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LETTER FROM THE OWNER

Warm Weather is Finally Here!

I am so thankful for these nice days we have been having and to see the sunshine again! The events are rolling in—everyone is "gearing" up for these few months of beautiful Michigan weather that we have to pack as many events as possible in to before the weather turns to poo again -- ha ha ha! Bring them on! Be sure to email me your events to be listed in the free event calendar by the 10th of the month prior and we will get it in.

Also, it's OFFICIAL—The 5th Annual Ride 'n Win contest has now kicked off! Dust off your Ride Card or sign up for your Free Ride Card if you have not yet done so. Then get on out there and start checking in to the Stops listed in this issue. You have a chance to win a prize at each Registration/ Ride Stop that you check in at and the odds are pretty good of winning! Just don't forget to check in! Then remember to check next month's issue to see if your Ride Card is listed as a winner. We have a lot of great sponsors and prizes this year for you to possibly win! All for FREE! Plus, anyone can participate... drive your boat, golf cart, truck, hot rod... it's all good. Read all about it in this issue.

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Now for some "Mo" Advice:

Tomorrow is unknown, so don't worry about uncertainty and what you cannot control. The only thing you have true control over is your thoughts, your feelings, and making each day the best it can be by living in the present, being in this moment!





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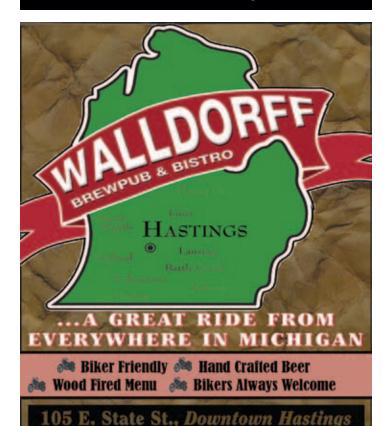


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Have you recently landed a job, got a promotion or done something else pretty great? You feel the rush of excitement for a split minute and then...self-doubt and your mind start doing their negative self-talk to you. Do you feel like you don't deserve any of it? Well, you are just another person affected by the crippling effects of the Imposter Syndrome.

Imposter Syndrome is a feeling which makes a person feel like a fraud; as if they have tricked someone for their own benefit and received success they shouldn't have in the first place. Most of the sufferers of the Imposter Syndrome are sure that their achievements and accomplishments are based on pure luck.

Instead of feeling that they were responsible for creating their own success, they feel they have never excelled in something and they don't deserve the rewards that come along their way. You, too, might have arrived at a point in your career where you have felt Imposter Syndrome.

The bad thing about the Imposter Syndrome is that you will never be able to fully get rid of it, but you can surely reduce the effects of it in your life. There are five types of Imposter Syndrome, and though each one of them leads to the same results and have more or less the same foundation, the sufferers have different beliefs in each of the categories.

Of the many ways to combat the Imposture Syndrome, the first step is to identify the cause. One needs to determine what is causing the crippling of your confidence, similar to running a troubleshoot. Once you have determined the cause, you need to discuss it with someone you trust—someone who can get you back on your feet again.

The next step to get over it is to trust the people around you; people who have a hand in bringing you up where you are. Where being a "Self-Reliant Individualist" helps boost your confidence, sometimes you just need to accept the fact that people around you do contribute to your success. It prevents the "I got lucky" factor from taking you over and it also doesn't let ego take over you.

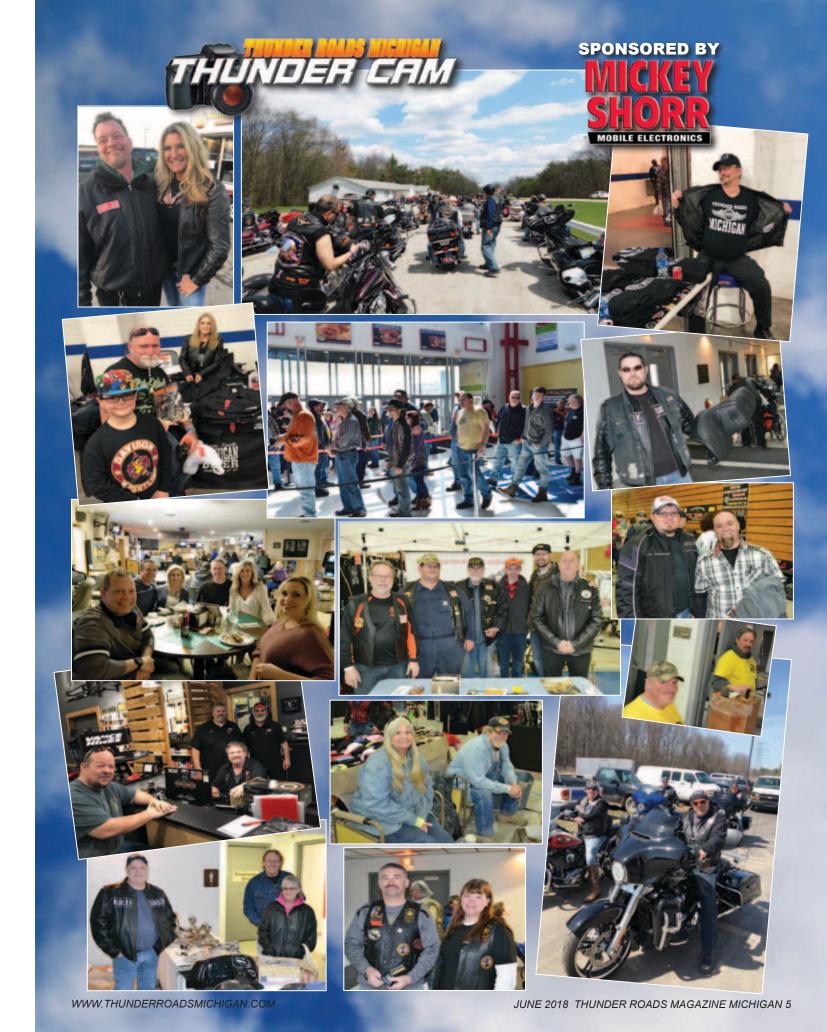
One of the things that helps the most in the battle against the Imposter Syndrome is writing; to be specific, just fictional writing. There is a truer version of our story and a version we see. Since no one ever saw your story completely, what you saw is the ultimate truth for anyone. So just write it down! Reframe your own story and write each step that brought you here. This will help you recall all the achievements you have had over the years; this boosts confidence. You might sometimes overlook tutorials in a video or audio, but what's penned down has to be true.

The next step is to mind your language. Using phrases like "I think" over "I feel" are going to make you believe you are actually capable of what you have, it wasn't all thrown at you. Though it sounds weird, but such passive elements play a vital role. The last step is to mentor someone! Share your knowledge and eventually you'll learn how much you really know about the subject and about all the skills you've been taking for granted.

Until then...Don't Coast in Neutral, Positive Shift Ahead

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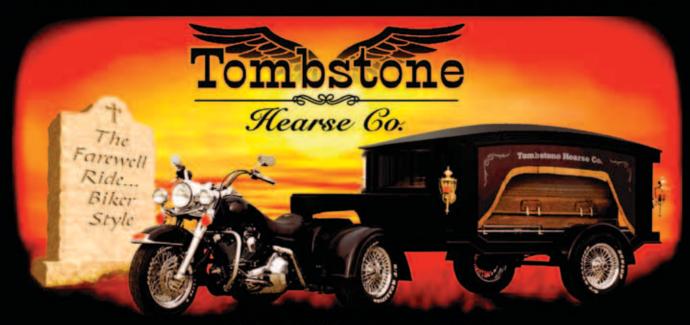
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READERS RIDES Dave McDaniel with "Bobzilla"





This is a 1991 Harley-Davidson FXSTC, which is a Softail custom, with an EVO engine and a 5-speed trans. It originally had hydraulic front forks. I installed a "springer" front fork made by Paughco.

I "christened" this bobber at the Ogemaw Hills bike week parade, which was run in the rain! And now the Bobbers name is "Bobzilla"!

I have been riding and wrenching on motorcycles for most of my life. And through those years I have always had this vision in my head of what "my perfect motorcycle" would look like. Remember, I said, "MY VISION!"

Okay, I have always admired choppers and bobbers, but I also wanted a bike that would be my bike and a daily user! Then one day a friend sent me a link to

an ad for an old Softail and it was cheap and local! That's a win-win for me! I went and looked at it and the voices in my head said...."this is it".

