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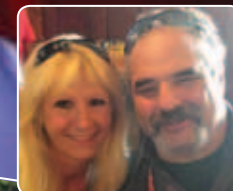
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## Happy 2017

It is a New Year! I am really looking forward to 2017. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and safe and Happy New Year! We have a lot of exciting events planned for 2017. Just to name a few: our Thunder Fun Night is set for February 18th, the 4th Annual Michigan Ride n' Win Summer long contest kicks off June 1st and there are many more events all throughout Michigan that we will be promoting and partaking in. It's gonna be a GREAT YEAR!

The Deadline for reserving your spot for Thunder Fun Night is February 1st so don't wait as space is limited and the hotel and buses fill up quickly. You will not want to miss this event. It is beyond FUN! People talk about it for months after and plan for the next year once they have attended. Wear some Thunderwear on that night (February 18th) and I will give you an EXTRA prize! To reserve your spot, simply go to ThunderRoadsMichigan.com and click on Store, then Thunder Store, then Thunder Fun Night and check out via PayPal. Plus, while you are there grab some Thunderwear. We are planning on 3 full party buses, but again, they fill up fast so don't wait, reserve today! Please call me if you have any questions or wish to pay via check.

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Last month the Biker Friendly character was on page 7, in the picture of letter from the owner. See if you can find him this month. See much larger version found in the Biker Friendly Directory (BFD).



**Now for some "Mo" Advice:**

**Sometimes you have to be lost to be found.**

*Jody Mohowitsch*



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# EVIL TWIN

BY Paul Anderson  
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Next came the Evil part, make the side shifter using a 1940 Mouser bayonet that actually pulls out of its sleeve making it a dual purpose devise, if you know what I mean! Then take a WW2 hand held air raid siren and modify it with a pulley and linkage so it can be used off the left hand throttle when twisted it would lay down on the front tire and crank out the alarm. Other unique features are the fabricated foot-board hand leather tooled to the shape of my boot; leather tooled custom seat with the Evil Twins flaming skull, like the footboards, custom springer front end and brakes, exhaust, fabricated



rear fender, and what else but a removable whisky flask with the skull and cross bones. There are too many small details to list. I do all the work and design myself including paint and leather work.

The Evil Twins first showing was last winter in Toronto at the largest motorcycle show in North America where it too 1st place in its class. Now my wife and I are enjoying meeting all the great people and participating in the events once again, as for the future, well there's this Bagger project with a turbo, I'm presently building!! Ha

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Denise & Scott High, Owners/Publishers  
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**From the Founders:** We didn't even have to think twice about who was to be Publishers of the Year 2016 as Denise & Scott are the epitome of what authentic Team Players are all about. They always share good intel with the entire Thunder Roads Network and one time when Scott was very sick w/ the flu (and he's never sick), he actually talked to a new Publisher for an hour & ½ just to ease her anxiety. That and the fact they are just genuinely good, decent, kind people. The took our little mag that started it all and breathed life back into it and have soared like an Eagle and that makes us so proud that I have cried just for the fact that they were placed in our lives to carry on with "our baby", which is now their baby, and we couldn't be any happier for them both. We have a feeling 2017 is going to be audacious for them! They have certainly earned it.

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## Obama to sign Fairness for Veterans Act

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An administrative discharge is often given for minor misconduct, including being late to formation and missing appointments, behavior often seen in those experiencing PTSD.

"They have been released from the military services with less than honorable that means they don't have access to the VA and the medical help that they certainly deserve and need," Peters told 24 Hour News 8. "Now with this law, soon to be signed by the president, these individuals will have the opportunity to go back in front of a board and as long as they have creditable medical status they could very well see that status change."

## Veteran's family surprised with home makeover after bout with homelessness

A Waterford family that transitioned out of homelessness last year was surprised with new furniture throughout their home. Iraq War Veteran Joel Trombley, 29, his girlfriend Morgan Pettinaro, 20, and his three children were chosen by Pontiac nonprofit Humble Design to receive a full home makeover. "It's a dream come true," Trombley said.

