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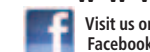
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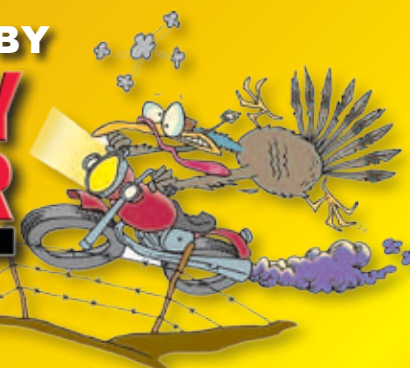
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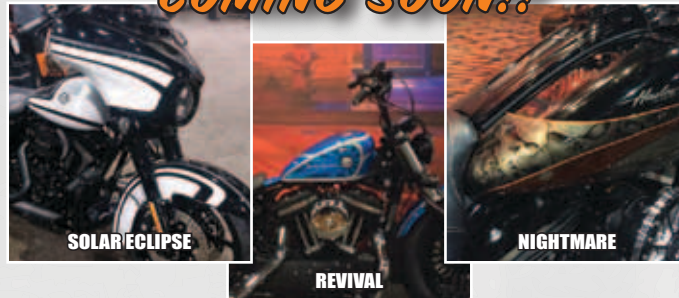
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Last month the Biker Friendly character was on page 35, on Howard's leather jacket. See if you can find him this month (larger version found in the Biker Friendly Directory). Be sure to like Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan on Facebook.



Have a Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Thank you to all our veterans and those still serving. Happy Veterans Day and Thank You for your service!

Now for some "Mo" Advice:

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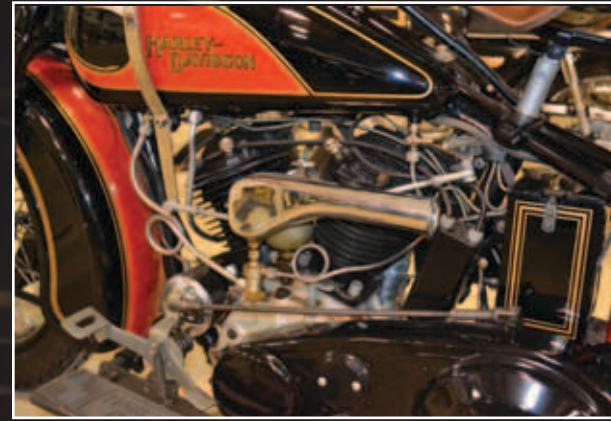
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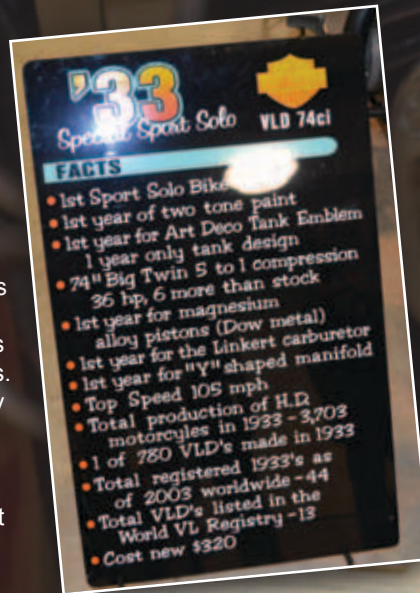
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A Labor of Love

I have been riding motorcycles for 59 years. I got my first Harley when I was 17, and still in High school. It was a 1946 EL 61 C.I. knucklehead that I rode to school until I graduated and went into the navy in 1959. I sold the bike for \$250.00 before going into the navy. I had only paid \$200.00 for it from Jack King's Triumph dealership in Bay City in 1957. It was only 11 years old when I sold it. Having made a \$50.00 profit. I was quite happy to have made \$50.00 back then. How times have changed. That same bike today would be worth over \$25,000.00. I have always regretted selling it. Over the years I have been able to acquire a small collection of antique Harleys. One of my favorites is my 1933 VLD special sport solo Harley Davidson. I restored this bike back to what it looked like in 1933. I restored it around 20 years ago. It took me four years to find all the parts I needed to start the restoration. I have been showing it at bike shows ever since. I have taken a first place in its class every time I have shown it. It also has taken a few best of show trophies. It took a third place over all in the Chicago Bike show; one of the largest shows in America. What makes this bike so unique is that it was the bike that helped change the way Harley made bikes. After the great depression Harley needed to get people back to riding for fun. This is the first sport solo bike Harley ever made. All the bikes up to this time had side car mounting mounts. The VLD has none. They only made 780 VLD's in 1933. Harley was in serious trouble because of the depression. Harley only produced 3,703 motorcycles in 1933, this was one of the worst years Harley had ever had. The 1933 VLD was the first to have two tone paint; first year for magnesium alloy pistons (Dow metal) with 5 to 1 compression, first for Art Deco tank emblem, one year only design, first year for "Y" shaped intake manifold, first year for the Linkert carburetor. All these changes allowed this bike to have a top speed of 105 MPH. In 1934 Harley sold over 10,000 motor cycles due to the changes they made to the 1933 VLD. This was a real labor of love restoring this bike.