So, I dragged it home and looked at it a while. Then I started taking off what I didn't like and soon it started looking a little like my vision! After a lot of thought I started buying parts that I wanted to make this thing come together. And I did a "mock-up" of what the Bobber would look like and made parts and brackets etc. Once it was to my liking, I tore it apart, took the frame to the Powder Coaters for sand-blasting and powder coating. When I got the frame back it was time to assemble with new parts and freshly painted tins

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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Announces 2018 State **Veteran Home Construction Grants**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs authorized funding from the VA State Veterans Home Construction Grant Program to build two new veterans homes in Grand Rapids and southeast Michigan. According to the priority list released, the VA has authorized up to \$123 million for the projects.

"This is great news for our state's veterans," said Gov. Rick Snyder. "I am pleased Michigan gained the support from the federal VA with this grant funding for two veterans homes. It will pave the way for new, modern facilities that are long overdue and will better meet the needs of our veterans. Our brave men and women who served our state and nation deserve the absolute best, and I am proud of the work that is being done to help make Michigan the best place for veterans to live, raise a family, work and retire."

In 2016, the Michigan Legislature approved \$42 million in state funds for the projects. The VA State Home Construction Grant Program provides up to 65 percent funding for approved projects and has authorized up to \$38 million for Grand Rapids and up to \$42 million for southeast Michigan.

A plan to modernize long-term health care for the state's veterans was created by a workgroup convened by the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency to study best practices and chart a path to modernize state-run facilities providing long-term care to veterans. The workgroup, comprised of health care and financial experts and legislators, completed their report in August 2016, recommending application to the VA State Veteran Home Construction Grant Program to build up to seven new veterans homes across the state. Based on recommendations from the group and with strong bipartisan support from the legislature, Governor Rick Snyder signed into law PA 560 of 2016, creating the Michigan Veterans' Facilities Authority, governed by a nine-member board. The first action of the Authority Board was approval of the grant application designating that the first two homes be built on the current 90-acre campus in Grand Rapids and on a site to be determined in southeast Michigan.

"We appreciate VA's support of Michigan's veterans in announcing this much-needed funding to build new, modern veterans homes in our state," said Michigan Veterans Facility Chair/Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Director James Robert Redford. "This is an important first step that allows Michigan to continue providing veteran-centered care in a modern homelike setting, eventually expanding the number of veteran homes across the state in order to serve veterans close to where they live."

The Michigan Veterans Facility Authority Board of Directors continues work to finalize site selection in southeast Michigan, based on legislative direction to locate a new state veterans home in

Michigan Prosperity Region 10. The board has a goal of beginning construction of the new facility in Grand Rapids in September

For more information about the new veteran home project in Grand Rapids, visit the Michigan Veterans Facility Authority Board, Public Documents at michiganveterans.com

Roscommon Co. Veterans Affairs Combats Depression with Relaxation Room

For veterans, depression is a very real issue. For the Roscommon County Veterans Affairs director, it's a battle he takes personally. VA director Heath Nemeth says he got the idea for the Veterans' Relaxation Room from serving in Alaska.

The board approved and he transformed an old office room in the VA to be used specifically for vets who need it. Inside is a large massage chair and a 10,000-lux Vitamin-D light. He says it's a little that goes a long way in combatting depression.

"It's extremely important," Nemeth says. "To come in, especially in the winters like up here, to get out of the elements and to have a purpose, a main thing, a lot of older veterans wake up in the morning. What do you do in the wintertime? Well, now they can come in here and they can get their Vitamin-D and they can get a massage and relax."

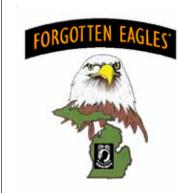
The Veterans' Relaxation Room is open every weekday to any veteran from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. inside the Roscommon County Building.

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Understanding Michigan's Graduated Driver License Program

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TEEN DRIVER STATISTICS

It should go without saying that the act of driving a motor vehicle, in and of itself, is a big responsibility. When you couple that with the standard inexperience of a young driver, the risk factor greatly increases. A staggering statistic is that crashes are the leading cause of death among American teens, accounting for more than one-third of all deaths of 16-18-year-olds.

But why is that?

The easy answer is that young drivers simply haven't acquired enough knowledge or experience to understand how to safely operate a motor vehicle. According to the **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)**, teens tend to be overconfident in their abilities, and are more likely to "engage in risky behaviors, such as speeding, tailgating, running red lights, violating traffic signs and signals, making illegal turns, passing dangerously, and failure to yield to pedestrians."

MICHIGAN'S GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSE FOR TEENS

Like every state, Michigan has implemented a multi-tiered licensing system for young drivers, with restrictions gradually lifting upon completion of each level. Hence the term, "Graduated Driver Licensing." The first level is the most restrictive, with driving privileges only afforded when a parent, legal guardian or designated licensed adult is present.

Once the new motorist moves on to the second level, they are permitted to drive without a licensed adult, but not between the hours of 10 p.m.-5 a.m. There are exceptions to this, such as work/school-related events, but a licensed adult over the age of 21 must be present. Furthermore, at this level, no more than one passenger under the age of 21 is permitted in the vehicle, unless the passengers are immediate family members or going to/from work or 'authorized event.'

NHTSA data indicates that, when you add passengers to the driving scenario, the fatality risk for 16-17-year-old drivers is 3.6 times higher than when driving alone. Worse, the more passengers there are, the higher the risk.

Nighttime driving increases the likelihood of a crash, too—4 of 10 teen crash deaths happen at night. Not only is driving at night simply more difficult (especially for a novice driver), teens are also far more likely to be sleep-deprived or inebriated after dark. The risk of a serious crash for teens who drink and drive is far greater than that of their adult counterparts, even with equal blood alcohol levels.

Given all this information, it is no wonder the Michigan GDL program places such restrictions on young drivers. It is for their safety, as well as everyone around them.

Even the most experienced driver is tempted by distraction, every time they get behind the wheel. Navigation systems, cell phones, and other passengers can momentarily take a person's eyes off the road, leaving a tragic window of opportunity wide open. When you combine that possible distraction with a teen's inexperience and inability to accurately detect or assess potential hazards, it increases the recipe for disaster, as we see in our case that I previously mentioned. The young motorcyclist's death was an avoidable tragedy; in my opinion, had the driver been experienced or had her full attention been used to actively look and perceive other vehicles, the death would not have happened.

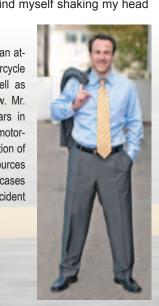
It is so important that parents of teen drivers be aware of the driving restrictions placed upon their child, and impress upon them how crucial it is to take the time to become a safe driver, paying attention to their surroundings at all times. As a parent, a lawyer, and a motorcyclist, I often find myself shaking my head and pondering, "If only..."

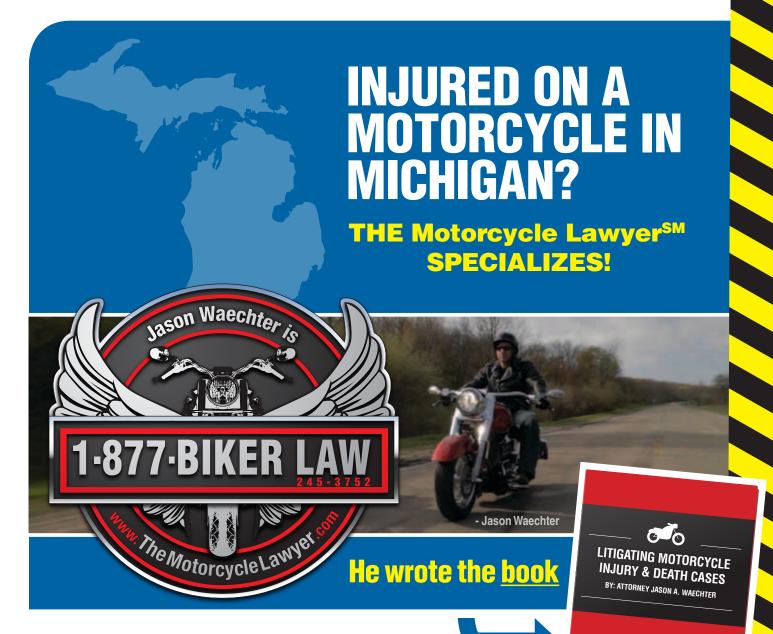
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Bubba is asking Earl's advice. "Ya' know we all stayed out really late at the new topless bar and when I got home there on the handle of the microwave was balanced two apples with a banana in the middle sticking out and my best skinning knife stuck in the banana. What in the hell do you think is up with that?" Earl thinks a bit, tilts his head at Bubba and says, "Do you think she's wanting you to eat more fruit?".

