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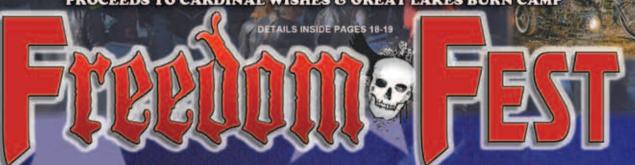
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We are in the heart of summer now, so much to do and time is ticking to do it. With every weekend packed full of events, everyday a bike night/bike day and so many Ride Stops to ride to and check in with your Ride Card at... so saddle up, we're burnin daylight. We live in a state where we only have so many months of good riding weather so make sure to take advantage of this time. I am looking forward to my event schedule lineup yet to come, just to name a few; Fowlerville (an adult good time and always a blast), Freedom Fest (the best little town event with the best good ol' country folks and masses of people coming from all over to have a good ol' time), Bikes on the Bricks (where you are humbled by the Police Motorcycle skills competition and awed by the bikes lining the streets and so many bike nights and charity events going on, how does one decide? Well make sure to sign-up for your FREE Ride Card if you haven't yet or if you already have one, check in at the Ride Stops, because we are giving away FREE STUFF, with no catch folks (remember they DO NOT EXPIRE- so once you sign-up you can use it year after year.

In this issue we have a new "Here's Your Sign" article, which I think you will find amusing, plus great articles for our veterans, some "In the Shop" information that is very useful and much more! I will see you all at Freedom Fest (this month's cover, read all about it on pages 18 & 19).

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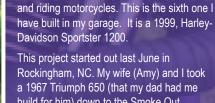
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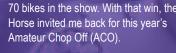


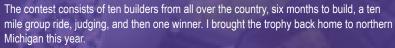
Hello, my name is Brandon Keene. I live in

Traverse City, Ml. I enjoy designing, building,

build for him) down to the Smoke Out. The Smoke Out is put on by The Horse Backstreet Choppers. It is a great event where thousands of garage builders, like me, gather every year.

The Triumph placed in the top 7 out of 70 bikes in the show. With that win, the Horse invited me back for this year's Amateur Chop Off (ACO)





The front half of the frame, oil tank, seat, bars, grips, headlight, jockey shift, knee pads, fender struts, and chain guard, tail light, and plate mount are just some of the parts that I built in my garage with limited tools. I did all the body work and painted the tins myself. CRM coatings out of Traverse City did a great job on the powder coated frame. Dunbar Metal Arts in Midland, MI powder coated all of the engine covers for me, which turned out



This bike is a blast to ride. Everywhere I ao people want to check it out. Meeting new people that also love motorcycles is what it's all about to me. I would like to give a big thanks to my wife for all of the support she gives me. Also, to my family and many friends; I could not have done this

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# VA pledges action on 1,200 vacant, underused buildings

Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin pledged that the department will demolish, hand off or properly assess more than 1,200 vacant or underused VA buildings within two years.

Shulkin said he has already made a decision on 142 buildings and will either destroy them or hand them back to the General Services Administration, an independent agency that helps manage and support the basic functions of government. "Those I can act immediately on, so I'm moving ahead on those," he said.

The VA aims to start disposing of 430 vacant or mostly vacant buildings within the next two years and the process will start within the next six months. The buildings are, on average, more than 60 years old and cost taxpayers more than \$7 million per year to maintain. according to the department. Of the 430, some are under historical preservation, including 97 from the Civil and Revolutionary wars.

"I need to work with other federal agencies and government organizations to make sure that we can get those properly addressed," Shulkin said. "Either gift them or give them back to organizations that want to maintain them or readdress their status."

Buildings that are being used partially will either be "filled up with other tenants so the cost shares can be appropriately addressed or we want to get out of those buildings so they become vacant and then we can address them," he added.

Shulkin testified in May to lawmakers that disposing of the buildings would work out to \$25 million in annual savings and that the VA would work with Congress to identify buildings to shutter. He said the VA was considering using the Pentagon's Base Realignment and Closure process as a model.

The VA will review another 784 underutilized buildings to find any efficiencies that can be reinvested back into veterans' services.

# Program gives roof to veteran in Wyoming

A West Michigan Vietnam veteran is having the expense of a new roof taken off his shoulders. There's not much rest for Manuel Esguivel. The Vietnam veteran underwent triple-bypass surgery in early June and is still recovering — but the sound of the hammers overhead is worth the disturbance. "It's pretty expensive to have a roof installed on your house," he said.

But he doesn't have to worry about that cost — a nationwide program to help veterans is taking care of it. Esquivel and his Wyoming home are the latest recipients of the Owens Corning Roof Deployment Project. "It's for vets, and we got family members who are vets and it's always good to do a good deed," said Jason Tribe, a job site manager for West Michigan Roofing, which is partnering with Owens Corning and Habitat for Humanity on the project. "He was in need. The roof was in bad shape."

Esquivel said his needs haven't always been met and his service wasn't always appreciated. "When I came back from Vietnam, the first thing I did, cause the way we were treated, I got rid of everything I had related to the military," Esquivel said.

These days, he's taking good care of his chest as he continues to recover. Meanwhile, the crew of roofers is taking good care of his home. "Just another day. They like it, though — everyone here has family members that are military," Tribe said.

"I hope more people get an opportunity to use it," Esquivel said of the roofing program.

# Morely post goes 'above and beyond' to help local veteran

Justin Flowers and his caregivers were in a tough spot. Flowers, who served as a combat engineer in the U.S. Army from 1992-94 and now is paralyzed in his left leg, lives with caregivers Collin and Sharon Dockhan. When the Dockhans were informed that they needed to move their driveway after nearby property was sold, it meant building a new ramp and deck so Flowers could get in and out of the house.

They are on Social Security, and he gets VA benefits, so they don't have a whole bunch of money," Flowers said. Sharon was passing around a flyer explaining their situation when she stopped at the Knox Helms American Legion Post 554 in Morley, Mich.

"A guy jumped up and said, 'I think we can do this," Flowers said. "These guys at the Morley American Legion need the highest kudos possible for what they did. They drew up a plan, executed it ... and in one day they put this deck and ramp together.

Legion volunteers spent an afternoon building the ramp and deck, getting donations from Radle Construction and Big L Lumber. The post also donated \$1,000 itself for lumber.

# David McCallister "Possum"

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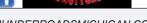
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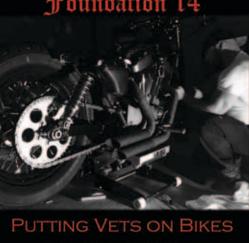
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# The Motorcycle Lawyer on THE LAW THE POLARIS SLINGSHOT

Since its introduction in 2014, the Polaris Slingshot has been a point of contention for many states. Is it a motorcycle? Is it a car? The answer is: It's neither.

The Slingshot is actually an autocycle, which, by definition, is a three-wheeled vehicle that looks a lot like a car but only has three wheels. Some are enclosed, that is they have a roof and sides. You'd know if you've seen one of these on

The Polaris Slingshot resembles a mini Batmobile. It has relatively open and exposed front wheels, a cockpit that fits two, and one wheel in the rear. Some models have windshields while others don't

While the states are having trouble agreeing on exactly what a Slingshot is, the Polaris website does not. It classifies the Slingshot as "a three-wheeled motorcycle. It is not an automobile. It does not have airbags and it does not need to meet automotive safety standards. Three wheeled vehicles may handle differently than other vehicles, especially in wet conditions. Always wear a DOT approved full face helmet and fasten seat belts. Drivers may need a valid motorcycle endorsement." To read more from Polaris, you can visit their website at www.polaris.com/en-us/slingshot

A three-wheeled motorcycle - that's what Polaris has to say about the Slingshot However, the states ultimately have the final say on how to classify it, and those classifications differ widely.

For example, under Michigan's vehicle code Section MCL 257.31, "'Motorcycle means every motor vehicle having a saddle or seat for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than 3 wheels in contact with the ground but excluding a tractor."

While Section MCL 500.3101(2) (f) of Michigan's No-Fault law states "'Motorcycle' means a vehicle that has a saddle or seat for the use of the rider, is designed to travel on not more than 3 wheels in contact with the ground, and is equipped with a motor that exceeds 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement. For purposes of this subdivision, the wheels on any attachment to the vehicle are not considered as wheels in contact with the ground. Motorcycle does not include a moped or an ORV."

Despite these current classifications, there is a new proposed Michigan law that might change the way vehicles like the Polaris Slingshot are classified. Senate Bill 160 has passed the House and the Senate. It's likely to become law.

It defines the specialized vehicle as an "autocycle", and states "'autocycle means a motorcycle that is equipped with safety belts, roll bar or roll hoops, steering wheel, and equipment otherwise required on a motorcycle, not more than 3 wheels in contact with the roadway at any one time, and is not equipped with a straddle seat."

The bill then amends the MCL 257 Section 31 definition of "Motorcycle" to in-

If Senate Bill 160 is passed, the Slingshot will be classified as an autocycle, which would be included in the definition of motorcycle. That means that under Michigan Law, if it's in a wreck - unless a car, truck, van, or SUV is involved, the driver of the auto-cycle does not get no-fault benefits, the biggest of which is unlimited medical bill coverage.

