubs, bringing together "wheelmen" of all kinds.

The Federation of American Motorcyclists. The first national motorcycle association, and an important precursor to the American Motorcyclist Association that thrives today, was founded in 1903.

The Motorcycle & Allied Trades Association (M&ATA). The industry trade group founded in 1916, has evolved into the Motorcycle Industry Council.



Rider Education. It's available to riders in nearly all 50 states today, but it started with the training programs created for police motor patrols and Army dispatch riders.

Hot-rodding. Thanks to the Depression and the need for motorcyclists to make do with what they had, owner modifications become commonplace, and customizing was born.

AMA News. This newsletter, which went to AMA members serving in the military around the world during World War II, grew into American Motorcyclist magazine, the journal of the AMA that currently keeps the association's members up to speed on everything motorcycling.

The British Invasion. With major American motorcycle manufacturers dwindling to just two by the 1950s, Triumph, BSA, Matchless, Norton and more brought lightweight performance bikes to the U.S. market.

The Japanese Invasion. A decade later, it was Honda, Yamaha, Suzuki and Kawasaki coming to America with even lighter, higher performance machines.

11 Advances That Redefined Motorcycles

Pneumatic Tires. Invented by Robert William Thomson in 1845 and perfected by John Boyd Dunlop in 1888, pneumatic tires made high-speed travel possible.

Chain Drive. Sure, belts and shafts are great, but most bikes today still rely on chain final drive, an innovation that Indian brought to its first bikes in 1901, when just about everybody else was using leather belts.

Electric Start. Who doesn't love the magic button? It dates from the Indian Hendee Special in 1914.

Front Suspension. Sprung forks were common even in the early years of motorcycling, but it was decades before BMW pioneered the modern, hydraulically damped telescopic fork in the 1935 R12.















Rear Suspension. Hardtails may look cool on customs, but if you actually want to ride anywhere, you appreciate some cush under your tush. A lot of companies experimented with rear suspension technology, but Moto Guzzi claims the first swingarm with its 1928 GT.

Multi-viscosity Oil. Oil is the lifeblood of a motor, but for decades, it was thick when you wanted it thin—like when you started a motor—and thin when you wanted it thick—like when that motor got hot. Advances during World War II made 10W-30 possible.

The Modern Control Scheme. Left-hand clutch; right-hand brake and throttle; right-foot brake; left-foot shift. It seems so logical now, but it wasn't until well into the 1970s that this became the standard for motorcycle controls.

Disc Brakes. This quantum leap from drums was among the innovations in Honda's landmark 1969 CB750. The concept goes back to the '20s, when Britain's Douglas put them on dirt-track racers.

The Monoshock. Vincent experimented with the concept in the '50s, but Yamaha brought it to dirtbikes with the 1975 YZ250 and YZ360.

Maintenance-free Batteries. When was the last time you had to check the battery fluid level on a modern motorcycle? Thought so.

Electronic Ignition. There was a time, as recently as the '80s, when you had to install and adjust ignition points every time you did a tuneup. Anyone still own a dwell meter? Show of hands? Case closed.

9 Materials We Couldn't Live Without

Duct Tape. The fifth element—it fixes everything.

Gore-Tex. Rainproof gear started with waxed cotton, progressed to rubberized fabric, then coated nylon. But Gore-Tex brought much-appreciated breathability to waterproof fabric.

Velcro. The ubiquitous hook-and-loop fastener was invented by a Swiss engineer in the 1950s. Today, you can find hooks and loops on almost every piece of motorcycle clothing or soft luggage.

Kevlar. The same stuff in bulletproof vests also makes clothing that is puncture and abrasion-resistant, and (under the Aramid name) goes into motorcycle drive belts and tires.

Stainless Steel. Especially in exhaust systems, it's a lifesaver.

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10 Different Motors That Crank You Up

The Single. The simple engine configuration that started it all, still going strong at the top of the sport in off-road competition.

The Parallel Twin. Hildebrand & Wolfmuller offered it in 1894, and added liquid cooling to boot.

The Horizontally Opposed Twin. BMW may be famous for the boxer design, but the British Douglas brand made flat twins as far back as 1907, and both Indian and Harley-Davidson offered boxers before the first BMW was introduced.

The V-twin. Indian made one earlier, but when Harley-Davidson rolled out its first 45-degree V-twin in 1909, it created what has become America's motor.

The 90-degree L-twin. Ducati is the company most associated with the design today, but Moto Guzzi had one years earlier, and back in World War II, Indian experimented with the Model 841, a 90-degree twin with the crankshaft in-line with the frame, Guzzi-style.

The Four. Belgium's FN made a four-cylinder, shaft-drive machine in 1905, leading to a whole series of American fours from Henderson, Ace and Indian, all with their motors mounted in-line with the frame. But it was Honda that turned the four-cylinder sideways and changed everything with the 1969 CB750.

The V-four. Honda's Interceptor and Yamaha's V-Max are shining examples, but Matchless introduced the Silver Hawk in 1931, featuring an 18-degree V-four.

The Flat Four. Honda made it famous with the original Gold Wing (now a flat six) in 1975, but two British companies tried it earlier. In 1939, Brough Superior unveiled its prototype of the Golden Dream, with a 996cc four that was essentially two flat twins stacked on top of each other. In 1954, Wooler showed a prototype of a 500cc flat four. Neither of the prototypes ever found its way into production.

The Six. You're thinking Honda CBX, right? Think back a little further, to 1972, when the Benelli Sei was introduced.

The V-eight. The eight has an interesting history in competition. In 1907, Glenn Curtiss went 136 mph on a V-eight motorcycle of his own design. 50 years later, Moto Guzzi built a V-eight machine for 500cc grand-prix road racing. Now, Boss Hoss makes automotive V-eights its signature engine.

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So many have said "If God were such a good god, why is there so much pain, death and suffering in the world?" Others have had a bad run-in with the religious types that judge everything that doesn't look like them. Driving the very people that Jesus died and rose again to save, away!

Listen, questioning the character of God is all part of the enemy's (Satan) plan. Which has always been his M.O. right from the very beginning. In Genesis 3:1 the devil (in the form of a snake) said to Eve "Did God really say...?" Ya see, his motive was for Adam and Eve to guestion God's character, fairness and honesty. When this happened, they sinned, separating themselves and all of humanity from the loving relationship that He created for us all to have.

The sad thing is we still fall for the enemy's lies and manipulation today. "If God were such a good god..." or "See, all those Christians are all the same... judgmental and hypocritical!"

Listen, the bible says in 1 John 4:8 "The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love."

So, for those who call themselves Christian, yet use the bible as a hammer... KNOCK IT OFF! The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 2:24 "...The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you." Listen, when Christians act like the judge they put themselves in the place of God and destroy the very people He has come to save.

You might be asking yourself; if God is love then why is there still pain and suffering in the world? The answer to that question is so simple... it's because the enemy (who has come to kill, steal and destroy John 10:10) is at work in the world and because of sin, wreaks havoc in people's lives, families, communities, nations and world. Romans 6:23 says "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." So, it is sin in the world that brings about death (pain, suffering and death) NOT

The truth is God is Good!!! The Bible says in Psalm 100:5 "For Yahweh (The Lord) is good, and His love is eternal; His faithfulness endures through all generations."

Listen, we will always have suffering in the world but you don't have to suffer for all eternity. Jesus said in John 3:17 "For God did not send His Son into the world that He might condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

So, to boil it all down... The devil is bad and brings pain and suffering because of sin. God is good, He lovingly and mercifully sent His son (Jesus) to pay for your sin and be saved by Him. Will you accept God's love for you today?

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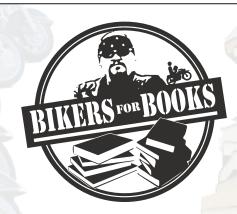
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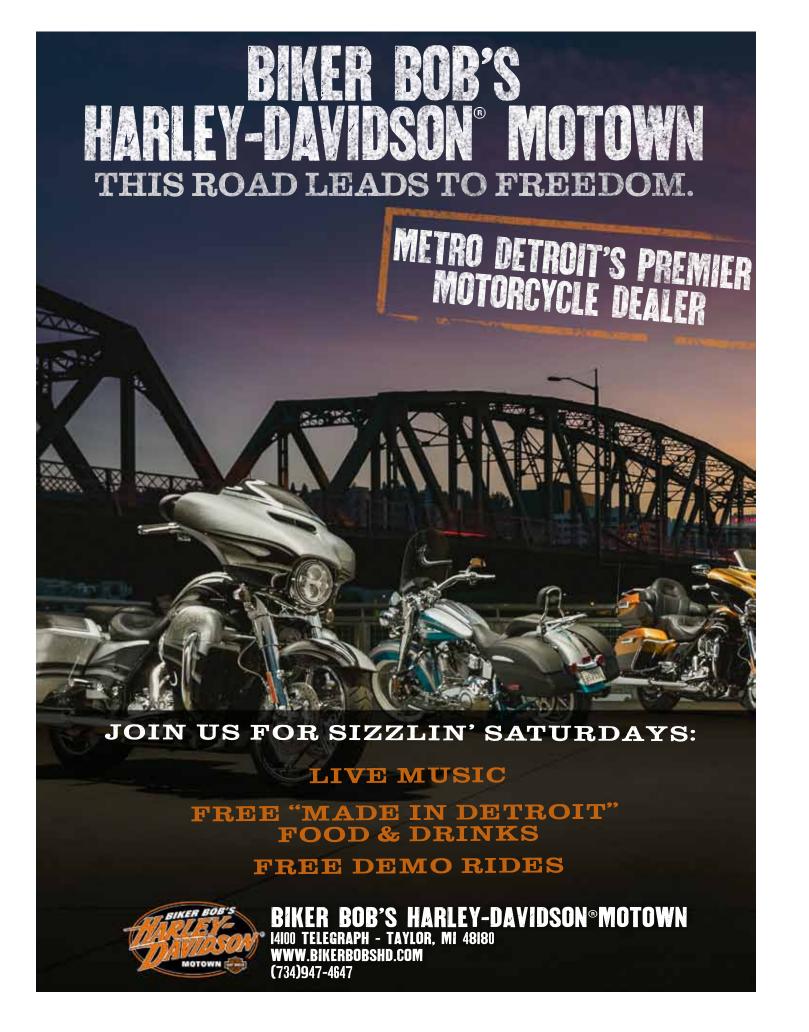
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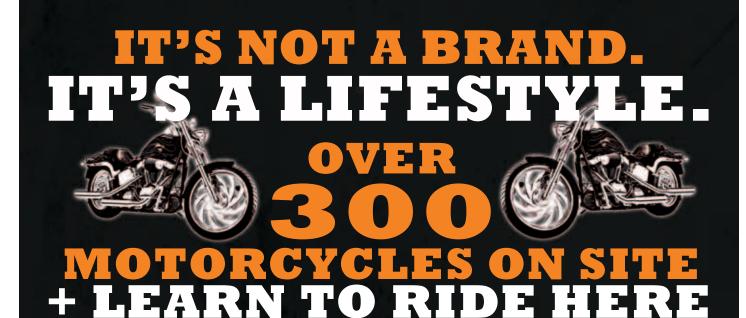
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DADDY'S FAVORITE STEAK