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Ischemic Heart Disease: What Veterans Need to Know, Both Before and After They've Been Awarded Service Connection

In 2010 VA added ischemic heart disease (IHD) to the list of conditions that are presumed to be caused by exposure to Agent Orange. The addition was a great victory for veterans; however, it is important for veterans to know that "ischemic heart disease" does not mean any and all conditions that are related to the heart. The VA has listed the following cardiac conditions, as falling within the definition of IHD: acute, subacute, and old myocardial infarction; atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease including coronary artery disease (including coronary spasm) and coronary bypass surgery; and stable, unstable and Prinzmetal's angina. 38 C.F.R. § 3.309(e).

Notably, the regulation specifically states that IHD includes, but is not limited to, the specific conditions that are listed. Therefore, if a veteran has cardiac complaints and has been exposed to Agent Orange, it is important for the veteran to ask their doctor whether their particular diagnosis or condition is in fact a form of ischemic heart disease and/or if their condition falls within the parameters of one of the conditions the VA has already conceded qualifies as a form of IHD.

Once it is verified that (1) the veteran has been exposed to Agent Orange and (2) the veteran has a valid diagnosis of IHD, the next step is to determine what the rating for the IHD will be. The proper rating for IHD is determined by looking at several factors, per the VA's Schedule of Ratings for the Cardiovascular System. 38 C.F.R. § 4.104.

The cardiovascular rating schedule considers the following factors when assigning the rating for IHD:

- Ejection Fraction percentage
- Symptoms such as: dyspnea, fatigue, angina, dizziness, or syncope
- Presence or absence of congestive heart failure
- Evidence of cardiac hypertrophy or dilatation
- The need for continuous medication
- The veteran's workload capacity, expressed in cardiac METs (metabolic equivalent). For example, the VA's Disability Benefits Questionnaire for IHD states that the 1-3 METs level is consistent with activities such as eating, dressing, taking a shower, slow walking for 1-2 blocks. A 1-3 METs level would entitle the veteran to a 100% rating for IHD.

As compared to

The > 7 to 10 METs level, which is consistent with activities such as climbing stairs quickly, moderate bicycling, sawing wood, and jogging. A > 7 to 10 METs level would entitle the veteran to only a 10% rating, which is a drastic difference from a 100% rating.

Military veterans 'decompress' with special duck hunting program

Veterans and Sportsmen United is a nonprofit organization aimed at bringing military veterans together in fellowship through the great outdoors. The main goal of Veterans and Sportsmen United is to help veterans escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life and spend quality time with like-minded friends and fellow veterans.

Activities for the group come in all sizes; from a weekend-long hunting trip with 13 to 15 attendees, to day hikes with smaller groups. Veterans get to take part in outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, bush-craft survival and

pretty much everything else outdoors. The most important role of the group is to bring veterans together, and to give those recently returning from tours of duty a chance to decompress in nature.

During a trip to Lake Hamlin, just east of Ludington, a group of nine shot and recovered 16 ducks, with each of the veterans getting at least one duck during the trip.

The group has planned more trips this year, including a deer-hunting trip, and invites veterans to reach out if they are interested in joining the organization. The organization can be reached for more information through its Facebook page or at www.veteransandsportsmen.org

Closed hotel becomes 'Oakbridge' Veterans' Shelter

Homeless veterans now have a place to stay in Clare. The old original Days Inn building became the new Oakbridge Inn LLC, a non-profit transitional veterans' living facility designed to provide much needed Veterans' Administration services, support and a temporary home for former service men in need.

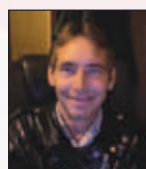
Karl Walls, a veteran, the owner of the building and landlord of the new facility, said the shelter began with an idea in April. "My son Harold and I came up with the name. It's based on the idea that this facility is a strong bridge from homelessness to a permanent vibrant future."

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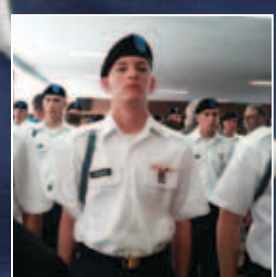
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The Motorcycle Lawyer on THE LAW

Freedom of Choice and Insurance 101

If you read last month's column, you know that I promised a longer discussion about insurance for my November article. That is still the plan, but first I need to get the word out on a Senate Bill that could affect Michigan bikers' right to choose whether or not to wear a crash helmet, and what the Bill could mean for motorcyclists.

Senate Bill 527 (SB 527) was introduced on September 29, by Senator Rebekah Warren (D-Ann Arbor). It would amend part of the Michigan Vehicle Code (MCL 257.658) by requiring that all motorcyclists wear a crash helmet while on or riding their bikes. That's right: this Bill would reverse the 2012 helmet repeal law and force all riders (including passengers) to wear a crash helmet. There would be no provisions or exceptions for riding helmetless. The bill would also require anybody aged 19 or younger riding a moped on a public thoroughfare to wear a helmet. It has been referred to the Committee on Transportation.

This isn't the first time a Bill to reinstate mandatory helmet laws has been introduced. A similar Bill was proposed in 2014, and didn't make it past committee. So for now, this is a "wait and see" situation, but I wanted to get the word out to readers and invite you to join the discussion on Facebook (Facebook.com/TheMotorcycleLawyer).

