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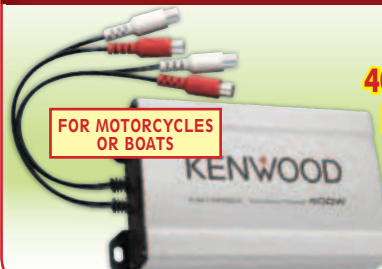
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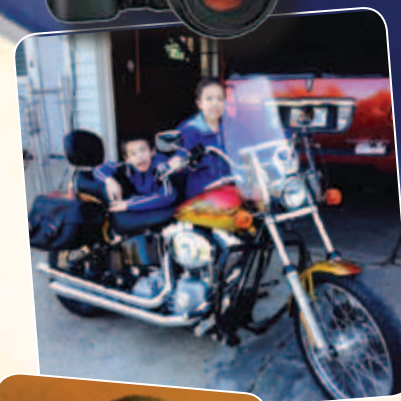
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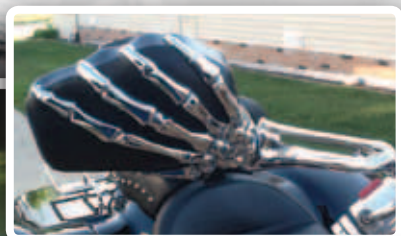


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## Brenda Wright



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### It's certainly that time of year!

Well, I can tell you that this issue was an animal to put together, but I think I tamed it. There are so many exciting things going on, they are pouring in left and right. Just when I thought I saw the light at the end of the tunnel and was ready to wrap up, more and more events poured in.

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## Army Vet Mistakenly Declared Dead by VA

Critics say a program rolled out to give certain veterans the option of government-funded private care is experiencing serious bumps: according to reports, only 27,000 vets have taken advantage of the Choice Card program since it was launched in November.

Technically, to be eligible to see a non-VA doctor, a veteran must be at least 40 miles away from the nearest VA hospital, or have waited at least 30 days for an appointment.

But veterans groups say confusion about eligibility remains the big problem – not everyone qualifies, but some vets who thought they would be, reported they were turned away. Some say the process isn't clear, and bureaucratic red tape has led to conflicting messages to veterans about whether or not they can access the system. Others have just gotten responses that weren't very helpful.

According to a survey conducted by the VFW in February, 80 percent of the 1,068 respondents who believed they were eligible to see a private doctor in lieu of VA care found out they were not. It's unclear whether this is due mostly to misperceptions about the program by veterans, or missteps by VA officials.

One area of confusion is that according to the rules, a veteran must be 40 miles away from the nearest VA -- "as the crow flies." But this can lead to unequal treatment, since residents in areas with winding roads, or simply crowded roads, could face a longer drive than others.

About 500,000 should be eligible under the distance requirements, but the "as the crow flies" standard is throwing everything off. Groups are behind legislation that would clarify the rule to accommodate a 40-mile driving distance.

On March 24, responding to pressure from Congress and veterans groups, the Department of Veterans Affairs said it is relaxing the rule that makes it hard for some veterans in rural areas to prove they live at least 40 miles from a VA health site.

The VA said it will now measure the 40-mile trip by driving miles as calculated by Google maps or other sites, rather than as the crow flies, as currently interpreted. The rule change is expected to roughly double the number of eligible veterans.

## Work Underway on New Beginnings Veteran's Outreach Center in Flint Township

Work is underway on a facility that will soon provide Transitional Housing for veterans in Mid-Michigan. The New Beginnings Veteran's Outreach Center in Flint Township is just weeks away from being fully functioning. Right now, repairs and renovations are underway to a 100-year-old house in Flint Township. "It's a tranquil area for the veterans, so by doing this for them, it's offering them hope," said Arthur Woodson, vice president of New Beginnings Veterans Outreach.

When the work is done this spring, the facility will be able to house up to 10 veterans at a time. The New Beginnings Veterans Outreach center will provide transitional housing, all federally funded.

The house was a gift from the church next door, but it does need some work. Roof repairs, new bedrooms, and a wheelchair ramp are first on the list. The community has really pulled together to make it happen.

"Home Depot stepped up big time and donated all of the materials for this. We've got New Beginnings Church that has literally donated this property for use as a veteran's transitional center, and of course we've got Mott Community College and Metro Flint Youth Build that are donating my time and other instructors' time and of course the efforts of students like Jessie," said Chuck Breidenstein, instructor at Mott Community College.

Jessie Green is one of the students in Metro Flint Youth Build working to get their GED while giving back to the community.

Here, veterans will be able to get the support they need, like groups for PTSD and substance abuse, meals, help with their benefits and transportation to and from the VA.

"I too am a veteran, I have PTSD, I'm a disabled veteran and finding that there is strong support for you, it takes you to a whole new level," Woodson said. If all goes as planned, the center should be complete by the end of April.

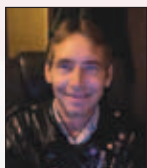
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at the docked LST 393, 560 Mart St. in Muskegon.

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# The Motorcycle Lawyer on THE LAW

## This May, Be Motorcycle-Aware: A Message for Vehicle Drivers

Spring has finally arrived and with it, so has Motorcycle Awareness Month. I do my best to promote Motorcycle Awareness year-round, and over the last 12 months I have tried to use this article to really focus my efforts and help readers (and riders) get involved in Motorcycle Awareness and safety promotion.

In case you missed some of my previous articles, here are a few of the things I recommend you, as a motorcyclist, can do to promote Motorcycle Awareness and safety: get your CY motorcycle endorsement; take a certified rider training course to refresh your memory and learn new riding skills; join a local motorcycle club or group; join an advocacy group like ABATE in your area; get a bumper sticker, lawn sign, or other physical reminder for drivers to Watch for Motorcycles; support changes to the law that improve motorcycle safety (like Nathan's Law, which took effect this year); and finally, talk it up: tell everyone you meet to be Motorcycle-Aware, and use social media to encourage your friends and contacts to Watch for Motorcycles on the roads.

This year, I wanted to do something different. I believe that as motorcyclists, there is only so much we can do to protect ourselves from crashes on the road. After that, it's up to vehicle drivers to ensure they are watching out for us and helping us survive the ride. So, I have created a list of six tips for vehicle drivers remind them to Watch for Motorcyclists. Copy this page and share it. Post it at your office. Send copies to your friends and family. Give the list to the parents on your kid's soccer team. Share the tips on social media. Contact me (writer@lawyerforlife.com) or connect on Facebook (facebook.com/THEmotorcyclawyer) to request a copy of the list. Whatever it takes to get this list out to vehicle drivers and, hopefully, improve Motorcycle Awareness.

**#1: See the motorcyclist.** That bike isn't riding itself! There is a human being on the back of that bike, someone with a family and people who care about them. Look for them and remember that you have a role in helping to keep them safe.

**#2: Watch for Motorcycles.** Look Twice, Save a Life. Motorcycles are Everywhere. Whatever the slogan, the message is clear: look for motorcycles every time you are on the road. Check your mirrors, your blind spots, scan the horizon carefully, and once you've done all that, do it again. Remember, it's been a long, cold winter and you may not be used to seeing motorcycles on the road. That's why it's even more important to make the extra effort to watch for them. Also, listen up! Motorcycles can be loud. In addition to scanning with your eyes, turn down your radio and listen with your ears.

**#3: Approach intersections with caution.** Most motorcycle-vehicle crashes happen at intersections, many because the vehicle driver tries to turn right in front of the motorcyclist. When approaching an intersection, slow down and be mindful. It can be difficult for a vehicle driver to judge a motorcycle's speed, so don't try and turn in front of the bike. Wait it out; you'd never forgive yourself if you killed a motorcyclist because you didn't want to wait a few extra seconds at an intersection.

**#4: Signal your intentions and be predictable.** This is just a good driving rule in general: use your signals so motorcyclists and other drivers know what you're planning to do next. Being predictable can make a huge difference in preventing crashes.

**#5: Make space!** Unlike a car or truck, there is no such thing as a fender-bender with a motorcycle... even the slightest contact could kill the motorcyclist. Don't risk it. Back off and help keep everyone safe. (This is a good rule to follow with other vehicles too...) Also, don't crowd a motorcyclist! We have the right to use the whole lane, just like a car or truck. Debris in the road that wouldn't affect a car or truck can be a real problem on a motorcycle, so be sure to give them plenty of room to move side-to-side within the lane to avoid obstacles.

**#6: PUT YOUR PHONE AWAY.** No really, put it away. Put it in the glove box. Leave it in your purse or your pocket. Turn it off in the car. Whatever it takes to make sure your hands stay on the wheel and your eyes stay on the road, watching for motorcyclists. Your distracted driving is extremely dangerous, especially to bikers. Just fading over the line a little bit, or not stopping in time because you're busy "LOLing", could cost a motorcyclist's life. It's not worth it.