Under Michigan Senate Bill 160, autocycles are defined as a three-wheeled motor vehicle in which the operator and passenger ride in a completely or partially enclosed seating area equipped with: rollcage or roll hoops; safety belts for each



occupant; antilock brakes; and designed to be controlled with a steering wheel

By simply crossing a state line, the Slingshot's classification can change drastically, and the federal government is no help. The federal government recently introduced the Autocycle Safety Act, sponsored by Senator Vitter of Louisiana. This is because Elio Motors has selected Shreveport, LA as its manufacturing location. Elio Motors manufactures enclosed, 3-wheel vehicles that get great gas mileage.

The Autocycle Safety Act has only been read by two committees, so its comprehensiveness is up in the air. The bill offers its own definition for an autocycle, stating "(1) 'autocycle' means a motor vehicle with 3 wheels, an enclosed occupant compartment, and a steering wheel, which meets applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards, as determined necessary by the Secretary of Transportation through regulation.

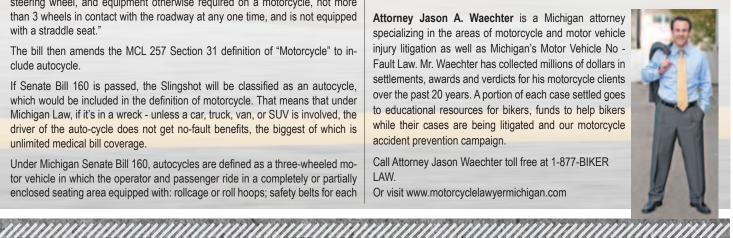
Supposedly, this federal bill was introduced because there are so many conflicts between state laws when it comes to how to define and classify the autocycle. However, it appears that the bill is really just a way for Senator Vitter to define Elio Motors' products. The bill is too narrow to include vehicles like the Polaris Slingshot, which isn't enclosed - it's a convertible.

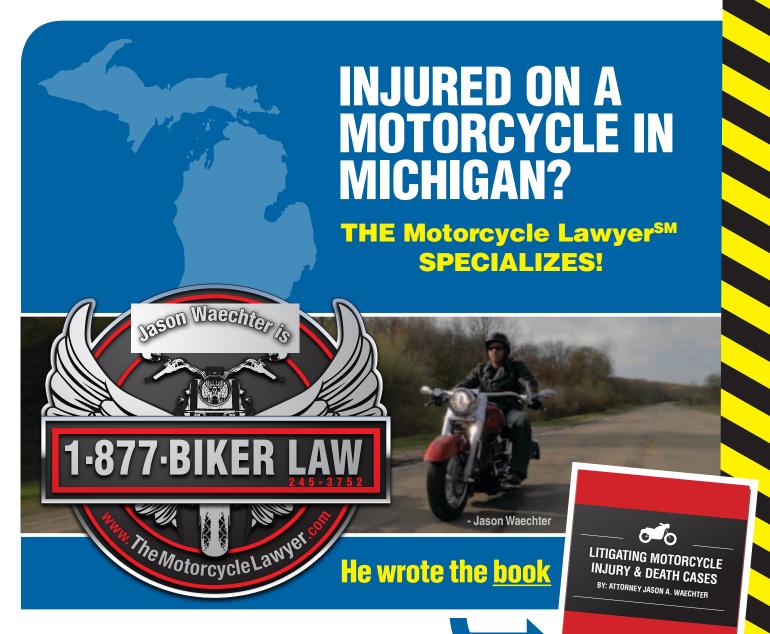
I don't believe anyone should be surprised that politicians can't agree. In Michigan, the bottom line is that, for now, these vehicles are considered motorcycles,

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Little Johnny replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street two blocks and turn to your right. It's on the left."

The man thanked the boy kindly, complimented him on how bright he was and said,

"I'm the new Pastor in town. If you and your mommy come to church on Sunday, I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

Little Johnny replied with a chuckle; "You're shitting me, right? You can't even find the Post Office."

#### Dearest Dad

I am coming home to get married soon, so get your check book out. I'm in love with a boy who is far away from me.

As you know, I am in Australia ... and he lives in Scotland. We met on a dating website, became friends on Facebook, had long chats on Whatsapp. He proposed to me on Skype, and now we've had two months of a relationship through Viber.

My beloved and favorite Dad, I need your blessing, good wishes, and a really big, expensive wedding to commemorate this memorable day.

Lots of love and thanks.

Your favorite daughter, Lilly

The Reply:

My Dearest Lilly,

Like Wow! Really? Cool!

Whatever ... I suggest you two get married on Twitter, have fun on Tango, buy your kids on Amazon, and pay for it all through PayPal.

And when you get fed up with this new husband, sell him on eBay. Love, your only Dad

If you had to choose marriage over fishing...... would you choose saltwater or freshwater?

Ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for Freedom..... until they're flashing behind you.

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool.

I gave him a to-go cup of water.

Next time you're looking in the mirror and thinking negative thoughts; remember this:

You' are not fat! You're just easier to see.

We always hear "The Rules" from the female side.

Now, here are the rules from the Male side.

MAN RULES. NO Exceptions.

Men are not mind readers.

Learn to work the toilet seat.

You're a big girl. if it's up, put it down.

We need it up, you need it down.

You don't hear us complaining about you leaving it down. Sunday sports it's like the full moon or the changing of the tides. Let it be.

If I ask for what you want......

Let's be clear on this one: subtle hints do not work! Strong hints do not work! Obvious hints do not work! Just say what it is you want!

Yes and no are perfectly acceptable answers to almost every question.

Come to us with a problem only if you want help solving it, that's what we do.

Sympathy is what your girlfriends are for.

Anything we said 6 months ago is inadmissible in an argument. In fact, all comments become null and void after 7 days.

If you think you're fat, you probably are. Don't ask us.

You can either ask us to do something or tell us how you want it done. Not both. If you already know best how to do it, just do it yourself.

Whenever possible, please say whatever you have to say during commercials..

If it itches, it will be scratched. We do that.

If we ask what is wrong and you say "nothing," we will act like nothing's wrong.

We know you are lying, but it's just not worth the hassle and additional talking.

If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you don't want to hear.

When we have to go somewhere, absolutely anything you wear is fine... really!

Don't ask us what we're thinking about unless you are prepared to discuss such topics as football, hunting, fishing, home projects, that weird sound coming from my motorcycle.

I am in shape; round is a shape!

Thank you for reading this.

Yes, i know, i have to sleep on the couch tonight; but did you know men really don't mind that? It's like camping out to us, and we typically just watch porn till early into the morning.

\* Have this made into a sign and post proudly in your Man Cave. If you don't have a Man Cave, come on dude, grow a pair.



















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# HARLEY FEST 2017

ву Debra Wright

Every year, Motor City Harley Davidson has hosted Harleyfest since the early 2000's. Riders and enthusiasts wait for it wondering what the new venue is each year. With the opening of the new Motor City Harley-Davidson dealership and the new GM, Craig Collins, positive changes did happen. Craig Collins worked for months to make 2017 Harleyfest transpire. Being very proud of the dealership, this was a perfect place to set the stage for the 2 day event. Craig contacted many professional people that he has worked with in the past that could contribute to the party. From near and very far performers, judges, party planners, MC's, and many more came together. The weather was perfect for the 2 day FREE event. Live performances from Saving Able, Theory of a Deadman, Josh Todd of Buckcherry, Quiet Riot, Rockstar, No Resolve and many others rocked it out. There was food, vendors, the official Harley-Davidson demo truck for demo rides, bikes shows, and many more attractions to see. One main attraction was the Wall of Death. This attraction showed incredible riding abilities and their shows were always crowded. From sunrise to sunset, there was something always going on. New to the Harleyfest was the motorcycle sound off competition. The participant's audio on their motorcycles was amazing, more like hypnotizing. I'm sure Craig has more up his sleeve in the future for riders to come and enjoy the new dealership. What better place to do it then the new home of the Motor City Harley-Davidson Dealership. Hats off to you Craig Collins!









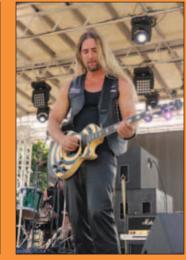










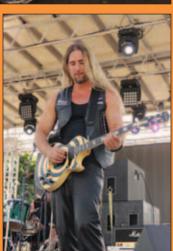














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# **2017 MICHIGAN THUNDER RUN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST**



The 4th Annual MICHIGAN RIDE CARD

# HERE'S THE DETAILS

- 1. Go to any stop listed on "The Stops" pages with a Ride Card image by it-they have Ride Cards, where other stops do not. If you already have your card from a previous 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! There are also event stops each month that you can check in at. Each Stop you hit will write your unique Ride Card number down. Let them know if you spent over \$10 there, because your Ride Card number will get counted twice! Then pick up 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 then follow the simple instructions listed on the WINNERS page to claim your prize. Please note: You only have 45 days to claim your prize from the 1st of the month it is listed in the magazine.
- 3. Then pick up 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 then follow the simple instructions listed on the WINNERS page to claim your prize. Please note: You only have 45 days to claim your prize from the 1st the month it is listed in the magazine.