For the time being, Michigan motorcyclists are not required to wear a helmet to ride, but they are required to carry certain insurance. The next few paragraphs will give the basics of what insurance coverage motorcyclists must have, and what I recommend you should have based on my experience as a rider. I strongly encourage all of you to see an insurance expert to go over your current coverage and see if you have everything you need (and want) to protect you in case of an accident.

Michigan motorcyclists are required to carry Bodily Injury (BI) coverage in order to ride legally. Bodily Injury coverage protects you if your negligence causes a physical injury; this coverage also applies if your passenger is injured due to your negligence. The bare minimum you must carry is \$20,000 / \$40,000, but I recommend carrying \$100,000 / \$300,000; it's worth it.

While not required by law, Uninsured Motorist Coverage can pay for your injuries if the at-fault driver in the crash is not insured; hit-and-run crashes can also be covered, even if you don't know the at-fault driver's identity. Uninsured Motorist Coverage is inexpensive and could save you a lot of grief. I recommend carrying at least \$100,000 worth of coverage.

Next, there's Underinsured Motorist Coverage. Note the name: under-insured is not the same as un-insured. Underinsured Motorist Coverage kicks in if the negligent driver in a crash has a small insurance policy that won't provide enough compensation for your injuries. Having this type of coverage is not required by law, but I always recommend it, and the more the better. I suggest carrying \$100,000 or more... the more coverage you have, the more you could collect for your injuries in the case of a crash.

I get so many calls from bikers who want to know how to get their motorcycles fixed after a crash. For that, you need Collision Coverage, which can cover the cost of repairs or pay out a "fair market value" if the bike is totaled. Note: Collision Coverage typically only covers damage to the "stock" bike. If you have custom work or any accessories, you may need an Accessories Coverage rider as well. Be very specific with your insurance agent about what you want coverage for. Collision and Accessories Coverage are not required, but I'd recommend them if you're worried about costly repairs, or if you have a lot of custom work done to your ride.

Finally, there is a specific insurance requirement if you want to ride your motorcycle without wearing a helmet. Each rider on the bike needs to have at least \$20,000 in first-party medical benefits coverage in order to ride without a helmet. That means you need \$20,000, and if you're carrying a passenger, they also need an additional \$20,000 in first-party medical benefits coverage to be legal.

Obviously, I can't cover all aspects of insurance in a single article; moreover, I look at insurance from a personal injury law perspective. Talk to an insurance expert to learn more about what you need and want to cover; it's not a bad idea to go over your policy on a fairly regular basis to make sure you're still getting what you want and covered for what you need.

One final note: I recommend you do not cancel your motorcycle insurance during the off-season. If you store your bike on your property during the winter, your homeowner's policy will not cover damages to your bike if something goes wrong. As a bonus, keeping your insurance active year-round means you can ride the minute the weather gets nice enough, if you want to. Seems worth it to me.

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"What's the matter?" asked the Trooper
"Carburetor's frozen," was the terse reply.

"Pee on it. That'll thaw it out."

"I can't," said the biker. It's an issue."

"OK, watch me closely, and I'll show you." The trooper unzipped and promptly warmed the carburetor as promised.

Moments later the bike started, and the rider drove off, waving.

A few days later, the local State Troopers' office received a note of thanks from the father of the motorcyclist.

It began: "On behalf of my daughter Jill..."

The football Coach noticed that his star tackle, "Boner", had so many women hanging around that he couldn't possibly handle all of them.

So one day he asked Boner "Just what the hell is your secret, kid?"

Boner replies, "Well, Coach, whenever I'm about to have sex, I always whip it out and bang it on the dresser like a hammer. That numbs it up, and I can screw 'em till they beg me to stop!"

The Coach went home early one day and went to the bedroom.

He heard his wife in the shower.

Seeing a window of opportunity, he tore off his clothes and started bangin' the hell out of his "wanker" on the dresser.

His wife stuck her head out of the shower and yells out, "That you Boner, baby?"

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A biker's greatest achievement was his brood of six kids. He was so proud that he continually called his wife: "Mother of Six", which pissed her off to no end. But he kept referring to her as "Mother of Six" no matter where they went.

At end of a poker run, he shouted across the bar, "Hey, "Mother of Six", you ready to go home?"

His irritated wife screamed back: "Anytime you're ready, "Father of Four!"

One day a father gets out of work and on his way home he suddenly remembers that it's his daughter's birthday. He pulls over to a Toy Shop and asks the sales person, 'How much for one of those Barbie's in the display window?' The salesperson answers, 'Which one do you mean, sir? We have: Work Out Barbie for \$19.95, Shopping Barbie for \$19.95, Beach Barbie for \$19.95, Disco Barbie for \$19.95, Ballerina Barbie for \$19.95, Astronaut Barbie for \$19.95, Skater Barbie for \$19.95, and the most popular; Divorced Barbie for \$299.95'.

The amazed father yells: 'It's how much?! Why is the Divorced Barbie \$299.95 and the others only \$19.95?'

The annoyed salesperson rolls her eyes, sighs, and answers: 'Sir..., Divorced Barbie comes with: Ken's Audi A-8, Ken's Malibu Beach house, Ken's Danzi Z33 Race Boat, Ken's Designer Furniture, Ken's Screamin'-Meanie Platinum Computer, all of Ken's new Platinum credit cards, and a custom key chain made with Platinum dipped dangling Ken's Balls.

