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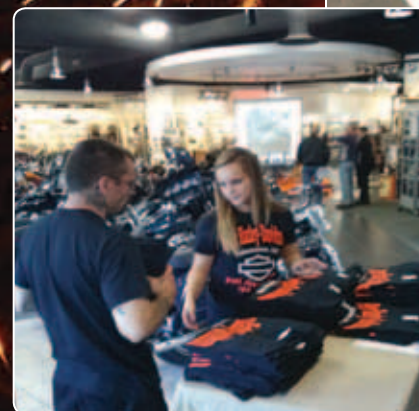
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"Our goal here at Crane's Customs is to achieve great customer relations, because they represent us on the street. Getting to know our customers allows us to see their vision and therefore we treat each paint job as if it were our own".

~ Vic and Angela Crane



Crane's Customs was founded by Vic Crane and his wife Angela and has been open since October of last year. They specialize in top quality auto body repair and custom paint work from motorcycles and cars to boats and jet ski's they offer basic paint to the most outrageous designs from skulls to real-like flames, their expert auto body repair facility and quality custom paint department have created some mind-blowing airbrushing, gold and silver leafing and much more! Crane's Customs also provides fabrication for all those tricky projects and fiberglass work. Beginning after the New Year, Crane's Customs will be offering Electroluminescent Glow Paint. They will be the first licensed applicator in Michigan to do this!

Vic Crane has been creating top quality, award winning custom paint designs for the past 25 years. Along with Vic, Derek Myers (his extremely talented right-hand-man) assists with fabrication, body work, factory and custom paint duties for several Harley dealerships and private shops throughout Michigan. They are also a full Harley detail facility. Angela handles this area and is here to help make your bike look like new again. Her goal is to provide the very best in motorcycle detailing and the quality control



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Crane's Customs has done many celebrities motorcycles and has been published in several magazines such as: Hot Bike, Easyrider, Quick Throttle and others. You name the custom design job you desire and they are ready to take it on! Still unsure of exactly what you want? Well, give them a call or stop by the shop and they can help you create your unique masterpiece. They are working on their new project, a custom pro street chopper called "Gotham City", which should be unveiled this spring. Make sure to keep an eye out for more details in an upcoming issue of Thunder Roads Michigan.

For more information or to contact Vic or Angela go to [CranesCustoms.com](http://CranesCustoms.com) or call 810-969-3576

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# VETERANS CORNER

## Harley Davidson® offers members of military free riding academy training

Harley-Davidson®, long a big supporter of U.S. veterans, announced that it is extending free training at its riding academy through next year for members of the military. The program is now available to active-duty, retired, reservists and veterans. The free training was first offered earlier this year prior to Armed Forces Day aboard the USS Yorktown aircraft carrier in Charleston, S.C.

“Thousands of members of the military have learned to ride through the program so far,” Christian Walters, Harley Davidson’s® managing director and an Army Special Operations Aviation officer, said. “We’re proud to extend this opportunity in 2016 so even more military personnel can enjoy the very freedom they protect.”

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All members of the military who are stateside can take advantage of the offer by visiting a local Harley-Davidson® dealer or going to h-d.com/AmericanHeroes. If a riding academy is not available in your particular area, then you can attend another certified motorcycle safety program and Harley-Davidson® will reimburse you. If you’re currently abroad, then submit the form by December 31, 2016. The company will send you a voucher for free motorcycle safety training that can be used when you return home. It will be good through 2017.

## Oakland U. donation benefits textbook program for vets

A \$20,000 donation to Oakland University will help expand the school’s textbook loan program for student veterans and their dependents. The donation was made anonymously.

Launched earlier this year, the program encourages students, faculty and staff to donate gently used books in exchange for a T-shirt that reads “Support Our Veterans.” The \$20,000 gift will fund the purchase of additional textbooks and support incentives for the program. The school says it has more than 300 veterans as students on campus.

## Senate Ok’s medical marijuana for veterans

For the first time, Veterans Health Administration doctors will be able to authorize medical marijuana use for patients. Just one day before veterans marched to the White House to lobby for medical marijuana as a treatment for war trauma, the Senate passed legislation allowing doctors to discuss medical cannabis as a treatment option for patients in 23 states.