Obviously, there's no way to cover everything that vehicle drivers can and should do in order to protect motorcyclists in a single list, and there are no guarantees that following this list will definitely prevent motorcyclist deaths. However, if vehicle drivers make the extra effort to be Motorcycle-Aware, and go out of their way to Watch for Motorcycles and protect bikers on the road, it's a positive change. Please, this Motorcycle Awareness Month, do your best to get the message out: Watch for Motorcycles... you could save a life!

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

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An attractive blonde from Cork, Ireland , arrived at the casino . She seemed a little intoxicated and bet twenty thousand dollars on a single roll of the dice. She said, "I hope you don't mind, but I feel much luckier when I'm completely nude ." with that, she stripped from the neck down, rolled the dice and with an Irish brogue yelled, "Come on, baby, Mama needs new clothes!" As the dice came to a stop, she jumped up and down and squealed. "Yes! Yes! I won , I won !" She hugged each of the dealers, picked up her winnings and her clothes and quickly departed.

The dealers stared at each other dumb-founded .

Finally, one of them asked, "What did she roll?" The other answered, "I don't know - I thought you were watching."

Moral of the Story:

Not all Irish are drunks, not all blondes are dumb, but all men...are men!

I recently spent \$6,500 on a young registered Black Angus bull.

I put him out with the herd but he just ate grass and wouldn't even look at a cow.

I was beginning to think I had paid more for that bull than he was worth.

Anyhow, I had the Vet come and have a look at him.

He said the bull was very healthy, but possibly just a little young, so he gave me some pills to feed him once per day.

The bull started to service the cows within two days... all my cows!

He even broke through the fence and bred with all of my neighbor's cows!

He's like a mating machine!

I don't know what was in them pills the Vet gave him.....

but they kinda' taste like peppermint.

Was in the Texas Rose Road House bar last night after riding my bike all day.

Just sitting there waiting for a beer, remembering all the good events of the day's ride, when a butt-ugly, big ole' drunk heifer came up behind me.

She slapped me on the ass,...hard.

She hollered out really loud for the whole bar to hear.

"Hey cowboy, how bout' givin' me your number!

I looked at her and yelled out, "Have you got a pen?"

She said, "I surely do, sweet cheeks."

I yelled back, just as loud, "Well, you better get back into it before the Farmer notices you're missing."

\* (I guarded my manhood, but my dental surgery is on Friday.)

Four old Catholic men and a Catholic woman were having coffee in St. Peters Square.

The first Catholic man tells his friends, "My son is a priest, when he walks into a room, everyone calls him 'Father'."

The second Catholic man chirps, "My son is a Bishop. When he walks into a room people call him 'Your Grace'."

The third Catholic gent says, "My son is a Cardinal. When he enters a room everyone bows their head and says 'Your Eminence'."

The fourth Catholic man says very proudly, "My son is the Pope. When he walks into a room people call him 'Your Holiness'."

Since the lone Catholic woman was sipping her coffee in silence, the four men give her a subtle, "Well....?"

She proudly replies, I have a daughter, Slim & Tall, Extra Long Legs that go all the way up to form perfectly round buttocks.

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When she walks into a room, people always say," JEEESUS!!"

Ever wonder what a man's ultimate embarrassment might be?

I'd have to say it would be running into a brick wall with a good stiff erection.....

and breaking his nose.

And turn about is fair play...

A woman's would have to be standing on the scales and literally having to reach down and separate her sagging boobs, just so she can read the numbers.

As they say.....It Is What It Is.

A motorist was mailed a picture of his car speeding through an automated radar post in Portland, Oregon. A \$40 speeding ticket was included. Being cute, he sent the police department a picture of \$40. The police responded with another mailed photo of handcuffs.

Police were at the door of a suspect under investigation for armed robbery.

Police - Open up, Billy, we need to have a word with you.

Billy - Do you have a warrant?

Police - Like we said, this isn't an official visit as yet.

Billy - If it isn't official, then what is it?

Police - Look, Billy, we just want to talk to you.

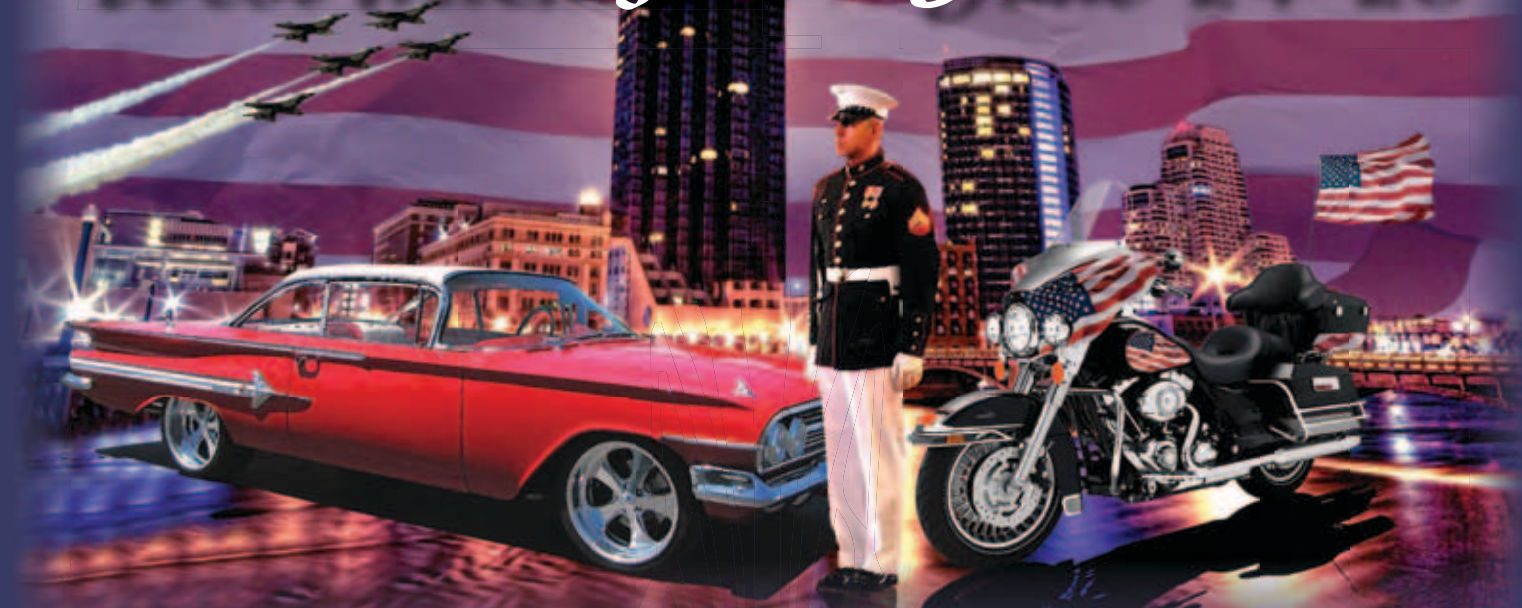
Billy - How many of you are out there?

Police - There's just two of us.

Billy - Then talk to each other.

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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.



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### Few Facts:

- Winners are randomly picked from each Registration/Ride Stop, Ride Stop & Event Stop each month.
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2. Get the list of stops each month from your Thunder Roads Michigan Magazine's website
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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 non-profit events to include them in the Run schedule as well. This will be an easy means of encouraging participation and attracting riders from outside the local communities. In many cases, we will have specific prize drawings for those at these events.

The Ride Cards will allow participants to easily and safely check in at all stops. Some Thunder Roads Michigan Sponsors will also be offering discounts to readers that present the cards. Thunder Roads Michigan will be listing special discounts and offers in the magazine throughout the year as an added value to readers and means of encouraging our partners to offer these extra savings.

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

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

### Just Get Out and RIDE!

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



## 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@gmail.com





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# MAY EVENT STOPS

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## MAY 3RD

### 16th Annual Blessing of the Bikers ~

Church of the Living Word 1100 N. Ovid Rd. Ovid, MI 989-834-5950

9:30 am, service 10:30 am, 11:30 am all you can eat Hog Roast \$5, 1:30 pm charity ride, ride in bike show (register by noon), 50/50 & prizes. (See ad this issue).

## MAY 15TH

### Harleys at the Dragway ~

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## MAY 16TH

### 7th Annual Biker Blessing- The Matthew Brotherton Memorial Cancer Ride ~

Merriman Road Baptist Church 2055 Merriman Rd. Garden City, MI 48135. Registration 9:30 am, blessing 1 pm, free food, music, bike show, vendors & prizes. Everyone welcome. (See ad this issue).

## MAY 30TH

### 1st Annual Blessing of the Biker ~

Northville Christian Church 41355 6 Mile Rd, Northville, MI (1 mile west of Haggerty Rd).

11am-3pm, bike show voting 12:30-1:30pm, blessing 2:30, ride 3 pm, bike giveaway, family event.

For more info email [bikerblessing@dw3c.org](mailto:bikerblessing@dw3c.org) or call 248-387-9541 (See ad this issue).