Two bikers; Mouse and Sprocket, rode into a gas station in Kentucky for a fill-up because they heard about a contest being offered by the station to patrons who purchased a full tank of gas. When they went inside to pay, the guys asked the attendant about the contest.

"If you win, you're entitled to free sex" said the attendant. "How do we enter?" asked Sprocket.

"Well, I'm thinking of a number between 1 and 10, if you guess right, you win free sex." "OK. I guess 7," said Sprocket. "Sorry, I was thinking of 8," replied the attendant.

The next week, the two buddies go back to the same station to get gas. When they went inside to pay, Mouse asked the attendant if the contest was still going on.

"Sure," replied the attendant. "I'm thinking of a number between 1 and 10, if you guess right you win free sex." "2" said Mouse.

"Sorry, I was thinking of 3," replied the attendant. "Y'all come back soon and try again."

As they walked back to their bikes, Sprocket said to Mouse, "You know, I'm beginning to think this contest is rigged."

"No way," replied Mouse. "My wife won three times last week."

A Flight Attendant was stationed at the departure gate to check tickets. As a man approached, she extended her hand for the ticket and he opened his trench coat and flashed her. Without missing a beat....she said,
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As with most rally's, there were vendors on hand with all the goodies for riding, DJ's and bands playing each day and of course there is plenty to eat and drink. Come to think off it, after pigging out at the hog roast on Sunday, I was think'n Rich should call the event Freedom Feast! But then again, sometimes I shouldn't think at all and stick to um whatever it is I do.

Freedom fest is the brainchild of Rich, the owner of the Iron Horse Bar & Grill. It's through his vision and hard work that the event has survived and flourished for over a decade. Each year you can expect to have a Big Time on Labor Day in Akron at Freedom Fest. This year's rally included a 125 mile Family Cancer Run for Heather Ginther on Sunday that attracted over 800 riders. The weather was outstanding that day and thanks to all who supported this cause.

Freedom, though, is what this weekend is all about. From the time you roll onto Main street on Friday with that great Mid-Michigan sun as your guide, till you head for home on Sunday, you are celebrating a great American holiday with like-minded souls who work hard so they can play even harder! See you there next year!





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Thunder Roads Michigan (TRMI) – the magazine for Michigan motorcyclists – is proud to be printed in Michigan by Michigan motorcyclists! While not every employee in the Quad/Graphics printing plant in

Midland is a biker, many of them are and many work hard every month to make sure TRMI is printed with pride and enthusiasm.

Quad/Graphics, headquartered in Milwaukee (the home of a well-known motorcycle brand) is the nation's number one printer of magazines, and its Midland plant is well-known for printing special interest and enthusiast magazines. The 219,000 sq. ft. facility has 300 employees, and throughout the plant you will find enthusiastic riders who love the opportunity to produce Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan.

Harry Iafate is the plant director and a proud new owner of a 2005 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail. He said the employees in the plant take special pride in printing a Michigan motorcycle magazine: "We are extremely pleased to be working with Thunder Roads MI magazine," he says. "We have many employees who are avid motorcycle enthusiasts. Several ride together in support of area charity rides and all of our riders are excited about producing this magazine. We have an extremely passionate and talented employee base and it is nice to see their passion displayed in the production of this magazine each month."



Ryan Graham is the Customer Service Representative on the TRMI account and rides a Harley Davidson 95th Anniversary 1200 Custom: "When I go out riding, it doesn't matter how far away from home I get, I always see riders with their

Thunder Roads MI Ride Cards. It gives me a great sense of accomplishment knowing I play a part in such a successful magazine."

No matter where you go in the plant (or the parking lot), you are apt to run into a biker. Misty Wright works in Sales Service and rides a Yamaha Virago. Janel Scharich works in the scheduling department and rides a Suzuki Boulevard. Tony Maziarz is a press room supervisor in the plant and rides a Heritage Soft Deluxe. Jason Obermiller works in the finishing department and rides an Ultra Classic. Bruce Ouderkirk also works in the finishing department and rides a Honda Shadow. Jeff Sharp works in the plateroom and rides a Street Glide. They and other bikers in the plant keep a careful eye on Thunder Roads MI and other magazines produced in the plant to make sure they meet the highest standards.

Printing a quality motorcycle magazine requires the same precision engineering and process control and quality controls that go into making the motorcycles in

the first place. A tour of the Midland printing plant shows off a combination of high-horsepower printing technology run by skilled craft professionals every step of the way.

Ryan Graham, as the customer service representative, helps Thunder Roads MI orchestrate the complex workflow from the time initial magazine files are received into the plant until the very end when finished magazines are boxed and shipped out the door. The magazine page files are initially uploaded into Quad's system online, where they are quality checked and reviewed by the publishing and print production teams. Once pages are approved and ready to go, Ryan will ok the magazine to be moved into the plate room and the start of the printing process. Jeff Sharp and the group in

the plate room use the magazine page files and the paperwork Ryan created to lay out the pages for printing. The Thunder Roads MI pages are then chemically etched into metal plates for the pressroom. From there, the pressroom employees take over. They hang the printing plates on the web offset presses and load the giant paper rolls, start up the press and set the color using sophisticated ink controls. All of the colors in the magazine are produced from a combination of just four ink colors – cyan (light blue), magenta (light red), yellow and black. The press operators take great pride in making the color images in the magazine reproduce perfectly, matched to the specifications and preferences of the magazine's editorial, creative and advertising teams.