The march began at D.C.’s Veterans Affairs Headquarters and headed down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House. As part of the protest, the group of veterans threw thousands of empty prescription pill bottles onto the sidewalk. The bottles were collected from across the country in memory of those “whose sacrifices did not end on the battlefield.”

Organizers said their goal was to raise awareness of dangerous prescription medications, which they say are often prescribed to treat war trauma. They say they’re being unjustly deprived of cannabis therapy and with a current veteran suicide rate of 22 per day, it’s time for the Veterans Administration to recognize that there are alternative forms of treatment available.

Before the new legislation, the Veterans Health Administration did not allow its physicians to discuss medical marijuana as an option for patients in states with medical cannabis laws, forcing veterans to turn elsewhere for guidance and the paperwork necessary to pursue treatment with the drug.

The Senate legislation won’t change the federal illegality of using marijuana as medicine, but will allow veterans in states with medicinal marijuana legislation new options for the treatment of PTSD and other disabilities.

## Mason County Veteran Receives Special Off-Road Wheelchair

A Northern Michigan veteran got a special outdoor, off-road wheelchair. Jesse Raymond tested out his action track chair at his home in Freesoil in Mason County. The retired Navy vet was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2002.

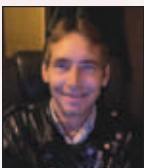
Since then, it’s been hard for him to get around, so he applied for the chair.

It comes complete with features he picked out, including a gun rack and fishing rod holder.

Raymond said the chair means a lot. “It’s going to open up the outdoors again. I’m going to be able to hunt. You know hunting season opens in a couple of days, and I’ll be able to be out there in the woods,” says Raymond.

Raymond would have retired from the Navy next month, but he retired in 2003 because of the MS.

**David McCallister “Possum”**  
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## Jason's Top Three Tips for Renting a Motorcycle on Vacation

Happy New Year to all our fans! A new year means a new riding season, but for those of us in Michigan, we've got a few months left to wait before the weather allows us to get back out there. However, I know a lot of readers are planning a vacation this winter somewhere warm and sunny, and many are considering renting a motorcycle to ride while they're away. Here are my top three tips for those of you planning a motorcycle vacation, or looking for ways to incorporate motorcycling into your holiday plans.

**Tip #1: Do your research.** There are many, many factors to consider when talking about renting a motorcycle on vacation, and some are more obvious than others. For example, the first thing that probably comes to mind when thinking about renting a motorcycle is, "How much?" Price is obviously important, and it can be influenced by several factors, like the type of riding you want to do, what kind of bike you want to rent, and what destination(s) you'd like to reach. It's very important to choose a motorcycle that you can handle and that is appropriate for the kind of riding you want to do. You'll want to shop around to several rental locations to see who offers the best rates and what sorts of packages or discounts you can get for longer rentals. Remember, though, that it's not just a per-day rate you need to worry about; you may have to put down a deposit or pay an additional fee for passengers. You may also have to pay for mileage overages, any gear you want to rent, and of course, insurance.

Speaking of insurance, you will want to carefully research what type of coverage is mandatory, and what is recommended, in the state you are visiting. While you may be able to purchase insurance through the rental company, talk to your motorcycle insurance agent about your trip to find out what's available. Your agent may also recommend buying extra medical coverage, just in case. I also recommend doing some research into the motorcycling laws in the state you will be riding in. In particular, you should know: if there are age restrictions for rentals; if you need to have a motorcycle endorsement or special license; if bikers are permitted to ride side-by-side in the lane; and if motorcyclists (including passengers) are required to wear a crash helmet. Often, rental companies will have this information on their websites, or their staff can advise you when you call to book your reservation.