My hubby's favorite cut of steak is a 2 inch Porter-house. This is essentially a T-Bone steak, but a proper Porterhouse has a large-sized attachment on the other side of the bone, and this attachment is actually of a tenderloin cut; soft and supple. Truly a fabulous cut of meat if you choose the right one.

1 Steak (Dad's choice) remove from fridge and/or packing carton and let sit on a plate (not paper) for apprx. 20 mins. or until room temperature.

Marinade: My Mom taught me this marinade when I was 5 y.o. helping her out in the kitchen; take your room temp. steak and slather plain ole' yellow mustard on both sides of steak in a massaging kind of motion. Next, add your desired amount of salt and cracked black pepper. I also add this mixture I make up every month and store it in an air-tight container. It's essentially thyme, rosemary, garlic powder, lemon pepper, a touch of nutmeg and a pinch of cayenne. Shake it all together. Again, massage into Dad's steak (both sides) and let sit 15 minutes, longer if you want.

Cooking: Now, by far and away I think cooking a steak over charcoal is ideal. Over a propane grill is also great. But I have a counter-top DeLonghi grill that I've been using for years because I just turn it on high, spray it w/ butter spray and when it's good and hot I lay my steak on it and hear that hot, hot sizzle. Perfection! It's big enough to hold 2 giant steaks and even an aluminum foil side pouch of sliced red potatoes, onions and shrooms. Yummy!

Remember...always let your steaks cook longer on the one side and get those phenom grill marks seared into them and when you flip them (I always splash Worcestershire sauce all over the top before flipping) is when you determine how long before you pull them for medium rare or however you prefer. I always put a little pat of butter and rub all over steak then sprinkle parsley all over while it rests to absorb flavor.

Remember: ALWAYS let your steak rest for a solid 5 minutes on the plate after you pull from grill so that all the liquid and moisture can be reabsorbed back into the meat. Otherwise the only juicy bite you'll have is the first and the rest will all be dried up. *This technique is true for all meats that you cook except bigger cuts of meat need to rest longer.

POP'S PERFECT POTATO

1 Extra Large Baker Style Potato

Here's my secret on cooking baked potatoes so that they're always done exactly when the steaks are ready to eat. Preheat oven to 475 degrees.

Take a smaller knife and just jab slits on both sides of your potato. Nuke it in microwave for a full 8 minutes. This is for an extra-large potato. If it's medium size, only do for 5 minutes. Remove from micro and wrap in aluminum foil by placing on one end and rolling and then twisting the ends. Place directly on oven rack and let it cook at 475 for 15 minutes tops, use your oven mitt and squeeze in the middle and make sure nice and soft and remove. Do Not slit down the middle and squish to form it like they do in restaurants until you're ready to "dress" it with butter, sour cream, bacon bits, cheese, etc..., or you'll lose all the heat from the potato. But after you slice the aluminum foil from twist to twisted end and pooch inward on each end it makes the potato rise up and you can then take a fork and open it up some and pull potato from the sides and it makes it all fluffy and soft and ready for all your fave toppings. You got this!

JUST FOR DAD....E-Z PEACHY COBBLER

- 2 Cans of Pre-Halved Whole Peaches
- 1 Stick of Butter
- 1-1/2 Cups of Self-Rising Flour
- 1-1/2 Cups Whole Milk

Ground Cinnamon

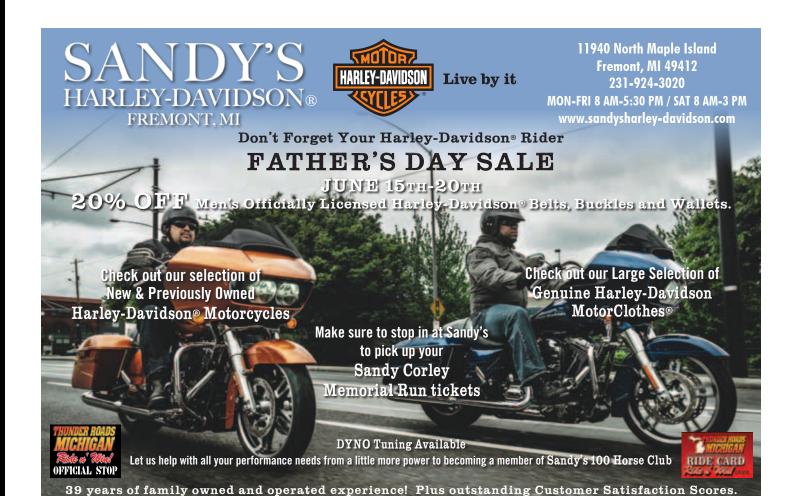
Quality Brand Vanilla Ice Cream

Put the stick of butter in a 3 quart baking dish and place in over at 350 to melt. Mix sugar, flour and milk slowly to prevent clumping. Pour this mixture over melted butter. DO NOT stir. Spoon fruit on top (only use enough peach halves to form one even layer) and then syrup from cans gently over top of all of it. Sprinkle cinnamon all over top. Bake for 30 to 45 mins. until puffy and golden brown. Remove and let sit 5 minutes to set up. Spoon up in big shallow bowls while it's steaming hot and top with 2 big scoops of quality brand vanilla ice cream. Woooeee! Your tongue gonna' be slurpin' & a'slappin!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

ALL YOU PHENOM BIKER DADS!

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





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TRMI EVENTS CALENDAR 2015

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JUNE

May 29-June 7
Ohio Bike Week
Sandusky, OH. More vendors, more
entertainment, go online to reserve
today at www.ohiobikeweek.com (See
inside front cover this issue).

June 4
Parking Lot Party
Cars 2 Go of Wayland, Wayland, MI.
6pm-12am, music, bike show, drinks.
For more info call 855-815-5494 (See ad this issue)

June 5-7

Porcupine Bash Saluting our Military Great Escape Motor Lodge on Old 27, Higgins Lake, Ml. Weekend full of events, rides, live music and more. For more info email robin@upmag.net

June 6 Sizzlin Saturdays Biker Bob's HD, Taylor, MI. 10am-5pm, live music, free made in Detroit food & drinks, free demo rides. For more info go to www.bikerbobshd.com (See 2 page spread this issue).

June 6
Pre-Summer Bash
Brighton HD, Brighton, MI. For more info go to www.brightonhd.com (See inside front cover this issue).

June 6
39th Anniversary Open House
C & S HD, Mt. Pleasant, Ml. 9am-4pm,
demo rides, live music, food, door
prizes, bike raffle & more. For more info
go to www.candssportscenter.com

June 6
Open House
Capitol HD, Dimondale, MI. 10am-3pm,
free food, music, vendors & more. For
more info call 517-646-2345

June 6

Benefit Ride in Honor of Dale Cotter C & S Sports Center, Mt. Pleasant, Ml. Bikes out at 10 am, ride for a donation, ride returns for dinner \$10 pp at Weidman Eagles at 3 pm. Raffles, silent auction, live bands 3 pm- 11 pm. For more info call Doug 989-444-2717

D-Day Plus 71 Honor Ride Hot Rod HD, Muskegon, MI, J

Hot Rod HD, Muskegon, MI. Regis 8 am – 9:30am, 9:30 depart, \$10 pp incl patch & goodies plus a riders only raffle ticket , 60 mile police escorted scenic ride throughout Muskegon County ending at the Mart Dock. All bikes, cars & trucks welcome. For more info go to www. facebook.com/muskegondday (See ad this issue).

June 6

Luau Burger in Paradise ABC HD, Waterford, MI. 10am-4pm, free food, live music, awesome door prizes & best/worst Hawaiian shirt contests. For more info go to www.abcharleydavidson.com (See full page ad this issue).

June 6 Open House Gildner's HD We

Gildner's HD, West Branch, MI. 9am-4pm, ride in bike show, regis 11:30-12:30, judging 1 pm, prizes, sales, doorprizes, food & beverages. For more info call 989-345-1330 (See ad this issue).

June 6 Fun Run- Presented by The Flint Axe-

Rockys Great Outdoors, Flint, MI. Regis 10am - ride leaves at noon, ends at scooters, \$15 bike / \$25 with rider. For more info call Jeremy 810-820-5346 (See full page ad this issue).