# THE STOPS

For the month of May 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 June issue (or view the magazine online at [www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com](http://www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com)) to see if your Ride Card number is listed as a winner from this month's stops. Sponsor prizes are randomly picked from event stops and stops listed below.

## NORTH

### Maxwell Brothers Cycle Shop LLC

2469 US-31 North, Petoskey, MI 49770. (231) 347-2629 Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 9-2, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins choice of hat, shirt, hoodie, vest or helmet. A mom & pop shop, fast, friendly service.

### Museum of Moses @ Vogel Store

9979 S. 8 mile Rd (Vogel center) McBain, MI 49657. (231) 825-2219 Hours: M-Sat 9:30 am-9 pm, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins 2 choices of hat, shirt, coozie, patch, misc. Awesome collection of vintage Harley's, hot food & drinks.

### Sleeping Bear Motor Sports

9664 US Hwy 31 South, Interlochen, MI 49643. (231) 275-Bear(2327) Hours: M, T, Th, F 9-6, W 9-5, Sat 10-4. 1 lucky person wins \$25 gift certificate. Only authorized motorcycle resale shop in Michigan.

### Zips 45th Parallel Harley-Davidson

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314 S. Huron St, Mackinaw City, MI 49701. (231) 436-5331 Hours: Month of May 10-6 (everyday). 1 lucky person wins a \$50 gift card. Known for our custom Mackinaw Bridge seasonal apparel, perfect destination hot spot.

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7271 Main St, Mackinaw Island, MI 49757. (906) 847-8888 Hours: Open May-Oct (please call for hours). 1 lucky person wins a \$50 gift card. The home of the "real horse" power.

### 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

### Gildner's Harley-Davidson

2723 S M-76, West Branch, MI 48661. (989) 345-1330 Hours: M-F 9-5:30, Sat 9-4, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins a \$40 gift card. North Country is the best place to ride to.



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## THE STOPS



### SOUTH

#### Biker Bob's Harley-Davidson

14100 Telegraph Rd, Taylor, MI 48180. (734) 947-4647 Hours: M-F 10-7, Sat & Sun 10-5. 1 lucky person wins a \$50 gift card. *Metro-Detroit's full-service destination dealership that takes pride in fulfilling dreams of personal freedom.*

#### Brighton Harley-Davidson

5942 Whitmore Lake Rd, Brighton, MI 48116. (810) 225-2915 Hours: M-F 10-7, Sat 10-5, Sun 11-4. 1 lucky person wins a \$50 gift card. *Come see our new 15,000 sq. ft. showroom.*

#### Capitol Harley-Davidson

9550 Woodlane Dr, Dimondale, MI 48821. (517) 646-2345 Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-3, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins a \$50 gift card. *Lots of events, great scenic ride in the local area.*

#### Merriman Road Baptist Church (F.A.I.T.H. Riders)

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.*

#### Fast Lane Powersports

525 N. Cedar St, Mason, MI 48854. (517) 676-5667 Hours: M-F 9-6, Sat 10-3, Sun closed. 3 lucky people, that's right 3 lucky winners – 1 wins a \$100 gift card & 2 win t-shirts. *Huge selection of riding gear, same day tire service & discount tire service.*

#### Golgotha Performance Cycles

610 N. Croyts Rd, Lansing, MI 48917. (517) 977-1752 Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-3, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins a hoodie, shirt, sandals or wheel-chock by Pingel. *New Dyno Tuning bay, custom bikes, great prices on everything.*

#### Hunt's Hog Shop

3030 S. Cedar St, Lansing, MI 48910. (517) 394-7840 Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-4, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins a free engine oil change. *We have been here for 28 years, honest & dependable.*

#### Indian Motorcycle Motorcity

1765 S. Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. (248) 920-2000 Hours: M, T, W, F, Sat 9-6, Th 9-8. 1 lucky person wins a shirt or hat. *Come see the new Indian Motorcycles & Victory Motorcycles.*

#### J & J Western Store

14241 US Hwy 12, Brooklyn, MI 49230. (517) 592-2813 Hours: M-Sat 9:30-5, Sun closed. Show your Ride Card and get 10% off 1 item. *Great selection of motorcycle & western apparel, accessories, boots & more.*

#### McNastys Saloon

19300 Waltz Rd, New Boston, MI 48164. (734) 753-4900 Hours: M-Sat 10am-2am, Sun 11-10pm. 1 lucky person wins a delicious burger & fry meal. *Great burgers, family owned with a Cheers atmosphere, try their fried pickle spears!*

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49110 Grand River, Wixom, MI 48393. (248) 449-9667 Hours: M 11am-2am, T-Sun 9am- 2am. 1 lucky person wins a \$30 gift card. *Bike Nights Thursdays, hot girtz, cool beer, great food.*

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1380 N. Cedar St, Mason, MI 48854. (517) 699-0597 Hours: M-F 9-7, Sat 9-6, Sun 9-4. 1 lucky person wins a one month range pass (\$100 value). *Indoor pistol range, largest gun inventory in Lansing, private lake out back, rental boats all summer.*

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### EAST

#### Beer & Brats Bar & Grill

4562 N. Eastman Rd, Midland, MI 48642. (989) 835-9238 Hours: T-Sun 11:30am- 2am, Mon closed. 1 lucky person wins a \$20 gift card & a t-shirt. *Bike Night Thursdays.*

#### Bennigan's

6603 Eastman Rd, Midland, MI 48640. (989) 837-6836 Hours: Sun-Th 11am-11pm, Fri & Sat 11am-12am. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gas card. *Show your Ride Card and receive a Free pub chips & dip with any purchase (may check-in one time a week).*

#### C & K Corner Store LLC

8892 Van Cleve Rd, Vassar, MI 48768. (989) 871-3120 Hours: Sun-Th 6am-10pm, Fri & Sat 6am-11pm. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gift card. *Great food, cold beer, biker friendly, gift shop & hand-dip ice cream.*

#### Caro Motorsports

1660 E. Caro Rd, Caro, MI 48723. (989) 673-8500 Hours: M-F 9-6, Sat 9-4, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins a free Dyno Pull to show horsepower (tuning not incl). *Specialize in service & repair of virtually any/all motorcycles, ATV's, dirt bikes & snowmobiles.*

#### C & S Sports Center

4741 E. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. (989) 772-5513 Hours: M-Th 9-6, Fri 9-7, Sat 9-4, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins a \$50 gift card. *A great destination ride & the Low Rider Café right next door.*

#### Castaways

3940 Boy Scout, Bay City, MI 48706. (989) 686-3558 Hours: M-Th 11am-12am, Fri & Sat 11am-2am, Sun 12pm-12am. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gift card. *Bike night Tuesdays.*

#### Duel Bar

2471 W. Parish Rd, Midland, MI 48642. (989) 662-7361 Hours: Mon-Sat 10am-2am, Sun 12pm-12am. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gas card. *A great spot to hideaway, hog pit bbq Tues & Sun 12pm-8pm.*

#### Farmers Home Tavern

215 W. Saginaw, Hemlock, MI 48626. (989) 642-2546 Hours: Everyday 11am-2am. 2 lucky people will win a \$25 gift certificate each & a t-shirt. *Bike night Thursdays- 35 cent wings, can beer \$1, domestic bottle \$2 4pm-7pm.*

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#### Great Lakes Harley-Davidson

3850 S. Huron Rd (M-13), Bay City, MI 48706. (989) 686-0400 Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-3, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gift card. *Visit a Harley Shop, not just a dealership.*

#### Iron Horse Bar & Grill

3592 Main St, Akron, MI 48701. (989) 691-5761 Hours: Everyday 11am-2am. 1 lucky person wins their choice of a long sleeve shirt or t-shirt. *Bike Night Wednesdays- specials, happy hour, thumbs largest biker bar.*

#### Low Rider Café

4749 E. Pickard St, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. (989) 317-4749 Hours: M-Th & Sat 7-3, Fri 7-9, Sun 8-3. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gift card. *Ride in empty & roll out full, next door to C & S Sports Center.*

#### Mornin at Maggie's Omlette Shoppe

819 Saginaw St, Bay City, MI 48708. (989) 892-3142 Hours: M-F 7am-2pm, Sat & Sun 8am-2pm. 1 lucky person wins a \$20 gift card. *The Best Homemade Omlette's in the Mid-West.*

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2185 S. Meridian Rd, Midland, MI 48640. (989) 835-3573 Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-2am, Sun 12pm-12am. 1 lucky person wins a t-shirt. *Bike Night Thursdays, burnout pit, biker specials, live music.*

#### River Rock Bar & Grill

210 N. Mill St, St. Louis, MI 48880. (989) 681-2851 Hours: M-W 7am-10pm, Th-Sat 7am-2am, Sun 7am-9pm. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gift card. *Bike Night Wednesdays.*

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#### Stevens' Cycle Sales Inc.