\*Make sure to pick-up your copy each month (July- October issues) of Thunder Roads or visit the website ThunderRoadsMichigan.com to see to see if your Ride Card # is listed as a winner from stops you made the previous month!

# **FEW FACTS**

- Winners are randomly picked from each Registration/Ride Stops, Ride Stops & Event Stops each month.
- The more places you check-in the greater your chances are of winning a prize from that stop, multiple prizes and/or one of our sponsors prizes!
- If you spend \$10 or more at any Stop your Ride Card number gets counted twice! Please note: The reason why this contest is FREE to you is because of our sponsors and stops. So we want to encourage everyone to support them in return. That is why we count your Ride Card number twice if you spend \$10 or more.
- You can check-in 1 time each week at each Stop.
- Riders are able to win multiple prizes based upon the drawing of their check-in.
- Some prize drawings are specific to only check-ins for the particular month
   while others prizes are drawn from check-in's all summer Ride n' Win season long.



# It's really that simple!

- 1. Get Your Own Unique Michigan Ride Card (It Does Not Expire).
- Get the list of stops each month from Thunder Roads Magazine or the website
- 3. Ride out to these stops and show them your Ride Card.
- 4. And then you could win cool prizes, including COLD HARD CASH!



Just Get Out & RIDE!



# AUGUST 2017 STOPS MAP



# **2017 MICHIGAN THUNDER RUN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST**



# LOCATION INDICATED ON MAP WITH A BLUE STAR

# **AUGUST 6**

Escort the Kids to Great Lakes Burn Camp (GLBC)

Sign up for a Free Ride Card or Check-in with Dale

Meet at Wings Stadium, 3600 Vanrick Drive (Sprinkle Road),

Meet at Wings Stadium, 3600 Vanrick Drive (Sprinkle Road), Kalamazoo MI. Regis 10am-12:30pm, leaves 1pm, prizes, food, 50/50. For more info call Bill 517-206-1115 (See Great Lakes Burn Camp full page ad this issue).

# **AUGUST 18-20**

Easyriders Rodeo Tour ~ Fowlerville
Sign up for a Free Ride Card or Check-in with Jody Mo at
vendor spot on 8/18-8/19

Fowlerville Fairgrounds, Fowlerville, MI. Live Bands: Puddle of Mudd, Drowning Pool, Fryed Brothers, camping, vendors, music, ride in bike show, barstool races, poker crawl, games & more. For more info go to easyriderevents.com (See full page ad Inside Back Cover this issue).

# **AUGUST 18-20**

Thunder in Oscoda Salute to Veterans
Sign up for a Free Ride Card or Check-in with Sandy

American Legion #274, 349 S State Street AuSable/Oscoda, MI. 18th- Tiki bar opens 4 pm, food avail, live band, 19th- live bands, bike/people games, vendors, bike awards, food & raffles, 20th 9:30 breakfast, noon scenic ride. For more info call Jim 586-876-1323 (See ad this issue).

# **AUGUST 26**

Suicide Prevention Motorcycle Auto Ride Fundraiser Sign up for a Free Ride Card or Check-in with Jay

American Legion Post 8, 1026 6th St, Port Huron, MI. Regis 9 am- 11 am, depart noon, \$20 driver, \$10 passengers, food, live music, raffles, 50/50, silent auction. For more info call Sherri 810-689-0457 (See full page ad this issue).

#### **AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 3**

13th Annual Freedom Fest

Sign up for a Free Ride Card or Check-in with Jody Mo at vendor spot on 9/1-9/3

Iron Horse Bar & Grill, Akron, MI. 5 live bands, dj's, hog roast, vendors, bike show, charity bike run, no cover all wkend, free rustic camping. For more info or vendor spot call Rich 989-551-5440 (See cover and 2 full page ad spread this issue).



# NEW!!! BONUS STOPS

All NEW ~ look for the YELLOW STAR by each of the Bonus Stops selected each month from The Stops List and check-in there for BONUS PRIZES!!!

More winners will be chosen and special prizes will be given (prizes may include sponsor prizes) and will also include special

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# THE STOPS

For the month of August check- in at any of these stops (up to 1 time per week) 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 previous years 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 next month's issue (or view the magazine online at 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. Special Inside Tip... some stops get many check-in's and some stops only get a couple of people that check-in each month, which means you have an excellent chance of winning! Still go to your favorite Ride Stops as well regardless, but also...My secret hint is try some place new that you haven't been to, they will be biker friendly, just show your Ride Card and just get out and Ride!



# NORTH

# Hi-Way Inn

715 Kosciusko St. Manistee, MI 49660, (231) 398-9188 Hours: M-Sat 11- Close, Sun Noon-Close, 1 person wins a \$15 Gift Card each month. Bike Nights Tuesday 5-9 pm. It's 5:00 Somewhere. Ice Cold Beer.

# Irish Pub

4709 F-41 Oscoda, MI 48750, (989) 739-5611 Hours: M-Sat 11- 2, Sun Noon- 2. 1 person wins a t-shirt. Check-in here and get a spin on the "Spirit Wheel" for a drink special while there. Family owned since 1980. Coldest Beer in Town. Sunday draft specials.

# **Knoll View Golf**

1020 E. Huron (US-23), Omer, MI 48749, (989) 876-4653 Hours: Daily 8 am- 9 pm. 1 person wins \$20 gift card each month.

Bike Nights Saturday 4 pm- 9pm, patio seating. drink & food specials, family owned, draft beer, bikers welcome anytime

### 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 9:30 am- 7 pm. 1 person wins 2 choices of hat. shirt, coozie, patch, misc, each month. Awesome collection of vintage Harley's, hot food &

# Mr. Jack's Sports Bar & Grill

105 W. Westover St, East Tawas, MI 48730. (989) 305-6506 Hours: Open Every day 11-Midnight. 1 person wins a Mr. Jack's hat each month. Check out our oven roasted sandwiches. Patio entertainment every Thursday night.

# **Saganing Eagles Landing Casino**

(\*Special Daily Check-In Option) 2690 Worth Rd, Standish, MI 48658. (989) 775-5912 Hours: 24 hours/7 days a week. EVERY

RIDER (WITH RIDE CARD) MAY COME IN DAILY & FOR EVERY 300 POINTS EARNED THEY WILL RECEIVE \$10 IN PREMIUM PLAY (1 TIME EACH DAY MAXIMUM. GO TO THE PLAYERS CLUB TO RECEIVE PREMIUM PLAY). Fun, exciting, great people.

### Trail's End Pub

10141 N. Finley Lake Ave, Harrison, MI 48625. (989) 539-9644 Hours: 10-Midnight Every day. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. Bike Nights Thursday with 20 oz. Steak specials, Tiki Bar, Special Bike Parking.

# **Twisted Twinz Emporium**

1131 West Lake St (Hwy 23). Tawas City, MI 48763. (989) 984-

5200 Hours: M-SAT 10-7 SUN 10-4 pm. 1 person wins Twisted Twinz T-Shirt.

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# Wiltse's Brew Pub

5606 F 41, Oscoda, MI 48750. (989) 739-2231 Hours: M-F 10:30 am- 10 pm, Sat & Sun 8:30-10:30 pm. 1 person wins a collectors mug & t-shirt each month.

Bike Nights Monday, Trivia Wednesday Nights

# Zone 18 Bar & Grill

RIDE CARD 700 East Houghton Lake Dr, Prudenville, MI 48651. (989) 366-7750 Hours: M-Th 11 am- Midnight, Fri & Sat 11 am- 2:30 am, Sun Noon- Midnight. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. Bike Nights Wednesday, 50 cent wings, Long Island Ice Tea specials.



# SOUTH

8033 St. Clair Hwy, Casco, MI 48064. (810) 329-3056 Hours: 11 am- 2 am daily. 1 person wins a chicken dinner each month. Great food, fish fry fri-sun.

759 Capac Rd, Allenton, MI 48002. (810) 395-8171 Hours: 11 am- 2 am daily. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. Bike Nights Tuesday- Beer & Wing Specials

#### **Capitol Harley-Davidson**

9550 Woodlane Dr, Dimondale, MI 48821. (517) 646-2345 Hours: M-F 9-6, Sat 10-3, Sun closed, 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. Lots of events, great scenic ride in the local area.

# **Chaps Food & Spirits**

23084 Main St. Armada, MI 48005, (586) 784-4500 Hours: Everyday 11 am- 2 am. 1 person wins \$25 gift card each month (good at all 3 locations.

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7860 Smiths Creek Rd, Wales, MI 48027. (810) 367-4500 Hours: Everyday 11 am- 2 am. 1 person wins \$25 gift card each month (good at all 3 locations.

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# Coach's Pub & Grill

6201 Bishop Rd, Lansing, MI 48911. (517) 882-2013 Hours: 11 am- 2 am daily. 1 person wins a t-shirt each

Bike Nights Saturday, Big Deck, Great Food, Cold Beer.

### D & W Detroit Motorcycle

50662 Vandyke, Shelby Township, MI 48317. (586) 756-1284 Hours: M-F 10-7, Sat 10-4:30 pm, Closed Sun. 1 person wins an oil change & t-shirt each month. Your New Dealership Alternative.