June 6

Burn Camp Challenge- Presented by GWRRA MI of Jackson Jackson City Parking Lot, 414 Water St (behind Wendy's), Jackson, MI. 11am-3:30pm, \$10 pp to be in the events (2 or 3 wheel bikes). For more info call Gary 517-262-0896 (See full page ad this issue).

June 6

Bikes, Beers & Babes Motorcity HD, Farmington Hills, MI. 4pm-7 pm Bike Night, \$2 beers, live music, great food at great prices, ride in People's Choice Bike Show, \$1000's in giveaways. For more info go to www. motorcityharley.com (See full page ad this issue).

June 6

Veteran Charity Run
Ferris State Univ, Big Rapids, MI. \$20 riders, \$10 passengers, less \$5 for veterans with proof of service. For more info call 760-577-9000

June 7

Ride for a Reason Biker Bob's HD, Taylor, MI. Regis 10-11:30 am, ride leaves at noon, prescorted, \$20nn before May 15th, a

10-11:30 am, ride leaves at noon, police escorted, \$20pp before May 15th, all bikes welcome. Michigan's largest charity ride. For more info go to www. bikerbobshd.com (See 2 page spread this issue).

June 7

Biker Sunday Midland Nazarene 5700 Jefferson Ave, Midland, Ml. 10:45 am, great music, special guest speaker Jerry McGee (former member of a notorious biker gang), Hog Roast. Everyone welcome. For more info call 989-631-4620 (See full page ad this issue).

June 7

Raise a Rumble for Steve Green Ride Capitol HD, Dimondale, MI. Support Steve in his battle with cancer. Kick stands up at 9:30am. Regis donation \$20 solo rider, \$30 two up, includes food. Register to bill@capitolhd.com

June 1

7th Annual Wheels & Heels- Sirens M/C Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth, MI. Bike show, ladies only, must ride to enter, regis 5pm-7pm, \$10 donation entry, trophies 8 pm. For more info call Dawn 989-284-5012 or Jen 989-295-7034 (See ad this issue).

June 11-13

27th Annual Sandy Corley Memorial Run Double JJ Resort, Rothbury, Ml. Live entertainment, primitive camping avail, military salute, bike giveaway & more. For more info & tickets call 231-924-3020 (See ad this issue).

June 12-14

Porcupine Bash Saluting our Military North End Bar, Calumet, MI. Weekend full of events, rides, live music and more. For more info email robin@upmag.net

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Harley Fest Charity Ride Wolverine HD, Clinton Twp, MI. Regis 9am-11am, departs 11:15 rain or shine, \$25 rider, \$20 passenger (incl admission to Harley Fest), scenic ride to Freedom Hill Harley Fest. For more info & to register see 2 page spread this issue for registration form.

June 13

Harley Fest Freedom Hill County Park, MI. 11 am-10 pm, live concert featuring Skid Row. For more info go to freedomhill.net (See ad this issue).

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Sizzlin Saturdays
Biker Bob's HD, Taylor, MI. 10am-5pm,
live music, free made in Detroit food &
drinks, free demo rides. For more info
go to www.bikerbobshd.com (See 2
page spread this issue).

June 13

Victory Biker Church Biker Blessing Victory Biker Church, 12190 Miller Rd, Lennon, MI. \$15 rider, \$5 passenger, \$8 pig roast, 100 mile ride, live band. For more info call 810-247-6337

June 1

2nd Annual Memorial Poker Run Brighton HD, Brighton, MI. Chapter 15 Warthogs, regis 10am-noon, \$20 rider, \$15 passenger, For more info go to www.brightonhd.com (See inside front cover this issue).

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5th Annual Cops on a Run F.O.P Lodge #130, 2233 Burdette St, Ferndale, MI. \$25 rider, \$25 passenger, regis 8 am, kickstands up 10 am, police escorted, bike rally & poker run. \$10 after party only, all bikes welcome, rain or shine For more info call 313-930-3853 or go to www.copsonarun.com

June 13

We Love our Troops Charity Ride Ithaca Fairgrounds, Ithaca, MI. Regis 11 am-noon, kickstands up 12:15 pm, \$25 bike if pre-register. Donation dinner avail. 125 mile ride, prizes, raffles, alcohol free ride. For more info call 989-620-6354

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Motors for Motars all Wheel Run Flannigans 7734 Gratiot Rd, Saginaw, MI. Regis \$20 bike. \$10 vehicle or rider. starts noon, dinner, door prizes, raffles, 2. 3 or 4 wheels welcome. For more info call 989-233-4868

Suspension Workshop Motorcity HD, Farmington Hills, MI. 11am, RSVP to Jessica@motorcityharley.com. For more info go to www.

Red White & Blue Costume Contest Capitol HD, Dimondale, MI, Celebrate Flag Day by dressing in your best Red White & Blue costume, prizes for top 3. For more info call 517-646-2345

Military Honor Ride Kalamazoo Choppers, Kalamazoo, MI, Kickstands up at noon. For more info call 269-321-0257 (See ad this issue).

Hawgs for a Cause Augusta V.F.W Augusta Michigan. Cancer center ride, Regis 10am to noon, ride leaves at noon, returns at 4pm, 50/50 door prizes \$1000.00 Harley gift card & more. For more info call Donnie 269-806-8152 or Terry 269-207-3172

9th Annual Mohawks for Blind Kids Biker Bob's HD, Taylor, MI. Noon-4pm. For more info go to www.bikerbobshd. com (See 2 page spread this issue).

Harley's Heroes Ride ABC HD, Waterford, MI. Regis 10-11am, kickstands up 11:15, \$20 donation includes free gift, escorted scenic ride, lunch & live entertainment. Proceeds to Disabled American Veterans. For more info go to www.abcharleydavidson.com (See full page ad this issue).

20th Annual Vintage Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet

Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI. 8 am- 4 pm, rain or shine. For more info or to register (bikes 25 yrs or older) go to GilmoreCarMuseum.org (See ad this issue).

HIM Biker Day The River Church, Holly, MI, 10:30 am. free hog roast bike rodeo vendors & bike show. Regis 9 am- 11 am. For more info call 248-328-0490

HIM Blessing of the Bikes Blessed Hope Church, Lincoln Park, MI, refreshments, blessing at 4:30 pm. For more info call 313-388-1499

Tri-City Travelers M/C Motorcycle Road Poker Run Stevens Cycle, Bay City, MI. Regis 9amnoon, first bike out 10am, check-in 4:30 sharp, \$10 pp, free coffee & donuts. For more info call 989-501-0911

Boom Audio Workshop Brighton HD, Brighton, MI. 6:30pm-8:30pm, stage 2 workshop & VIP shopping. For more info go to www. brightonhd.com (See inside front cover this issue).

June 19 Harleys at the Dragway Milan Dragway, Milan, MI. \$12 race or watch, all bikes welcome, fun runs. vendors, biker games & more. For more info go to www.milandragway.com (See full page ad this issue).

6th Annual Thunder at the River Little River Casino Resort, Manistee, MI. Honoring veterans, special quest Terri Clark Fri 9 pm, escorted ride sat noon- 3 pm, for more info & tickets call 800-585-3737 or go to ThunderattheRiver.com (See ad this issue).

June 19-21 Blaney Park Rendezvous 213 Ackley Rd, Germfask, Ml. Vendors, live music, poker run, bike games, camping, bike show. For more info call

June 20 Sizzlin Saturdays Biker Bob's HD, Taylor, Ml. 10am-5pm, live music, free made in Detroit food & drinks, free demo rides. For more info go to www.bikerbobshd.com (See 2 page spread this issue).

June 20 Nozzlemen Brighton Harley-davidson, Brighton, MI. Regis 10:30am-noon, \$20 Bike / \$30 with Rider. For more info go to www. nozzlemenmc.com or call Ben 734-323-6291 (See full page ad this issue).

June 20 Bacon & Bikes ABC HD. Waterford, MI. Free bacon. ride-in bike show (weather permitting) door prizes, free entertainment. For more info go to www.abcharleydavidson.com (See full page ad this issue).

June 20 1st Annual Ovarian Cancer Hog Roast American Legion Post 324, 1190 Falahee. Michigan Center (Jackson), Ml. Starts at noon food 2 pm \$10 pp 12 & under free DJ music, bike show, 50/50 raffle, bike wash. 100% proceeds to research. For more info email martytripp@msn.com or daberry4@gmail.com

Bikers Fighting Blindness Estev Moose Lodge, Rhodes, Ml. Regis 10:30 am, \$15 pp, incl dinner, prizes, free camping, live music. Everyone welcome. dinner only \$8. For more info call Brenda 989-233-7327 or email brendasfatbov@ hotmail com

24th Annual Summerfest Car & Motorcycle Show Downtown Hillsdale, MI. 8am-4pm, free admission, \$10 regis fee before 15th, \$12

after, register your car or bike at www. hilldalecountychamber.com or call 517-439-4341

Harley Day Motorcity HD, Farmington Hills, MI. 8 am- 10 am. Cars & Coffee. For more info go to www.motorcityharlev.com

Bikes, Beers & Babes Motorcity HD, Farmington Hills, MI. 4pm-7 pm Bike Night, \$2 beers, live music, great food at great prices, ride in People's Choice Bike Show, \$1000's in giveaways. For more info go to www. motorcityharley.com (See full page ad this issue).

June 20 Patio Event Capitol HD, Dimondale, MI. 10am-3pm, up to 70% off end of season men's MotorClothes. For more info call 517-

Michigan Military Memorial Wall Ai's Grill, Dorr, Ml. Breakfast & Regis 8am-9:45am, kickstands up 10am, live auction 4pm, \$25 rider, \$15 passenger. includes lunch, bike run prize & raffles. For more info call Chad 616-502-3199 (See ad this issue).