3636 S. Huron Rd (M-13), Bay City, MI 48706. (989) 684-9872 Hours: M & Th 9-7, T, W & F 9-6, Sat 8-5, Sun 11-3. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gift card. *A multiline dealer, accessories & parts ordered daily. Family owned for 46 years.*

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#### Thomas Trading Post

2292 Eastman Rd, Midland, MI 48642. (989) 631-1104 Hours: M-F 9:30-8, Sat 9:30-5, Sun 12-5. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gift card. *Boots, men & women's jackets, leather goods & more.*



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#### Boondox Motorsports

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Fall seven times and stand up eight. ~ Japanese Proverb

When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us. ~ Helen Keller

**Biker Poem**

~ BY Mike "Kickstand"- North Detroit

So I ride, with the road  
I find ahead that lies  
Never forgetting the times  
And friends that come with ties  
A freedom for which I need to soar  
Ahh to be with one I come to adore.

**Fun Facts**

Reindeer like to eat bananas.

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# NINE DECADES OF MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASM

Founded in 1924, the American Motorcycle Association has been serving the motorcycle community for nine decades. It is the largest member-based advocacy group in the world and is dedicated to "Promote the motorcycle lifestyle and protect the future of motorcycling for generations to come." That's a pretty bold statement but one that has a generational track record of success. Without any hesitation, the AMA gives credit to the organizations from which it was born – the Federation of American Motorcyclists (FAM) and the Motorcycle and Allied Trades Association (M&ATA). The really cool historical note is the FAM began with the New York Motorcycle Club, whose members saw the need for a national organization and on September 7th, 1903 had a meeting at their clubhouse where 93 bikers got the ball rolling. Good to know some things never change. Some of the best charity runs and motorcycle events we covered this year got their start around a clubhouse table. One of the premier attendees at that first meeting was George H. Hendee of the Indian Motorcycle Company who brought 109 membership pledges from the New England area. In the original constitution the FAM



### NEVER SAY DIE

Dave Barr's military career was ended by a land mine explosion that took his legs, but that didn't stop him from completing a series of epic motorcycling journeys around the globe.

Barr has ridden around the world, across Siberian Russia in the dead of winter, and to the four farthest points of Australia. In the process, he has written books, produced documentaries, earned two Guinness World Records, and established a charity foundation.

"Wouldn't it be something to share this simple accomplishment of riding a motorcycle as a double amputee with disabled people the world over?"  
— Dave Barr, writing in his book *Riding the Edge*.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Dave Barr was abandoned at birth in the back seat of a car in Los Angeles, Calif.

stated "Its objects shall be to encourage the use of motorcycles and to promote the general interests of motorcycling; to ascertain, defend and protect the rights of motorcyclists; to facilitate touring; to assist in the good roads movement; and to advise and assist in the regulation of motorcycle racing and other competition in which motorcycles engage." Sound familiar?

The FAM lasted 16 years and peaked at 8,247 members before WWI decimated the potential membership. While the FAM was struggling, the M&ATA was founded. Although controlled by the motorcycle industry, the M&ATA began registering clubs and supporting motorcycle activities including the Gypsy Tours. A competition Committee was founded to fill the void left when the FAM was no longer able to oversee the responsibilities. After a steady growth over the next five years the M&ATA Riders Division was named the American Motorcycle Association. Over the next several decades the M&ATA eventually merged with the West Coast Motorcycle Safety Council and in 1969 became the Motorcycle Industry Council we know today.

Upon it's founding in 1924 the slogan of the now stand alone AMA was – "An Organized Minority Can Always Defeat an Unorganized Majority." Sounds like echoes from that 1903 clubhouse table....

Ratification of the AMA was August 1, 1924 and within the month they had operated the first nationally sanctioned AMA event which was most likely the national Six Days Trial held from August 25 through 30 in Ohio, Pennsylvania and adjacent states. The 1,400-mile endurance run started and ended in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1928, the AMA moved headquarters away from the M&ATA location in Chicago to Columbus. The AMA moved around Columbus a few times and eventually settled in Pickerington, about 10 miles from the original location. Today the Headquarters building sits on a site with the incredible Hall of Fame Museum. If you have never taken a moment to head on out to Pickerington to visit the AMA Hall of Fame Museum – rework your schedule and ride on out. Whenever we are anywhere near, we make time for a quick run through. The tours change regularly and the motorcycles, gear and historical paraphernalia on display will remind you of the great history that has been bestowed upon us by the greats that carved out motorcycling as we know it today.

By 1993, AMA membership had topped 200,000. With an estimated 25 million on-and off-road motorcyclists in America, the advocacy needs of the diverse membership base was needed more than ever. Over the decades the AMA has consistently championed the rights of motorcyclists. Fighting government restrictions and access and outright bans such as the ones attempted St. Louis and Brockton, Massachusetts, no other organization has so consistently represented the interests of motorcyclists. Along with the advocacy, the sanctioning of the events has allowed American motorcycling to climb to world-class status in all types of events. From GNCC, Road Racing,



Hillclimbs and many other AMA events, riders across the country benefit from the decades of work from the dedicated folks at the AMA. At the final race of the AMA sanctioned 2014 GNCC series held in Crawfordsville, Indiana the crowds and racers each set records for attendance. Our sport and lifestyle continues to grow and with that growth the AMA's role is more vital than ever before. To get an idea of the scope – the AMA sanctions more motorsports and motorcycle recreational events than any other organization in the world. Membership benefits are huge including everything from discounts on gear, hotels, motorcycle transport, tickets to events and insurance. Members also get a monthly magazine dedicated to all national current events and news updates. Their website is also a great resource and the site header sums it up perfectly – AMA Rights. Riding. Racing.



For more information on the current exhibits visit [www.motorcyclemuseum.org](http://www.motorcyclemuseum.org)  
For more information or to sign up for your AMA membership visit [www.americanmotorcyclist.com](http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com)





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## Biker Preacher's Corner

### About Victory Biker Church...

Over the years I've been asked if the victory in Victory Biker Church meant Victory Motorcycles or if one had to ride a Victory to be part of the church. These are honest questions but this is not true. Just about all motorcycle manufactures are represented at VBC; I personally ride a Harley Davidson!

The word Victory in our name comes from our key scripture verse 1 Corinthians 15:57 which says "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" Ya see, we only get true victory in life through having a relationship with Jesus!!!

I've also had people ask me, why a biker church? Why can't they just "assimilate" into other churches?

I answer that question with a little story... One early summer day, a rider decided to attend a weekend rally that was a several hour ride from his home. As he rode, he started to coach himself on all the things he WASN'T going to do (he was needing victory in his life) and made up his mind that he was just going to enjoy the weekend riding, relaxing and laughing with his friends.

He found himself back in the saddle riding home, Sunday morning, but this time he wasn't congratulating himself for behaving, but rather beating himself up, because he did everything he said he wouldn't do. He yelled out, "Where can I get peace, where can I get victory?" With such agony in his voice he said, "I've tried everything else but nothing satisfies me! Nothing fills the void in my soul, nothing brings me peace!" Then the Lord Jesus spoke ever so gently to him, "I love you biker; I have what you're looking for, the victory you're looking for is in Me."

He pulled into the first church He came to but was met with judgement and disgust. So he got back on his bike and rode into the wind worse than before, when God was calling him to salvation and victory in Christ Jesus.

This is why Victory Biker Church is here... Because God Loves Bikers too!!

God loves you brothers and sisters no matter what you've done or said – He loves you and stands ready, willing and able to bring that peace that your heart so longs for, the victory over sin by His forgiveness and the peace of knowing that sin, guilt and shame have been washed away by the blood of the risen savior, Jesus (Yeshua).

Try Jesus today; He's just a prayer away my friends — He's got what you're longing for... true joy, victory and peace.

Let me personally invite you to Victory Biker Church where you'll be loved and shown the way to victory in Christ Jesus. A place where bikers feel right at home, the whole Word of God is preached and the Love and Power of God flows.

*Much Love & Respect,*

**Apostle Brian "BMAN" McKay**

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**Saturday May 16th**



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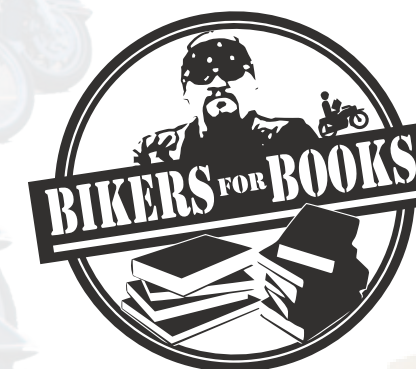
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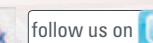
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# K.I.S.S. IN THE KITCHEN

KEEP IT SIMPLE SWEETIE



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

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

## MAMA'S SPICY BUFFALO FRIED OYSTERS

- 1 Dozen Oysters - Fresh or the kind in tub at the grocery. But you MUST smell them and they should smell like the ocean and nothing else. If cooking for a party or even another couple, you'll need more than a dozen. Double or triple recipe, accordingly.
- 1/2 Cup of Buttermilk
- 1/2 Cup of Cornmeal
- 1/2 Cup of All-Purpose Flour
- Pinch of Cayenne
- Canola or Peanut Oil for frying
- 1/4 Cup of your fave Hot Sauce (more if you want)
- 1/4 Stick of Real Butter; salted preferably
- 1/2 Cup of Crumbled Bleu' Cheese (in a tub in most larger grocery stores; in refrigerated cheese section)
- 2 Tbls. of Chopped Chives

In a bowl big enough to accommodate the amount of oysters you're making, submerge oysters totally and let soak for one hour, stirring gently a few times.