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# Firehouse Pub

232 Maple, Wyandotte, MI 48192. (734) 309-7080 Hours: Sun-Th 11 am- 11 pm, Fri &

Sat 11 am- 2 am. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. Bike Nights Wednesday, food & drink specials, unique menu, lots of craft beers, first responder & veteran discounts.

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# 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 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. We have been here for 28 years, honest & dependable.

# Jerry B's Cycle Works

25430 Harper Ave, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081. (586) 773- BIKE Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-4, Sun Closed. 1 person wins a Jerry B's Cycle Works T-shirt each month.

Your Eastside Connection, Parts & Access for your HD & You. Family owned 24 years.

# J.J. Knapp's Tavern

67126 Gratiot, Richmond, MI 48062. (586) 727-2498 Hours: 7 am-2 am daily. 1 person wins a t-shirt or gift card each month.

Family owned 34 years. New Deck Open. Wednesday Bike Nights- Specials & Prizes.

#### McNastvs Saloon

19300 Waltz Rd, New Boston, MI 48164. (734) 753-4900 Hours: M 10-10, T-Sat 10am-2am, Sun 11-11pm. 1 person wins a delicious burger & fry meal each month.

Great food, people, family owned with a Cheers atmosphere, try their fried pickle spears!

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# Motor City Harley-Davidson

24800 Haggerty Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. (248) 473-7433 Hours: M-F 10-7, Sat 10-5, Sun

11-4. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. Come visit our 65,000 sq ft new location with over 300 motorcycles in stock, you will be amazed!

# Old Hickory Bar & Grill

7071 Bennet Lake Rd, Fenton, MI 48430. (810) 735-7630 Hours: M-Sat 11 am- 2 am, Sun Noon- Midnight. 1 person wins choice of a gift card, shirt or hat each mth.

Great Food, Great Prices, Awesome Scenic Ride

# Sassy's Norway Bar

8823 Avoca Rd, Avoca, MI 48006. (810) 324-2263 Hours: M, W, Th 2 pm-Midnight, Fri-Sun Noon- 2 am, Closed Tues & Holidays. 1 person wins different prize basket each month. Weekend Karaoke alternating Fri & Sat, Nice Scenic Ride, Cold drinks, Monthly Parties.

# **Scooters Bar & Grill**

6004 Torrey Rd, Flint, MI 48507. (810) 655-6884 Hours: Open daily. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month.

Bike Nights Wednesday, Mid-Michigan's Biker Stop for Food, Drinks, Friends.

#### Sholtv's Bar

1819 S. Washington Ave, Lansing, MI 48910. (517) 372-3559 Hours: RIDE CARD Sun-Th 11 am- Midnight, Fri & Sat 11 am- 2 am. 50 cents off drinks if vou ride in.

Bike Nights Wednesday. Awesome Patio. cheapest drinks in town, ice cold beer.

#### **Snartan Cycle**

44701 N. Gratiot Ave, Clinton Twp, MI 48036. (586) 684-3372 Hours: M-Th 9-6. Fri 9-7. Sat 10-5. Sun Closed. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. New & Used Indian dealer, full service, parts. monthly events with giveaways.

### Stingers Bar & Grill

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

#### Thee Office Pub & Cookery

128 S. Main St. Romeo. MI 48065. (586) 752-6680 Hours: M-Th 10 am- Midnight, Fri & Sat 10 am-1:30 am, Sun Noon- 10 pm. 1 person wins a bike night shirt & gift card each month. Bike Nights Thursday, 2 Patios.

# **Wolverine Harley-Davidson**

44660 N. Gratiot Ave. Clinton Twp., MI 48036. (586) 463-7700

Showroom Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-4, Sun 11-3. Service Hours: M-F 9-6, Sat 9-4, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. Bikes, friends & good times- Michigan must see.

# **Woody's Bancroft Tavern**

119 Warren St. Bancroft, MI 48414, (989) 634-5455 Hours: M-Sat 11 am-close, Sun Noon- 10 pm. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. Bike Day Sundays Noon- 1/2 Lb Burger & Fries with Domestic Draft \$10

# **Younger's Irish Tavern**

Thursday.

120 S. Main St. Romeo, MI 48065. (586) 752-4400 Hours: M-W 11 am- Midnight, Th-Sat 11 am- 2 am, Sun Noon- 10 pm. 1 person wins either gift card, t-shirt or show tickets each month. Voted Best Biker Bar by Real Detroit, Bike Nights



# **4 Corners Country Store**

8892 Van Cleve Rd, Vassar, MI 48768. (989) 871-3120 Hours: Sun-Th 5am-10pm, Fri & Sat 5am-11pm. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card towards food each month. Plus free gift to everyone when they check in each month (1 per month) Great food, cold beer, biker friendly, gift shop & Hersey hand-dip ice cream.

# Anschutz Café

212 E. Saginaw St (M-46), Breckenridge, MI 48832. (989) 481- 3333 Hours: M-Th 6 am- 10 pm, Fri & Sat 6 am- Midnight, Sun 8 am- 8 pm. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month.

Bike Nights Wednesdays- stop in for awesome home cooked food, front & rear parking - easy access.

#### **Bay Shore Bar**

9432 Bay City Forestville Rd, Fairgrove, MI 48733. (989) 895-9503 Hours: M-Th 10 am- 10 pm, Fri & Sat 10 am- 11 pm, Sun Noon- 9 pm. 1 person wins a \$10 gift card each month.

Bike Night Thursdays with DJ Mike- food & drink specials, waterfront patio.

# **Castaways**

3940 Boy Scout, Bay City, MI 48706. (989) 686-3558 Hours: M-Th 11am-12am, Fri & Sat 11am-2am, Sun 12pm-12am. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. Bike night Tuesdays, great food on the water with outside deck.

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440 N. Saginaw St, Lapeer, MI 48446. (810) 667-3170 Hours: M, T & W 11-10, Th 11- Midnight, Fri 11 am- 2am, Sat Noon- 2 am, Sun Noon- 10 pm. 1 person wins apparel item or gift card each month. Bike Nights Wednesday - food & drink specials, hand pattied/never frozen burgers.

# **Ghost Town Saloon**

6422 Pingree Rd, Elwell, MI 48832. (989) 463-4693 Hours: M-Sat 11 am- 10 pm or later (call), Sun Noon- 8 pm. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. Bike Nights Saturday 6 pm with DJ Mike. Outdoor patio, horseshoe pits.

# **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 person wins a \$25 gift card each month.

Great selection of new/used bikes & accessorieslocated in the heart of the tri-cities.

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RIDE CARD

# THE STOPS



EAST continued

# **Holeshot Harley-Davidson**

4741 E. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. (989) 772-5513 Hours: M-W & F 9-6, Th 9-7, Sat 9-4, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. New & used Harley dealership, riding gear, gifts, collectibles, parts & accessories.

# Iron Horse Bar & Grill

3592 Main St, Akron, MI 48701. (989) 691-5761 Hours: Everyday 11am-2am. 1 person wins all you can eat wings each month.

Bike Night Wednesdays- specials, happy hour, thumbs largest biker bar.

# Midland Arms & Defensive Solutions

664 W. Isabella Rd, Midland, MI 48640. (989) 600-5050 Hours: Fri Noon- 6pm, Sat & Sun 10:30- 5pm, Call for appointments M-Th. 1 person wins a free Reality Based 2 hours room clearing techniques class. Family owned, training from law enforcement professionals.

#### My Alibi Bar & Grill

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

# Ray C's Harley-Davidson

1491 S. Lapeer Rd (M24-I69), Lapeer, MI 48446. (810) 664-9261 Hours: M-Th 10-6, F 10-7

Sat 10-4, Sun 11-4 (store). 1 person wins a \$100 gift card each month. Family owned 29,000 sq. ft. with easy on/off exit, weekly & monthly events.

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#### 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 \$20 gift card & t-shirt each month. Bike Night Wednesdays with DJ Mike-Food & Drink Specials, Bike Parking front or back patio area.

# **Scotty's Sandbar**

1201 Evergreen Dr, Bay City, MI 48706. (989) 671-1997 Hours: M-W 4pm- Midnight, Th-Sat Noon- 2 am, Sun Noon- 10 pm. 1 person wins a t-shirt or sweatshirt each month.

Bike Nights Thursday, Karaoke contests, specials, pool. darts & patio.

# Shiawassee Harley-Davidson

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# Inspiration

 $I_t$  is difficulties that show what men are.  $\sim$  Epictetus

The ambitious climb up high and perilous stairs, and never care how to come down; the desire of rising hath swallowed up the fear of a fall. ~ Thomas Adams

Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for? ~ Robert Browning

Hitch your wagon to a star. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

# Biker Prayer

May the sun rise in front of me, the rain fall behind me and the wind follow me. May the angels guard my travels for they know what is ahead of me. Keep me safe through rolling hills and swirling turns. Let the eagle guide me to the mountain tops. Let the moon's light guide me through the night. Lord, thank you for letting me be a biker.

# Biker Poem By twowheelsfred

A friend said "make some noise"

I said "you mean Thunder?"