Open House Crowe's Motorcycle Co Battle Creek, Ml. Live music, free food & drink, door prizes, factory vendor booths on site. For more info call 269-

Red Arrow Riders Benefit Ride VFW Post 1527, Kalamazoo, Ml. Regis 10:30, kickstands up 1pm, \$15 single, \$25 double, includes pig roast, live music, raffle entry. Camping available

June 20

5th Annual Walleyes for Warriors Veteran's Memorial Park, Bay City, MI, Saginaw Bay Charity Walleye fishing tournament for our Michigan veterans, free event for vets. For more info go to www. wallevesforwarriors.com

AMA District 14 Flat Track Racing Tri-City Motor Speedway, Auburn, MI For more info go to www.tricitvracetrack.com (See ad this issue).

MDA Run AM Leather, Romulus, MI, 9am kickstands up. For more info call 734-946-4663 (See ad this issue).

June 24-28 Freedom Cruise Grand Rapids, MI. 5 days of bike events & classic cars, honor ride, golf classic, free outdoor concerts, blessing & more. For more info call Tom 616-887-7210 or go to www.freedomcruise.net (See full page ad this issue).

July 25 15th Annual Bike Show Shiawassee HD, Birch Run, MJ, More details to come. For more info call

June 25-27 **Demo Trailer** Hamilton HD, Sturgis, MI. 9-5 demo trailer, demo rides. More details to come. For More info go to www. hamiltonharley-davidson.com (See full page ad this issue)

Sturgis Fest Hamilton HD, Sturgis, MI, Cornhole classic, live entertainment, fireworks, beer tent, freedom run. For more info go to www.hamiltonharley-davidson. com or www.sturgisfestmi.com (See full page ad this issue).

June 26-27 Suzuki Demo Davs Fast Lane Powersports, Mason, MI. 9am-5pm. For more info call 517-676-

11th Annual Rodeo Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. 3 days of horsepower, fun, pig roast, hot dogs, bounce house, live music, bike show & more. For more info go to www.raycshd.com (See 2 page spread this issue).

Sizzlin Saturdays Biker Bob's HD, Taylor, MI, 10am-5pm. live music, free made in Detroit food & drinks, free demo rides. For more info go to www.bikerbobshd.com (See 2 page spread this issue).

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Kalamazoo Chopper Merchandise Sale Free Swap Meet

Kalamazoo Choppers, Kalamazoo, MI. 11am-4pm. For more info call 269-321-0257 (See ad this issue).

June 27

Thank-A-Veteran Ride Vehicle City HD. Flint, MI. Self-quided ride visiting 4 area Veteran Memorials. Regis at the dealership 9am-1pm. \$15 rider. \$10 passenger. All proceeds go to The Fallen and Wounded Soldier Fund here in Michigan. Live entertainment & food. For more info go to www.vehiclecitvhog.com

1st Annual Ride for Fallen Motorcycle Poker Run Cass City Fire Dept. Cass City. Ml. Regis 9am. last bike out 10am. last bike in 4pm. \$20 bike, \$10 passenger, prizes, 18 & older, food & beverage to follow ride. For more info email dodgeboybrown@yahoo.

June 27 Memorial Ride in memory of Gilbert L. Museum of Moses, McBain (Vogel Center), MI, 50/50 raffle, cars welcome. Follow Museum of Moses Facebook for

Scavenger Hunt Capitol HD. Dimondale, Ml. 11am. For more info call 517-646-2345

Ride for Hope Brighton HD, Brighton, MI, 10am-11:30. For more info go to www.brightonhd. com (See inside front cover this issue).

Demo Truck Ride Event Brighton HD. Brighton, MI. Free demo rides. For more info go to www. brightonhd.com (See inside front cover this issue).

Freedom Run for Veterans Hamilton HD. Sturgis, MI. Ride leaves at Noon, to support Wounded Warrior Fundraiser. Details to come. For more info go to www.hamiltonharlevdavidson.com

Ride for Freedom Support our Veterans Wolverine HD, Clinton Twp, MI, Regis 9 am, departs 11:30 am, rain or shine, 60 mile scenic ride, food, refreshments & music. Pre-register for discounts. For more info call 586-463-7700

Back Yard BBQ of Kalamazoo Kalamazoo Co. Fairgrounds, Kalama\$25 Bike / \$35 with Rider. For more info call Randy 269-270-8487 (See full page

Ride & Remember Event Poker Run Sandusky Airport, Sandusky, Ml. 7am fly-in breakfast, regis 10am, 2pm poker run starts, \$20pp, live band & more. For more info go to www.lifegoesbysofast. org (See ad this issue).

Freedom Ride Motorcity HD, Farmington Hills, MI. 11 am. For more info go to www.motorcityharley.com

JULY

July 4 Thunder on the Lakeshore Lake Street, Cadillac, Ml. Noon-3:30pm. live music, beer tent, raffles & more. For more info go to www.cadillacmichigan.com (See ad this issue).

July 10-12 14th Annual Niles Burn Run Riverfront Park, Niles, Ml. Fri car & bike show 3pm- 10pm, Sat Riverfront Park 10am-10pm, bike show, food, live bands, vendors, Sun police, fire & EMS escorted ride, reais 9am, leaves at 11am, \$20 bike / \$30 with rider if pre-registered by July 1. For more info go to www.nilesburnrun.com (See full page ad this issue).

July 10-11 6th Annual Thunder in Color presented by Thunder on the Grand Lake O Dessa Fairgrounds, Lake Odessa, MI. \$20 wkend pass, \$10 day pass, kids welcome, camping \$20, bands, jello wrestling, games & more. For more info go to www.thunderonthegrand.com or call 517-282-9846

Freedom Run Hot Rod HD, Muskegon, MI, Details to come. For more info call 231-722-0000

9th Annual Injured Soldier Lyon Ride & Picnic in the Park James Atchison Park, New Hudson, MI. Regis 11am, police escorted ride leaves at noon, \$20 rider or passenger for ride. luncheon, t-shirt & entertainment. For more info call 248-437-1144 (See ad this

Street Party Great Lakes HD, Bay City, MI. 10am-5:30pm. For more info call 989-686-0400

Indian Demo Tour Motorcity Motorcycles, Bloomfield Hills,

info go to www.motorcitymotorcycles. com (See ad this issue).

Muskegon Bike Time Muskegon, MI. Concerts, stunt shows, motorcross, live entertainment daily, rides, vendors, beer tents, contests & more. For more go to www.muskegonbiketime.com (See full page ad this

July 17 Harleys at the Dragway Milan Dragway, Milan, MI. \$12 race or watch, all bikes welcome, fun runs, vendors, biker games & more. For more info go to www.milandragway.com (See full page ad this issue).

39th Annual Survivors MC Party \$20 admission includes camping, live entertainment field events cold beer fireworks, hog roast, swimming pond. No minors, dogs or golfcarts. For more info call Tank 517-749-6572

July 18 Bike Run BBQ Farmers Home Tavern, Hemlock, Ml. \$15 bike, \$10 passenger incl chicken bbg, prizes, poker run, last bike out noon, starts & returns here. For more info call 989-642-2546

Blood Drive & Salsa Showdown Capitol HD. Dimondale, Ml. 9am-2pm. For more info call 517-646-2345

Michigan Vietnam Memorial Wall New Life Christian Fellowship, Saginaw, MI. 9:30-11am, traveling to Dynamic Corvette 11am-noon, then Motorfest event; Hamilton St, Old Town Saginaw, MI Crafts, food, vendors, classic cars & bikes. For more info call 989-792-1369

Ogemaw Hills Bike Week Ogemaw Co Fairgrounds, West Branch, MI. Biker games, bike show, vintage bike show, Jack Pine museum, contests, AMA Pro hillclimb, live entertainment, all motorcycles welcome & more. For more info go to www.ogemawhillsbikeweek.com (See Cover and full page ad this issue).

Michigan Road Warrior Weekend Rally Registration at Jackson Eagles. Jackson, MI, Everyone welcome, For more info call 517-782-5622 or email iacksoneagles612@gmail.com

Thunder Through the Northwoods Caberfae Peaks Ski & Golf Resort. at noon, \$20pp, 100+mile ride, dinner, cash bar, silent auction. live music. Proceeds to Munson Hospice South. For more info email cadillachikeshow@ amail.com (See ad this issue).

Annual Ride for Hospitalized Veterans Wolverine HD, Clinton Township, MI. Lineup 10am, depart noon, must donate paper bag full of travel-size toiletries for men & women veterans or \$10 donation. For more info call Pat 586-246-0876

15th Annual Mystery Ride Shiawassee Sports Center, Birch Run, MI. Regis 10am-noon, \$15,00pp, incl. scenic 100 mile self-guided ride, excellent buffet dinner, door prizes, awards. 50/50 drawing, drawing for a new 2015 Street Glide. Proceeds will benefit The Junction of Hope non-profit Restaurant For more info call Judy at 810-965-6664 or Fritz at 989-323-0607

AUGUST

August 1 5th Annual Bikers Against Breast Cancer Headlight Run Grand Rapids Garage Bar & Grill, Grand Rapids, Ml. Regis 10:30-11:30am. kickstands up noon sharp, all bikes welcome, \$20 includes dinner & chance to win prize, 5pm-8pm after ride auction party. For more info call Steve 616-890-4082 (See ad this issue).

Rockin Rides Car & Bike Show Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, Standish, MI. 9am-5pm, participant judged car & bike show, all welcome, free event to attend, beer tent, live entertainment, food, vendors & more, To register go to www.saganingeagleslanding.com (See full page ad this issue).