Two guys, both around 60 years old, pulled in the same slot at Sonic as all the spots were full. The one old guy, Bert, is on a scooter and places his order and nods to Jax, who's on his beloved Night Train, to then place his order. They're both eating their grub and talking bikes when Bert pumps up his chest and says, "I get 80 miles per gallon, what you get?" Jax is chewing away and looks Bert right in the eyes; "I get laid."

Have you ever just stood there listening to someone and you literally have to fight the urge to just start singing as loud as you can that great ole classic from The Wizard of Oz.....If You Only Had A Brain? js

So "Boozer" gets home at 5am after being out partying all night and first thing he does is reach for his bottle of Jack Daniels in the freezer to make him a nightcap. As the freezer door is shutting he sees a note from his fiancé on the door that reads: "This isn't working. Goodbye." Boozer opens it up again and thinks to himself, "what is wrong with that woman, the door works just fine." js

Guys, when a woman is really super mad, just tell her she's overreacting and she'll look at you, realize your absolutely right and calm the puck down immediately.

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A nun walks into the Mother Superior's office and plunks down into a chair. She lets out a sigh, heavy with frustration.

"What troubles you, Sister?" asked Mother Superior. "I thought this was the day you spent with your family."

"It was," sighed the Sister. "And I went to play golf with my brother. We try to play golf as often as we can. You know I was quite a talented golfer before I devoted my life to the Church." "I seem to recall that," Mother Superior agreed.

"So I take it your day of recreation was not relaxing?"

"Far from it," snorted the Sister. "In fact, I used profane language

"Goodness, Sister!" gasped Mother Superior. "You must tell me all about it!"

"Well, we were on the 5th tee — and this hole is a monster, Mother — 540 yard par 5, with a nasty dogleg right and a hidden green ... and I hit the drive of my life. The sweetest swing I've ever made. And it's flying straight and true, right along the line I wanted ... and it hits a bird in mid-flight!"

"Oh my." commiserated Mother Superior. "How unfortunate. But surely that didn't make you blaspheme, Sister."

"No, that wasn't it," admitted the Sister. "While I was still trying to fathom what had happened, this squirrel runs out of the woods, grabs my ball and runs off down the fairway."

"Oh, that would have made me blaspheme." sympathized Mother

"But I didn't, Mother!" sobbed the Sister. "And I was so proud of myself! And while I was pondering whether this was a sign from above, this hawk swoops out of the sky and grabs the squirrel and flies off, with my ball still clutched in his paws."

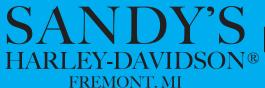
"So that's when you cursed," said Mother Superior with an allknowing smile.

"Nope, that wasn't it either," cried the Sister, anguished, "because as the hawk started to fly out of sight, the squirrel started struggling, and the hawk dropped him right there on the green, and the ball popped out of his paws and rolled to about 18 inches from the cup."

Mother Superior sat back in her chair, folded her arms across her chest, fixed the Sister with a baleful stare and deadpanned... "You missed the f*#^ing putt, didn't you?"

A bitter husband says to his wife; "On your gravestone, I'll put the words: Cold As Ever."

The wife replies, "Fine by me. On yours', I'll just simply put: Stiff At Last."



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Hyssa's Adventures in the Mitten

I LEARNED TO RIDE!

This month's adventure was getting my motorcycle endorsement. It is something I hadn't given a lot of thought to until the last year or so. Seeing other ladies out on the road, riding their own motorcycles, made me think:

Although I also love being a passenger and not having to do a thing but take in the beautiful scenery, I chose to take the class at Grand Rapids Harley-Davidson. It is a three-day course that consists of part classroom/ part range-riding. But first, you have to complete and pass an online e-course so you know the basics of riding

Although that is pretty much what you can expect for most motorcycle-instructional class curriculums, my surprise was how dedicated the Leonard family was at teaching us. My

coaches were Russ and Bill Leonard, along with some help from Russ's wife Jody and their son. They spend a lot of their weekends coaching and teaching students about learning the proper ways of riding.

I have to admit I was nervous about taking the class, not having really any motorcycle driving experience. There were ten of us in the class—mostly guys who already had riding experience and the rest of us were girls with none. I quickly learned to be confident in all the exercises I was taught and to appreciate the patience that the coaches

The range driving prepares you for your exam at the end of class. You practice over and over and get guidance from your coaches on what you did right or wrong and you get chances to correct it. They teach you to be a safe driver and how to handle situations that could arise suddenly. They really care about you being safe out on the road. The coaches also shared personal experiences with us and a lot of great advice.

Unfortunately, some students struggled along the way and did not pass—but they were close. I'm happy to say I passed both range and written tests and now have my motorcycle endorsement! And I am glad it's over! Since the classes were held during HARLEY-DAVIDSON the last week of April, the mornings were freezing-27 degrees one morning! Brrr!

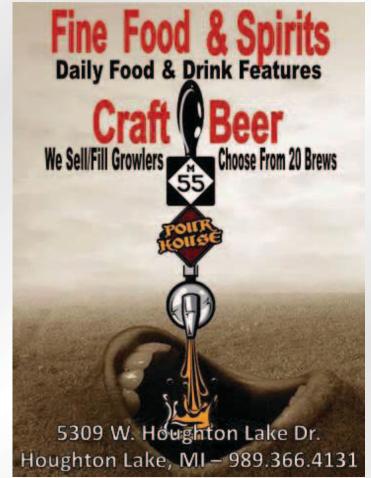
I highly recommend learning to ride at GRHD Riding Academy with the Leonard family. It was a great experience overall and I plan to spend the summer getting more driving experience because as of last night I purchased my first Harley-Davidson motorcycle! See you out on the road!





















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The 5th Annual





HERE'S THE DETAILS

- 1. Go to any stop listed on "The Stops" pages with a Ride Card image by itthey 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!
- 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 or check Facebook: Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan to see to see if your Ride Card # is listed as a winner from stops you made the previous month! (You will need to show them your Ride Card # along with the winning Ride Card # list to claim your prize).

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
- You can check-in 1 time each week at each Stop.
- Riders are able to win multiple prizes based upon the drawing of their
- 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

It's really that simple!

- I. Get Your Own Unique Michigan Ride Card (It Does Not Expire).
- 2. Get the list of stops each month from Thunder Roads Magazine or the
- 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!



2018 MICHIGAN THUNDER RUN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST

JUNE 2018 STOPS MAP



2018 MICHIGAN THUNDER RUN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST

THE STOPS

For the month of June 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 months issue (or view the magazine online at www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com) or Facebook: Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan 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 the 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!



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.

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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, Breakfast Sat & Sun.

Zone 18 Bar & Grill

700 East Houghton Lake Dr,
Prudenville, MI 48651. (989) 3667750 Hours: M-Th 11 am- Midnight,
Fri & Sat 11 am- 1 am, Sun NoonMidnight. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month.
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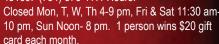
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Crockery Creek Saloon

17040 Main St. Nunica, MI 49448. (616) 384-3701 Hours:

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The difference between men and boys is the price of their toys...as the old cliché goes. As winter turns to spring it's time to put away the winter toys and start breaking out the summer toys. Time to put away the skis and the snowmobiles and get the motorcycles, quads, ATV's & jet skis ready for action. Just like when I tell the boys to take care of their toys if they want to have them when they want them... so too we have to take care of our toys or someone might look to take care of

Here are some sobering facts from the NICB (National Insurance Crime Bureau):

- In the US a motorcycle is stolen every 9.4 seconds
- · Thefts spike in warmer months, especially July and August
- Make your bike less appealing to thieves by adding security devices
- Only 30% of stolen motor cycles are ever recovered

It's not much better for watercrafts...over 500 are stolen each month in the US.

It might be the "price of our toys" that is attracting attention from unsavory Char-

In NICB's "Motorcycle Theft and Fraud" they report why our toys are attractive to

"It's not uncommon for a motorcycle's base price to exceed \$20,000, with aftermarket parts adding thousands of dollars to the original cost

"Compared to a modern car with anti-theft technology, motorcycles are relatively easy for professionals to steal - on some models the locks can be defeated and the engine started in less than 30 seconds.

