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## LETTER FROM THE OWNER

### *Is it Over Yet?*

Is it over yet, will it ever be over? I don't know about you but I am starting to feel like this Covid pandemic is never going to be over... maybe after the election it will finally end. It has affected everyone I know, myself included mentally, financially and even physically whether they had it or not because we are limited in so many ways. What few events there are may not even happen. We all feel like we are in limbo, unable to make plans because almost day to day the status of what we can do changes. I am trying to remain positive, but I have to be honest it is hard. Let's stick together through these tough times and be there for one another. Let's try to smile vs. frown each day... oh wait, you can't see if I am smiling or frowning through my mandatory mask I am now forced to wear. Ha Ha I had to be facetious with that one because I don't agree. Regardless, I wait patiently in hopes that this will be over soon and we can once again enjoy social activities such as concerts, rallies, bike runs, etc.

Please don't forget to continue to reach out to friends and family that may still be struggling during these difficult times. Please help each other. Please support the advertisers you see in this issue that are still paying for ads and hoping that August brings back life in their businesses. Without them I would not be able to still publish this magazine for you to enjoy so please be sure to patronize these wonderful people and places.

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Now for some "Mo" Advice:

*Everything that has a beginning has an ending. Make your peace with that and all will be well- Buddha.* This is a great saying to remember through all this. I hope it brings you hope and peace.

*Jody Mohowitsch*  
*"Jody Mo"*



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# READERS RIDES

## Tracy Burrows Marentette aka Trouble



### 2018 Can-Am Spyder RT Limited

The idea behind it was all Tracy. As a hobby she does a lot of custom vinyl work for custom shirts, hats, mugs and logos for people. She also did all of the work herself from the design and layout to the finished bike. Tracy is just a true patriot at heart. I know her biggest influence is her dad, Dan Burrows, who is a Vietnam veteran and also her cousin Eli who did 3 tours in Afghanistan. Over the winter 2019/2020 it took her around 3 months to figure out what she wanted and mock up and layout the design which took a lot of patience and swearing. Ultimately the bike turned out amazing and has been non-stop compliments when she's out riding. With the Declaration of Independence, the Pledge of Allegiance, the Second Amendment and multiple other tributes on the bike, it really has an effect on people when they actually read the words. It's a little bit of hope or a bright spot if you will in today's crazy world.



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ABATE did everything it possibly could trying to get our legislators to take a look at the new insurance reform and they would not do anything to change the language to protect motorcyclists! Visit after visit to Lansing, letter writing by all the members of our organization and those who wanted to help got us nowhere. The only thing I can suggest for those who ride a motorcycle is check with your insurance agent and see where you stand with PIP (Personal Injury Protection) coverage and adjust your policy accordingly. After all, you voted for these representatives and something needs to change. You can find out how they voted on the new insurance reform and make your own judgment call on whether or not they still need your support!

We recently had a telephone conference with the Michigan Motorcycle Safety Committee and when it came to my turn to express how I felt about the awareness aspect of the Secretary of State office handling of the "Look Twice Save A Life" strategy by GUD Marketing, I offended a couple of the members because of their lack of effort to make the public aware of motorcycles! The frustration those of us on the Committee for ABATE deal with is all because we want the motorcycle community protected and I will continue to try and save lives no matter who I offend. If you try, I won't complain, but if you are a slacker then you need to be called-out for not doing your part, period!

My wife Denise is an RN, CDE for a local hospital and recently her co-worker went up to the Upper Peninsula for a vacation and she came back to work with some compliments about the people there. They were being respectful, considerate at the beaches and restaurants, and being careful about social distancing and wearing masks. I know we all have the right to wear a mask or not, but she was glad that they were being respectful for one another, so those of you in the UP, Thank you! You do have some very nice roads up there and the food is good too, so maybe there is a road trip in the near future.

I'm proud of the members in Region 14 who worked so hard on our Suicide Prevention Program and donated money to our local American Legion Post 268. They have been helping local food banks and churches because of the layoffs and loss of income in our area, even though they need funding. They still want to help the community. That's what Veterans do!

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August is really here and man does the time fly by. Try to get out and enjoy the State of Michigan. There is so much to see and do. Please be respectful and considerate. It's not hard to do!

May the road rise to meet you and the wind always be at your back,

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## What's the Veteran's Rights?