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Magazine and on our website, send the information to Editor@thunderroadsmichigan.com

Event information must be received prior to the 10th of the month preceding the event month to be posted in the magazine

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

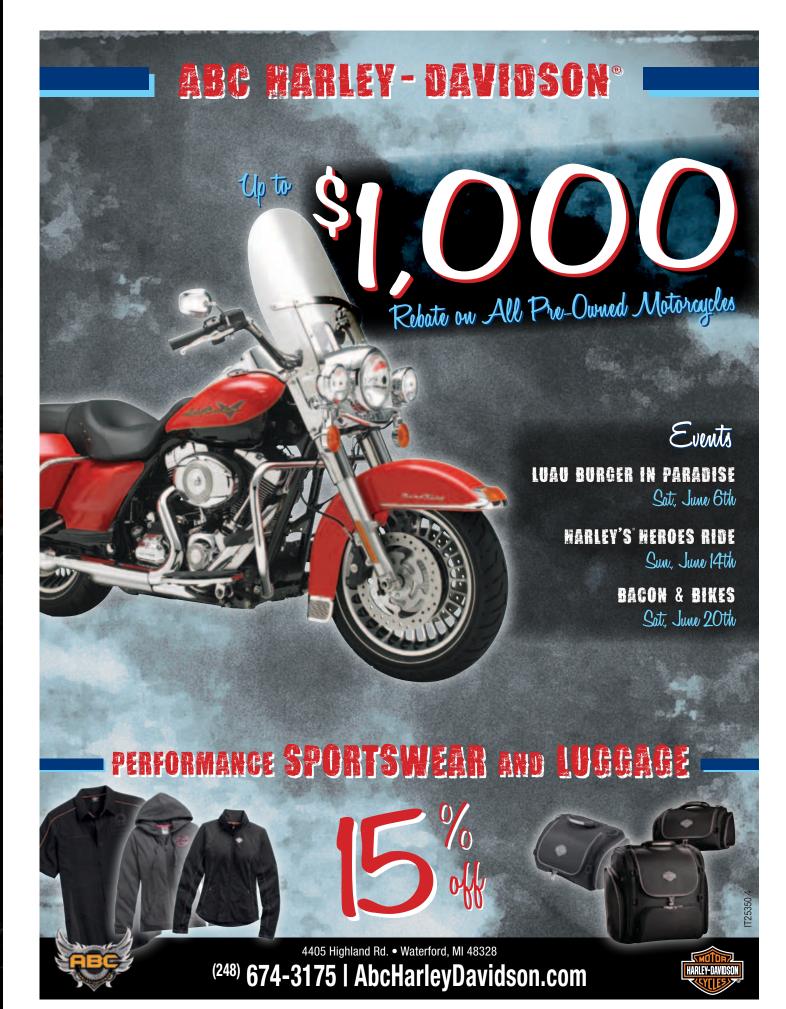


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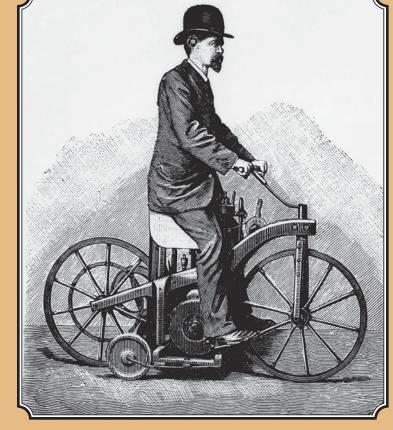


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HISTORY OF MOTORCYCLES: Softlieb Daimler

Gottlieb Daimler graced the world with his presence in 1834 in the town of Schorndorf Wartenburg, Germany. Growing up he studied at Polytechnic in Stuttgart and apprenticed as a gunsmith. Luckily for the modern day biker, he was a curious man and wanted to increase his understanding of engineering, he set out on a journey to France that would eventually lead him to create the first gas powered motorcycle. The predecessor to the dreams of many and to the lifestyle enjoyed by those of us fortunate enough to have found love on two wheels.



Then something that any of us living in a small town can relate to happened...when you don't have the inside scoop on what's going down...you create your own reality, and of course spread it far and wide. Eventually a suspicious gardener, unable to convince the two men to divulge their secret, called in local law enforcement on suspicion of a money counterfeiting operation inside the converted greenhouse. Once the police were able to conduct their search, which turned up only tools and some drawings, the partners were allowed to continue their work uninterrupted.

Daimler's work on the first gas powered engine began on the engine of JJ Lenoir in Paris and continued to the factory of Joseph Whitmore in Manchester.

In 1872 Daimler settled into a position working for Nikolaus Otto at the Deutz-AG-Gasmotorenfabrik in Cologne, which at the time was the world's largest manufacturer of stationary engines. It was here that Daimler met Wilhelm Maybach. Maybach was a designer, and would quickly become Daimler's closest friend and co-conspirator. Daimler and Maybach spent their time focusing on gas engine development and partnered up in the business in 1882.

Daimler and Maybach set up shop in a greenhouse that they converted into a fully functioning workshop in Stuttgart. The greenhouse became the refuge of the two engineers. They worked day and night in complete secrecy. The two were so guarded in their development that even their families were unaware of what the two were up to in the greenhouse.

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In 1885 Daimler patented what is generally recognized as the prototype of the modern day gas engine. The so called "grandfather clock" set up had an enclosed crank case on which the air-cooled cylinder was mounted in an upright position. The single cylinder engine weighed in at a mere 132 pounds with a displacement of 264 cubic centimeters and developed an output of 0.5 horsepower at 650 rpm. This model's intake valve operated automatically, and the exhaust valve was actuated by curved groove control in the flywheel. Daimler was confident that this prototype's low weight and compact size ensured its suitability for installing in vehicles.

The next logical step for the innovative pair was to put their engine into something and see just what the hell

would happen. Daimler chose a wooden framed bicycle on which he installed workable controls. The pair called it the "Reitwagen", or two wheeled riding carriage. Also known as the "Einspur", or single track, it featured 2 additional spring mounted out-rigger

wheels... "training wheels" if you will, added for balance.

November 10th, 1885 Daimler put his son, Paul, onto the machine and sent him off on a test ride. At just 17 years old, I'm not sure if Paul was just as eager as any other teenage boy to hop on two wheels, or if he was possibly the "problem child" and so was chosen by his father in an attempt to rid himself of one of the pains in his ass. At any rate, the test ride was successful...Paul made the inaugural trip from Cannstatt to Unterturkheim and back. That's approximately an 8 mile trip. Considering that the road conditions in 1885 had to be horrendous, that's quite a haul. The maiden voyage had but one problem, which Daimler felt was minor...the heat of the engine set the saddle on fire. I don't know about you, but having my ass on fire for 8 miles seems like a big problem to me! Thankfully a lot of improvements were made in the motorcycle industry between 1885 and the first ride I ever took.

Daimler and Maybach continued to work on engine concepts and improved models throughout the late 1800's. They completed single engines, 4 cylinder types, as well as V-twin models. While Daimler's Reitwagen is often named the first gas powered motorcycle, the original was unfortunately destroyed in 1903 during a factory fire in Cannstatt, just 3 short years after Daimler's death. Maybach went on to create the Mercedes, and while there is no extravagant story behind Daimler's death, we do owe him a great deal of gratitude. Gratitude for the gunsmith's apprentice, turned visionary. Gratitude for the moment in Daimler's head where the dual development of a viable gas-powered engine and the modern bicycle collided.





Following Daimler's greenhouse conspiracy, the doors were opened for large scale motorcycle manufacturing in the 1900's.... seems like the perfect place to take a closer look next time.

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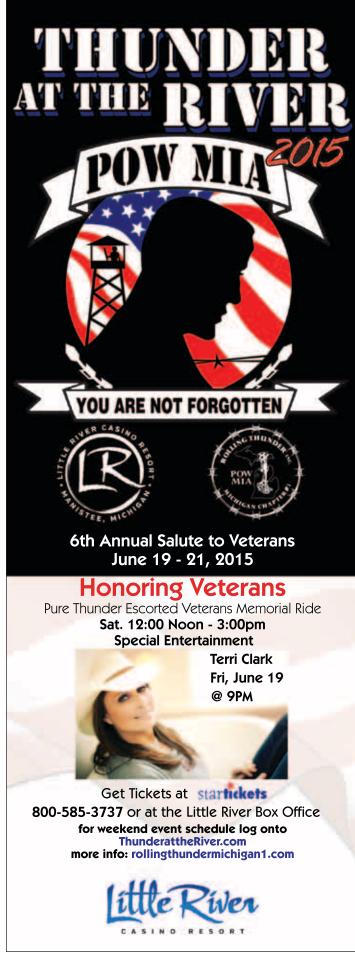


















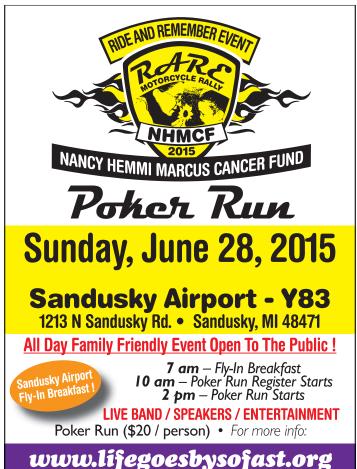
















Take a Riding Course & Get Endorsed

2014 resulted in a tie for the fewest number of motorcyclist fatalities and injuries in the past 10 years.

While there's no argument that this is good news it's still 107 fatalities too many. I have read many news articles and quite a few police reports regarding some of these 2014 fatalities. It becomes quickly apparent that there are some very real common denominators as well as some not so obvious particulars revealed, especially in the police reports.