Once all of the pages are printed, the page forms move into the finishing department to be stitched (stapled) and trimmed into the final magazine. The magazines are then boxed and sent to the distribution department, where they begin their final journey to Thunder Roads MI distribution points all over Michigan.



Finally, when the work day is done, many of the Quad Midland employees will board their bikes for the ride home, or for a get-away ride in the country. And when they stop along the way, they will look for businesses in the Thunder Roads MI network, pull out their Ride Cards, and support the businesses that support the magazine that they print with "Quad Proud" pride.



The Quad/Graphics printing plant in Midland has many biker employees who take great pride in printing Thunder Roads MI magazine. Shown here on their bikes in front of the plant are just a few of the Quad employees showing off their rides: (From far left Harry Iafate, Brian Sharp, Jason Obermiller, Bruce Ouderkirk, Dave Lester, Mike Diehl, Jeff Sharp, Samantha Allen, Ryan Graham, and Anthony Maziarz).

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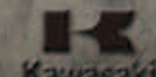
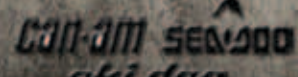
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HISTORY IN THE MAKING AT BIKES on The BRICKS



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Bikes on the Bricks 2015, held in downtown Flint for its 9th consecutive year was a great success once again. The excitement started to build as the cover shot on Thunder Roads of Michigan magazine, taken by Photographer Aimée List (of Alchemy Photographic), began circulating throughout the communities. Our very own, home town champion flat trackers had graced the cover with their winning smiles, leathers and motorcycles and were in preparation to give spectators a historical flat track race on the flat lot in downtown.

The police motor skills competition had attracted 90 Active Uniform Police Officers from Canada and throughout the United States and they were all in heavy training mode Friday and Saturday. The bike show is always a crowd pleaser and some outstanding bikes were on display and judged again this year along with Mini bike races in which were added to the downtown festivities and were enjoyed on Friday evening.

Several of the officers were able to break away on Saturday from downtown and ride to Vehicle City Harley Davidson in order to lead our 40 mile Police escorted ride through the neighboring towns. Mother Nature shared some gray and drizzly clouds that morning; however, more than 700 bikers had flocked to the Vehicle City parking lot and over flow lots and were excited to be a part of the nostalgic ride. This year the Bikes on the Bricks board had voted to make MI C.O.P.S. one of the charities to receive money generated from the Police escorted ride. This is an all-volunteer organization whose sole purpose is to provide support to surviving law enforcement families and co-workers in rebuilding their lives after a traumatic, and life changing experience of losing an officer in the line of duty.

Once the ride had reached downtown, the clouds parted and the festivities began. The beer tent was open and Scotty Parker and his crew had made some preliminary laps on the flat lot and had stoked the crowd for what was to come later that afternoon. The biker fashion show was spicy and zesty with clothing from "Skywench Fashions" in which the female models had dazzled the crowd and wore beautifully custom embellished corsets, leather trimmed chaps and jackets. Our presenting sponsor, Vehicle City Harley Davidson had also contributed to the fashion show with all of the latest and greatest in riding and play time apparel for men, women and children. It was a crowd pleaser for sure.

As the Police had rounded out their day on Saturday with the last man standing preliminaries, the sun was brightly shining and the north east corner of the flat lot

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was buzzing with enthusiasm and a multitude of people. The "Dream Team" of hometown Flat trackers were suiting up in their leathers and helmets and revving their motorcycles for the afternoon extravaganza. Scotty Parker, Jay Springsteen, Bryan Smith, Jarod Mees, Nicole Cheza-Mees and Craig Pickett were making history as they raced against one another and had thoroughly entertained the onlookers. A great time was definitely had by all.

Sunday was bright and beautiful as the vendors, police officers and our loyal event crowd gathered for the festivities. Opening ceremonies were very touching and sincere as we had remembered Trooper Chad Wolf and Officer Rodney Jones in which both had ended their watch too soon. A commemorative framed picture of both men was present. They will never be forgotten.

Thank you to all that had come out and enjoyed the event as well as our police officers, volunteers, vendors, flat track racers, sponsors and the Bikes on the Bricks Board and committee. This event would not be possible without you. Please mark your calendars for September 9-11 2016. See you then!



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~ Benjamin Franklin

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~ Albert Einstein

Biker Poem BY twowheelsfred

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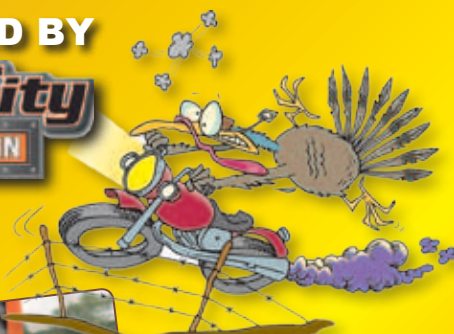
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November 7
Fashion Show
Hamilton HD, Sturgis, MI. 11 am, a kick ass affair. For more info go to hamiltonharley-davidson.com

November 7
Veterans Appreciation Event
ABC HD, Waterford, MI. 11 am- 3 pm, pay tribute to men & women that serve. For more info go to abcharleydavidson.com

November 13
GM Workshop
Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. 5:30-6:30pm, first reveal/choice on holiday pickins. For more info go to raycsh-d.com (See ad this issue).