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You want to know why vets commit suicide, or become homeless or have mental breakdowns. This country doesn't care about the ones who gave them the right to have a voice to protest, the right to vote, the right to stand up to our government. If you have any issues with what is going on in Michigan I strongly suggest you write, email or call your representatives in your area, here is the link to search for your representatives, <https://www.house.mi.gov/> don't hesitate to contact them. The only way we in Michigan are going to see any change is to keep writing, emailing and calling them to let them know what each one of us want. Please use your rights to get what you need done. Don't Give Up!!! IGY6

As mentioned above and in previous articles there are many veteran organizations out there other than the national ones below that you can also ask for assistance such as our monthly sponsor of Veterans Corner, The Forgotten Eagles, One of Many, Strength in Numbers and many more.

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# THE MOTORCYCLE LAWYER ON THE LAW

## NEW NO-FAULT LAW HAS NOW GONE INTO EFFECT

*The new no-fault law has now gone into effect—that was on July 2, 2020. I am still getting all kinds of questions, and as I predicted, there is a lot of confusion. In this article, I thought I would succinctly state the biggest changes and advise you on how to protect yourself.*

### THE TWO BIGGEST CHANGES

1. We now choose the amount of PIP Medical coverage we want on our “motor vehicles.” This applies to cars, trucks and vans; NOT motorcycles. We cannot purchase no-fault insurance on our “motorcycles.” The ONLY time motorcyclists are entitled to no-fault benefits is if a “motor vehicle,” again car, truck or van, is involved in the wreck.

2. A negligent driver, and this could be you or me, can now be sued for non-covered medical bills. Before the law changed anyone entitled to no-fault benefits received Unlimited Medical so all bills were paid for life. Because we now choose the amount of PIP Medical coverage, there will be many crashes where the victim has unpaid medical bills. This means more risk and more exposure to all vehicle drivers. The amount of bodily injury coverage you had a year ago is likely not enough to cover this new exposure.

### HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

The short answer is: You protect yourself with purchasing as much insurance as you can afford given your personal net worth and income level. Because you now can be sued for medical bills, you should increase your bodily injury coverage. In turn, if you chose a different amount of PIP Medical coverage other than Unlimited, you too could have unpaid medical bills after a vehicle accident. Therefore, you should purchase more Uninsured Motorist and Under-insured Motorist coverage.

### MOTORCYCLISTS SHAFTED UNDER NEW LAW

Motorcyclists have always obtained their no-fault benefits from the ‘motor vehicle’ involved in the wreck. The worst thing about the new law is now the biker only gets the amount of PIP Medical that the car driver chose. This could leave the motorcyclist with huge sums owed for unpaid medical bills. My advice is that motorcyclists should choose Unlimited PIP Medical on their cars, trucks and vans because if the ‘motor vehicle’ that was involved is uninsured, the motorcyclist obtains his PIP Medical (and all no-fault benefits) from his or her own car’s policy.

### UMBRELLA POLICIES

Furthermore, someone with significant assets or someone who wants to really make sure they are covered in a crash may consider purchasing an umbrella policy. Most commonly, an umbrella policy provides additional bodily injury coverage beyond the specific limits chosen when purchasing your underlying vehicle policy.

Umbrella policies also cover other things that you own including motorcycles, ATVs (potentially), boats, recreational vehicles, your house etc. Envision a huge umbrella that spans the sky. Under the umbrella is your motorcycle, car, camper, boat and house; it’s extra bodily injury insurance for all of those things.

### UNINSURED MOTORISTS AND UNDER-INSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE

I always recommend Uninsured Motorist (UM) and Under-insured Motorist (UIM) coverage on all your motor vehicles and motorcycles. This insurance pays you for your injury if the

at-fault driver did not have any or enough insurance to compensate you to the full extent of your injury. Now under the new law there will potentially be unpaid medical bills. UM/UIM coverage may (always read the policy) pay for your medical bills that were not covered by PIP Medical. Most umbrella policies do not have UM or UIM coverage; however, some do. If you do purchase an umbrella policy, seek out and make sure it has UM and UIM coverage.

I also always recommend calling an independent insurance agent that can shop your insurance needs across multiple insurance carriers. If you start having a conversation with the agent about these specific concepts and they do not have a clue, call someone else.

**Caveat:** This is only the basic essence of the law. The law is very fact dependent and there are many nuances and exceptions depending on the circumstances. Given the limited space, it is impossible to cover everything. An attorney or insurance agent must be consulted for your specific situation. This does not constitute legal advice.