There are two glaring and obvious contributions to the crashes. The first we are all aware of, and that is right of way violations perpetrated upon us by automobile drivers. Half of all crashes are the result of someone pulling out in front of a motorcycle at an intersection or turning left in front of an oncoming motorcycle. There are really only two ways to minimize this. One, get automobile drivers to look for motorcycles. And two, train and strategize for maneuvering when it happens to you.

The second big contributor is on us motorcyclists. Literally, almost half of all motorcycle crashes involve an unendorsed rider. Training, experience, and basic knowledge do not come with the new motorcycle. The days of learning to ride on a Honda 350 along back roads are gone. So many of us are getting on a big high powered motorcycle and winging it with disastrous results. The fix for this goes without saying, but I will anyway. Take a riding course, get an endorsement, and learn everything you can the easy way before getting out on the road.

Alcohol- shows up far too often in the autopsies. There are no two ways about it. If you drink and ride you lower the bar for surviving a whole bunch.

Speed- once again, and often partnered up with Alcohol, speed is very often determined to have contributed to the crash. Those who like to do 120mph in traffic NEVER survive when they crash.

Curves- getting halfway through a curve on a 700 lb. motorcycle and having a panic attack when the realization comes that you can't make it at the speed you're going takes a bunch of bikers every year. Training is generally missing when the cards are counted afterwards.

Deer- this is Michigan. The deer move most in the early morning and in the late evening. Plan accordingly, keep your eyes keen, and slow your roll. They get bikers every single year.

The autopsies are what tell the story. Yes brain trauma is frequent, but seemingly no more so for helmeted than un-helmeted riders. Not that it matters because more often than not there are internal organs literally torn away from the connecting arteries, spinal cords are separated in multiple places, limbs are lost, and the totality of injuries makes the possibility of survival non-existent. There are other interesting things that contribute to the crashes that no one would consider or imagine. No two are alike. Last year a couple of motorcycle crashes were actually homicides.

If we all just use some common sense, ride responsibly, get the word out to every automobile driver, and get adequate training to handle all the possibilities I listed, we will still never have a fatality free year. But, we definitely can keep a lot of them from happening.

Here's to a new all-time low in 2015. Spread the word. Let's get it done.

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So you're considering having your bike painted. It can be a huge decision with many factors to consider including style, quality, schedule, price, a painter and more. It can truthfully be a daunting task. Try not to become dismayed or discouraged because it will be worthwhile, provided that you weigh out all the considerations and make the proper decisions.

YOUR VISION:

The number one factor to consider when approaching painting your bike is your overall vision for your bike or project. This vision comes more easily to some people than to others but it is a critical first step. One of the main reasons that we love motorcycles is the individualistic aspect of them so making it our own is important. We all want our bike to stand out in a crowd and look different than the other guys at Bike Night or at a local ride. There are so many potential colors or color combinations. Styles range from solids and stripes to flames and scallops to artwork and retro... and everything in between!

Some good strategies to begin your search for such a vision include the internet, local Bike Night events, and local bike shows. Consider all your options and try to narrow it to a short list of colors and designs that you can discuss with your painter.



PAINT QUALITY:

Quality and price tend to go hand-in-hand. If your budget for a chopper tank and fender is \$400, do not expect your job to be a David Mann masterpiece. That is not fair to your painter or to yourself. You really do get what you pay for. If your budget is \$1200 for a chopper tank and fender then it better meet or exceed your expectations.

Quality has many aspects. Surfaces must be either well-sanded or sandblasted. The very best surface to begin painting is sandblasted and wiped clean... body-filler and primer will adhere to such a surface much better. Attaining a smooth finish with bodywork and primer is the foundation for any paint job. Crisp designs, graphics, pin striping and airbrush work are all very important. The final clear coat finish becomes the final face of your paint... the shine should be very clear and not cloudy or orange-peeled.

CHOOSING MATERIALS:

The other aspect of quality is the materials. Lesser quality materials can look great but may not last over time as well as quality materials. Plastic body-fillers can range widely in quality and cost. The better materials will retain a certain level of flexibility and not become brittle and crack. Most high-quality custompainters use epoxy primer, meaning it is catalyzed and cures based upon a chemical reaction and not simply the evaporation of solvents. Epoxy primers are harder, more resilient and have better adhesion to the surface. Although it sounds cliché, you get what you pay for when selecting a brand of paint and clear coat. For OEM. color-matched and some custom work, look for brands such as DuPont, PPG and BASF/R-M. For pure custom work. House of Kolor has been the standard for well over a half-century.

PLANNING A SCHEDULE:

Schedule can also be a consideration. Do not expect your painter to turn around your bike's new paint in a time frame like the guys on Discovery Channel. That is television and you are dealing with real-life. But



nothing is more frustrating than your parts remaining Journal for choppers. Ask guys you know or friends with your painter for endless months without progress or communication. Schedule depends somewhat upon the time of year. Do not contact your painter in January wanting your bike custom-painted in time for Daytona. The busiest time for most painters is typically November to May because Northern bikers are all in off-season from riding. Not many Northern riders want their bikes painted in the middle of the summer so painters are less busy during those months.

The relative complexity of a job also impacts the schedule. A tiny chopper tank and skinny fender painted solid black takes less time to paint than the same pieces painted retro-70's style with striping, graphic panels and candy colors. A touring bike with hot-rod flames takes more time, and a ten-piece bagger with airbrushed skulls and intricate graphics takes even more.

AND FINALLY....PRICE!

Price is impacted by all these factors. Sandblasting costs more than just sanding off the old paint. Quality body-filler, epoxy primer, brand-name paint, intricate designs, additional coats of clear coat, and fully wetsanded and buffed finishes all increase the price and overall look of your paint and your bike.

But not every paint job needs to be designed and priced for a Sultan. If you have a reduced budget, still insist on high-quality materials but go with a solid-color or two-tone, finished with full wet-sanding and buffing. Nobody can say that a bike painted solid-black with clear coat like glass does not look like dynamite!

NG YOUR PAINTER:

Now you have weighed all these factors and need to look for a painter with sufficient skill to turn your vision into reality in steel and paint. Painters come in all shapes and sizes... full-time and part-time, big-shop and one-man-gang, local and internet-accessed from anywhere, communicative and not. Ultimately, it is the client's responsibility to find a painter whom is the

When selecting a painter, use a similar approach to selecting your "vision". Search on-line using tools such Google, Instagram, Facebook and Craigslist. Locate internet web-sites that cater to the types of bikes that you own... such as Chop Cult and Jockey

of friends, who have recently had a bike painted. Ask the guy at your local indy bike shop. Once you have some names of individual painters or shops, do some research about them either on-line or in-person. You are looking for a painter with whom you are comfortable and shares your views regarding the vision, 2. Rationalizing a high price due to the high costs of quality, schedule and price for your bike.

QUESTIONS YOU NEED TO ASK:

When you make an initial contact with a potential painter, be sure to inform the painter of the following aspects of your project: (1) manufacturer and model of your bike, (2) which piece(s) of then bike are to be painted, (3) general description or pictures of your "vision", (4) current condition of the finish on your pieces, (5) whether any/much bodywork is required. and (6) schedule expectations. Only once these issues have been addressed should you even begin to request a price.

After sending the painter information about the various aspects of your project, here is a checklist of items to ask any prospective painter for your bike:

- Ask to see some examples of his work either on a web-site, a blog, via pictures sent or in-person
- Ask what types or brands of materials that he will

- 3. Ask what sort of final finish he plans to attain... wet-sanded dead-flat and buffed for a mirror-like finish, or simply final clear coat.
- 4. Ask his approximate turnaround time.
- 5. Ask for a price estimate which may include some options or adders.

Just like any career, painters with the better creative or artistic skills, the more repeatable artisan skills, the better communications with clients, and the best work ethic tend to rise to the top and receive various accolades such as their work featured in magazines or winning awards at bike shows. But keep in mind there are excellent paints... artists and artisans alike... available in many locations.

WARNING SIGNS:

There are a few warnings signs to watch for with

- 1. Asking for a large down payment before beginning a project.
- materials. Barring the use of extraordinarily expensive paints, a chopper tank and fender should be painted using around \$100 of materials. A fullbore ten-piece bagger should be painted using \$400 of materials.
- 3. Not communicating throughout the planning and execution of the project, either via phone, email

I really hope this guide to getting your bike painted is helpful and informative for you. Just keep in mind that although this process may seem daunting and stressful; if you break it down into smaller steps it becomes much more manageable.

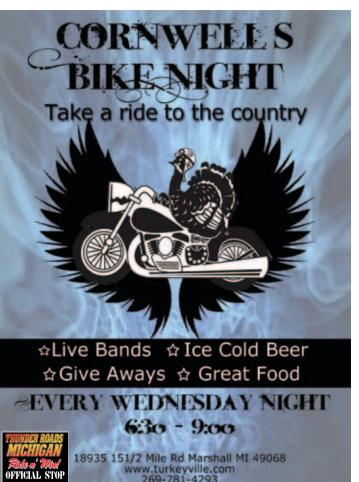
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Young lab mix girl. She is good with other dogs, and kids. Crate trained, and housetrained. Loves to snuggle and give kisses. Would be a wonderful affectionate companion.