He said the upgrade was badly needed, with the home all but empty since August 2015 when he moved the family into the house.

Humble Design works with shelters to assist families with making new homes.

"Everything here has been donated," said founder Treger Strasberg, who operates the program out of a 12,000 square-foot warehouse in Pontiac. "We sometimes paint stuff and wipe stuff down and cover it with a cloth, but it all ends up looking beautiful. It does not look like recycled furniture."

Trombley said his case worker with the Department of Veterans Affairs told him about Humble Design's initiative. Organizers later visited him to learn how he envisions his home. "I'm not the type of person who wants to tell a bunch of people what I want," he said. The family was sent away for a few hours while Humble Design and volunteers from Bank of America furnished and decorated the home. When they returned, Trombley's children Tristen, 6, Emma, 4, and Noah, 3, excitedly ran in with shocked and joyful expressions, elated over their new bedroom and toys. "I don't think I've seen them that happy since Christmas," Trombley said.

## Veteran's widow's claim for survivor's benefits granted after battle with VA

A Mid-Michigan woman said a deadly cancer took her husband. She said he was exposed while fighting in Vietnam, but the govern-

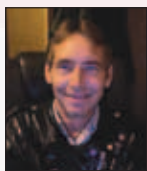
ment didn't seem to agree. His loved ones were left flat without the help they thought they would receive. That was until now.

JoAnn Leuenberger, Freeland resident, lost her husband in April 2012 after a battle with bile duct cancer. She said the cancer was caused by liver flukes, a parasite often contracted by eating uncooked fish. She said her husband, Roy Leuenberger, did that while serving in Vietnam. "They are little parasites and they got into the food or the water ingested by the veteran and they manifest themselves 30 to 40 years later. The guys don't know they have this," she said.

In her husband's case, they found out too late. It wasn't until fall of 2011 that subtle symptoms showed their face. The then 67-year-old noticed his urine was dark and his skin was turning yellow. "He went to the doctor and they did lab work and then we got a call, 'go to the hospital,'" JoAnn Leuenberger said.

Her husband passed away five months later. His wife is fighting for survivor's benefits, but was having trouble getting her claim - that her husband died as a result of his service in Vietnam - approved by Veteran Affairs. Unlike the effects of Agent Orange, bacterial filled fish resulting in bile duct cancer is not a presumptive disease recognized by the VA. However, the VA is restoring those benefits. JoAnn Leuenberger received a call from the VA on Nov. 15. "A lady by the name of Tammy told me that she had approved my claim," she said. With her claim approved and a yearlong battle, she can now receive survivor's benefits and continue to support her family. "She stunned me. I had no idea it was going to be approved that fast and I know it was your help from TV5 that did it," JoAnn Leuenberger said.

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## NEW YEAR, NEW BILLS TO WATCH

Happy New Year! The holiday season has come and gone, for the most part, and now it's time to get back to business. My team and I are busy putting the finishing touches on our plans for this year's motorcycling season, and we are always keeping an eye on Bills that come before the Michigan legislature so we can keep our readers up to date on laws that could affect them. Here are a few motorcycle-related laws we will be watching in the next few months:

**House Bill 5867:** Introduced in September 2016 by Rep Martin Howrylak, HB 5867 aims to crack down on distracted driving, specifically the use of handheld portable electronic devices, including cell phones, computers, GPS devices, . According to the Bill, "a person shall not hold or use a portable electronic device while operating a motor vehicle that is moving on a highway or street in this state or temporarily stationary due to traffic, a traffic control device, or other momentary delay." In other words, no phones while driving, sitting at a red light, stuck in heavy traffic, or at any other time when the vehicle is on the road.

The Bill would allow drivers to use their phone if it is mounted in such a way that it does not hinder the driver's view, and they can activate it with a single tap or swipe of the finger. The Bill would not apply to devices that are synced to the vehicle or operated by voice only. Additionally, drivers could use their phones if they were pulled over on the side of the road and out of the way of traffic, or to report an accident, crime, or dangerous situation. The fine for a first violation would be \$250; that doubles for subsequent violations.