**Tip #2: Plan ahead.** While the rental industry is robust in most tourist destinations, you will want to make your reservation as far in advance of your trip as possible. Not only will this help ensure you get the bike you want (at the price you want!), it will also give you enough time to get your insurance sorted out, and generate a to-do list to help you prepare for your trip. Packing is important! If you are planning to ride only a few hours or a few days during your vacation, then you may want to rent a helmet or riding gear rather than bringing your own. But for a longer trip, you might want to have your own "tried and true" equipment. Some seasoned motorcycle vacationers recommend shipping clothing and other luggage to the hotel ahead of time; this would be especially convenient if you were picking up your rental at the airport. Some rental companies may also offer luggage storage, or have other options to help you manage your load on the bike.

Have your destination(s) and route(s) planned out before you leave, so you're not wasting precious vacation time trying to decide where to go and how to get there. Again, many rental companies will give suggestions on their website, or you can talk to the staff about "must see" spots when you book your rental. They may also be able to help you figure out if your trip is feasible in the rental period; you don't want to spend all your time rushing from one place to another instead of enjoying the ride. If you're riding with a group, make sure everyone is on the same page in terms of route and destination, and plan a few stops along the way to regroup. Finally, get a map or written directions before you set out. I know, it's 2016 and everything is digital... but if you end up in a remote area with no service, or your phone battery dies, it's always good to have a backup plan.

**Tip #3: Ride safe.** I don't want to be a downer, but as The Motorcycle Lawyer I get plenty of calls from injured people who rented a motorcycle, scooter, or moped on vacation and got injured. If you're headed to a tourist destination, keep in mind that most of the people on the roads will be tourists. They're distracted, or lost, or both, and they might not always be taking care to watch for motorcycles. Be aware of vehicle drivers' lack of awareness, particularly at intersections. It's worth doing some research before you leave to see if there are "problem intersections" in the city you are visiting; I have some of these intersections listed by state on my website [www.TheMotorcycleLawyer.com](http://www.TheMotorcycleLawyer.com).

Finally, make your trip count. Whether you're going for the entire winter or just a few days, get out and enjoy the wind in your face and see some of the amazing sights this country has to offer. Then, come back and tell us about it! Share your best rides and photos at [facebook.com/TheMotorcycleLawyer](https://facebook.com/TheMotorcycleLawyer), or send your story to [writer@lawyerforlife.com](mailto:writer@lawyerforlife.com).

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Santa: Every year, all I ask for is a big fat bank account and a slim body. Yet again this year you mixed the two up, like you've done ever since I was 40 years old. Are you drinking too much of the Elves "special" Eggnog or what?

A woman goes into the Bass Pro Shop to buy a rod and reel for her grandson's birthday. She doesn't know which one to get so she just grabs one and goes over to the counter.

A Bass Pro Shop associate is standing there wearing dark shades. She says, "Excuse me, sir. Can you tell me anything about this rod and reel?" He says, "Ma'am, I'm completely blind; but if you'll drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything from the sound it makes."

She doesn't believe him but drops it on the counter anyway. He says, "That's a six-foot Shakespeare graphite rod with a Zebco 404 reel and 10-LB. test line.

It's a good all-around combination and it's on sale this week for only \$40.00." She says, "It's amazing that you can tell all that just by the sound of it dropping on the counter. I'll take it!" As she opens her purse, her credit card drops on the floor.

Oh, that sounds like a Master Card," he says. She bends down to pick it up and accidentally farts. At first she is really embarrassed, but then realizes there is no way the blind clerk could tell it was she who tooted. Being blind, he wouldn't know that she was the only person around.

The man rings up the sale and says, "That'll be \$54.50 please." The woman is totally confused by this and asks, "Didn't you tell me the rod and reel were on sale for \$40.00? How did you get \$54.50?" He replies, "Yes, Ma'am. The rod and reel is \$40.00, but the Duck Call is \$11.00 and the Bear Repellent is \$3.50."

Little Becky was gifted a parrot that cussed like a drunken sailor. Tried as she might, she could not get the parrot to stop cussing so raunchy and acting out. Finally, after an all-day fight and lecture to the bird, Becky, in desperation, threw up her hands, grabbed the bird and stuck him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked on the door. Then, suddenly there was total silence. Fearing that she'd hurt the parrot, Becky quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto her outstretched arm and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my "tude" and promise to be a good bird. Also, may I be so bold as to inquire what the turkey did wrong?"