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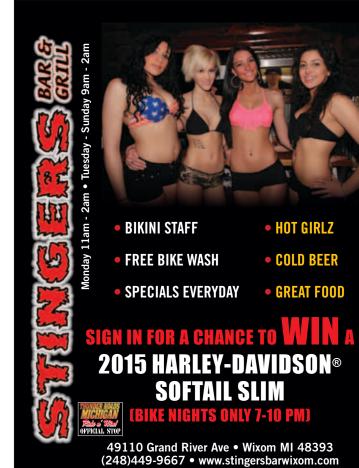
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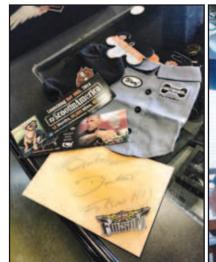
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eet Scooter "Trash" Sandoval, a 6 year old Chihuahua who grew up with ambitions of joining the military and being a service dog. As he grew. Scooter realized because of his smaller stature, not his determination, he would not be able to join the military and fulfill his life's dreams. SO, Scooter thought to himself, how can I give something to our men and women who do serve to protect our country? Lot's of ideas came and went then, one stuck with little Scooter. Let's help the children of fallen soldiers get an education they may not otherwise get. Scooter immediately began telling his ideas to his best friend and human companion Adam Sandoval. Adam contacted the American Legion post in his hometown of Fort Meyers Florida to see what kinds of services they offered. The American Legion has a Scholarship program for kids. Well, Adam thought about Scooters idea and together the American Legion, Adam and Scooter formed a Scholarship for children of parents that died in combat. In order to fulfill the idea. Scooter and Adam formed a "Charitable" plan of riding Adam's 1996 Harley Davidson Classic around the country to every Harley Davidson Dealership to raise awareness of their plan and get donations to make it a reality. On November 10th 2014 "ScootinAmerica" was formed and Scooter and HIS road dog and chauffer, Adam set off in chase of their dream. ScootinAmerica will take Scooter and Adam across the lower 48 states 6 times and will go to every Harley Davidson dealership all 696 of them. ScootinAmerica will also be aiming to break 3 world records. One, the most miles ridden in a year (65,000), Two, longest charity ride (one year and 65,000 miles) and Three, the largest group ride (taking place in Florida in November 2015).



















Scholarship for children of parents that died in combat. Scooter and Adam do not use any of the donation money for any part of the ride. Adam finds places to sleep, for him and Scooter, sometimes hotels, mostly camping along his motorcycle or sometimes by the pure hospitality of complete strangers willing to give him and Scooter a warm and comfortable room for the night as did Rob "Redneck" President of EMS Angels MC, Cali when Scooter and Adam went to Guidera's Harley Davidson in Yuba City. Rob's offer of a warm room and comfortable bed could not have come at a better time either, it was discovered that Scooter's heated blanket in his "road house" had broken and was not warming up. SO, a guick trip to a local super center retail store got Scooter a new heating pad and blanket. Just enough to get Scooter and Adam down the road to the next Harley-Davidson dealership. If you happen to see Scooter and Adam coming to a location near you and don't mind the company of a very nice and down to earth type of Chihuahua and his road dog Adam, offer up a room or couch, doubt you would regret it. If you would like to learn more and follow Scooter and Adam's journey, go to www.ScootinAmerica.com there you can see where Scooter and Adam's next stops will be and maybe you can make it to one near you and say HEY. If you have a Facebook account, look up ScootinAmerica (TV Season) and like the page. Every "like" on the page get 2 cents donated to Scholarship as well.

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Editors Note: While in California during the month of February, we had the pleasure to meet Scooter and Adam at Iron Steed Harley-Davidson and Folsom Harley-Davison. It was a California Dreamin' adventure and you couldn't ask for better t-shirt weather in February with temps in the 60's, but Mother Nature made a visit with a 3-day soaker while riding through Northern California. With 9 more months to go -Scooter and Adam have been on the road for 3 months, logged 11,000 miles and have raised over \$27,000 thus far...Nice work!



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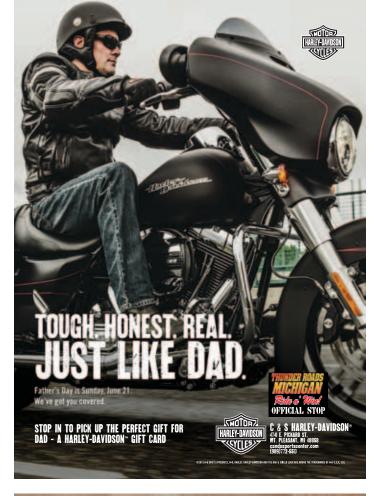
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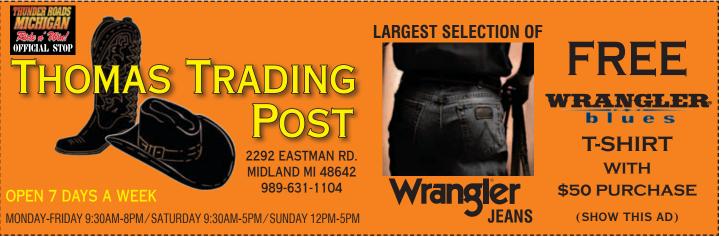




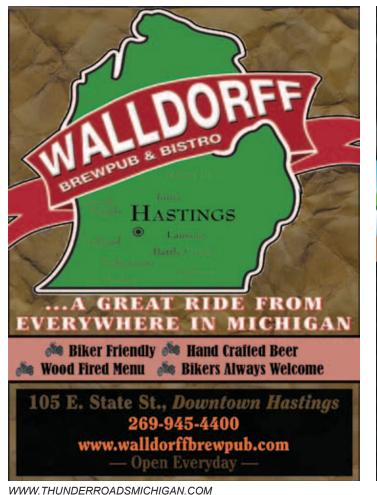














Tech Tips By Steve

Off to an outstanding riding season,

that's if I could get out of the shop and ride! Thank you, thank you, and thank you for all the business! I am not complaining one bit, but with our new Dyno Room, taking on a trike dealership and all the new customers, we are busy people with little time to sleep or ride, well I guess I am fibbing a little we do get to go for some test rides almost on a daily basis.

A bit ago we had a 2012 Victory High Ball roll in for new tires, I dig these bikes, cool old school looks. We take the rear tire and rim off and HOLY CRAP there was 12 broken spokes out of 40. (no idea how he could not feel that ... so flipping dangerous) that's when we found out Victory has a little known problem with their spoke rims on the newer models, the older V92 bikes were good to go but the newer bikes have different rims and spokes and they not only are coming loose, they are snapping the rear spokes off, especially on the inner spokes. Bad news is Victory is not covering this and they do not offer a spoke kit either, they make you buy an entire rim which they are very proud of ... that sucker will cost you a little over \$1200.00, well that is just stupid, who wants to buy an entire rim when they should be able to simply re-spoke it and by the way, if you buy another stock Victory rim the darn thing will eventually have the same problem due to poor spoke design. However, like we said Victory is not helping us out any with replacement spokes so we had to force on, because our customers deserve the good life! We have worked with Buchanan's Spoke and Rim a few times on other projects and they have always come through for us, sure enough once we sent them and inner and outer spoke they made us up a kit for the Victory High Ball we had sitting in the shop looking all sad.



(Fig 1) 2012 Victory High Ball, top muffler off to take axle out, Spokes were broken everywhere!

I will confess that I am not the foremost expert on lacing and trueing ... but because it's becoming a lost art with very few people doing it at the shops anymore for various reasons, mostly because it's hard to make any money at it, I was forced to get good at it. Here is the process... simpleton version ... because I like simple.

TAKE PICTURES

Before going crazy and unlacing the rim, please take some picture and make some measurements! You can be so detailed oriented as to mark each inner and outer spoke location if you wish and don't let anyone shame you into not doing it. Better to be safe than get distracted or just plain forget after you take all the spokes off and crap now you have to think ... "I think, therefore I get a headache". Yes you have to take it all apart first ... there is no way to replace one spoke at a time. If you don't mark it and forget the pattern, no worries just refer back to your pictures and all will be wonderful... Just a bit more thinking involved.

After you take pictures you will need to figure out if your hub is centered in the rim, do this by putting the rim on its side, take a straight edge across the hub and measure that distance from the outside of the rim, then repeat on the other side and write it down. If you have some crazy offset then you will have some crazy spokes sometimes too... just make sure you take notes or be very good at how you identify the lacing as you take it apart.



(Fig 2) This is all that was left after taking the tire off, lots of broken and missing spokes!

The Victory pattern was easy; it is a 40 spoke rim that had two groups of 10 on each side or 10 groups of four, one inner spoke four spaces another inner spoke. The same was for the outer. Outer and inners face the opposite direction and the lacings on the opposite side are the same pattern, but in the spokes are pulling opposite direction, which adds stability and strength.

DISASSEMBLY

Now that you know the pattern and have all the pictures and details written down, you can disassemble, this can be done by unscrewing the lacing nipples. Sometimes this is not possible or some of us are way too impatient, if one of those facts is true for you then you can simply take a set of bolt cutters or other destruction device of your choice and snap them off. While you have it disassembled you should take the time to clean and/or polish things up. If you are doing a bike that has corroded aluminum hubs this is a perfect time to make things look new again, polishing these hubs will take a little time but the outcome is awesome, especially if you are doing an older bike. Also inspect your rim carefully for any cracks or damage and replace those bearings, they are cheap!





(Fig 3) A set of older hubs before and after polishing, this will look like new when finished!

LACING

You have two different spokes, and inner and outer, (Fig 4) one will have more of a turn on the spoke end than the other and that is usually your outer spoke, make sure you get the correct spoke in the correct hole, once you get all the spokes in one side flip the hub and slide the rest of the spokes in. Good! Now we have all the spokes correctly in the hub, next take the spokes and get the pattern close so that the spokes are not all crossed over each other, doesn't have to be perfect. If you marked you rim you can lay that down and follow the numbers you made on it to help establish the pattern. Start with the inner spokes. Slide them into the rim easy so not to mar up the paint or chrome, then lube the spoke nipple with oil or anti-seize (a small amount) and thread it on the spoke, just a little because you need the room to get all the spokes on. Once you have one side done flip the rim over, get the spoke laying correctly so they are not bound up and then start lacing the inner spokes followed by the outer spokes, they will lay and install easy if you have them right, if not, they will bind and will not sit in the chamfer of the hub and the rim holes very well. If it feels like its binding, disassemble and start over. Once all the spokes are in, and they all are the same starting point on the spoke threads, start tightening them equally until they are just snug, this should get you darn close to the hub being close to center (radially correct). WOW excellent job ... now for the fun part!