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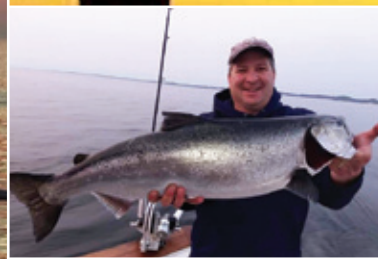
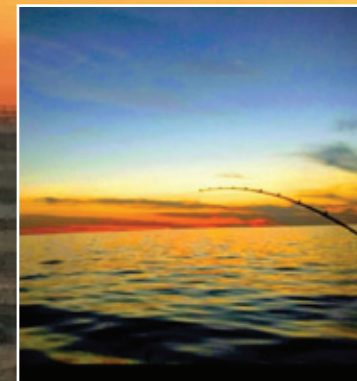
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Doctor to woman complaining about marital sex life. Doc: Do you ever try to lovingly watch your husband's face during sex? Really connect. Woman: I did once and he looked very angry and mean. Doc: And why do you think that was? Woman: Because he was watching from the bedroom window.

A blonde heard that baths in milk would make her more beautiful. She left a note for her milkman to leave 25 gallons of milk. When the milkman read the note, he felt there must be a mistake. He was sure she meant 2.5 gallons. So he knocked on the door to clarify the point. The blonde came to the door and the milkman said, "I found your note. You meant 2.5 gallons, right, instead of 25 gallons?" "No", says the blonde, "I'm going to fill my bathtub with milk and take a milk bath to make me even more beautiful." Milkman looks puzzled and asks, "O.K. then. Do you want it pasteurized?" Blondie replies, "No, just up to my tits....I can splash it on my eyes if I need to."

Two sisters, one blonde and one brunette, inherit the Family ranch. Unfortunately, after just a few years, they are in financial trouble. In order to keep the bank from repossessing the ranch, they need to consider a prize bull stud fee from the stockyard in a town far away so that they can breed their stock. They only have \$600 left. Upon leaving, the brunette tells her sister, "When I get there, if I decide to pay the stud fee, you'll have to drive out after me with the trailer and we'll haul it home. Maybe us doing all the work he'll cut us a deal. The brunette arrives at the stockyard, inspects the bull, and they start talking a deal. The ranch hand agrees he's short-handed so it'd be up to her to come get the bull, take it to her ranch, keep him for 2 days and then return. They shake on the deal. She tries to call her sis, but so far out in the country, had zero cell service. The rancher says

service is the same in town and suggests using Western Union in town. The owner at Western Union store tells her it's 99 cents a word to send telegram and he could ask the Western Union rep. to send an employee out to hand deliver telegram to her sister on the ranch. She scrapes together exactly 99 cents from her pocket change and knows she'll only be able to send her sister just one word. After a minute of thought she tells the owner to send her one word: comfortable. The man shakes his head. "How in the world is she ever going to know that you want her to hitch the trailer to y'all's pick-up and drive out here to get the bull back to your ranch by one word, comfortable? The brunette shakes her head, smiles and says, "My sister's blonde. The word is big so she'll read it, then say it very slowly.... com-for-da-bull."

Survey shows the leading cause for injury in older men is them thinking they are still young men.

Girl crying at the bar. "What's wrong sweetie?" asks the woman Bartender. She sobs, "I told my boyfriend we've been dating for years and it was time to walk down the aisle." She's really crying now. "He handed me a list and sent me grocery shopping."

Aussie guy walks into a bar and orders a beer. He sees a jar full of \$100's and asks the Bartender about it. "It's a manhood test. Put your \$100. in and if you can pass all (3) tests, all the money in the jar is yours!". Aussie sees there's probably over \$3k in the jar. "Alright mate, sounds like fun to me. Let's have a go then." Test 1: Knock out the Bouncer with one punch. Test 2: Go out back and pull the infected tooth from our pitbull's mouth. Test 3: Go upstairs and sexually satisfy this old hooker, she claims she's never actually been sexually satisfied in her entire life." Guy slams his beer on the bar, puts his \$100 in the jar, walks over to the Bouncer and Boom!, knocks his ass out. Slams another 3 beers and heads out back. They all hear the pit barking, growling and yelping the guy is yelling and screaming. There's things being broken and general mayhem when the guy walks back in the bar and man, is he ever torn up and bleeding from head to toe. He slams 3 more beers and asks, 'alright then mate, where the hell is this hooker with the infected tooth?'