Preheat your oil in a large pot until you put the end of a wooden spoon in and little bubbles pop up and surround the handle. It's ready for frying! In a shallow pan, combine cornmeal, flour, cayenne and salt & pepper to taste. Remove oysters from buttermilk, dredge each oyster through the cornmeal mixture and keep flipping it to cover thoroughly. Coat them all at one time and place on a separate platter. With tongs or a slotted spoon, gently lower an oyster, one at a time into hot oil. Do not overload the pan. Fry until golden brown all the way around. Remove to paper towel lined platter. If you have more than one batch to fry, place in an oven set on 200 degrees to keep hot until done frying all oysters. In a medium glass or ceramic bowl, combine hot sauce and melted butter. Toss fried oysters in hot sauce mix & again, coat thoroughly. Remove back to rinsed off platter, top with crumbled Bleu' cheese and chopped chives. Serve immediately while piping hot. I always make up extra hot sauce & melted butter as an extra dipping sauce. These babies rock the house! Whether you're making a dozen or 3 dozen.

**\* Tip Of The Month:** When frying bacon, always cut your bacon in half; width wise, right in the middle. Easier to work with. And, lay out your back on a stone cold skillet and then place on the stove. This stops ends from curling and cooks more evenly.

## MOTHER'S PROPER FRESH PEA SALAD

- 1 Bag of Fresh, Flash Frozen Peas; quality brand
- 1 Tub of Philadelphia Whipped Cream Cheese (not the old-fashioned block style. The new whipped kind is fabulous for cooking!)
- 1 Half a Pound of Bacon (sliced in half as in the \* Tip of the Month), fry crisp and then chop up into chunky, medium pieces.
- 1 Medium sized sweet Vidalia onion; chop up into small chunks

Pour your bag of fresh, frozen peas into a medium sized glass bowl. Fry up bacon crisp, let drain on paper towel. Pour off half the fat and the rest, saute'up the onions. Use a slotted spoon and just add those directly into bowl with peas, along with bacon and Whipped Philly. Salt & Pepper to taste and I always add Parsley to everything. This is such a totally fresh side dish!

I make up a batch all the time and then just snack on it or spread it on but-tery crackers. Fab!

## MOMMA HOW YA' ROLL THEM FRIED ICE CREAM BALLS?

*I worked at Chi-Chi's Mexican Restaurant in my early 20's for several years and the 1st week there learned the secret to this famous recipe.*

- 1 Gallon of Premium Vanilla Ice Cream
- 3 Cups of Crushed Frosted Flakes
- 1 Tbl. of Cinnamon
- 1/4 Cup of Sugar or Splenda
- 2 Egg Whites
- Canola Oil for Frying

Whipped Cream, Chocolate Sauce &/or Honey  
On a parchment lined cookie sheet, scoop out big, full, rounded ice cream scoops. Place in the freezer to get good and hard for an hour. In a baking dish combine the cornflakes, sugar & cinnamon. In a separate dish, beat up egg whites until frothy. Roll each ice cream ball in egg white mix and then in cornflake mix; coating extremely thoroughly. Place back on cookie sheet and freeze for additional 2 hours.

Get a medium-sized skillet and fill 3/4 inches full of Canola oil; apprx. 375 degrees. Place one ice cream ball at a time on slotted spoon or spider until golden brown. They fry up fast! Blot on paper towel and serve up with melted chocolate sauce & whipped cream, or drizzled honey & whip cream too! Oh, baby, these are SO addictive and totally hit the spot!

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

all you PHENOM Moms or FAB "Stay At Home Mr. Mom's". God Bless!

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# TRM EVENTS CALENDAR 2015

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## MAY

**May 2**

**Open House**

Motorcity Motorcycles, Bloomfield Hills, MI. 9-6, demo rides, lunch, sale, games for kids. For more info go to [www.motorcitymotorcycles.com](http://www.motorcitymotorcycles.com) (See ad this issue).

**May 2**

**"Moses" Bib Bash**

Vogel Store, 9979 S. 8 Mile Rd, McBain (Vogel Center), MI. 11 am-1 pm, free, donations to museum appreciated, hot dogs, cotton candy, wear your bib overalls, prizes, & more. Ride to follow at 1 pm. For more info [www.facebook.com/MuseumofMoses](http://www.facebook.com/MuseumofMoses) or call 231-825-2219

**May 2-3**

**Thunder Across the Thumb Annual Bike Show**

Thumb Motorcycle Chrome, Caro, MI. 2nd Noon-2:30, regis \$10, free chili & hot dog, blessing 2 pm, all bikes & vehicles welcome. 3rd- Tribute to troops ride, line-up 10:30, ride leaves 11:30, police escorted, no charge donations accepted for our troops. For more info call Talonda 989-673-2750

**May 3**

**16th Annual Blessing of the Bikers Church of the Living Word, Ovid, MI.** \$5 pp all you can eat hog roast, charity ride, bike show, 50/50 & prizes, no pets. For more info go to [www.cotlw.org](http://www.cotlw.org) (See ad this issue).

**May 3**

**4th Annual Ride with the Eagles Benefit Run**

Walled Lake Eagles, Walled Lake, MI. Regis 9:30 am- 11:30 am, first bike out 10:30 am, \$20 per rider, \$15 for passenger, last bike in 5 pm. Benefits ALS, raffles, prizes, food & more. Cars welcome. For more info call Bill 248-722-2930 or email [hamgravy@comcast.com](mailto:hamgravy@comcast.com)

**May 3**

**Rally at Battle Alley & HIM Blessing of the Bikes**

Downtown Holly, Holly, MI. Regis 9:30-noon, bike show, blessing & more. For more info call 248-505-4811

**May 3**

**Annual Itch'n Run**

Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles, Livonia, MI. Regis 10:30 am- noon, \$20 per vehicle, photo scavenger hunt (bring a camera or phone), prizes, raffles. All vehicles welcome, rain or shine. For more info call Dave 734-765-6478 or Harold 734-812-1338

**May 3**

**Walnecks Motorcycle Swap Meet**

3775 S. Custer Rd, Monroe, MI. \$6 pp, 8 am- 3 pm. For more info call 630-826-7923

**May 6**

**Ladies Night & Garage Party**

Shiawassee HD, Birch Run, MI. Fashion show, goodies & more. For more info call 989-624-4400.

**May 9**

**2nd Annual HIM Blessing & Bob Wiles Memorial Ride**

Retail Warehouse, Sturgis, MI. Free, live band 10:30 am, blessing noon, kickstands up at 12:45 pm. Appx 50 mile ride. For more info call 269-689-9351

**May 9**

**Blessed Biker Blessing & Ride**

Hot Rod HD, Muskegon, MI. 10am - 12pm, Get blessed for the riding season, live music by exit 41, biker blessing at 11:30am, scenic lake shore ride at 12pm, free Brooklyn Bagels & coffee, free event open to all bikers. For more info go to [www.hotrodhd.com](http://www.hotrodhd.com)

**May 9**

**Wounded Warrior Project Event**

Capitol HD, Dimondale, MI. For more info call 517-646-2345

**May 9**

**15th Annual Jackson Blessing of the Bikes**

1st Church of the Nazarene, Jackson, MI. Noon, blessing at 1:30 pm. door prizes, food, donation drawing, music, fellowship, ride-in bike show (\$5 to enter). Personal bike blessings are available for anyone, everyone welcome, rain or shine. NO attitudes or alcohol allowed. For more info call Gary at 517-531-3481

**May 9**

**3rd Annual Allegan Blessing of the Bikes & Classic Cars:**

Blessed Sacrament Church, Allegan MI. \$5 pp, 10 & under free, proceeds to: Operation Injured Soldier, Safe Harbor Children's

Advocacy Center & Blessed Sacrament Church. Hosted by Knights on Bikes of Michigan, Knights of Columbus and Blessed Sacrament Church.

**May 9-10**

**Spring Open House**

ABC HD, Waterford, MI. Free food, live music Sat. (Motor Honey), free 42pt. safety inspection, motorcycle demos, exhaust demos - Vance & Hines, fashion show, bike giveaway on 9th. For more info go to [www.abcharleydavidson.com](http://www.abcharleydavidson.com) (See full page ad this issue).

**May 10**

**35th Annual Mother's Day Swap Meet & Bike Show**

Midland Co. Fairgrounds, Midland, MI. Regis 10 am-1 pm, event 10 am- 4 pm, \$5 pp, 12 & under free. For more info & vendor spots call 989-893-5187 or email [bubbastricitycycle.com](mailto:bubbastricitycycle.com)

**May 12**

**Live Interview with Jody Mo**

Tune into [www.bestbikerradio.com](http://www.bestbikerradio.com) at 6pm to hear live interview. (See ad this issue).