So we made some noise

And had some fun as we

Thundered down the road

On that two wheeled run

In concert we played

That good Thunder song

In unison we rode

In harmony as one

We were playing in the road

Cause WE all know

Where There's Bikes.....There's Going To Be THUNDER





# 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FREEDOM CRUISE HONORING WEST MICHIGAN FALLEN HEROES

# FREEDOM CRUISE SCHEDULE:

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD** 

10:00 AM: - 11:45 AM Check In

(Motorcycles, Classic Cars and Hot Rods,

Downtown, Sparta, MI)

# 12:00 PM: Freedom Cruise Begins

Participants will be escorting portrait of American Fallen Soldiers Project recipient Marine Gunnery Sergeant and West Michigan native, Daniel Price (Escort from Sparta, MI to Fifth Third Ballpark)

\*Participate in the escort to receive Free VIP Entry and Parking at the Ballpark (All others will be charged \$5)



# FIFTH THIRD BALLPARK (LZ MICHIGAN) SCHEDULE

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Live Music, Beverages and Food

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Bike & Car Show Voting

4:00 PM: Award Presentations to Car / Bike participants

6:00 PM: LZ Michigan presents the Remember, Honor and



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# HISTORIC FEMALE RIDERS



The following is the fourth and final piece in a four-part series showcasing 12 female riders with historic significance.

In Parts I, II and III we introduced you to the duos of Effie & Avis Hotchkiss and Adeline & Augusta van Buren as well as the first female to win an AMA event Dorothy "Dot" Robinson, Iron Horse Motorcycle Club Founder Bessie Stringfield, Motor Maids Founder Linda Dugeau, the First Lady of Sturgis Pearl Hoel, First Original Stunt Rider Terry Strong and First Female Member of the 200 Mph Club Marcia Holley.

# Laura Klock

**Facts:** Sturgis Hall of Fame Member, Custom Bike Builder and Land Speed Record Holder



Laura Klock grew up in Wisconsin, where she was around motorcycles and things with engines all the time. Her family rode bikes, snowmobiles, ATVs and her father spent many nights working on cars. As a result, Laura and her brothers became tinkerers by default. Motorcycles helped to form this young woman's identity throughout her life and led her to be inducted into the Sturgis Hall of Fame in 2012. She met a like-minded motorcycle enthusiast named Brian Klock and later made him her husband. Together they formed Klock Werks, an aftermarket parts company that also builds custom bikes and aftermarket parts. They became a household name within the industry after they entered their Bagger in a Discovery Channel Biker Build Off and had a great showing. Following the momentum of the exposure from Discovery Channel, the family took that same tricked-out Harley to Bonneville in 2006 and Laura piloted it to an AMA World Land Speed Record. In the two years that followed, WWW.THUNDERROADSMICHIGAN.COM

the Klock daughters also competed and set land speed records, making them the only mother-daughter trio to hold land speed records at Bonneville. It's not all about racing and motorcycles with Laura either. She formed the Helping With Horsepower charity which uses motorcycles as a way to raise money to support worthy causes. Custom builder, speed racer, mother and philanthropist...what more do you need to know about Laura Klock?

# Leslie Porterfield

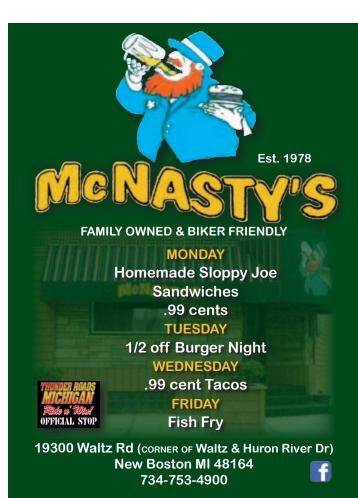
**Facts:** Guinness Book of World Record's "Fastest Woman in the World on a Motorcycle"



There are a lot of women out there who can claim to be the fastest woman on a motorcycle, but if you look in the record books, it is Leslie Porterfield who claimed that crown in 2008. Her record breaking run of 232-mph not only surpassed the previous record held by Marcia Holley, but also established her as the first female racer in the Bonneville 200-mph club. Going 200 mph on salt is not as easy as going 200 mph on asphalt. She was awarded the 2008 AMA Racing Female Rider of the Year as well. In 2009 she won the Top Speed of the Meet award at the 2009 International Speed Trials by BUB with a 240-mph run. Despite all the awards and accolades Porterfield has to her credit she still wants more. These days you can find Leslie at Bonneville trying to break through the next barrier: To become the first woman into the 300-mph club on a motorcycle.

Source: J&P Cycles

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# Suicide Prevention Motorcycle -

**Auto Ride Fundraiser** August 26, 2017



This annual ride is held to show that we care and to support help for those that desperately need it. This ride also remebers our loved ones that we have lost to suicide. Please show your support by riding with us!

Location **American Legion Post 8** 1026 6th Street Port Huron, MI

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- Riders Meeting
- Prayer
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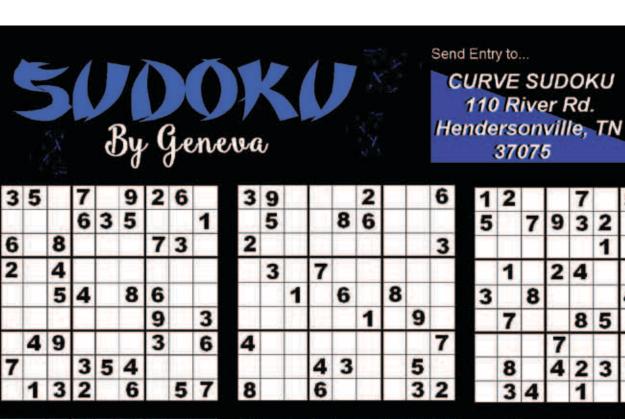
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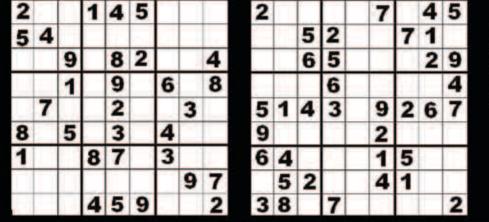
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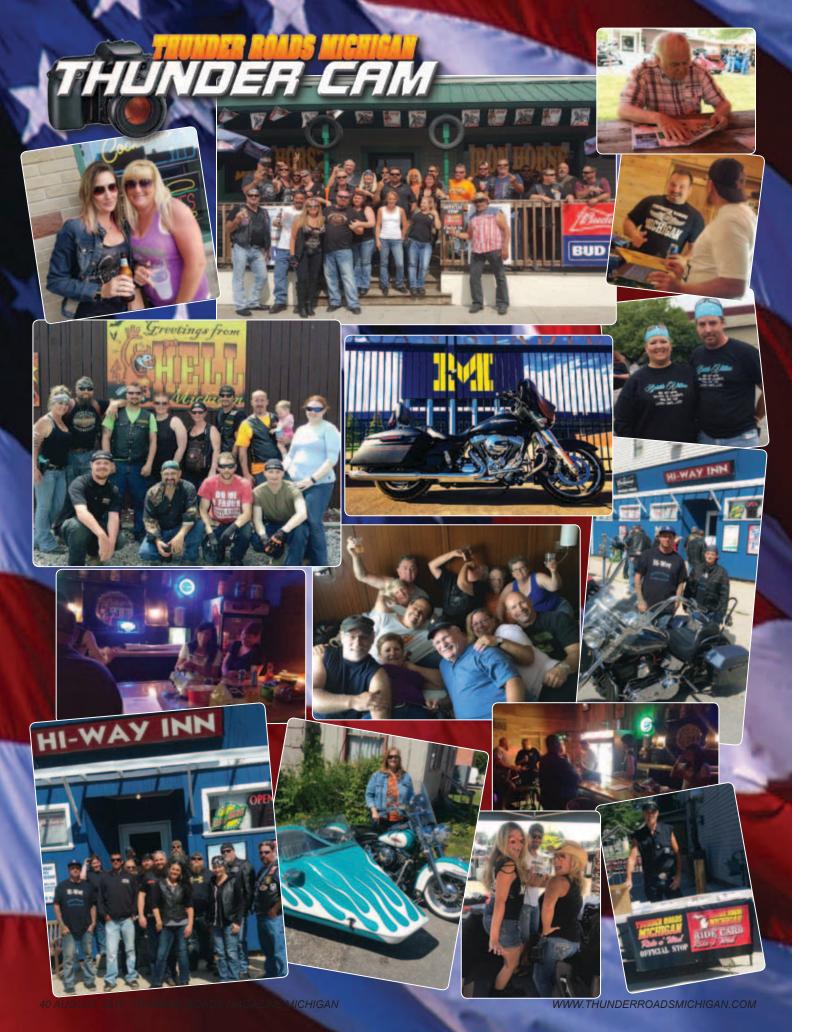
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# 13TH ANNUAL RAY C'S RODEO





Each year Ray C's Harley-Davidson in Lapeer hosts what has become an annual event at their dealership, which in many ways kicks off the Michigan riding season. This past June 16 – 18 the 13th annual Ray C's Rodeo was held and with the rain and wind of spring behind us, many Mid-Michigan riders made Ray C's their destination and rode in to check out the fun. This is Ray's second year at his new location on M-24 just south of I-69 in Lapeer Michigan. In case you didn't know, the roads around Lapeer offer some of the best for riding in the Mitten and Ray C's is a great destination for a day ride.