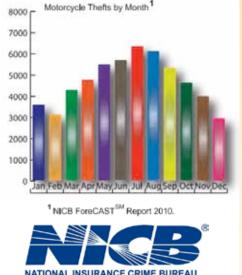
"Stolen cycles are typically sold whole or stripped down in chop shop-like fashion

"Higher-end motorcycles are sought after luxury items worldwide, promoting a large export market for stolen parts"

"The high profit potential for these stolen parts means that the odds of recovering a bike in its original, pristine condition are slim to none!

The NICB recommends having a "layered approach" to prevent theft. The more layers you have, the less likely your bike will be stolen. Here are a few tips (or layers) to keep your bike as safe as possible.

- Customize your ride
- Park within sight & in a well-lit area
- Keep your key away from the bike
- Consider installing hidden kill switches
- Use an anti-theft lock with an alarm
- Securely transport your toys 7. Utilize a GPS tracking device
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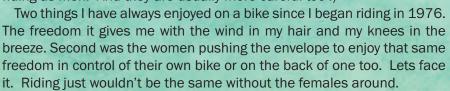






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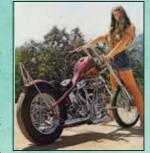
ince I turned 60 this year I have lived through many riding fads over the years from the rat bikes to choppers to the billet queens and more. One constant thing that has prevailed as long as there has been two wheelers are the adventurous ladies who dare to ride their own bikes. And I, for one, have always admired that. It has not always been that way. I remember a time when many men just plain did not care to see women riding bikes. Now you might see almost as many riding as men. And they are usually more careful too:)



So I want to share a different sort of Flashback with y'all this month. Here is a collection of vintage photos of ladies from the early days of riding up into them crazy chopper days of the 1970s and beyond for you to enjoy.

Spring is almost here and you know what that means? Time get your bikes serviced, check your tires, and make plans to attend some events coming up. And it also means women won't be wearing near as many

I hope to see ya on the road somewhere. Ride safe & often!!!!