On the morning that Daylight Savings Time ended I stopped in to visit my aging friend, Bolo. He was busy covering his penis with black shoe polish.

I said to him, "You better get your hearing checked buddy ..... You're supposed to turn your clock back".

For the New Year, please note that condom makers do not guarantee "Safe Sex" by even a percentage anymore. Case in fact, a friend of mine was wearing one when he was shot 5 times by the woman's husband that he was humping.

A man wakes up in the hospital bandaged from head to foot. The doctor comes in and says, "Ah, I see you've regained consciousness. Now, you probably won't remember, but you were in a huge pile-up on the freeway. You're going to be okay, you'll walk again and everything, however, your penis was severed in the accident and we couldn't find it."

The man groans, but the doctor goes on, "You have \$9000 in insurance compensation coming and we now have the technology to build a new penis. They work great but they don't come cheap. It's roughly \$1000 an inch." So, the doctor says, "You must decide how many inches you want.

But understand that you have been married for over thirty years and this is something you should discuss with your wife. If you had a five incher before and get a nine incher now she might be a bit overwhelmed. If you had a nine incher before and you decide to only invest in a five incher now, she might be disappointed.

It's important that she plays a role in helping you make a decision." The man agrees to talk it over with his wife. The doctor comes back the next day, "So, have you spoken with your wife?" "Yes I have," says the man.

"And has she helped you reach a decision?" "Yes" says the man. "What is your decision?" asks the doctor. "We're getting granite counter tops."

Someone broke into my house last week. They didn't take my TV, just the remote. Now they drive by and change the channels. Sick bastards!!!

The Doctor asked a pregnant prostitute, "Do you know who the father is?" She promptly replied, "Hey, Doctor dumb ass, if you ate a can of beans would you know which one made you fart?!"

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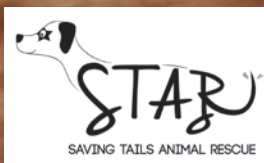
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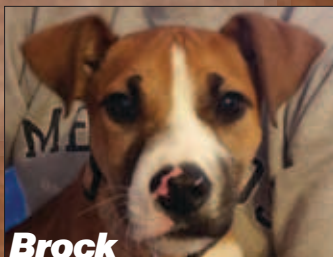
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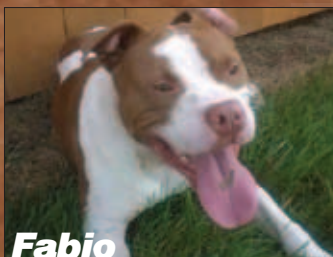
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## Chibi

Is a year old black beauty that has waited a very long time for his forever home. He is good with other cats and dogs.

## Fabio

Has had a rough start. He had heartworm but is now doing well. He also had to have surgery on his hip, but he is recovering. Are you looking for a goofy, sweet, playful companion?



**Fabio**



**Ginger**

## Ginger

A German Shorthaired Pointer that is super sweet but a little shy. She will need someone with patience to help her come out of her shell. The reward will be a very special affectionate companion.

## Marvin

Is a hound mix young boy that is looking not only for a family but a new four-legged best friend as well. He is friendly and playful.



**Marvin**



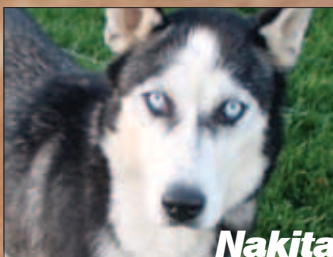
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## Meryl

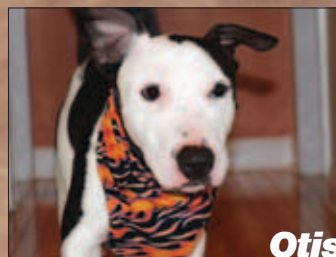
This sweet laid back Aussie mix beauty has been waiting for a home to call her own. We don't understand why this gentle girl keeps getting overlooked.