**May 12-13**

**Victory Demo Tour**

Motorcity Motorcycles, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Demo rides. For more info go to [www.motorcitymotorcycles.com](http://www.motorcitymotorcycles.com) (See ad this issue).

**May 14**

Escort Michigan Vietnam Memorial Wall Staging area Noon at VFW (4249)/AM VETS (4250)- 9075 Mason Dr. Newaygo, MI. 2 pm Depart VRW to AMVETS Post 1988- 1959 W. 24th St. Baldwin, MI. Wall displayed during Blessing of the Bikes weekend 15th-17th. All vehicles welcome. For more info call Johnny 231-301-4682 or email [jduvall@losb.com](mailto:jduvall@losb.com)

**May 14-17**

Hog Bash- A Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser Ann's Putnam Lake Campground, 1 mile N of Baldwin on M-37, \$40 pp, pig roast, biker games, concerts or \$10 day pass. For more info call 231-343-4711

**May 15**

**Grand Opening**

Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. New location with a 30,000 sq. ft. showroom, new hours. For more info go to [www.raycsh-d.com](http://www.raycsh-d.com) (See 2 page spread this issue).

**May 15**

**Paragon Rocks the Baldwin Blessing of the Bikes**

Downtown Baldwin, MI. Lots of vendors, food fest, camping available. For more info call 800-800-6034

**May 15**

**One Night Only**

Perry HD, Portage, MI. 5:30-8pm, bike night, live music, food, drinks, prizes & vendors. For more info go to [www.perryharley-davidson.com](http://www.perryharley-davidson.com) (See ad this issue).

**May 15**

**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](http://www.milandragway.com) (See full page ad this issue).

**May 15**

**15th Annual Ride & Show National Motorcycle Safety Awareness.**

UAW Local 652, 426 Clare St. Lansing, MI. Everyone welcome, regis 8 am- 9 am, police escorted ride, line-up 9:30 am, kickstands up 10 am sharp, no fee, must sign waiver to participate. Discounts to Irish Pub, presentation, raffle to follow. For more info or to order t-shirt call Linda 517-694-7914 or email [turtlehatch@att.net](mailto:turtlehatch@att.net)

**May 15-17**

**Ghost Rider M.C. 41st Hobo Dinner & Swap Meet Lenawee County**

1000 Glen Hill Hwy Hudson, MI just follow the signs! \$10.00 pp (must be 21 with Id), free tent camping. ride in biker show, 2 \$500.00 drawings, poker run, fireworks, greased pole. Many contests & games, all vendors welcome. For more info call Bean 517-815-4834

**May 16**

**Bike Run plus Blessing of the Bikes**

Moose Bay City Lodge, Bay City, MI. \$20pp incl blessing, ride & drink ticket, 10:30 am blessing, 11am ride, 3:30 return, beer tent, vendors, entertainment & more. For more info call 989-671-2800 (See ad this issue).

**May 16**

**7th Annual Biker Blessing**

Merriman Road Baptist Church, Garden City, MI. Regis 9:30 am, blessing 1 pm, free food, music, bike show, vendors & prizes. Everyone welcome. For more info go to [www.mrbcfairriders.com](http://www.mrbcfairriders.com) (See ad this issue).

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# TRMI EVENTS CALENDAR 2015

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**May 16**  
**Spring Open House**  
Sandy's HD, Fremont, MI. 9am-3pm, flag raising ceremony, demo rides & more. For more info call 231-924-3020 (See ad this issue).

**May 16**  
**Ladies Ride**  
Hamilton HD, Sturgis, MI. Ride leaves at noon, ladies are free and ride in front, guys welcome with \$5 donation to our HOG Chapter Hats & Mittens fund. For More info go to [www.hamiltonharley-davidson.com](http://www.hamiltonharley-davidson.com)

**May 16**  
Awareness Ride & Scavenger Hunt  
VFW Post 3943, Newport (Monroe), MI. \$10 pp, scavenger hunt ride, bike blessing, dinner, bike show, horseshoes, music, flea market, live & silent auction, shoe shine booth. Ride is from 11-4 pm. For more info call Mary 734-652-9739

**May 16**  
Cause for Paws Poker Run  
American Legion Post 274, AuSable Twp, MI. Regis 10 am- 11 am, kickstands up 11:30 am, \$10 rider, \$5 passenger, food & prizes. For more info call 989-305-2857

**May 16**  
St. Johns Bike Show & Biker Blessing  
100 E. Railroad St, St. Johns, MI. Bike show 10 am- 11 am, blessing 11 am, ride to lunch 11:30 am. For more info call 517-930-0338

**May 16**  
**Spring Poker Run**  
Shiawassee HD, Birch Run, MI. Charity ride leaves by 11am, \$10 donation. For more info call 989-624-4400.

**May 17**  
6th Annual Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet & Vintage Motorcycle Show  
St. Joseph Co. Fairgrounds, Centreville, MI. 9 am- 4 pm, \$5 adults, under 16 yrs free. For more go to [www.wolverineamca.com](http://www.wolverineamca.com) or email [amcawolverine@aol.com](mailto:amcawolverine@aol.com) or call 269-254-3793

**May 22-25**  
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**May 23**  
3rd Annual Ride to Remember  
VFW Post 4139, Lapeer, MI. \$10 pp, regis 11 am- 1 pm, raffles, 50/50's, dinner, 2, 3 & 4 wheels welcome. For more info call Tim 810-358-8342 or Mike 810-338-3089

**May 24**  
**26th Annual Motorcycle Show & Swap**  
Porter Co Expo Center, Valparaiso, IN. 10 am- 4 pm, \$7 adult, bikes, parts,

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**May 24**  
9th Annual Veterans Poker Run  
South Haven American Legion Post #49, 129 Michigan Ave, South Haven, MI. Breakfast 8am-noon \$8, Regis 10 am-noon, kickstands up 12:15 pm, \$10 pp incl food at end of ride, prizes, raffles, silent auction. For more info call 616-836-6478 (See ad this issue).

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

**May 30**  
8th Annual Blessing of the Bikes  
Hamilton HD, Sturgis, MI. Blessing noon, hot dogs, refreshments, donations accepted as all proceeds benefit Wounded Warrior Project. For more info go to [www.hamiltonharley-davidson.com](http://www.hamiltonharley-davidson.com) (See ad this issue).

**May 30**  
1st Annual Blessing of the Biker  
Northville Christian Church 41355 6 Mile Rd, Northville, MI (1 mile west of Haggerty Rd). 11am-3pm, bike show voting 12:30-1:30pm, blessing 2:30, ride 3 pm, bike giveaway, family event. For more info email [bikerblessing@dw3c.org](mailto:bikerblessing@dw3c.org) or call 248-387-9541 (See ad this issue).

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**May 31**  
8th Annual Blessed In Hell- Blessing of the Bikes  
The Hell Creek Ranch, Pinckney, MI. Gates open 10:30 am, \$10 per bike, 4 - Blessings 11:30, 12:30, 1:30 & 2:30, bike show, vendors including food, live band, benefiting "Veterans Helping Veterans". For more info call George 734-216-0647 or email at [georgieriedel@reagan.com](mailto:georgieriedel@reagan.com)

## JUNE

**June 4**  
**Parking Lot Party**  
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**June 6**  
39th Anniversary Open House  
C & S HD, Mt. Pleasant, MI. 9am-4pm, demo rides, live music, food, door prizes, bike raffle & more. For more info go to [www.candssportscenter.com](http://www.candssportscenter.com) (See ad this issue).

**June 6**  
**Open House**  
Capitol HD, Dimondale, MI. 10am- 3pm. For more info call 517-646-2345

**June 6**  
Benefit Ride in Honor of Dale Cotter  
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**June 6**  
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**June 6**  
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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 Axemen**  
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**  
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**June 6**  
Veteran Charity Run  
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**June 7**  
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**June 11**  
7th Annual Wheels & Heels- Sirens M/C  
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**June 11-13**  
27th Annual Sandy Corley Memorial Run  
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**June 13**  
**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](http://freedomhill.net) (See ad this issue).

**June 13**  
Victory Biker Church Biker Blessing  
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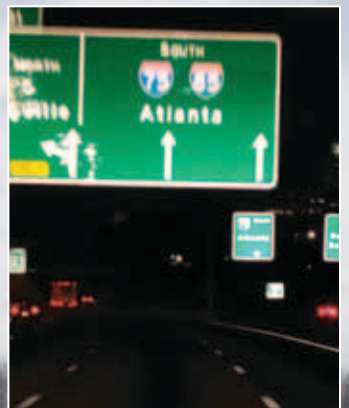
# DAYTONA BIKE WEEK 2015 Ride'n the Storm Out!!

by Billy D  
PHOTOS Billy D  
& Rusty Schneeberger



Some people claim that it's all about the journey, while other's will argue that it's definitely about the destination. Well, I tend not to get caught up in deep philosophical debates and anybody who knows me will not argue that point. But after two months of freezing temperatures and with signs of cabin fever starting to set in, I was already in Daytona before the bikes were loaded and the truck gassed up. To hell with the Journey! What I needed was the beach, bikini clad honeys, and snow free roads for me and my bike. I suppose that in a perfect world that's exactly how this year's trip would have gone down.