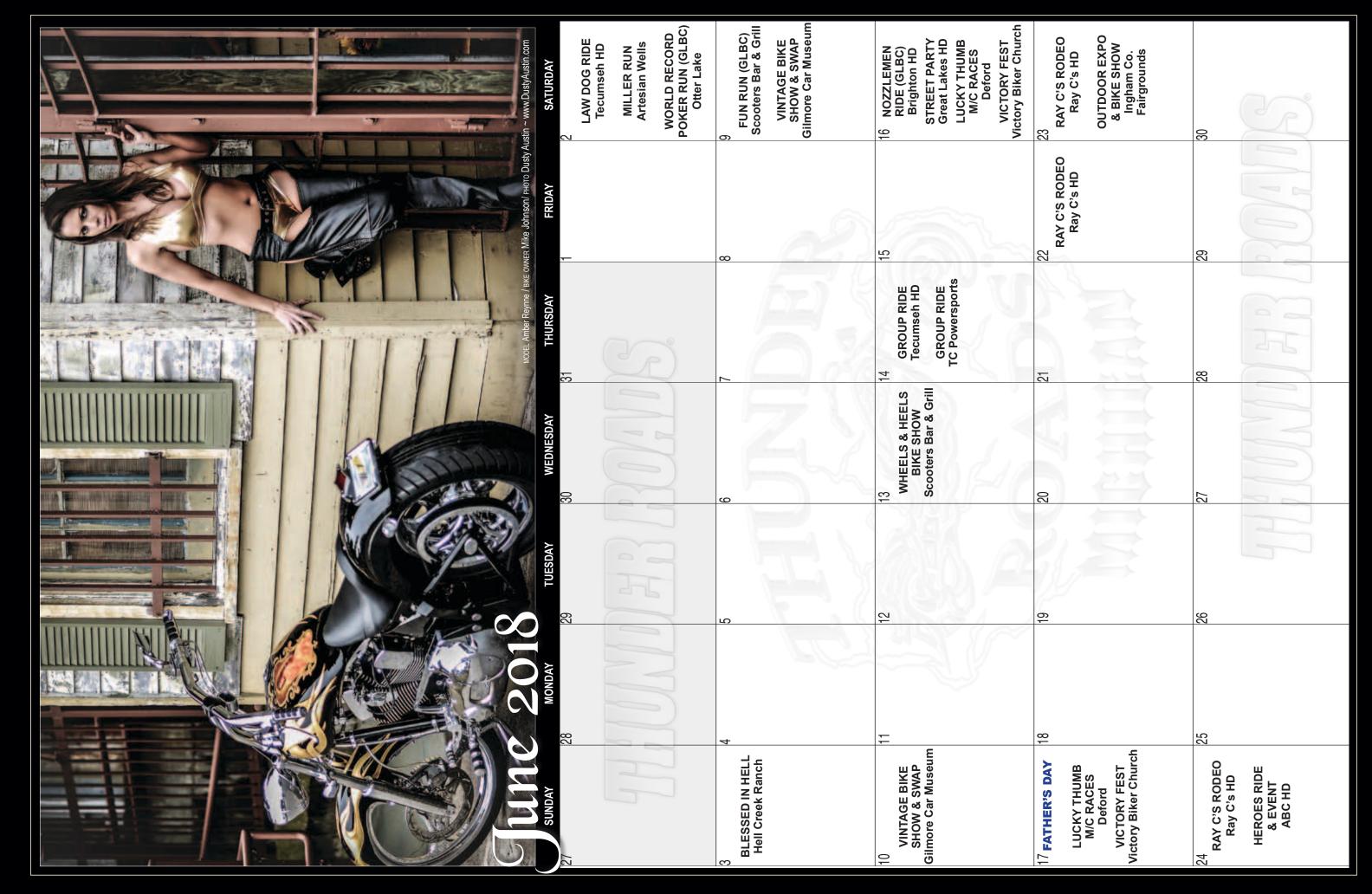


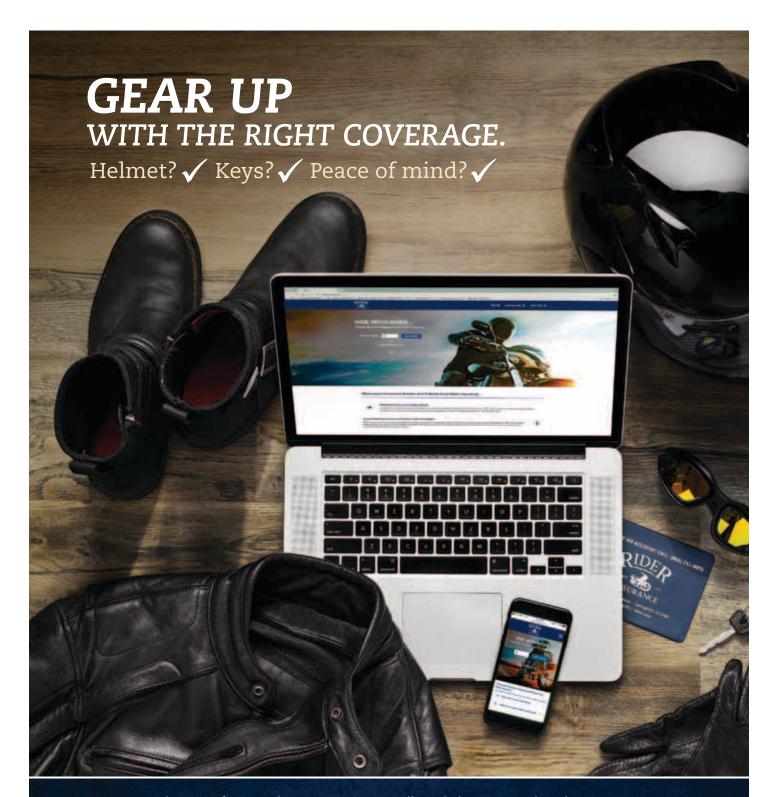












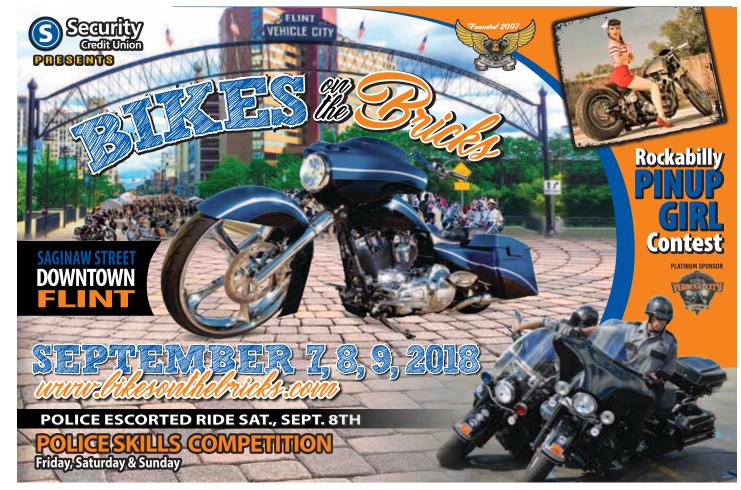
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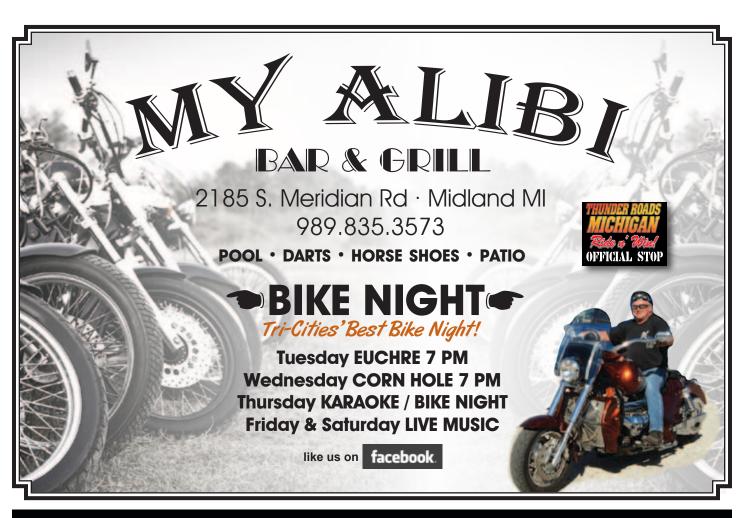


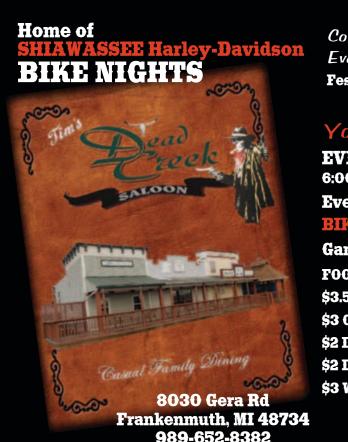












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~ Bertrand Russell

 \overline{T} here can be no real freedom without the freedom to fail.

~ Eric Hoffe

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves. ~ Abraham Lincoln

 $I_{\!f}$ you do not think about the future, you cannot have one.

~ John Galsworthy

Biker Sayings

Four wheels move your body, but two wheels move your soul.

You start the game with a full pot of luck and an empty pot of experience. The objective is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck.

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MOTORCYCLES OVERTAKEGilmore Car Museum For Entire Weekend

ву Jay A. Follis, Director of Marketing at the Gilmore Car Museum рнотоѕ by Gilmore Car Museum



The Gilmore Car Museum, well known for its worldclass collection of nearly 400 historic automobiles and as North America's largest auto museum, will again shift its focus entirely to motorcycles on Saturday, June 9th and Sunday, June 10 th.

What makes this year stand out is that it marks the very first time the popular annual event has grown to encompass two days by extending the Swap Meet into Saturday. The Vintage Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet held at the Museum has been considered one of the largest

events of its kind in the Midwest for several years.

"Over the last several years, this event has just been busting at the seams," stated Chris Shires. Museum Executive Director.

The Saturday Vintage Motorcycle ride originated a few years previous with just a handful of owners wanting to explore the backcountry roads near the Museum on their vintage bikes. Last year, however, they saw nearly 150 cycles join in.

"We knew it was simply time to expand the swap meet to both Saturday and Sunday, and invite more to take part in the ride on Saturday," Shires continued.

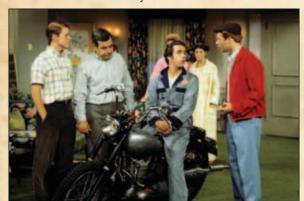
Thousands of motorcycles, from rare and iconic rides of the past 100 years to the newest models driven by spectators, will rumble into the Gilmore Car Museum campus in Hickory Corners, MI on Sunday for the show. Those driven by spectators of the event—including new, old, and custom rides—receive the VIP treatment and take up a large portion of the Museum grounds in what Shires described as "a wonderful bike show itself."

"You'll see some of the best examples of original and restored vintage motorcycles at this event," explained Museum spokesperson Jay Follis. "And a few extras this year."

The Vintage Show will take place on Sunday and features antique and vintage motorcycles, scooters, customs and more, all 25 years and older, arranged in two areas. A special Master Class will be made up of historically accurate motorcycles that are 35 years old or older. Peer judging will also take place, where several classes of cycles will be displayed under their country's flag of origin. Those that take part by displaying their motorcycles during the show will also have a chance to win a brand-new Klinger cycle trailer.

Seminars and demos by some of the top experts in the motorcycle field will be offered throughout Sunday.

The event also includes a large "Bike Corral" full of vintage motorcycles for sale, the huge two-day motorcycle parts and memorabilia swap meet, and a special exhibit area to showcase new motorcycles and offer demo rides.



Included with admission to the show is the entire Gilmore Car Museum campus and exhibits of nearly 400 vehicles, including a permanent exhibit hall dedicated

to vintage motorcycles. That newly updated display presents a custom 9-11 tribute bike, a rare unrestored barn-find 1914 Harley-Davidson, one of the Triumphs actually used by "The Fonz" on the Happy Days TV series, and many examples of iconic brand names such as Vincent. Indian. BMW. Honda and more.

Other special Museum exhibits include the limited engagement "A.J. Foyt—A Legendary Exhibition" which covers the racing career of the first four-time winner of the famed Indy 500 and features each of those four winning cars. Guests will also find "Born to Perform—The Era of the Muscle," showcasing some of the rarest and most sought-after high-performance cars of the 1960s and '70s.

The FREE Vintage Motorcycle Ride on Saturday, June 9th is open to all bikes 25 years old or older and follows the mantra of "Ride 'em, Don't Hide 'em!"

Those who wish to enter one or more vintage motorcycles in the show field only pay for the first bike, with all additional bikes they show are free.

Daily spectator admission to the Motorcycle Weekend is only \$14.00 per person, those 11 and under FREE! A discounted two-day pass is \$23.00, and either ticket includes all museum exhibits at no extra charge and FREE Parking. The Museum is located just 20 minutes northeast of Kalamazoo on M-43 and Hickory Road. Visit GilmoreCarMuseum.org to learn more about the museum and this very special weekend.



The Gilmore Car Museum's authentic working 1941 diner makes the perfect backdrop for the Vintage Motorcycle Show.



This 1930 Cleveland motorcycle and others are shown in front of the museums 1930s service station during a past Vintage Cycle Show.

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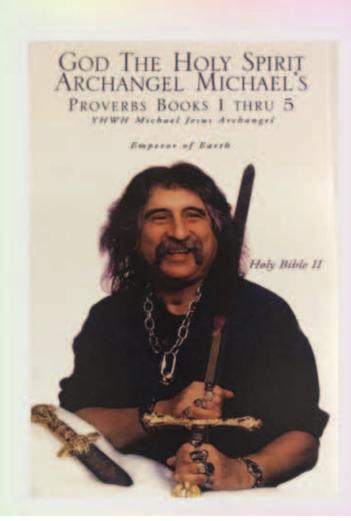
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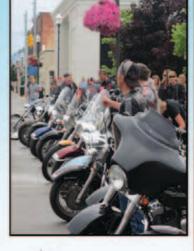
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Sport Touring Corner

By Norm Kern



WHAT IS SPORT TOURING?









by local members who know every good road in the region and have cleverly strung them together into spectacular routes. Typical route length is 150-350 miles in a day. A typical rally has half a dozen or more routes of varying length and complexity to choose from. When you attend a MSTA rally, you will be riding with a small (typically 2-6) group of riders who are safe, experienced, wear gear and ride well-maintained bikes. Unlike a social club's events, the parking lot is empty

MSTA is a national club that has a strong presence in Ohio and Indiana area. They have a website (ridemsta.com) and have monthly breakfast/brunch rides in several locations, but their greatest attraction is the unique regional and national rallies that the club promotes. Unlike most, these are RIDING rallies, held in locations with the best roads. Curated routes are provided in GPS and map form, carefully crafted

during the day because everyone comes to RIDE. If this kind of rally appeals to you, there is no better place to find it than MSTA.