## Nakita

Is a purebred Husky that is a friendly and energetic girl. She will need an active family or companion. Who wouldn't want to look into those gorgeous blue eyes while getting doggy kisses?



**Nakita**



**Otis**

## Otis

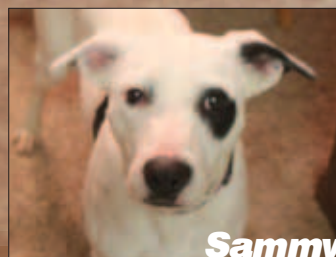
Was surrendered by his military family that could not take him when they moved. He is now in a foster home but he needs his own family. He is well mannered, friendly and sweet.

## Owen Alexander

Young beagle with soulful eyes that is looking for that special family to call his own.



**Owen**



**Sammy**

## Sammy

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# Tech Tips By Steve

## WINDJAMMIN!

**Some of you all may remember** the old windjammer fairings, for the day they were pretty awesome for sure but wow were they heavy and when they got old they rattled like the dickens. They were about the only aftermarket fairing you could get besides a few who were making a Harley batwing shell lookalike that was just that ... a shell and you had to figure out how to mount it to whatever you wanted it on. The Windjammer was built to fit the bike and came with all the mounting hardware needed, cool deal. Today, there are a crazy amount of options and styles to pick from, some are shells and some are complete with awesome stereos already installed and painted to match your bike ready for install.

We are going to install a couple of styles of wind jamming devices onto a Yamaha V-Max today, one universal tinted sport shield and one Memphis Shades café' style sport fairing.



*Our test subject all ready for a facelift.*

First is the sport shield, this one is super easy to install with the universal handlebar mounts. It has a huge amount of adjustment to make sure it clears things and tilts back too, so it does not stick out like an eye sore. It small, but makes a huge difference on the road and keeps the bugs off ya at night, especially during June bug season! Simply install the mounts onto the Plexiglas, then clamp on the mounts to the handlebars and adjust as you like ... Done!



*Lightly tinted sport fairing with universal handlebar mounts*



*Good wind protection for the size, nice in the rain!*



*All mounted and adjusted to fit, easy day.*

Ok now for the fun, if you are already going to Memphis Shades and looking for the Café Sport Fairing and Mounts for the V-Max, stop ... they don't make any mounts for the V-Max, however that never stopped me before! I did a little shimmying and BAM I took some mounts for a Honda and made them work perfectly for this bike. First, take all the mounting hardware out (be very careful the little mounting buttons scratch very easily, yes I scratched one). Once you have everything out, take the small rubber grommets and put them in the fairing, then mount the quick attack brackets to the fairing. Once you have that on, put it up to the bike and have someone lightly mark where you want the clamps to go on the forks as you position the fairing where it looks good to you. Once the clamps are on, but NOT tight, do a test fit of the fairing. If you like everything, snug the clamps down, remove the fairing and tighten everything down. Refit to make sure everything is golden and you are done. Remember, I said ours was a bit of a custom job right? Well, the stock turn signals will not work with this fairing, lucky the owner wanted to go with some cool LEDs anyway. One more note: We have installed a few of these Memphis Shades Café Fairings and the paint is less than stellar, not horrible, but you might want to repaint it even if you are keeping it black



*The Memphis Shades Fairing and Mounts (for a Honda ... modified for this bike)*



*Nice amount of wind protection with some cool factor too!*

*Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*God bless you great people, take care and do something amazing for a stranger or two this New Year.*

**Steve**

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## WEST SIDE STORY

*Greetings and welcome to a new monthly article in Thunder Roads Michigan.*

*BY Tom Shields*



Happy New Year to all of you! I certainly hope you and your families had a wonderful holiday season! Ours was great! Busy, with lots of running around, but you can't beat spending time with the kids and grandkids.

Next big thing on our schedule? THUNDER FUN NIGHT of course! The third annual Thunder Fun Night takes place on Saturday, January 30th. The package includes an overnight stay at the Bay Valley Resort in Bay City, buffet dinner, breakfast and party bus!!! There are packages available from one to four persons, so, if you haven't booked your reservation, do it now! It would be great to get a good representation from the west side of the state, I know Jody Mo would love to see all of us! So, if you're planning on going let me know and maybe we get a caravan going from the west side over to Bay City.