November 13
Ladies Night
Wolverine HD, Clinton Township, MI. 6 pm- 9 pm. For more info go to wolverinehd.com (See full page ad this issue).

November 13
Ladies Night
Gildner's HD, West Branch, MI. 6 pm-8 pm, Giveaways, wine, appetizers & more. For more info go to gildnershd.com (See ad this issue).

November 14
Flavors of Fall
Biker Bobs HD, Taylor, MI. Live music, complimentary fall food. For more info go to bikerbobshd.com (See ad this issue).

November 14
Chili Cook-off for Vets
Battle Creek HD, Battle Creek, MI. Proceeds go to veterans. For more info go to battlecreekharley.com

November 21
Flavors of Fall
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November 21
Chili Cook-Off
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November 21
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November 21
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November 27-28
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November 28
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DECEMBER

December 4
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December 11
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Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. 5-7pm. For more info go to raycsh-d.com (See ad this issue).

December 12
The Black List Biker Xmas Party
Hamilton HD, Sturgis, MI. Call to get on the invitation only list. For more info go to hamiltonharley-davidson.com

December 18
TTT Service Workshop
Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. 6-7pm. For more info go to raycsh-d.com (See ad this issue).

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Biker Preacher's Corner

WOW! It's November already!!! I hope you all got a lot of miles collected this year and a lot of great memories to hold you through until next riding season!

As November is Thanksgiving month – we always think of Thanksgiving dinners and family get-togethers, which are all wonderful! But, I'm taken back to what the Thanksgiving Holiday really means. It's a time to remember and to be thankful for all the good stuff that happened through the year and to be thankful for the blessings and benefits that we have received from God and for all that He has done for us.

Psalm 103:2 says "My soul, praise the Lord, and do not forget all His benefits.

Ya see, there are wonderful benefits in knowing God as Psalm 103-3-5 continues to outline for us. "He forgives all your sin, He heals all your diseases, He redeems your life from the Pit [Hell], He crowns you with faithful love and compassion, He satisfies you with goodness and your youth is renewed like the eagle." Oh man, there's so much to be thankful for!!! God has such a wonderful benefit package for us and He LOVES YOU so completely!!

You might be wondering how you can take advantage of this Good News. It is only by having a relationship with Jesus Christ. Ya see, Jesus said in John 14:6 (HCSB) ... "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. So, to make it clear, Jesus is the only way to God. The choice, however, is yours to make.

Listen my friends, Jesus is the best gift we, mankind, has ever been given. The Son of God came to pay for our (mankind's) sin debt and guilt. He died, rose again and is now seated with Father God in Heaven praying for you. All you and I need to do is accept His free gift of salvation and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Psalm 100:4 goes on to say "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name.

Ya see, every day we all have opportunities to be thankful or to complain. When has complaining about anything helped the situation? NEVER! Complaining only makes things worse, but when we're thankful in all things just as 1 Thessalonians 5:18 tells us "Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. This is when things change... when we praise God for all things.

This Thanksgiving season look back at the year and be thankful for ALL the blessings that God has blessed you with. Even in those tough times be thankful because if you will trust Him, God will make a way for you and if you don't know Jesus yet ask Jesus to forgive you and be your Lord and Savior today.

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When it comes to holiday shopping there are 2 categories of folks. Those that start their holiday shopping early and those that procrastinate and are out in the madness on Christmas Eve. To help you find ideas for those hard to buy friends, family or loved ones we have put together a gift buying guide for you. This issue is part I of II and next issue we will have even more gift suggestions for you. So get out there and start shopping!



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WEST SIDE STORY

*Greetings
and welcome
to a new
monthly article
in Thunder
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BY Tom Shields



Isn't it interesting how fast the seasons and weather can change? Sometimes it seems like overnight we go from great riding weather to downright frigid days. Unfortunately, the riding season has begun to dwindle down to where we need to pick and choose days that the weather will allow us to get out and enjoy the road. There are still good days out there, but this is where proper gear, to stay warm, comes into play!

On the flip side, for those of us who enjoy hunting, days in the woods replace days on the road. Personally, I enjoy bow hunting for whitetail deer and have spent a number of my free hours out in my stand. I find that there is a connection between the two activities; both provide an opportunity to get a closer experience with nature. Now if you haven't been on a motorcycle, enjoying the open road, than you may not understand the connection. But, for those of us who enjoy riding and hunting (or just a walk in the woods!) the connection is real. Out on the bike, enjoying the open road, you naturally are more aware and connected to nature. The wind, the sun on your back, the smells of nature from the woodlands to the farmlands, all are heighten with the open freedom a ride on the bike gives you. The same is true out in the woods, in a tree stand; all of your senses are alive and in tune with what is going on around you. Both give a great sense of connection and provide for a much needed break from normal life! That energy release is a great normalizer to the stress of everyday living.