In the coming months, we'll be talking about lots of sport touring and related topics, including adventure, dual sport and long distance riding. Feel free to email me at nkern@kernvideo.com with comments, questions or things you'd like to see in the Sport Touring

In this new column we are going to talk about sport touring- the riders, the bikes, places to go and a lot

What exactly is a sport touring motorcycle and what makes someone a sport touring rider?

First, the sport touring rider views motorcycling as a skill-based sport. That doesn't mean they are necessarily interested in racing or competition, but rather they look forward to a challenge and enjoy practicing and developing their riding skill. It's not just riding a beautiful road, it's riding it in complete control at a brisk pace, what many riders call "in the zone." That's the "sport" part of sport touring. The "touring" part is that a typical riding day covers several hundred miles and is often part of multi-day travel on the bike rather than towing the bike and riding it at the destination.

The sportbike that is so much fun to ride "in the zone" is not comfortable enough for most people to ride all day or a long distance. Enter the sport touring bike. Start with a large displacement sportbike that combines power, handling, braking and control. Modify it to be comfortable to ride 250+ miles per day and on

Typical factory modifications include comfortable seating for two normal sized people, hard luggage, a fairing for wind protection, electric adjustable windshield, large fuel tank, heated grips, cruise control, etc. Although some riders add forward highway footpegs for an alternate leg position, footpegs are under the rider for maximum control, typically placed as low as possible while preserving cornering clearance. Taller handlebars, placed closer to the rider to allow for a more upright riding position, complete the package.

Most sport touring bikes have shaft drive and liquid cooled engines. These features enable more power, less maintenance and less mechanical noise. Since

the engine and radiator is inside the fairing, hot air can be ducted out the bottom and sides far enough that the rider avoids most of the heat. Since sport touring bikes come from the factory with plenty of horsepower, there is rarely need for engine or exhaust modifications, leaving plenty of time and money for other refinements.

Sport touring riders are serious about riding safety. Many have taken safety and advanced riding courses to develop their skills. Most wear helmets, boots, jackets, gloves and other armored riding gear.

One of my favorite things about my fellow sport touring riders is that they are responsible people you can feel safe riding with, but that also brings up a question. Where does the sport touring enthusiast find like-minded riders?

After being mostly away from riding for several years while establishing a business, in 2001 I purchased a Honda ST1100 and began looking for people to ride with. I stumbled onto a small ad in a magazine for Motorcycle Sport Touring Association (MSTA). Contacting one of the officers to learn more, I was invited to an informal Spring ride.

I was delighted when I arrived that day at the parking lot in Harrison, Indiana. A wide variety of brands and bike models were on hand, along with about fifty friendly people, mostly suited up in nice riding gear. I thought, "Here are all the people I've always wanted to ride with! Why didn't I find out about this

The day's route, with riders in small groups of four to eight people, wound through small twisty back roads in southeast Indiana, crossed the Ohio River at Markland dam, then on the back roads of Kentucky to the mid-afternoon lunch stop at Dry Ridge. After a nice lunch with new friends, I headed home to Dayton, Ohio; about 250 miles for the day.























Norm Kern, long time Dayton Motorcycle Club member and MSTA member, has been riding a number of bike styles for over 50 years, including British sportbikes of the '60s, pure touring bikes such as the classic Moto Guzzis of the '70s, plus off-road enduros and dual sport riding on a variety of dirt bikes. During his 50+ years of motorcycling, he's owned a motorcycle shop and done mechanical work as well.

Most of Norm's miles have been on the road. He's always enjoyed day rides and long trips, and finds the twisty mountainous roads of the Appalachian Mountains to be his favorite. Norm found he liked a brisk pace, and lost interest in large pure touring bikes in the 1980s.

In 1986, he had an opportunity to trade a friend for an almost new Kawasaki Concours. With over 100 horsepower, decent adjustable suspension, cornering clearance, good brakes, shaft drive, large tank and fairing, it turned him into a sport touring rider for good.

Since then, Norm's had a Honda ST1100, ST1300, and a 2014 Yamaha FJR1300ES, riding about 150 k miles since 2001. Since getting the FJR, he's been riding about 20k miles per year, mostly on four day weekend trips.

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You know how nice it is when everything comes together when you put on an event and it is a big success? Well on the 28th of April, ALL Regions across the State did their part and had their tables out with "Look Twice Save A Life" signs and their handmade ones with "May Is Motorcycle Awareness Month" braving the cold, wind, and cloudy day. I thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your commitment to encouraging the general public to "Look Twice Save A Life Motorcycles Are Everywhere." I even received a picture from Life Member Larry Bell and Liz Santino from Region 10! It was really coo!

You know how hard it is to make all the events going on across the State. You have yard work to do on weekends, flowers to plant, grass to cut, sticks to pick-up from the past cold season, friends stopping by for a cold one and shooting the breeze. Family parties, birthdays, weddings for close friends, graduations for your son's and daughter's friends, and in the back of your mind, there is a ride going on somewhere. When you can, you squeeze them all in or even part of some, and you feel blessed that you have the opportunity to just be part of something. Going to all these good times and getting there safe is what we all want and hope for. When more and more car and truck drivers pay attention because they saw a sign or billboard showing our "Look Twice Save A Life Motorcycles Are Everywhere" promotions, it's all worth the hard work and commitment we all feel as ABATE Members. We all want to go for a ride and come home safe. It is our responsibility to ride safely and enjoy the freedom of the open road.

If every member just told one other non-rider about Motorcycle Awareness, just imagine how many residents we could get to and how many they would talk to, and so on. The ride with Secretary of State Ruth Johnson was short but necessary. It kicked-off the riding season with the message of safety and awareness! Also got to see Vince's new bike and it's really a nice unit. He already had 1400 miles on it.

We will be in Lansing on June 5th for the Freedom Rally and we need all the support we can get. The Legislators are running for re-election and it helps ABATE when we show up in force.

Remember to enjoy the summer and comradery of other riders at upcoming events:

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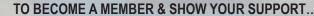
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June 2 Toni n' Trish House Memorial Ride Bubba's Tri-City Cycle, Linwood, MI. 10 am line up, leaves at noon, ends at Willew for dinner, bands. For more info call 989-697-5525

June 2 Blessing of the Bikes American Spirit Centre/Brighton VFW, Brighton, MI. 9-2 pm, \$10 per bike, breakfast \$8, music.

June 2 The Remedy Ride Midland Eagles, 2934 E. Monroe, Midland, MI. Regis 9:30 am, kickstands up 11 am, dinner 4:30 pm, live auction, music, \$15 rider, \$25 with passenger, \$10 dinner only. For more info call Coco 989-687-5267

June 3 **Blessed in Hell** Hell Creek Ranch, Hell, MI. Blessings, ride in bike show, vendors, live music, \$10 per bike, gates open 10:30 am. For more info go to hellcreekranch.com

June 9 Flint Axemen MI 6 Fun Run Scooters Bar & Grill, Flint, MI. Regis 10 am, all bikes out by noon, \$15 single, \$20 double. For more info call Halsey 517-861-0457 (See GLBC full page ad this issue).

June 9-10 23rd Annual Vintage Motorcycle Show & 2 Day Swap Meet Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI. 9 am -4 pm, rain or shine, Sat swap only, Sat & Sun Show & Swap. For more info go to GilmoreCarMuseum.org (See full page ad/article this issue).

June 13 10th Annual Wheels & Heels **Lady Rider Motorcycle Show** Scooters Bar & Grill, Flint, MI. Regis 5-7 pm, trophies 8 pm, \$10 donation with gift bags for first 25 ladies to enter, must ride in to enter, raffles, 50/50, rain date 20th. For more info go to facebook.com/sirensmotorcvcleclubmichiganevents

June 14 Group Ride to Bike Night Tecumseh HD. Tecumseh, Ml. 6 pm, kickstands up 6:15 pm, ride as a group to Bike Night at Artesian Wells. All bikes welcome. For more info call 517-423-3333 (See full page ad inside back cover this issue).

Group Ride to Bike Night TC Powersports, Michigan Center, MI. 6 pm, kickstands up 6:15 pm, ride as a group to Bike Night at Artesian Wells. All bikes welcome. For more info call 517-764-3600 (See full page ad inside back cover this issue).