After all, we had a great trailer with plenty of room for 3 bikes and even space left over for Jody's wardrobe (Seriously man!). Vacation time was secured and all systems were set for go, then as I was about to start the truck, I was informed that in 6 short hours we would be hitting one of the biggest snow storms to ever hit Kentucky. Oh good, sounds like fun!!!



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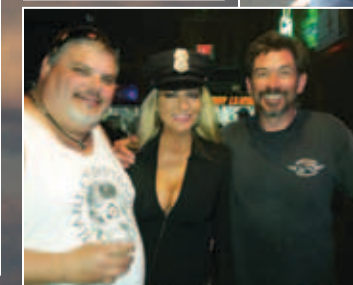
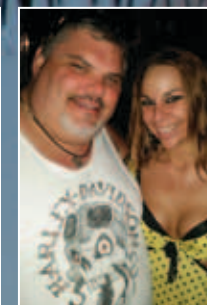
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Once we slid through Cincinnati Ohio the journey really started to get exciting. We tried to keep track of the jack knifed semis and stranded cars, but I can only count so high. The rest areas were littered with vehicles facing in every possible direction and at one point my faithful navigator Rusty pointed out that we had just covered 85 miles in 6 ½ hours—you do the math. I tell ya what, it was a hell of a drive down and a great adventure getting to Daytona this year and I'll tell ya something else too... we all had a blast throughout the whole trip! I-75 was loaded with like minded riders headed to Florida and it was great to roll down the window and have a chat with our fellow Michiganders. Once we passed through Knoxville, we had clear sailing to Daytona and still managed to get to the Hotel only an hour behind schedule.

Although a little road weary, we wasted no time in heading straight for the action. Downtown Daytona was buzzing and we threw ourselves into the party. The locations are legendary at this event and debauchery is guaranteed at stops that include the Boot Hill Saloon, Dirty Harry's, Froggy's, the Iron Horse Saloon, and many many other watering holes. On day two, after a little sleep, we decided to get on the bikes and do a little riding. The weather was perfect and we drifted up A1A to Flagler Beach and then made our way to the Destination Daytona extravaganza. This place is the size of a small city and has everything imaginable for the biker. Plenty of vendors, live music, and refreshments make for a great afternoon in the sunshine state. There is a lot to do and see during Daytona Bike week and during our five days we did our damndest to see it all!!!



So, in the end is it the journey or the destination? I believe it comes down to this: we love the open road and the feeling we get when we're making that familiar connection with our machines, and bikers will go to any length to experience that sensation. Throw in some ice cold beer, the beach, bikinis and great friends and ya just know the journey and the destination will be a party. Next year is the 75th anniversary of Daytona Bike Week and I can hardly wait! Hope to see you there too.



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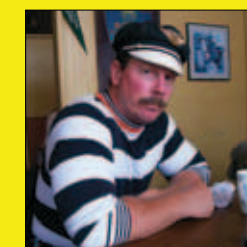
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## Valerie Thompson Seeks to Become Fastest Female Motorcyclist at El Mirage Dry Lake.

The "Queen of Speed", seeks to break previous motorcycle record and enter the 200 MPH Club at El Mirage.



(Scottsdale, AZ) - April 10, 2015 – Seven-time land speed record holder, Valerie Thompson, will return to El Mirage Dry Lake Bed May 16 - 17 for Southern California Timing Association's (SCTA) land speed racing event, with hopes of breaking the land speed record in the APS-G class, and becoming the first female motorcyclist to earn a spot in the famed, "200 MPH Club".

The club is a list of racers who have to achieve two things: 1) reach or exceed 200 MPH on a run, and 2) break the existing record at the same run.

Thompson reached a personal best of 199.903 MPH at El Mirage on a BMW S 1000 RR motorcycle. The record is 214.360 set by Ralph Hudson in 2011. Considering Thompson has achieved 200 MPH clubs in other racing events, she's poised to break the record at El Mirage and become the first female motorcyclist in the famous land speed record list.

"Breaking the record at El Mirage is goal I've longed wanted to achieve", says Thompson, who was inspired by her aunt to set high goals and perform in a competitive society. "The fact that you have to break an existing record to get into the club makes it even tougher to get!"

Thompson set a personal best speed of 217.7 MPH at Texas Mile in 2014.

Inspiring young women to achieve their potential has become a personal effort of the "Queen of Speed". Thompson regularly donates time supporting children to overcome personal challenges with charitable organizations. She earned the "American Women Riders Community Hero Award in 2011.

"It's seeing kids achieving goals and raising the bar that inspires me to do the same at speed competitions", Valerie says about the young women she's talked to. "I always tell them that courage is the best protection they can have".



Having recently added Quicksilver Powersports Lubricants as a sponsor, and with her performance team behind her, Valerie has a full support system in place to become the first female motorcyclist in the El Mirage 200 MPH Club.

This will be her third time racing at El Mirage.

### Valerie Thompson Background

Valerie is a seven-time land speed record holder and owner/driver of the Valerie Thompson Land Speed Racing Motorcycle Team who has also competed in the All Harley Drag Racing Association and National Hot Rod Association drag racing series. She set a personal best top speed of 217 mph on her BMW S 1000 RR during the October 2014 Texas Mile competition. Thompson is an official member of the BUB Speed Trials 201 MPH Club, Mojave Magnum 200 MPH Club, ECTA 200 MPH Club, Texas Mile 200 MPH Club and lifetime member of the famed Bonneville 200 MPH Club.

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### SCTA & El Mirage Dry Lake

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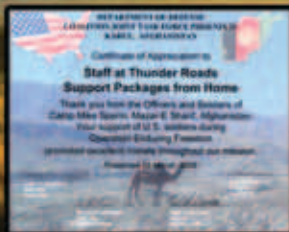
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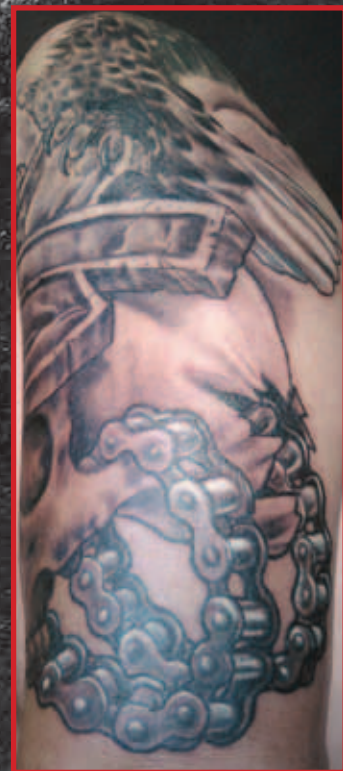
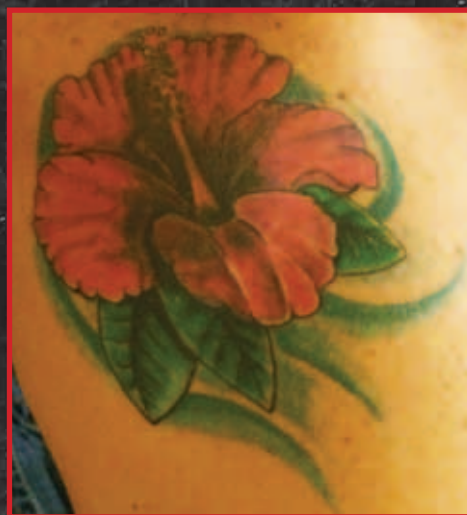
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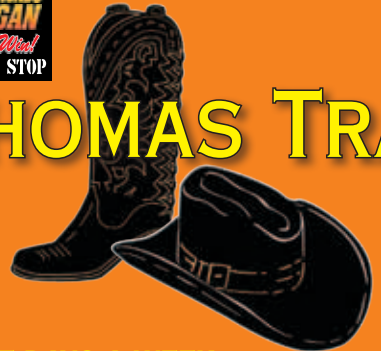
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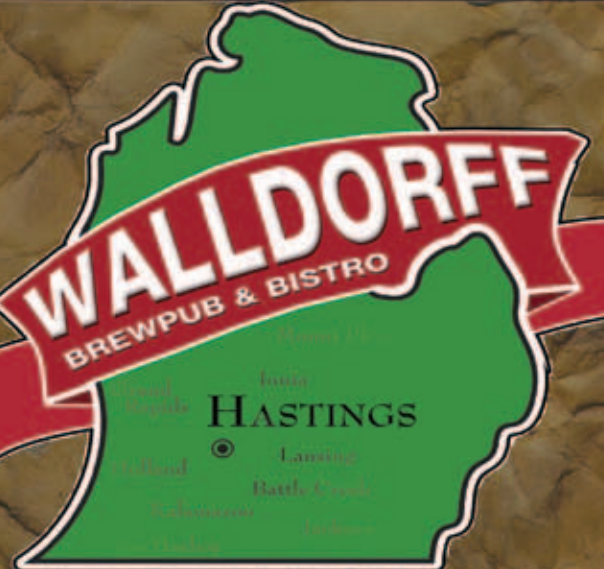
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



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Ok enough of my confessions and proof I am human and make mistakes just like everyone else out there brothers and sisters! Now for some compression "release" discussion, what the heck are compression releases and why do we need them? Motorcycles have been using these since the kick start years for the on road and off road crew too and now with the big inch bikes with higher compression engines they are a must, especially if you are running a Softail or Dyna due to the battery compartment only allows for a smaller battery compared to an FLH. Now, almost all of the new Harley's are running compression releases now due to bigger engines and starter issue's. If you plan on doing a big bore kit and/or upping your compression don't forget to get your engine builder to put a set of these in. If you are riding a Harley and you want mechanical compression releases some shops have the special tool (Figure 1) to machine the hole into an assembled engine with little pain, still it's going to cost ya a few hours labor though, but it's an easy day.