IT'S GOOD TO BE TRUE!



(Fig 4) Inner and outer spokes



(Fig 5) You can see the holes protrude out of the rim and are facing a certain way to align with the direction of the spoke, make sure this is correct or the spoke will bind and you will have to actually bend things to get it to fit ... bending is bad here folks.

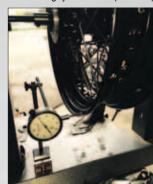
TRUING

Before truing, take a look at the offset (dish) and see if you got close to the measurements you have. If not, uniformly tighten the inner or outer spokes (loosening the opposite) as needed to move the hub in or out. Then we start truing the rim radially, (Fig 6) measure from the edge of the rim to the edge of the hub to see how close the hub is to the center of the rim, you can also use a dial indicator too if you want to get it perfect. If you don't get this correct you are going to have a real bad ride. Once you have it trued radially then it's time to get the wobble out.



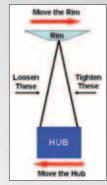
(Fig 6) Truing radially, getting the hub center in the rim.

Truing the run out or taking the wobble out takes patience, and a few tools. Buy a spoke wrench if you don't have one, you will be glad you did too, the darn spoke nipples are not perfect and you may damage them if you use an open end wrench. Setting up the rim can be done on a professional truing stand, a homemade stand or you can do this on the bike if you do not have a stand, no worries. Simply mount the rim back on the bike exactly how it is supposed to, spacers and all, then you have to either use a fancy prance dial indicator (Fig 7) or make a pointer to use as a gauge, heck I saw a guy use a sharpie as a pointer, when it hit the marker it left a mark on



the rim so he knew exactly where it was out of true. However you do it, make sure you get the rim as true as possible. Take a look at Fig 8 to see how to move the rim in the direction you want by losing one side and tightening the other.

(Fig 7) Truing for run out or wobble using a dial indicator, OK not super simple but it sure does make for a good riding rim. Remember this is no dirt bike, we need tighter tolerances than that.



(Fig 8) Truing the run out or wobble, how to make the rim move the way you want it to

When you are done Buchanan specifies that a particular torque is to be set, on ours it was 80 inch pounds, to do this you have to have a special spoke torque wrench (Fig 9) they run \$100 and up, most people don't have one of these babies and millions of rims have been rolling down the road just fine using the old school method. What is this "old school" method? Well most people I have talked to simply do it by feel then by sound, the spoke should be fairly tight, but don't crank them or they will snap. Now tap every spoke with a wrench. All spokes of the same length should have the same ring. A pitch higher than the rest indicates too tight. A dull sound is too loose.



(Fig 9) Spoke truing torque wrench



(Fig 10) DONE! All new stainless spokes trued and ready for the tire! ... That's Missy shop helper and parts lady.

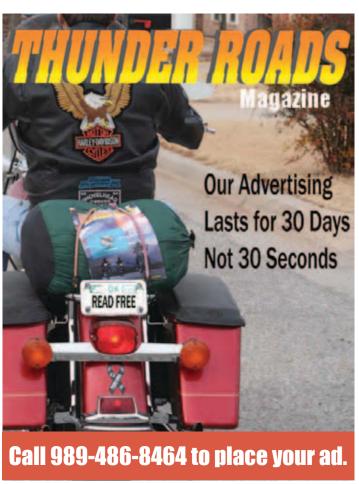
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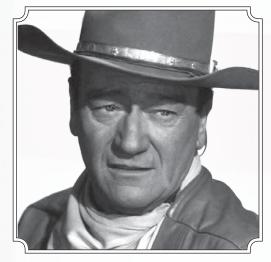


Just as the 1873 Colt singleaction revolver was regarded
as the (hand) gun that won
the west, Winchester rifles
have a similar label, folklore, and history when stories of the old west are told.
The sheer number of rifles
produced and sold by Winchester attest to their popularity and value to those

who acquired these weapons.

With several charter name changes, many consider the Henry lever action repeating .44 caliber rimfire rifle made between 1860 and 1866 as the first "Winchester" even though the company was still named the New Haven Arms Company (Oliver Winchester was the CEO during this period.) (Windhester was the CEO during this period.) (Windhester rifle had no side loading gate and was loaded from the muzzle end of the magazine. With the company the name change to the Winchester Repeating Arms Company in 1866, the Winchester Model 1866 rifle was introduced, also .44 caliber, but with a side loading gate and brass loading frame. Indians gave that rifle the nickname of "Yellow Comboy" because of the color of the brass loading frame.

The success and reputation of Winchester was clearly established with the Winchester Model 1873 rifle manufactured action design" to for close to 50 years (1873-1919) with a production of over and Hal Herring 700,000. Although some other models were introduced by the name "Winchester, the Model 1892 had a similar 50 year manufactured type and was the turing history with over a million produced. And the currently 7,000,000 units.

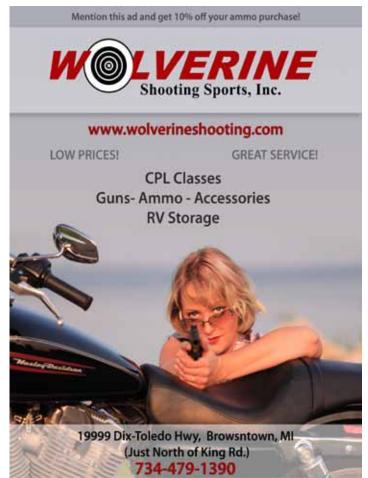


produced Winchester Model 1894 lever action rifle started production in 1894 with a production to date of over three million. For more information go to www.shotdoc.com

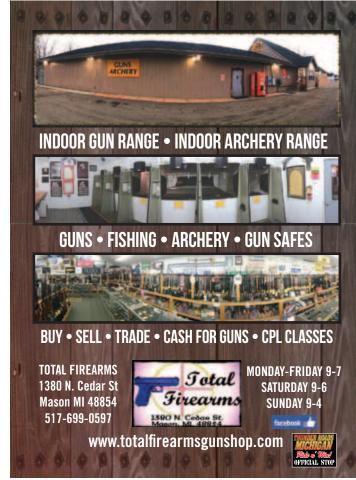
The Winchester Model 1894 rifle (also known as the Winchester 94 or Win 94) is a lever-action repeating rifle that became one of the most famous and popular hunting rifles. It was designed by John Browning in 1894 and originally chambered to fire two metallic black powder cartridges, the .32-40 Winchester and .38-55 Winchester. It was the first rifle to chamber the smokeless powder round, the .30 WCF (Winchester Center Fire, in time becoming known as the .30-30).

The 1894 was produced by the Winchester Repeating Arms Company through 1980 and then by U.S. Repeating Arms under the Winchester brand until they ceased manufacturing rifles in 2006. Reproductions are being made by the Miroku Company of Japan and imported into the United States by the Browning Arms company of Morgan, Utah.

The Model 1894 has been referred to as the "ultimate leveraction design" by firearms historians such as R. L. Wilson and Hal Herring. The Model 1894 is the rifle credited with the name "Winchester" being used to refer to all rifles of this type and was the first commercial sporting rifle to sell over 7.000.000 units.











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Do You Really Need a Safety Course?

BY Attorney Edgar Snyder COURTESY TRPA

Did you know that 90% of all motorcyclists involved in accidents had very little official training or learned how to ride from a friend or family member? Ninety percent!

May is Motorcycle Safety Month – what better time to talk about motorcycle safety courses. Whether you're a newbie rider or you've spent years honing your skills behind the handlebars, every level of motorcyclist can benefit by taking a motorcycle safety course.

H2: The Benefits

If you're just starting out, taking a motorcycle safety course is a must. After a long winter, even seasoned riders should consider a refresher to knock the rust off your riding skills. Not only that, but the courses offer a chance to meet up with other riders in your community.

Motorcycle safety courses can provide you with:

- New Safety Techniques
- Improved Road Awareness
- Riding Gear Recommendations
- Basic Road Maneuvers
- Navigating Traffic Situations
- Sharpening Your Current Riding Skills
- And Much More

New riders may be interested in the basic courses, while seasoned veterans can find advanced instruction from trained professionals. There's something for just about everyone who rides.

Here's a bonus -- safety courses could save you money on your insurance policy. Check with your agent to see if you qualify for special deals or rate reductions after taking a certified safety course.





H2: Find a Safety Course Near You

You may be wondering, "How can I enroll in a safety course?" The answer is easier than you think. Contact the Motorcycle Safety Program – or visit online at pamsp.com – to learn more about these great programs.

In Pennsylvania, FREE training is available to state residents, including beginner, intermediate, and advanced courses. You can't beat the price – so what are you waiting for?

Also, check out the Greater Pittsburgh Motorcycle Safety Council's website at pghridesafe.com for events in Pittsburgh and the surrounding areas. While you're there, be sure to take their safety pledge. The pledge acknowledges the serious dangers facing motorcyclists, especially with regards to drinking or impaired riding – which causes nearly 40% of all motorcycle fatalities.

H2: Have a Safe and Smart Riding Season

Don't underestimate the importance of safety courses.

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Motorcycle Safety Month is a great time to visit EdgarSnyder.com for tons of free safety information – everything from choosing protective gear to how to ride safely in group formation. Other free resources include state-by-state helmet laws, insurance tips, and legal help. You can also connect with us on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Google+.

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