Well the bike is in its "winter" spot in the garage, on the trickle charger just waiting for riding weather to reappear. Still looking at some possible upgrades to add before riding season. But our attention has now turned to planning some rides for next season. We are already discussing a possible trip through the UP, which is always a great trip. We have done this trip twice in the past, but it has been a few years since our last one. One of the goals of the last two trips was to get up to the Porcupine Mountains and especially the Lake of the Clouds. But both times weather caused us to reroute and we did not make it that far north. Hopefully trip three is a charm!

We always take one of the two ferries across Lake Michigan and then route through Wisconsin and the UP. Lake Express out of Muskegon is the fast track across the lake, but also starts you out a little further south compared to taking the Badger out of Ludington. The Badger takes about twice as long to cross the lake but it is certainly a relaxing ride.

Our preferred course of riding is to stay off the main express ways and take the back roads and secondary highways. As long as you don't have a time commitment to keep, this is the way to go! It makes it a much more relaxing ride, plus you get to go through and see all the small towns and scenery along those routes. Some of our best memories are finding those little out of the way gems for food, shopping or a cold beverage!

If you're coming over to the west side of this great state checkout the Muskegon Winter Sports Complex, located at the Muskegon State Park, 462 Scenic Drive. The complex offers a ton of winter activities including luge, skating, cross country skiing, snowshoes and of course sledding. You can get more information at www.msports.org. This is a state park so a motor vehicle permit/recreation passport is required to enter.

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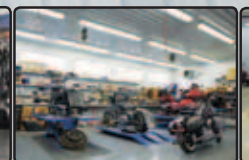
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# Biker Preacher's Corner

**Happy 2016!!!** I pray you've all had a wonderful Christmas and are ready for this New Year!

This month I'm going to take a different tone and direction. Many "drank the cool-aid" believing that this administration was going to bring about good "change" to our country, but instead only brought the "wrong change". The type of change that was brought in has been destroying us from within... eroding our Constitutional Rights and freedoms and for what? To force socialism on us!!

I normally don't write about political themes but I really felt the unction to write this way. I believe that this is our last year, as America, if we don't vote wisely and work hard against those 'God' and 'freedom' haters that have infiltrated our country from the highest levels.

Proverbs 29:2 says "When the righteous flourish, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, people groan."

Listen my brothers and sisters; we are seeing this verse in plain view today! The wicked are ruling our country now, causing all of us to "groan" because of their foolish and evil decisions, and their corrupt dealings which is causing us, as a nation, to turn further away from God.

I remember many years ago, when I was a teenager, when the country was flourishing. The country was strong in all ways – financially, militarily, morally (stronger then it is now) all because our leader was man after God's own heart – a righteous man. But, how quickly that changed after his eight years at the helm. The next president took credit for what he did and squandered the prosperity and we've been groaning ever since.

My point is when righteousness rules this nation, we flourish in all ways, but when the wicked rule, we lose.

The great thing is that when we have a relationship with God, in Christ Jesus, we don't have to live in fear of the what-ifs. God is our refuge Psalm 91:9-10 says "Because you have made the Lord—my refuge, the Most High—your dwelling place, 10 no harm will come to you; no plague will come near your tent."

Now, this doesn't mean that we just let the world go to hell! We must also work to restore righteousness in our country again and the Bible tells us how.

2 Chronicles 7:14 "and My people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."

We, who are God's people (Christians), must humble ourselves, pray seeking His face, repent (which means to turn away from) the sin in our nation and in our own lives. Then God will hear us and forgive us and heal our land. We need God in American more than ever!!

This year – vote for those candidates who are most Christ-Like and not because someone or some organization told you to.