I think we all know how dangerous distracted driving can be; certainly, we know how dangerous a distracted driver can be to a motorcyclist. I could see some people feeling "inconvenienced" by not being allowed to use their phones while driving, but I do not see how this Bill could be anything but beneficial to everyone on the road. And, it could potentially make riding a motorcycle safer in the State of Michigan by reducing the number of distracted drivers. Oh, and in case you were worried, this Bill specifically states that "this section does not authorize the seizure or forfeiture of a portable electronic device..." unless otherwise required by law.

**Senate Bill 404:** Introduced in June of 2015 by Senators Joe Hune, Wayne Schmidt, and Mike Kowall, SB 404 protects owners of property used in motorcycle safety training from liability and lawsuits. The bill explains that the owner of property used in a motorcycle safety course is not liable for personal injury or damage to personal property caused by participants in the course; however, this protection does not apply if the owner of the property did not warn participants about a dangerous use, condition, activity, or structure and injury or damage occurred as a direct result of this lack of warning. The liability protection would not apply if, "the injury or damage was caused by the failure of the owner or property to warn against a dangerous condition, use structure, or activity of or on the property that amounted to willful or wanton misconduct."

This Bill has been referred to the committee on transportation. On the whole, I think this bill is neutral; it is unlikely to affect many motorcyclists. That's because, to my knowledge, most motorcycle safety courses already ask participants to sign a waiver, which specifically warns about dangerous use, conditions, activity, or structure.

**Senate Bill 496:** Introduced by Senators Rick Jones, Darwin Booher, Jim Marleau, and Wayne Schmidt in September 2016, SB 496 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to increase the fines associated with riding a motorcycle or moped without proper credentials.

Motorcycle riders, before operating on any public street or highway, are required to have a valid license with a motorcycle endorsement (CY). Moped riders are required to have a special restricted license, unless the rider already has a valid driver's or chauffeur's license. Restricted licenses to operate a moped can be issued to anyone over the age of 15, provided they meet certain conditions.

SB 496 proposes to fine riders who are caught without a proper license or endorsement up to \$500 or up to three months in prison for a first offense. Subsequent offenses could put operators on the hook for up to 1 year in prison, or a fine of up to \$1,000.

These are steep fines, but I can't say I'm surprised to see a Bill like this coming forward. There has been a lot of media coverage and scrutiny about unendorsed motorcyclists over the last few years, coinciding with coverage of the number of uninsured drivers (including motorcyclists) in Michigan, and particularly in the Metro Detroit area. As most readers know, I always recommend that motorcyclists get their CY endorsement; it's inexpensive, and it's the law. So I can't say I have a problem with this Bill, or even with the fines it would impose on violators.

Finally, SB 496 brings up an important question: what is the difference between a motorcycle and a moped, legally speaking? The definition has changed... learn more in our February article!

My team and I are committed to providing interesting, up-to-date information about motorcycling and the law in Michigan. Do you have a question or suggestion for us? How do you spend your off-season? Please get in touch! You can find us on Facebook (Facebook.com/TheMotorcycleLawyer), on the web at [www.MotorcycleLawyerMichigan.com](http://www.MotorcycleLawyerMichigan.com), or you can reach us by email at [clerk@lawyerforlife.com](mailto:clerk@lawyerforlife.com).

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"Just put yourself in my hands for one year, said the shrink. Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears."

"How much do you charge?"

"One hundred fifty dollars per visit," replied the Doctor.

"I'll think about it," I said.

Six months later the Psychiatrist met me on the street.

"Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?" He asked.

"Well, \$150 a visit, three times a week for a year, is \$23,400.00. A bartender named Bubba cured me for \$10.00. I was so happy to have saved all that money!"

"Is that so?" With a lot of arrogant attitude he said, "and how may I ask, did Bubba the bartender. cure you?"

"He told me to cut the legs off the bed.

Aint nobody or nothin' gettin' under there now."

A nice, calm, and respectable lady went into the pharmacy, walked up to the Pharmacist, looked straight into his eyes, and said, "I would like to buy some Cyanide." The pharmacist asked, "Why in the world do you need Cyanide?" The lady replied, "I need it to poison my husband." The pharmacist's eyes got big and he exclaimed, "Lord have mercy! I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband. Absolutely not! You can't have any Cyanide!"