Figure 1 Jims Compression release machining jig and installation tool

### How they work

When activated the compression release lets a small amount of pressure from the cylinder escape, which allows the starter to turn the engine over easier to get a good "spin" so the motor can start easier. This also puts less strain on the starter and battery, less strain equals to more life from the starter and battery. They can be activated three basic ways, manually, electronically or mechanically.

### Manual Compression Release

If you take a look at Figure 2 you can see a typical push in style manual compression release, these are inexpensive and easy to use, the only downfall is sometimes the rider forgets to push them in before starting, which the bike usually reminds you of. S&S also has a manual style for their heads, but because of where they put their compression release hole on the middle of the head you have to use a pull cable system as seen in Figure 3. One more good thing about this style is, they are easy to replace when they wear out. They are easy to work, push both of the releases down, this will allow a little air out while you turn the engine over, which lessens the compression and allows the starter to turn the engine over faster, which intern makes for less strain on the starter and battery. As soon as the bike fires, the compression releases slam shut and no more compression is lost so the bike runs normal, Oh yeah, I don't recommend the aluminum top push in ones, they will burn your fingertips bad when you have a hot engine.



Figure 2 - Manual Compression Release with plastic top.



Figure 3 - S&S Manual Compression release for S&S heads.

### Electronic Compression Release

The second style of compression release is electronic. This style is hooked up to your ignition so when you turn your key on they are actuated automatically and close once the bike is started. The plus is you won't forget them. Harley is now starting to use them on many of their bikes. This style can be retrofitted on older twin cams but the heads must be removed and the wonderful tool to make this happen, is close to \$900 bills so there are fewer shops that offer this service. Harley offers the parts for 2007 and newer twin cam models, each release is about \$40 and the wiring harness is another \$60, so after the machining is done it is a simple plug and play. S&S has an electronic one for their heads too, which their 1999 and up heads come predrilled for. These are standard on the Big Dog and other bikes that come with the S&S motor, turn the key and fire that big inch bike up, but don't forget to let that beast warm up or its going to cost you money down the road. Figure 4 shows the S&S setup on a Big Dog.

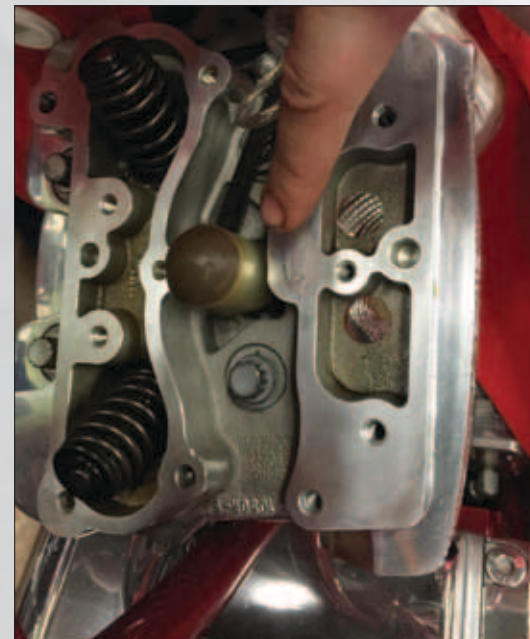


Figure 4- Electronic compression release on an S&S motor in a Big Dog. This is also close to the same location Harley puts their new electronic releases too.

### Mechanical Compression Release

The last kind is the mechanical style; these have been around for a long time too, today they are used on some Ducati's and the Harley V-Rod and a few metric bikes also. They use a lobe on the camshaft to keep the exhaust valve open slightly until start up to release compression and ease starting; hey Harley peeps how come the V-Rod gets all the cool stuff.

#### ONE

Each of the two exhaust cam lobes are equipped with a spring loaded compression release lobe on the "heel" of the cam at the point where the valve would normally be fully closed.

#### TWO

The lobe holds the exhaust valve open slightly at cranking speed. This releases some of the compression, making the engine much easier to crank.

#### THREE

Once the engine starts, and rpm increases, the compression release lobe is centrifugally retracted and the engine runs normally, with full compression, and without any loss in performance. This allows a stock starter and battery to start nearly any engine.

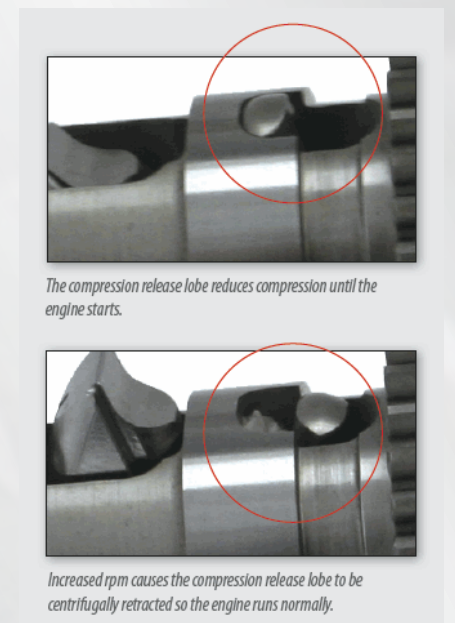


Figure 4 S&S Easy Start Cam Function.

These S&S easy start cams are cool because you can get your cam upgrade and you compression release done in one slam dunk without machining, and you don't have to wonder if your compression releases are working or not... they are each and every time you start, how cool is that!!

Out off time again, I sure pray you all are out there getting a lot of miles on your bikes. For me... not so much right now, I guess it's my job to keep some of them up and running.

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## MICHIGAN GUN LAW EVOLVES

A lot of discussion is happening around the bills that passed recently into law regarding firearms here in Michigan. The changes enacted through these bills will take effect on December 1, 2015, and are focused on the Concealed Pistol License (CPL) and the application process for obtaining one. With nearly 600,000 total CPL applications (including pending, approved, denied, revoked, etc.) across the state of Michigan, it's no surprise that some restructuring has occurred. The truth is, the bills did a wonderful job in streamlining the application process, and stating in clear language all the details necessary for CPL holders to know.

The largest change to the structure is that the bills eliminate the county gun boards. Instead, the applications will be processed strictly by the county clerks, with the state police doing all the background investigations. Some people, such as Wayne County residents, will see almost no change in how the application process works, as the Wayne County clerk has been processing those applications for years already.

The other change that will be readily apparent is in the pricing structure. The current \$105 fee will be dropped to a flat \$100 fee for new applicants, and the renewal applicant fee will see a price raise to \$115. All counties will be required to provide a laminated CPL card at no cost to the applicant, but may charge up to \$10 for a hard plastic license, only if they also offer the free option.

A change that most renewal applicants will appreciate is that, since your application is signed under oath, you will not be required to submit proof that you have trained, but your signature on the affidavit stating you have done so will be sufficient. Most CPL instructors will likely still offer the review option for students who want to stay updated on the most current legal changes, even though it will not be a re-



quirement anymore. The county clerks will still be providing the compiled firearms laws to applicants when they apply, but always be sure you stay informed on any legal changes.

A few minor changes include some additions to the information required on the certificate issued by instructors, as well as some clearly stated consequences for violating any of the provisions contained within the amended laws. While the laws regarding what is required of CPL applicants and CPL holders has not changed, it is clearly stated, and more easily understood by most people.

When one applies for their CPL, they give implied consent to submit to analysis of breath, blood, or urine, and the new phrasing gives clear direction on this. There are specific consequences for refusal to submit to such analysis, and they are outlined clearly in the new document. This is a section of the law that many people have missed over the years, and having a clearly devoted section on it is, in my opinion, a very positive improvement.

If you would like to read the document in full, simply search online for, "Public act 3 of 2015," or, "Senate Bill 34." Michigan law can also be found online by searching the Michigan Compiled Law (MCL).

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