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January 16  
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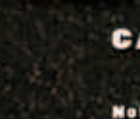
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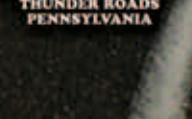
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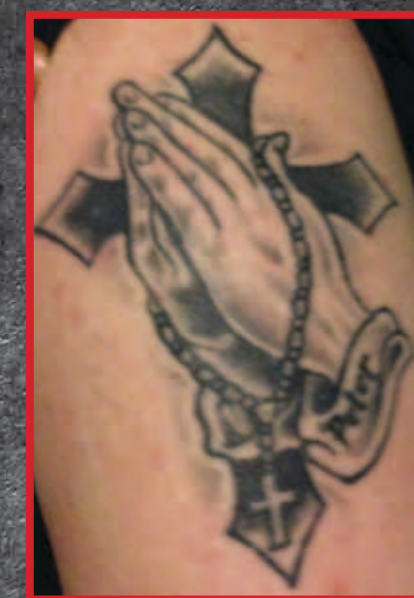
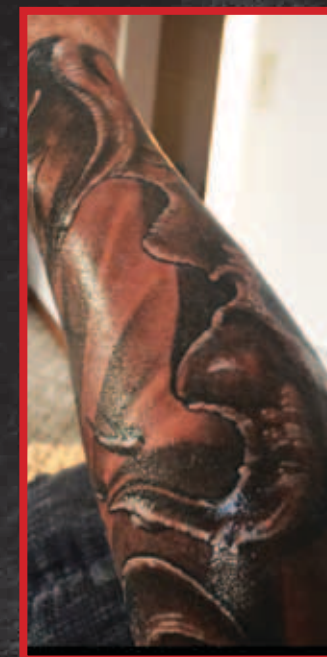
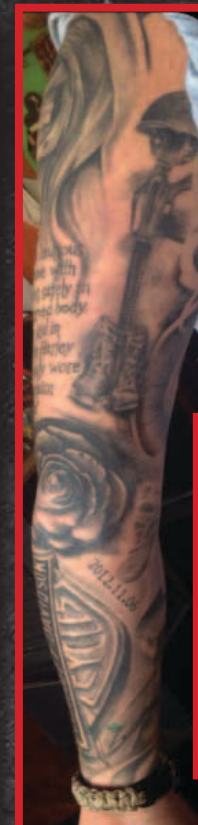
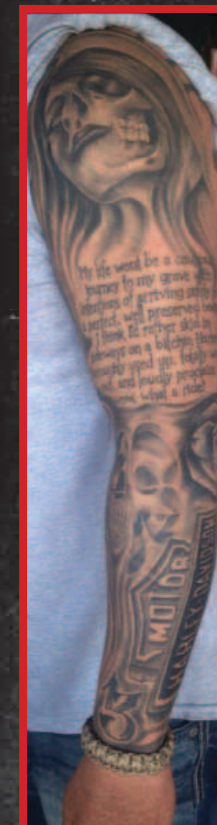
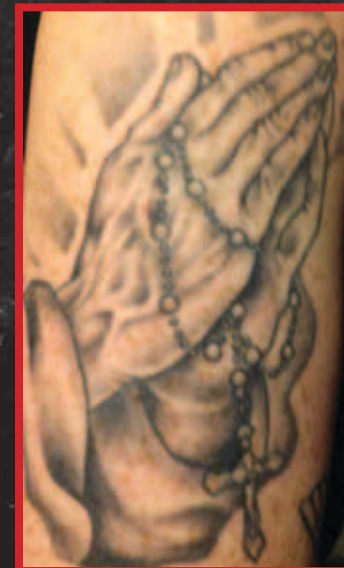
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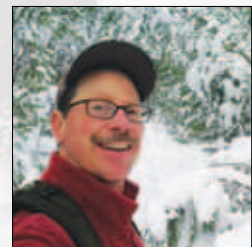
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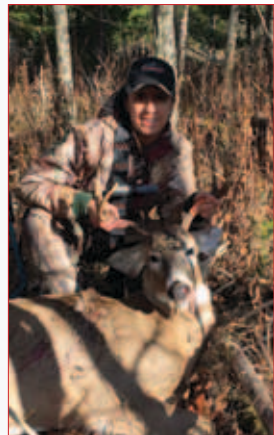
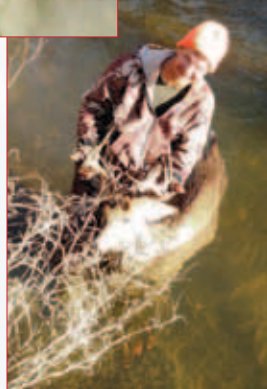
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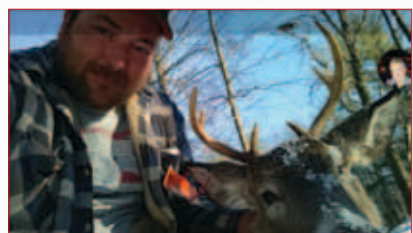
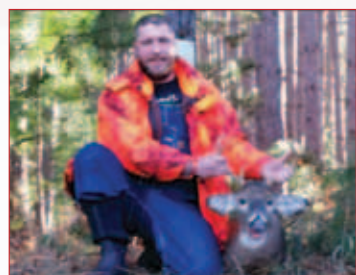
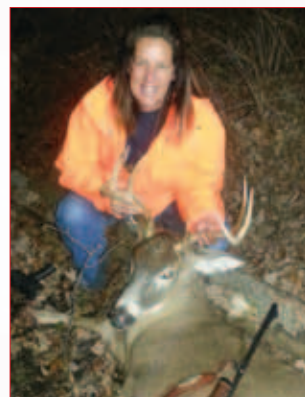
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THUNDER ROADS  
MICHIGAN