The lady reached into her purse and pulled out a picture of her husband in bed with the Pharmacist's wife. The Pharmacist looked at the picture and said very professionally;"You didn't tell me you had a prescription."

Daffy Duck is staying at a local hotel. He calls down to the front desk and asks for a condom... the clerk says" Shall we put that on your bill?"

Daffy Duck answers " Are you thucking thupid, I'll thucking thuffocate.

Rooster called 911 and said wife was dead. They asked how he knew and he said well, the lack of sex is the same but the laundry is sure piling up.

A Canadian salesman checked into a futuristic hotel in Tokyo, Japan . . .

Realizing he needed a haircut before the next day's meeting, he called down to the desk clerk to ask if there was a barber on the premises.

'I'm afraid not, sir,' the clerk told him apologetically, 'but down the hall from your room is a vending machine that should serve your purposes.'

Skeptical but intrigued, the salesman located the machine, inserted \$20.00, and stuck his head into the opening, at which time the machine started to buzz and whirl. Fifteen seconds later the salesman pulled out his head and surveyed his reflection, which reflected the best haircut of his life.

Two feet away was another machine with a sign that read; 'Manicures, \$15.00'.

'Why not?' thought the salesman. He paid the money, inserted his hands into the slot, and the machine started to buzz and whirl. Fifteen seconds later he pulled out his hands and they were perfectly manicured.

The next machine had a sign that read, 'This Machine Provides a Service Men Need When Away from Their Wives; \$10.00.'

The salesman looked both ways, put 10 bucks in the machine, unzipped his fly, and with some anticipation, stuck his "wanker" into the opening. When the machine started buzzing, the guy let out a shriek of agony and almost passed out. Fifteen seconds later it shut off.

With trembling hands, the salesman was able to withdraw his tender unit..... which now had a button sewn neatly on the end.

This morning I was sitting on a park bench next to a homeless man. I started a conversation by asking him how he ended up this way.

He said, "Up until last week, I still had it all. I had plenty to eat, my clothes were washed and pressed, I had a roof over my head, fresh bed clothes 3 times a week, a flat-screen tv and internet, and I went to the gym, the pool, and the library. I was working on my MBA on-line. I had no bills and no debt. I even had full medical coverage."

I felt sorry for him, so I asked, "What happened? Drugs? Alcohol? Divorce?"

"Oh no, nothing like that," he said. "Nah, I just got released from prison."

Went to our local bar with my wife last night. Locals started shouting "pervert!" at me, just because my wife is 24 and I'm 70. It completely spoiled our 6th year Anniversary. Some people....jeez.

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**Ben**



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## Cora

Cora is a friendly girl that came to STAR with injuries to her leg. She is doing well and would love a family of her own, just no cats please..

## Crandall

Is a great boy that is heartworm positive. He has received treatment and will soon be healthy. He would love a new home to recover in.



**Crandall**



**Destiny**

## Destiny

Is an adorable girl that came to STAR with treatable mange. She is a lab mix and only about 6 months old. There are many years of love for any family with this little girl.

## Meowmth

Is a sweet little black kitten that is looking for that purrfect home. She is around 10-12 weeks old.



**Meowmth**



**Norman**

## Norman

Is an adorable boxer mix. He is super friendly but would need some patience as life makes him a little anxious. He would do best in an environment that would allow him free roaming.

## Scarlet

Is a senior English Bulldog that endured many years of neglect. She has many medical issues that are being addressed. She would love a place to recover in comfort. There is still a lot of love left in this girl.



**Scarlet**



**Titus**

## Titus

Is a bit on the shy side but he is so full of love that you will not ever be short any kisses. He is around 6 months old and would love a family to play with and cuddle up to..

## Tux

Is a goofy lab mix that would do well with an active family that would provide him lots of exercise. He is a little rough around the edges, but with some patience, training and time there is a lovable diamond waiting.