The Rodeo is a complete weekend event, with live bands every day, great food, a Sunday poker run, and horse power shoot out. Friday afternoon the Rodeo got started with some great tunes from Alan Turner and the Lapeer HOG chapter Thunder from the Thumb BBQ. Saturday saw a full day of activities sure to make any biker beam. In addition to a mighty fine pig roast, there was a bike show featuring lots of local specialty bikes and a horsepower shoot out to prove they're all not just for show! Congratulations to Jim Chaddock aka "Jimbo" that won the horsepower shootout again this year! However, m my favorite part of the Saturday line- up has got to be the 3rd Degree Burns Band from Lapeer. This Band consists of kids from the Lapeer area and they jam there're little hearts out all afternoon, playing the classic rock that everybody loves and remembers. They bring attitude, musicianship, and big smiles to the stage every year-somebody sign these kids up man! On Sunday, the Rodeo came to a close with the annual poker run thru the surrounding country side and even more

live music from Coyote Ugly back at the ranch...err dealership.



It was another awesome Rodeo Weekend at Ray C's this past June, but it was really just the beginning of what will be a summer full of events at the dealership this year. Be sure and put July 22nd and August 25th in your calendar and swing into Ray C's HD for their Bike Nights. You only need to provide yourself and they'll provide Bands, Food, Prizes, and a Beer Tent.

We hope to see you at the Bike Nights and let's all have a great and safe summer out on the road----wherever, that road may take you....









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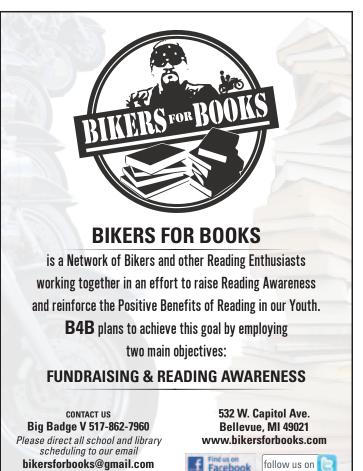
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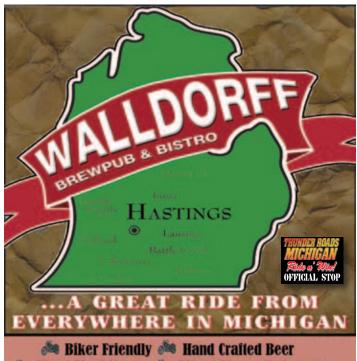


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This month, I thought I'd let everyone know of some exciting new developments at Victory Biker Church!!!

The scriptural reference for this exciting news is Isaiah 43:19 "Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert."

After a couple years of prayer and planning, Victory Biker Church International has started a new arm of ministry called "Sons of Victory MC/M". SOVM-CM is a Christian Motorcycle Club/Ministry whose function is to minister to a specific section of the biker community that isn't being effectively reached with the love of God and these people, like everyone else, need Jesus too. Hey, bikers Jesus Loves You, Too!!!

But, let me stress this... Victory Biker Church IS NOT CHANGING! We are and always will be the church, a non-denominational Christian church designed by bikers, for bikers and anyone else that can identify with motorcycles, jeans, tattoos and leather.

I say all this so that there is no confusion! Victory Biker Church is not becoming a club nor will ever become a club! But, it does now have a support club, as it were, as part of our lineup of ministries that reach out too many different types of people that are in desperate need of God love and grace! Ya see, it takes different strokes to reach different kinds of folks. Know what I mean?

So, when you see a Victory Biker Church back patch with a Sons of Victory patch on top and a Michigan patch below it - don't be caught off guard; they are a ministry of Victory Biker Church International and ministers in particular.

Jesus said in Matthew 28:19 "Go. therefore, and make disciples of all nations...." And that includes the biker nations!! Jesus also said in John 3:16 "For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

Ya see, our goal is to introduce people to Jesus (not religion) and to help them through all their situations in life to find what all men and women are truly looking for... Joy, peace, love and hope, which all are only found in Christ Jesus!

If you would like more information about the Sons of Victory MC/M go to our new website, that is still being built, sovmcm.victorybikerchurch.org.

Much love and respect,

# Apostle Brian "BMAN" McKay

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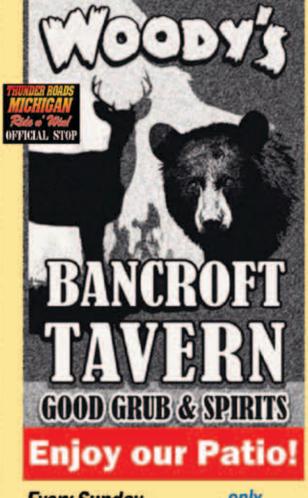
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### **AUGUST**

August 4-6
Hog Pharm Biker Party
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open noon on 4th, \$30 pp, \$50
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parts, field events, bands &
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ATV's or glass bottles. For more
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# August 5 12th Annual Teddy Bear Ride Great Lakes HD, Bay City, MI. Regis 1-3 pm, kickstands up

Great Lakes HD, Bay City, MI. Regis 1-3 pm, kickstands up 3 pm, bring new unwrapped stuffed animal. For more info call 989-686-0400 (See ad this issue).

# August 5

8th Annual Joe's Ride Scooters Bar & Grill, Flint, MI. Regis 9-10:30 am, starts 11 am, \$25 rider, \$10 passenger, includes breakfast & dinner, support to wounded & fallen heroes & their children. For more info call Teri 810-955-2633

August 5 Veterans Memorial Observation Ride American Legion Post 108, Oxford, MI. Regis 9- 11 am,

Oxford, MI. Regis 9- 11 am, \$20 rider, \$10 passenger, bikes or cars welcome, cash bar, ride back by 4 pm.

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August 5
1st Battalion 24th Marines
Memorial Poker Run
Wolverine HD, Clinton Twp, MI.
Regis 10 am, kickstands up
11:30 am, rain or shine, \$20 per
rider, \$10 passenger, music,
burgers, hotdogs. For more
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August 6
Come Ride with Us (GLBC)
Paw Paw Park n' Ride (exit 60
& I-94), ride to K-wings then
to Great Lakes Burn Camp.
Regis 10 am, ride leaves 11
am, donations accepted. For
more info See Great Lakes
Burn Camp full page ad this
issue.

August 6
Escort the Kids to Great
Lakes Burn Camp (GLBC)
Meet at Wings Stadium,
3600 Vanrick Drive (Sprinkle
Road), Kalamazoo MI. Regis
10am-12:30pm, leaves 1pm,
prizes, food, 50/50.
For more info call Bill 517206-1115 (See Great Lakes
Burn Camp full page ad this
issue).

August 6
6th Annual Kevin "Moses"
Memorial Ride
Museum of Moses, 9979 S
8 Mile Rd (Vogel Center),
McBain, Ml. Festivities 10
am-1 pm, ride leaves 1:15
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com or phone 765-356-2470.
For more info go to hogdaze.

August 12 50's Party ABC HD, Waterford, MI. 11 am- 3 pm. For more info call 248-674-3175 (See full page ad inside front cover this issue).

August 12
2nd Annual Twisted Metal F\*ck
Cancer Benefit
Scooters Bar & Grill, Flint, MI.
Regis 10 am, \$10 pp, kickstands up noon, dinner @ 4pm,
live auction, games, prizes,
50/50 bike/car wash & more.
For more info call Rod 810-6916675

August 12
Rotary Wounded America Motorcycle Ride Downriver
WCCCD Downriver, 21000
Northline Rd, Taylor, MI. 8:30
am, departs 10 am, arrives at
Biker Bobs HD at noon, \$15
pp advance or \$20 same day,
\$5 passenger, food, beverage,
music, all bikes welcome. For
more info call 888-640-5454

August 12
1st Annual No Excuse For Child
Abuse poker run
Clio Eagle Riders, 13267 N
Saginaw Rd, Clio, MI. Regis
10 am-noon. \$20 rider, \$15
passenger. Pig roast, 50/50 &
more. To benefit Weiss Child
Advocacy Center. For more
info call Vinnie 810-280-0578

August 12
Outrider's M/C 49th anniversary poker run
415 Reed St. Kalamazoo MI.
Regis 10 am, ride leaves at noon, door prizes, raffles & music.

August 18-20
Easyriders Rodeo Tour ~
Fowlerville
Fowlerville Fairgrounds,
Fowlerville, Ml. Live Bands:
Puddle of Mudd, Drowning
Pool, Fryed Brothers, camping, vendors, music, ride in
bike show, barstool races,
poker crawl, games & more.
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this issue).

August 18-20
Thunder in Oscoda Salute to
Veterans
American Legion #274, 349 S
State Street AuSable/Oscoda,
MI. 18th- Tiki bar opens 4
pm, food avail, live band,
19th- live bands, bike/people
games, vendors, bike awards,
food & raffles, 20th 9:30
breakfast, noon scenic ride.
For more info call Jim 586-

876-1323 (See ad this issue).