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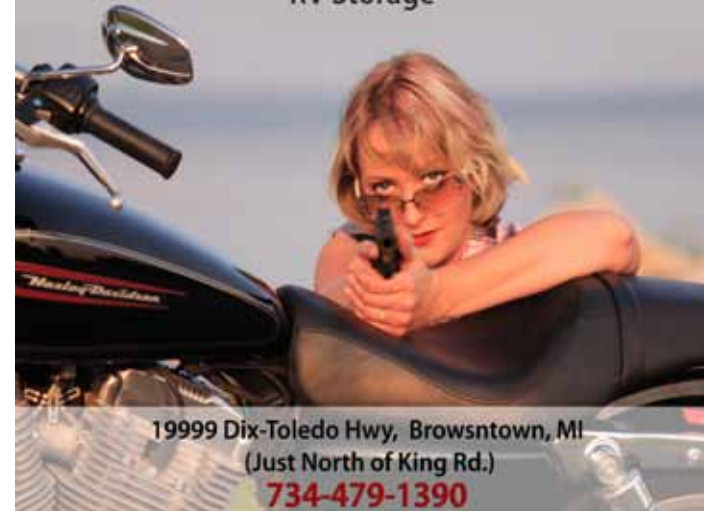
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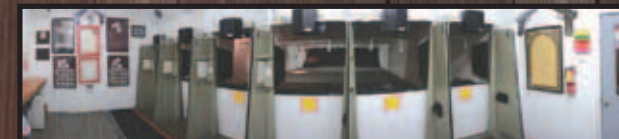
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LOT 60392  
69026 shown

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SIZE LOT  
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LOT 95275 shown  
90566 shown



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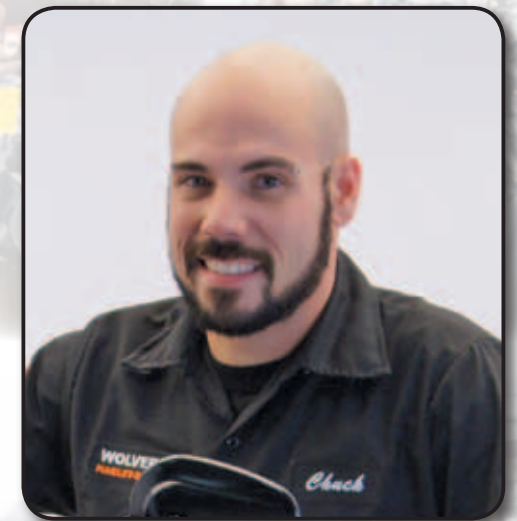
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