**Tux**



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# IN THE SHOP WITH RON

By Ron Johnson

## GETTING STARTED

The holidays are finally over and it looks like winter is here for a while, but on the bright side by the time you read this the days will already be getting longer which means spring is on the way! I for one can't wait it's been a long crazy year here and I am hoping 2017 will be much the same. This month we're going to be replacing the starter pinion gear on a 1984 Harley FLHT. First, with the bike securely on the lift we need to drain the primary fluid. While the fluid is draining, we can remove the left floorboard.



Then remove the derby cover and the outer primary cover. Now we can see the starter jackshaft, pinion gear, and shifting arm.



On this model the shifting arm pivots on a shaft called the pivot shaft and the other end of the shifting arm is connected to the solenoid shaft with a compressed spring, shouldered washer, and rolled pin. By slightly compressing the spring and washer, the rolled pin can be easily removed. Then slide the spring and washer off the solenoid shaft. Right above the pivot shaft on the inner primary housing is a hex headed plug screw, remove this screw and with a little finesse you can slide the pivot shaft up and wiggle the shifting arm free from solenoid shaft and pinion gear. Now we can remove pinion gear and jackshaft assembly. This can take a little creative wiggling and twisting to get it by the clutch hub /ring gear.



With the jackshaft on the bench, we can remove the nut on the outer end (note on this model the nut has left hand threads) and slide the pinion gear off the jackshaft.

That's basically it for disassembly, reassemble in opposite just a couple of things here; I like to use a small amount of a good quality light grease on jackshaft where pinion gear slides back and forth, also use a little Loctite on nut on end of jackshaft. Make sure the thrust washer is installed on end of jackshaft and lube bushing in outer primary cover that supports the jackshaft. Before finale assembly, check the pinion gear assembly by turning the pinion gear; it should turn freely in one direction and not at all in other direction.

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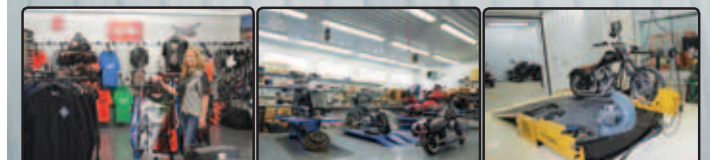
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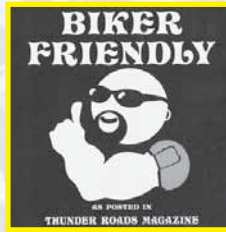
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*Courage is the resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not the absence of fear. ~ Mark Twain*

*A group of 200 executives were asked what makes a person successful. 80% listed enthusiasm as the most important quality. ~ Unknown*

*Well done is better than well said. ~ Ben Franklin*

*Some goals are so worthy, it's glorious even to fail. ~ Unknown*

## Biker Poem

The Reason ~ Written By Preacher

You sit behind the handlebars,  
While the engine plays its tune,  
You ride by soul, more than touch,  
As if guided by some ancient rune.

You think, as we all have,  
You look within as you ride,  
Without thinking about it,  
Without thought for pride,

For true bikers don't ride for glory,  
Or for the rewards of men,  
But for the simple joy of riding,  
That's not a what, it's a when.

Like the tale of man and machine,  
Growing together old,  
Something not understood,  
By those not of our fold.

Or the joy of building,  
A new ride and friend,  
That will be ridden,  
Until the end, of life or of the road,  
For in this life we chose,  
There is not a lot of difference,  
Between the two of those.



# Bullet Points

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## JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT

BY RICK WYATT



The next choice is the Browning Buckmark, a long proven platform with a well-deserved reputation. The sturdy rubber grip is very comfortable for most shooters, aluminum construction keeps the weight down, and the stock trigger isn't too shabby for the price. My biggest dislike is the way the slide/bolt are assembled makes them a crud trap and it doesn't take much neglect or cheap ammo before performance is affected. Something both the Victory and Buckmark have in common is the need to remove small screws to facilitate dis assembly for proper cleaning. If you choose either of these firearms a non-skid cleaning mat and a stick of Loctite 248 (find it, try it, you will love it!) will be invaluable.