August 19
8th Annual Davison Eagle Riders Prostate Charity Run
3270 N. State Rd, Davison,
MI. Regis 10-noon, last bike
in 5 pm, vendors, food, prizes,
all vehicles welcome, \$10 pp,
live bands, camping avail. For
more info call Gripper 810-6530727

August 24
Bye Bye Summer Picnic
Scotty's Sandbar, Bay City,
Ml. Sumertime food, photo
booth. For more info call
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August 25
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August 26 Suicide Prevention Motorcycle Auto Ride Fundraiser American Legion Post 8, 1026 6th St, Port Huron, MI. Regis 9 am- 11 am, depart noon, \$20 driver, \$10 passengers, food, live music, raffles, 50/50, silent auction. For more info call Sherri 810-689-0457 (See full page ad this issue).

August 26
Foundation 14 Combat Vet
Bike Presentation
Artesian Wells, Cement City,
MI. Ceremony begins at 1:00
pm – come early, food, music,
50/50, AR-15 Raffle. For more
info call 734 260-2826 see
more info on page 13.

August 26
Bacon & Bikes Bike Show
ABC HD, Waterford, MI. 11
am- 3 pm. For more info call
248-674-3175 (See full page
ad inside front cover this
issue).

August 26
Rally in the Woods
The Rock, 11400 Linden rd,
Fenton, MI. Starts at noon,
free, free hog roast, live music,
burn out contest w cash prizes,
biker games. For more info call
Clete 248-807-8603

August 27
Ride for the Red
ABC HD, Waterford, MI. 10
am- 3 pm. For more info call
248-674-3175 (See full page
ad inside front cover this
issue).

August 30-September 3
13th Annual Freedom Fest
Iron Horse Bar & Grill, Akron,
MI. 5 live bands, dj's, hog
roast, vendors, bike show,
charity bike run, no cover all
wkend, free rustic camping.
For more info or vendor spot
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cover this issue & 2 page
spread pages 18 & 19).

August 31-September 4
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Chillicothe, OH. Live Bands:
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Dead Daisies, The Fryed
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music, ride in bike show,
barstool races, poker crawl,
games & more. For more info
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(See full page ad this issue).

# SEPTEMBER

September 2
Annual Open House
Sandy's HD, Fremont, MI. 9
am- 2pm, demo rides weather
permitting, proper riding attire & endorsement required,
honor veterans at noon, flag
ceremony, lunch at 1 pm. For
more info call 231-924-3020
(See ad this issue).

September 2 Elkton Fun Run Hitching Post 79 N. Main St, Elkton, Ml. Regis 10 am- noon, \$15 rider, \$25 couple, incl meal, blessing, 5 pm arrive, entertainment, all vehicles & non-riders welcome. For more info call Mike 989-551-6457

September 8-10

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September 9
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burn out pit, vendors, many
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September 16
Project Red, White & Blue
2017 Run
Caledonia American Legion
Post 305, Caledonia, MI. \$25
pp, incl brunch & dinner,
Regis 11 am, kickstands up
noon, ends 4 pm at The Riverbend Bar & Grill, Ada, MI.
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this issue).

September 23
Freedom Cruise
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Third Ball Park, Regis 10 am11:45 am, motorcycles, classic cars & hot rods, cruise
stars at noon, live music,
beverages, food, bike & car
show, awards. For more info
and complete list of schedule
go to freedomcruisegr.com
(See full page ad this issue).

September 23
Ride for our Troops
American Legion Post 32,
Livonia, Ml. Regis 1:30 am,
kickstands up 11:30 am, \$25
pp or \$35 with passenger, ends
@ Hell Saloon. For more info
call Rosenau Powersports or
American Legion.

September 24
2nd Annual Ride to Shine Observation Run
Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. Regis
11 am-noon, \$20 per bike,
\$10 passenger, cars or bikes
welcome, dinner provided at
Berville Hotel Bar & Grill, 50/50,
door prizes. For more info call
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September 24
23rd Annual Motown Toy Run
Westland City Hall, 36300
Warren Rd, regis 10 am- noon,
kickstands up 12:30, \$10 pp
w new unwrapped toy or \$15
without, 50/50, Chinese auction,
all bikes welcome. For more
info call 734-765-5628

September 28
Fall Fun
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call 989-671-1997

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ABATE (American Bikers Aim Towards Education) or (American Bikers Against Totalitarian Enactment). Today is July 5th and I look back at the times where Veterans were coming from Vietnam and how they were treated like they did something wrong defending our countries interests or whatever the reason for us being over there was. We all should be very proud of our soldiers no matter what conflicts they are told to fight or where to go. I should know, because I am a Vietnam Era Veteran.

ABATE is always trying to make life safer for motorcyclists no matter what you ride or who you are associated with. We respect all organizations and clubs and will continue to do so.

ABATE just got House Bill 4306 passed and believe it or not, someone complained about a \$2.00 fee increase to help the State support safety and awareness hopefully with public service announcements, billboards, radio ads or whatever, will help save lives. It is mind boggling to me that we finally got congressmen / women and senators together from both sides of the aisle to help us promote the "Look Twice Save A Life Motorcycles Are Everywhere" campaign. Some bikers don't feel that it's necessary to try and save bikers lives with a \$2.00 fee increase for each renewal of motorcycle endorsements and motorcycle registration fee of \$3.00 to help support motorcycle safety programs. Do not forget, ABATE saved every biker \$100.00 when they get their tag for license plate registration this year! You pay for your car, not your bike. That is just awesome hard work on ABATE's part to help save lives.

I know everyone has seen or heard about stereotyping when it comes to bikers and it's very real. Just last Friday, ABATE set up a display at a Park and Recreation Summer Magic Picnic "Kids Fest". ABATE is trying to get involved more with kids so they don't grow up thinking all bikers are to going to bite em. Well if you could see the little ones tugging on their parents arm to come and look, to sit on the bike and play the games we had set-up while the parents were shying away from us – it gives you a real look at what is thought of us bikers. Then after we moved and went to a different spot, here comes the children and parents' asking what is ABATE, how cool we are and thanks for being there. Then a head librarian invited us to do another show at the public library. They are hosting a Touch a Truck and Car Show with police cars, fire trucks, EMT vehicles, tow trucks and now our bikes are added to build a better world event to show the children the organization, businesses and people that build a better world for our community.

There are many events coming up in August. Here are some to look forward to:

August 5th - Region 14 MRF Poker Run. Contact George at 734-323-1827

August 12th - Region 4 Food Pantry Run. Contact Dana at 989-448-9036

August 12th – Region 15 Luau Party. Contact Pinhead at 313-613-4703

August 12th - Region 13 PAC Poker Run. Tekonsha

August 12th Region 18 Bad to the Bone Poker Run. Contact Chris at 517-581-0683

August 13th – Region 11 Observation Run of Labor Day. Contact Cowboy at 586-746-4765

August 19th – Region 7 Davenport Tide. Contact Marlene at 810-712-1600

August 26th - Region 14 Fital Tubing AuSable. Contact George at 734-323-1827

August 26th – Region Porcupine Bash Rides for Vets. Contact Tim at 989-670-9976

Hope to see some of you at the events!

Please be careful out there. Enjoy the beautiful Stat of Michigan and be considerate of fellow bikers because we are one. All of us together can change the image of the Motorcycle Community by acts and good deeds and respect for our fellow Brothers and Sister.

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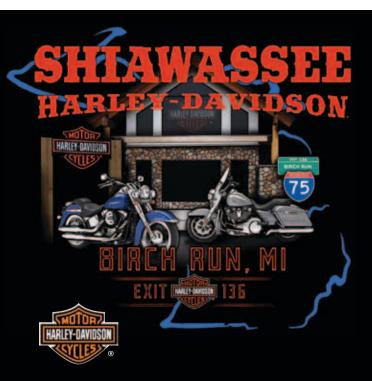
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What ever happened to common courtesy? Most of us grew up in a world where we addressed our elders as "sir" or "ma'am," opened and held doors for the elderly, handicapped or anybody whose hands were otherwise full. We got swatted for interrupting adult conversation, we needed to be heard as well as seen, and pitching temper tantrums in public attempting to impose our will on our parents? We were often admonished "if you don't have anything nice to says about somebody don't say anything at all," and forever reminded that gossip is the purview of bitter old biddies and their broken down male counterparts. So when we heard an utterance we didn't care for we most often considered the source and refused to dignify them (or their comment) with a response. But most important of all, we learned to be responsible for not only what we said, but also for how we reacted to what was said by others, because words have meaning and actions/reactions have consequences.

Fast forward a couple of generations and it appears that all hell has broken loose. On one hand you have a growing youthful faction guick to lecture about freedom of speech no matter how offensive the subject or presentation. On the other are "social justice" warriors constantly in search of a sympathetic issue to exploit. Both use mayhem as a way to prove their point as a mob destroying property, blocking traffic, shutting down cities and using physical intimidation to shout down any point of view they don't agree with. They resort to anarchy in order to make their point, because in the arena of ideas they cannot formulate an honest, logical and coherent argument to support the extreme overreach of their demands. The tactics employed are often the brainchild of discredited 60's and 70's revolutionaries, who obviously played the Beatles "White Album" backwards one too many times while tokin' on a hooka of acid laced hash, turned college professors who award credits for demonstration participation. Governmental officials explicitly or implicitly sympathizing with the cause hamper efforts to restore order to mayhem and with the addition of a national media that at times seems more intent on making news to drive higher ratings than seeking truth and reporting facts and you have a perfect storm.