Color tour rides are aplenty this time of year, one we enjoy is; going east out of Muskegon, along the Muskegon River. Take Maple Island Road and turn east onto River Drive. River Drive follows the Muskegon River coming out at Bridgeton. It's a great little road with lots of twists and turns, plus the colors are great along the river in the fall. From Bridgeton you can either continue east to Newaygo and the Croton/Hardy dam area, or go North through Fremont (make sure to stop at Sandy's Harley-Davidson while you're there) before looping back to Muskegon. Either way there are plenty of stopping places for a bite to eat or a cool refreshment.

So what's happening on the west side this month?

I would strongly urge you to check out community activities listed on the Chamber of Commerce websites for the west side area. There you will find a calendar of events and certainly something of interest for you to check out.

Many communities have festivities occurring that incorporate the upcoming holiday season. One I would like to highlight, at the Muskegon Museum of Art, is the "Festival of Trees". This takes place for eleven days, from November 19th through the 29th. You will find a whole slew of beautifully decorated trees, wreaths, etc. Many represent the traditions of other countries and you can always come away with ideas for your own holiday decorating. There are also activities for the whole family to participate in while there.

Well that's it for now! Safe riding, get out and enjoy!



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Clifford



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Gynger

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Hazel

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Hazel



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Kale

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Maggie

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Maggie



Meryl

Meryl

Lab/Aussie mix. Very sweet, and laid back. She is house and crate trained. Scared of cats. Loves belly rubs and will roll over for anyone!

Pearl

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Pearl



Russell

Russell

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Sandy

Beagle that loves car rides, being outside and sleeping. Food motivated, and obeys simple commands. Good with other dogs, and loves to play.



Sandy



Wilson

Wilson

is a 6-year-old 68 lb. coonhound. We believe he spent much of his life outdoors; so learning to live inside has been a new experience. He is good with other dogs and is currently in a home with a cat.

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K.I.S.S. IN THE KITCHEN

KEEP IT SIMPLE SWEETIE

Composed & edited by: Toni McCoy Shearon aka
"Thunder MaMa" of Thunder Roads National Founders' Office.

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.

ORANGE BASIL TURKEY BREAST

- 1 Large, Boneless, Skin-On Turkey Breast
- 1 Stick of Butter; softened to room temp.
- 1 Tbl. of Dry Basil
- 1 Tbl. of Dry Orange Peel Seasoning (in seasoning aisle)
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- 1 Medium, Aluminum, Throw-Away Turkey Pan (in Home Goods section of any Wally World or Target')
- 1 Jar of Smucker's Orange Marmalade

Preheat oven to whatever temp. advised on package of Turkey Breast. Use spray butter to coat bottom of aluminum turkey pan w/ handles. Place bare turkey breast on a long sheet of Cling Wrap or anything? to lay down on counter and protect from poultry juices running all over your countertop. (E coli is a tricky entity). In a medium bowl, mix together the soft butter, basil and orange peel seasoning. Now, wet your hands w/ warm water and extremely gently lift the skin up and very slowly work your hand back towards the end and then ease it back towards the front until you've made a pouch of the entire skin on front of turkey. Now, get a generous helping of the butter/basil mixture and rub it all up under the skin of turkey. Slather some all over the outer skin also and generously salt & pepper your turkey. Create an aluminum tent and cook 3/4 of the time it says on pkg. w/ tent on, the last half hour, remove tent and pour Orange Marmalade into a small bowl and with a basting brush cover the bird up entirely with the marmalade. It should get a perfect deep golden brown. Keep basting it periodically for the final half hour. Remove from oven, place foil back over it and let it set for 15 minutes before slicing. This is such an amazing taste and succulent; you'll be coming up with your own variations like I did. Cook (2) if feeding a big crowd only use a large size aluminum pan, and double up the recipe. Truly scrumptious and so easy you don't have to wait until holidays to enjoy.

BABY PEARL ONIONS IN CREAMED SPINACH

- 1 Pkg. of Baby Pearl Onions
 - 1 Pkg. of Creamed Spinach
- Microwave both according to directions. Combine both in a beautiful serving bowl, add a pinch of nutmeg and (2) Tbls. of butter and this is a super simple side dish. Very creamy and delicious.

Happy Day of Thanks, Bikers!

SUPER SIMPLE PUMPKIN SOUP

- 2 Cans of Pumpkin Pie Filling
- 1 Cup of Half & Half
- 1/4 Stick of Butter
- 2 Tbls. of Cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. of Nutmeg
- 1/4 Cup of Quality Syrup

In a medium-large quality pot on top of stove, add all ingredients and mix by hand gently or use one of those battery operated liquid mixers. Let it get good and hot but do not burn. Pour into (4) soup style bowls or mugs w/ handles and top with thin slices of peeled apples sprinkled with cinnamon and baked in oven for several minutes. Simply Delicious!