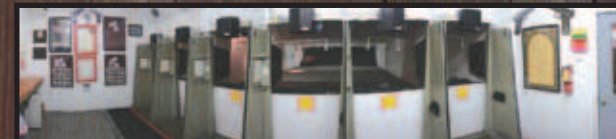
The third recommendation I would make would be any of the Ruger Mark Series. Whether you pick the 22/45 (grip to barrel angle identical to the Colt 1911), the Mark II, Mark III, or the new Mark IV you will own a workhorse of a pistol. Quite frankly I don't care for the budget models because of the polymer frame that does not allow the owner to change the grips to better fit the hand. It may be just a 'touchy feely' thing but the budget grip is completely devoid of ergonomic design and just plain not comfortable. All of the Rugers suffer from the heaviest off the shelf trigger pull (7.5+ lbs.) of the guns I have mentioned, but they also have the greatest availability of aftermarket parts including trigger kits that will drop the pull to smooth crisp 2.5 pounds turning an out of the box shooter into a virtual tack driver.

Now about the Ruger's reputation for being a nightmare to tear down and clean, don't be a sissy! I know grown men who can overhaul an internal combustion engine practically blindfolded yet squeal like Ned Beatty in "Deliverance" at the idea of stripping and cleaning their Ruger Mark II or III. Well cowboy up because there are no little screws to play with, no need for Loctite, and there is a very good step by step video on the Ruger web site that will walk you through the process. If that is still to intimidating look at the new Ruger MK IV which features push button dis assembly that will only require you to take your thumb out of your mouth for a couple of seconds to take it completely apart or put it back together, and on the bright side I think the MK IV's will put a lot of good used MK III's in the market.

Take any one of these guns, have a little tune up work done and maybe add a reflex style red dot optic and you will be taking squirrels out of the tops of trees, or getting Elmer Fudd's revenge on them "waskely wabbits" even when they are on the run. Granted, these are not Hammerlis' or Pardinis', but they won't set you back 2-3K either; but at the same time if you decide to try bullseye league competition they are capable of helping you hold your own. And frankly I love shooting my .22 pistols just for the fun of it!



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There is a lot to be thankful for in this New Year and many of us are anticipating great things, especially since we have a new president!!!

But, what I want to look at this month isn't a political thing... it's a spiritual thing. Jesus said in **2 Corinthians 5:17** "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come."

My point is that when a person accepts Christ as his/her savior God in His infinite love not only forgives our sins, once and for all, but like this verse says he is a new creation. Ya see, all that old stuff we did, those things that we're not proud of. God forgives and gives us the power and the freedom, as a child of God, to be free from those passions, those evil desires that once around like a rag doll.

The Bible also says in **Psalm 103:12** "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."

Listen, I've seen the God not only forgive sin but also take the guilt that goes along with sin. But, He doesn't stop there... I've seen Him take the memory of their sins and wash that away too. To see the joy on people's faces is amazing see and to watch what God does in people, who put their trust in Him, is awe-inspiring, and is my personal reward.

Listen, my brothers and sisters **GOD LOVES YOU** and has great mercies toward you! You might be thinking, 'then why is all this bad stuff going on in my life and in this world?' The short answer is, because of the sinful choices that we, human beings, make.

Ya see, God is just - He allows us to reject His love and His world. But, when we do that, we get what we got coming. The Bible puts it this way, **Galatians 6:7** "Don't be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows he will also reap,"

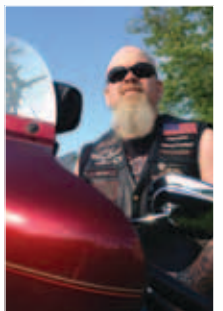
Listen, Jesus IS your answer! He is the fix you've been looking for!!! If you would like to know Him, say this with me 'Jesus, I believe you came to this earth, lived a perfect life and died for me and rose again just as your Word says. I ask you to forgive me of all my sins and be my Lord and Savior forever. In Jesus Name. Amen!'

I've you've prayed that with me... Please contact me so I can help you in your new relationship with Christ Jesus!

Happy New Year everyone!!!

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