A wedge has been driven between the many facets that make up the fabric of our social order. I am not so naive as to believe that everything is (or has been) a peachy keen wonderful day in the neighborhood for everybody, and that injustice does not exist. But, I also know that resentment is the only lasting emotion for people beaten into acceptance of a differing point of view. The flaw in Saul Olinsiki's (70's revolutionary and author "Rules for Radicals") blueprint for a changed social order is that you can't bully people, especially Americans, into abrupt changes in social and cultural norms. Under the Obama administration, both the White House and Justice Department voiced sympathy for some anarchist movements and implicitly sanctioned their actions by refusing to step up and protect the safety and property of private citizens by enforcing the law. The substance of many people's lives, their homes and businesses and places of employment all destroyed in a rampage (often by individuals from outside the community) and now all that is left is ashes, resentment and name calling.

What ever happened to common courtesy? Most of us grew up in a world And the media has moved on in search for another kerfuffle to drive ratings for where we addressed our elders as "sir" or "ma'am," opened and held doors for another news cycle.

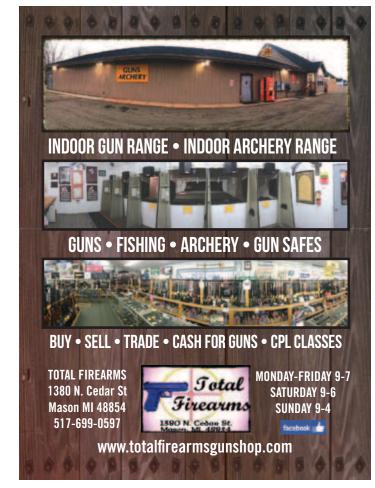
I don't have enough pages to continue to wax eloquent about the media and their role in many of the problems we face as a nation. But when media crossed the line between reporting the news to making and becoming the news they also became complicit in the problem. It seems that the facts are no longer enough for news organizations that insist in practicing "gotcha" journalism (or maybe urnialism). The esteemed Dan Rather so hated George Bush the younger that he fabricated an expose around an obviously altered DD214 in an attempt to destroy Bush's presidency. And when the deception was exposed the media circled the wagons around Rather and threw a gala where he became the first time (and only time) recipient of an award for journalistic integrity. Rather's example wasn't the beginning of yellow journalism, many politicians have paid a price for being at ideological odds with the media gods while agreeable dolts seem to get a pass no matter how serious the fax-pas. In fact, the news deities bragged about defeating the senior Bush thus electing that lovable redneck Bill Clinton ushering in a whole new era of political patronage and scandal, which the news did it's best to ignore.

At one time the office of Presidency was sacred and there were clearly defined boundaries that were not crossed. During the Obama years, more than one gun range owner was threatened with seizure of assets and imprisonment for allowing caricatures of Obama to be used as targets; and any individual, group or organization that spoke about the heavy hand of his justice department found themselves in the sights of the IRS. Yet both Trump and Bush have been portrayed in in high school, college and university plays with a central theme of assassination. Public funds for the arts were used to put on an adaptation of a Shakespeare play in Central Park depicting the assassination of Donald Trump night after night to cheering crowds of leftists. Not only is such conduct in poor taste, at one time it was illegal, because it fell outside the protections of the First Amendment according to the Supreme Court. Yet the media, especially television news, seemed to delight in their insistence of free speech protection for the productions.

As a nation, we have many problems and none of them are going to be fixed with finger pointing and name calling by either side. I don't agree with everything Trump does, but it's obvious that what the government has imposed on us since the end of the Reagan years is not working for most of us and

"the Donald" promised us a departure from the failing norm. The media for its part is completely unhinged and running scared, but I don't know what they are most afraid of; Donald Trump succeeding, or the world finally seeing them for the elitist partisan hacks they really are.











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# IN THE SHOP WITH RON

# NOTHING BUT OPEN ROAD??

For this month's In The Shop article, rather than outline a specific project, I would like to talk about a subject that I've been seeing in the shop a lot more this riding season than seasons past. That is road hazards. Road hazards come in many shapes and sizes and from many different origins. In my mind, road hazards fall basically into four categories: the roads themselves, wildlife/animals, foreign objects, and last, but not least, other motorists. So let's talk a little about each one in order.

First: ROADS- Not a lot to say here, that hasn't already been said, we live in Michigan our infrastructure is getting old roads, bridges, etc. The constant thawing, freezing and use of corrosive chemicals in the winter wreaks havoc on the concrete and asphalt. A road that was a good smooth ride last year, might not be so smooth this year. It's a good idea to check out even the most familiar roads carefully the first time on them for a new season. The patch work or resurfacing done to maintain the roads can cause issues if you're not careful. I have come up on areas where they have sprayed an adhesive on the road and then top coated it with pee stone with no warning signs. If the stones are fresh, they can be very loose and make handling difficult. When the sun is shining bright and you see those spots on the road ahead that look shiny or wet, (I call them mirages) it can very easily conceal a pot hole or broken pavement, etc.

Second: WILDLIFE- Oh deer, (pardon the pun) where do I start on this subject. Wildlife is normally most active in the early morning, just after daylight and early evening, just before dark. The key words here are most and normally. Wildlife interactions can happen at any time. Most animals will cross the road at a funnel point. You hunters know what I'm talking about, but a funnel point loosely described is, anywhere an animal can stay in cover, until the last possible minute and then dart across the road. A couple examples of funnel points are; where a river or creek cross the road, there are usually trees or heavy brush along the banks. Animals will stay in the cover until there is no cover left, then run across the road and back into cover on the other side. Same thing when a road splits a section of woods. Animals stay in the woods out of sight until they can get to the road. The seasons of the year can also influence the movement of animals. This summer we have had a lot of heavy rain followed by hot and humid days, which makes ideal mosquito breeding conditions. Excessive mosquito populations can cause deer to run wild at any

time of the day or night. We also get some nice riding weather in Michigan in late October thru early to mid-November, sometimes even later. Deer breed in late October thru mid-November, which can also cause them to be active at any given time.

Third: FOREIGN OBJECTS- This can be anything from tree limbs in the road to nails or screws, broken glass etc. With summer comes storms, and sometimes severe high winds can cause branches or trees to fall into the roadway. Automobile collisions can leave all kinds of debris in the roadway; from broken glass/plastic to anti-freeze and oils. Railroad crossings are another place where foreign objects can be found on the roadway. Nails and screws used on the railroad cars to secure the cargo can be shaken loose and fall onto the roadway. Also, vehicles carrying trash or construction materials etc. going over the tracks, can deposit foreign objects onto the road. Farm machinery moving from field to field can also leave plenty of debris in the road; from dirt and mud, to bolts or pieces of steel, etc.

Fourth: OTHER MOTORIST- I don't even want to get started on this subject, but in my experience, most automobile drivers, especially the ones who don't ride motorcycles, don't watch for motorcycles. I'm especially cautious when riding in the late afternoon when the sun is at my back. During that time you are actually riding in your own shadow and it can be very difficult for oncoming motorist to see you, not only are you riding in your own shadow, but oncoming motorists have the sun in their eyes. My intention here is not to scare or alarm anyone, just to create some awareness on things in areas where there could be possible dangers.



ву Ron Johnson





So far in the shop this year as of early July and in relationship to what I mentioned above: I have had 2 bent wheels (both front) from pot holes, 1 rear tire with less than 500 miles on it destroyed by a drywall screw and 1 touring bike where a piece of steel flew up and put a hole in the oil pan causing the motor to seize. Anything can happen at any time! Just trying to create a little more awareness to keep everyone safe as possible.

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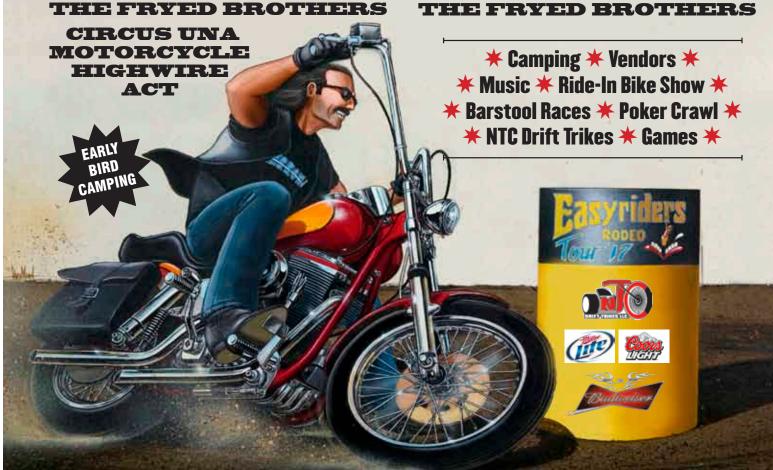
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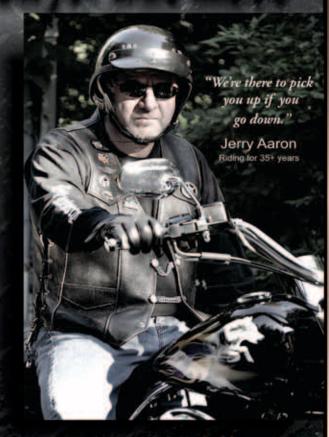
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