June 15-16 9th Annual Salute to Veterans -Thunder at the River 15th 3 pm depart VFW in Manistee to Little River Casino, Memorial ride on 16th regis 9- 11:30, kickstands up noon, food, fun, dj, beer tent & more. For more info and all the details go to thunderattheriver.

June 16 Nozzlemen M/C Ride Brighton HD, Brighton, MI. Regis 3 pm, ride leaves 4L30 pm, \$20 bike, \$30 with rider, or \$50 ride with food, music, 50/50. raffle. For more info call Michael 734-386-9292 (See GLBC full page ad this issue).

18th Annual Street Party Great Lakes HD, Bay City, MI. noon- 6pm, adult beverages, entertainment. For more info go to greatlakeshd.com (See ad this

June 16-17 Lucky Thumb M/C Races 7394 Bevens Rd, Deford, MI 48729, 16th-short track (3/5/7). 17th TT Scrambles (8/10/12). For more info go to luckythumbmotorcycle.com (See ad this issue).

June 16-17 **Victory Fest** Victory Biker Church, Lennon, MI. Gates open at 10 am both days, live music, bike show, pulled pork, guest speaker, vendors & more. For more info go to victorybikerchurch.org (See ad this issue)

20th Annual Chick Run Association Dwight Lydell Park, Grand Rapids, MI. Regis 8:45 am- 9:45 am, \$20 includes 2 raffles, kickstands up 10 am sharp, all bikes welcome. For more info call Deb 616-822-5749

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June 23 4th Annual Party & Moncie "Gunny" John Memorial Ride Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. Regis 10 am- noon, kickstands up noon, \$15 per bike + \$10 passenger, dinner included, ends at Mo Jo's Food & Spirits, cash bar, 50/50, all welcome. For more info call 810-664-9261

Harley's Heroes Ride & Event ABC HD. Waterford, MI. Regis 10- 10:45 am, kickstands up 11 am, \$20 donation incl t-shirt, scenic ride, lunch, live entertainment. Pre-regis by June 10th to guarantee size ride t-shirt. For more info call 248-674-3175 (See ad this issue).

June 24 Ride for the Fallen 3rd Annual Motorcycle Fun Run starts/ ends at the Cass City Fire Department 6691 Church St. Regis 10am, last one out 11am, last one in 5pm. 18 & older, all vehicles welcome, door prizes, 50/50, \$20.00 per rider/driver. \$10.00 per passenger, food & drinks provided at the end of the ride

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12th Annual Injured Soldiers Lvon Ride & Classic Car Show James Atchison Memorial Park. New Hudson, MI. Ride-regis 11 am- noon, ride leaves 12:15 pm, \$20 entrance fee per rider/pass incle t-shirt, food. Car show 11 am- 4pm. For more info or to pre-regis go to www.injuredsoldiers.org (See ad this issue).

2018 Strength in Numbers Veterans Ride New Back Door Lounge 4515 N. Lake Rd., Columbiaville, MI 48421 Regis 9-11 am, Ride 11 or on your own, \$15 pp/\$20 per couple, breakfast from 9 -11 am for donation w/all \$\$ going to help Veterans, prizes, dinner. For more info call Renee 810-653-5928

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17th Annual Niles Burn Run Riverfront Park, fri professional wrestling 6 pm, Sat car & bike show, music, food, vendors, Sun Ride-police, fire, ems escorted regis 9 am, \$20 bike, \$30 rider. For more info go to nilesburnrun.com (See GLBC full page ad this issue).

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Ride For Freedom Trails End Pub. 10141 N Finley Lk. Ave., Harrison, MI 48625 Leaves: 11:00 a.m. Cost \$20 includes T-shirt if registered by July 6th. Money raised will purchase Vietnam War Statue. For

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July 28 Talons Out Honor Flight Whiskey Creek Old Style Grill, Springfield, MI. 4:30 pm, Help fly veterans from Southwest MI to Washington DC. pledge of allegiance, bike night/cruise in, silent auction. For more info call 269-965-4511

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IN THE SHOP WITH RON

TOP-END Health

This month in the shop, we will be going through the steps necessary to check the top-end health of a typical internal combustion engine. If you notice a loss of power or maybe the motor isn't running quite as well as it did, it might be time to check to see how healthy your top end is—or isn't.

The two main tests I use to determine top-end health are a compression test and a cylinder leak-down test. To test compression, we will need a compression tester, which will tell us how much compression each cylinder is producing.



In order for the engine to run properly, the pistons and rings must compress the fuel and air mixture so it will fire and must be able to transfer the pressure from combustion into power. To test compression, first we choose the correct flex-hose adapter for the cylinder we're checking and screw it in to the spark-plug hole on the cylinder being tested (with spark plug removed).



Next, we can connect the compression gauge to the flex hose on the cylinder being tested.



Now we can turn the motor over several times with the starter while watching the needle on the compression gauge stop turning the motor over when the needle on the compression gauge stops climbing. Record your reading and repeat test on remaining cylinders, recording the readings for each cylinder. Each manufacturer has their own recommendations for minimum compression requirement and also for maximum acceptable difference in compression between the cylinders. As a general rule, if there is a 10% or greater difference in compression between cylinders, we need to do additional checking to see why.

One motorcycle manufacturer recommends acceptable compression between 90 psi and 120 psi per cylinder, but both cylinders should be with in approximately 10% of each other. To explain, if one cylinder has 110 psi of compression and another has 80 psi of compression, that is a difference of roughly 15%, which is not acceptable.

To test to see where/why we are losing compression, we will use a cylinder leak-down tester.



The leak-down tester has two gauges on it: one monitors the amount of air being introduced into the cyl-

inder (the one on the left) and the other monitors the amount of pressure being held by the cylinder being tested (the one on the right). If there is a difference greater than 12% between the two gauges, there is a problem

BY Ron Johnson

To determine the cause, I like to have the engine properly prepped for testing by removing the air cleaner and having the crankcase drained and drain plug removed. Now, while pumping air into the cylinder, listen for air escaping through the exhaust or intake also from the crankcase. Air escaping from the intake means the intake valve is not seating properly or burned, air escaping from exhaust means the exhaust valve is not seating properly or burned; air escaping from crankcase means it is getting by the piston rings.

If you're testing a liquid-cooled engine, check the radiator for bubbles. If there are bubbles forming in the coolant, it usually means a head gasket has failed. There are several other factors that could cause a cylinder to fail a leak test; by determining where the air is going points us in the right direction to determine the cause. If your motor seems a bit more tired than usual, it may be time to give it a bit of a physical to accurately determine its overall top end health.



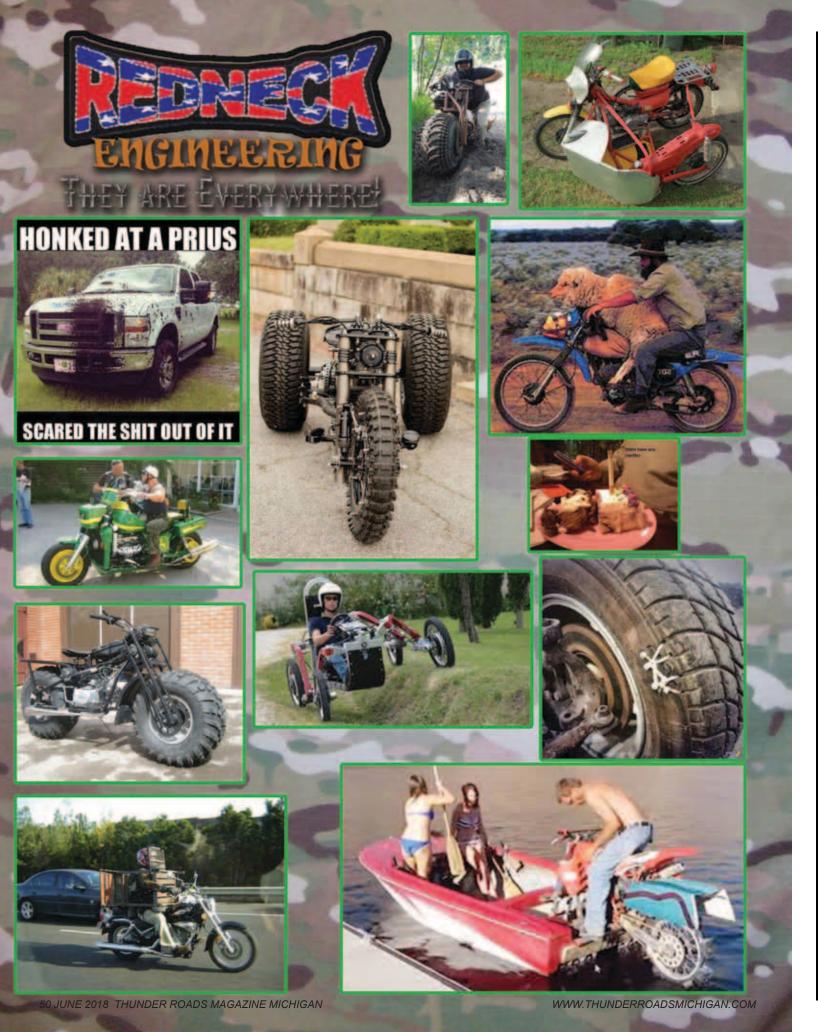
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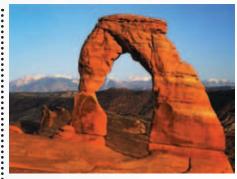