APPLE PIE BITES

- 1 Store-Bought Pie Crust
- 1 Can of Apple Pie Filling
- 2 Tbls. of Butter - Divided
- 1/4 Cup of Sugar or Cooking Splenda
- 1 Tbls. of Cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. of Nutmeg

Put all of this into a small glass bowl and blend thoroughly. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line a baking sheet with cooking parchment paper or a Silt Pad. On a lightly floured surface, unwrap the pie crust and lay flat; work quickly as easier when colder. Using a pizza cutter or really good, sharp knife, cut the crust into 3-inch squares. Using a basting brush, brush the crust with half of melted butter. The other Tbls. went into mixture. Work w/ one square at a time and place a tsp. of the mixture into the center of each square. Bring the corners of each square together to form a pyramid shape. Press together with the edges of a fork all around to seal. Place in the oven to bake until golden brown; appr. 8-10 mins. Remove, sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Serve piping hot with homemade whipped cream or quality Vanilla ice-cream.

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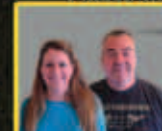
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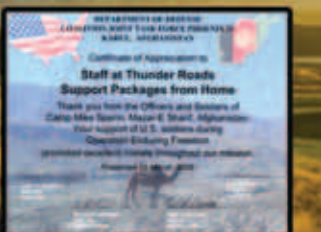
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BACK TO THE BASICS

BY Brian Donner



Deer hunting has always been a tradition here in Michigan. A time spent with family and friends in the outdoors. The last few years, we have seen many changes in the way we hunt; trail cameras, power feeders, scent control clothing, ozone machines and high-definition Camo. Back in the good ol' days, you would go into the woods with your buddies, look for a promising spot to sit, and wait quietly. Now all you need is to buy 200 lbs. of corn, load your feed, put-out cameras and wait for a text telling you Mr. Big is eating your corn.

This fall let's leave the tech stuff at home. Grab your kids, take them to the woods and teach them to read deer signs and show them what to look for. This will be the only way for the tradition to continue. They may also learn patience; something that's hard to find these days.

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THE LESSER OF TWO EVILS

How EVIL do the choices have to get before you realize the lesser of the two is really indistinguishable from the evil you wish to escape from?

Might that not be the very description of "Hell"?

I'm not a political party member. I have been both a democrat and a republican. And a libertarian, which is a party but not really a contender in this day and age. As Ron Paul demonstrated, even a renowned libertarian must run as one of the "two" parties candidates to get into the game.

I am a freedom guy. And I mean REAL freedom. Not just about the things I care about, believe in, and participate in, but maybe even more so the things I don't have a care about, or that I do not believe in, and that I would never participate in. So left or right I am supportive of anything that individuals want to do with their life that has no direct impact upon anyone else's choice to do the same. Some would call that anarchism. I am no anarchist. I understand the need for laws, law enforcers, and courts of law. But, to repeat, only laws that protect individuals rights to live their lives as they choose while not directly impacting the ability of others to do the same.

This is my perception of the intent the founders of our country had when writing the Declaration of Independence and Constitution.

Unfortunately, they could not foresee television, propaganda campaigns, secret government agencies with unseemly amounts of spending power, and the extent to which the manipulations of all these powers could be used to control people. Had they been able to....., I am thinking they may have spent another day writing as a means of shielding with words what their wish for future generations would be.

But, here we are without their venerable words starkly framed on parchment paper specifically limiting the ability of the dark side to pull us astray from the founder's hard earned efforts.

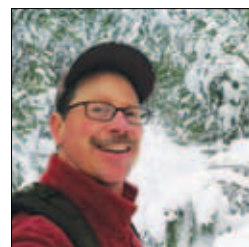
Here we are, where we look to the rich, the famous, even the most obviously scoundrel like organisms of human nature as our "choices" in leading us to liberty, prosperity, and a sense of national pride. We look at the candidates as they are proffered up to us by the two parties on the national stage of everyone's living room, "smart" phone, and vehicle.

Ever get the sense in the back of your mind your being hoodwinked? Something is not, quite, right? This is a sure sign of brain washing. And I believe most of us know it. The big charade of a left/right "choice" gets lots of air time, and professional specialists in the media for sure, the government probably, and even rich corporate special interests possibly even from outside our country, spark emotions in us constantly about every little petty issue that will never have an impact on our kids future or the expansion of our slavery.

Debt is slavery. Read what the founders say about it....

I'm not making any recommendations on who to vote for. I'm not defending any issue or going on offense against one. My only request is that we all turn off the TV, push aside the propaganda and 10 second sound bites, put a clothes pin on Trumps mouth, and research some of the excellent choices that we have out there that will never ride the big money politically funded waves that flood our brain case every day. I don't think we make a choice when we vote for one or the other of the two party candidates. I think we suffer through a choice of the lesser of two evils. And it's getting warm here.

~ Rusty



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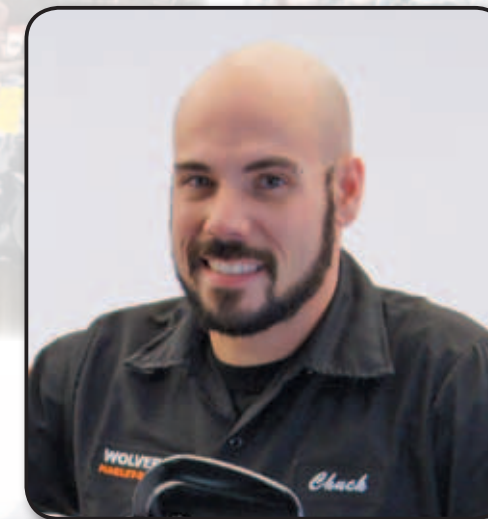
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