The weather finally warmed up and spring was on the way, so the first chance I got (no snow or rain in the forecast) the new scoot came home. I'll be honest with vou—the weather the last few weeks was really starting to get me down, until I started planning this year's summer adventure. There's nothing like a little forward-thinking to take your mind off the little crap that tends to get everybody down. Formulating a creative plan for summer vacation can be a very pleasant diversion.

than spending several days on the water? I'm not talking about trails and challenging terrain. Come to find out that they also have doing the cottage thing where the neighbors are so close you hear their every belch and fart. How about on the water, as in renting a : houseboat and finding a secluded cove to tie up in where you can fish and boat and swim to your heart's content and not be bothered by the rental units on either side. Many years ago, several of : us took a rental unit for a mid-week fishing trip on Kentucky Lake; other than occasional fishermen, we didn't see another soul for the four nights we spent on the water.

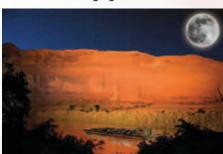
Where would one find such an adventure? The southern TVA impoundments would be a good place to start. Most of the large reservoirs have marinas that offer rental units with amenities ranging from bare-bones plain and simple to floating luxury palaces with central air, onboard A/C generators, satellite television, and spacious cabins. With sleeping arrangement for up to 12 people (or more) it is not uncommon for a couple of families or a few couples to share the expense of a higher-end craft. Then with their ski





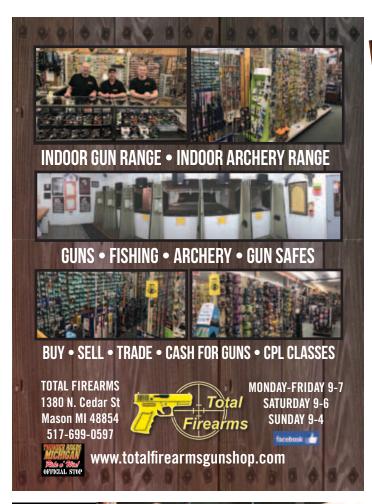
boats, fishing boats, or jet skis in tow, they can embark on a vacation they will never forget. I know I want to do it again-except next time it will be Lake Powell or Lake Mead with evening horizonto-horizon vistas of the Milky Way.

But in the meantime, here's a little something for the 4X4 off-road crowd or those who always wanted to try it but didn't know where to start. I (we) fall into the latter category, sure we have had Jeeps and trucks and a full-size Blazer, but I have got the itch to try a sideby-side guad without having to buy one. I have taken demo rides This isn't the first time I have written about vacation and family on regular quads, a couple of Argos and done some off-road biking time, but with the expanded readership I have license to suggest but I've got this nagging hankering to do the side-by-side thing and a couple of different venues that are worth exploring for every- do it right. Jeep freaks have long held Moab, Utah as the mecca body. For the hydro sports enthusiasts, what could be more fun of four-wheeling because of the hundreds of miles of established



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MY DOUBLE **BEARDED** TURKEY

Like always. I'm out there scouting, looking, and finding a big turkey to put in my freezer. I have different areas where I can hunt them. I do have a hot spot that has big long-bearded turkeys. I came across a bird that was very unique; as I watched him through my binoculars. I noticed he had two beards on him. I've hunted for years and never came across one

I couldn't wait for the opening day of my turkey hunt. Finally, my day came and I had decoys set up, along with several turkey calls on me. I sat patiently in my camouflaged hunting-blind tent. I could hear several turkeys gobbling in the roost. When the

time was right, I started doing my turkey-calling and the birds would answer me

Finally, after thirty minutes. I got to see the bird and the first one out was the double-bearded tom I wanted. He was taking his time, but still meandering my way. Everything was going good until his little girlfriend showed up; a cute female turkey, making sounds that he liked better than mine! I tried, but I couldn't coax him over to me. Disappointed. I sat there and watched him follow her around for a long time. Finally, they disappeared in the woods.

kept going out in the mornings and late afternoons for days. I even passed up several birds because I really wanted that bird. One day I changed up the time. I went out at 12:00 p.m. (noon) with no decoys and not in my tent. I had just the callers in my pocket, my gun and my video camera. I looked toward the field and there he was with his female. I stalked through the woods for approximately 150 yards and sat down and leaned up against a tree. Once again, I started using my callers but this time I got aggressive with them.

The best thing happened—I pissed off the female turkey. She is now making sounds and coming straight at me, and the Tom wasn't gobbling. He was strutting and he's coming in between me and his female. I finally got him in range; then I pulled up my gun and shot. He flipped up in the air several times and then he was done. It was a great day because I got my double-bearded turkey!

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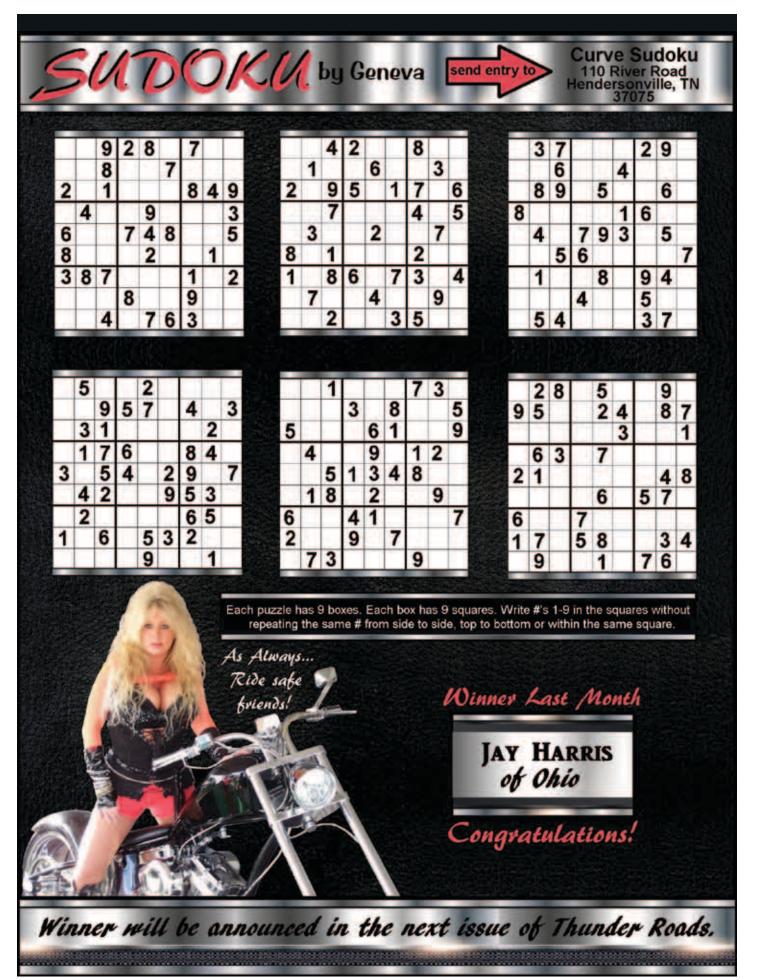
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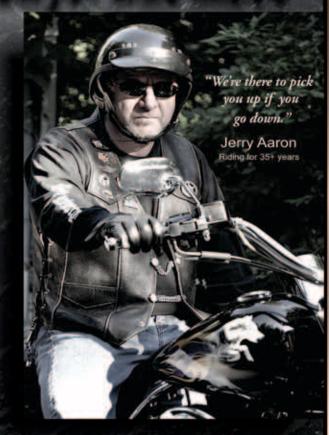
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