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## Biker Preacher's Corner

Across the street from where I live there is an empty house, as the family that use to live there has moved out. The issue is that there are piles of trash bags, old toys, broken furniture, etc. and, I'm assuming, the property owner has had to bring in two roll off dumpsters and a crew to clean up the outside of the house and the inside as well. Now, I understand that hard times hit everyone and I'm definitely not trying to slight the nice family that moved out. Yet I'm going to use this as an illustration for this month's article as the stuff that was left for the property owners to deal with got me thinking. How many times do we as people leave 'piles of trash' behind when we move out of one relationship to the next, from one job to the next, from one church to the next?

Now I know hurt people hurt people and I know offended people offend people. But there is right way and a wrong way to "move on". This month I want to help everyone with 3 simple guidelines to make a change in your life.

First is to make a **humble and honest assessment of your life, decisions and situation.** To be humble means to think of others better than yourself and to be honest is to make careful and complete assessments of your own successes and failures in the relationship, job, etc. We have to be brutally honest with ourselves before we can be honest with others.

Next we have to **Forgive** others who have done us wrong. Jesus said in **Matthew 6:14** "For if you forgive people their wrongdoing, your heavenly Father will forgive you as well. (HCSB). So, the question to ask yourself in this situation is – Do you want to be forgiven too? So, we must forgive others who have done us wrong and then to go a little deeper we will find that there is always a person that seems to go unforgiven... ourselves.

And finally, **Repent/Apologies.** Let me just say that there are no perfect people in this world – the only one to ever walk this planet was Jesus Christ. So to be honest with ourselves, and others, is to recognize that we have made mistakes, bad judgments and bad decisions which caused us to hurt others. To recognize this and then go to those people and apologize is so important to heal broken relationships.

Getting back to my illustration – when we are not humble and honest, we will not forgive others and we will not repent for hurting others. This leaves garbage behind for others to clean up – this leaves unresolved issues, unresolved hurts and offenses behind which if left unresolved will only draw in the rodents that spread disease in other people's lives.

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# IN THE SHOP WITH RON

BY Ron Johnson

Hopefully everyone has had a bit of time to enjoy this beautiful (so far) Michigan summer. Although several events have been canceled or postponed there is still plenty to do and the weather to do it. In an earlier article we showcased some new equipment we added to the shop so this month we are going to attempt to demonstrate some of it in action. This month in the shop we will be replacing the front tire on a 2000 H-D Wide Glide. It has a 21 inch, chrome, spoked wheel with tube. Whenever I replace tires on spoked wheels I always replace the tube and rim band at the same time.

The first step after removing the tire and wheel from the motorcycle is to remove the valve core from the stem and allow all the air to escape. Next we need to break the bead of tire loose from the rim. There are probably as many ways to do this as there are tires on the road. We are going to use our new rim clamp machine that has a powered spade which works well.



When breaking down the tire with this set up start approximately 180 degrees from, or opposite the valve stem. This will help prevent damage to the tire pressure sensor if present. Usually you will have to rotate the wheel and break the bead in a few places until the bead is loose all the way around. Repeat the same process for the other side of the tire. When using a spade like this make sure it doesn't contact the rim or damage will occur.

Next step is to mount rim in rim clamps.



This picture is out of sequence because I wanted to show how the clamps grip the rim and it didn't

show up well with tire on. The jaws on these clamps are made of neoprene so they won't damage even the most sensitive rim and they grip the very outside surface. Now we can move the duck-bill into place and align it with the rim.



With the duckbill in place and using a tire iron we can position the bead for removal. With the first bead removed from the rim we can remove the tube and the repeat the process to remove the other bead from the rim. When installing the new tire make sure the rotation is correct and the balancing mark is lined up with valve stem.

The installation is basically just the opposite. Put the first bead over the rim then carefully install the tube making sure there are no twists or kinks.



Put valve stem through rim and loosely install nut on stem and install the second bead. Now we can put air in the tire and make sure the beads seat on the rim correctly. Don't install valve stem until absolutely sure both beads seated properly. Sometimes you may have to push the bead back down to the center of rim and re-seat beads and always use plenty of lube. Air tire to manufacturer's specs with valve core installed.



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No matter how difficult the past, you can always begin again today. -Jack Kornfield

Do not let the behavior of others destroy your inner peace. -Dalai Lama

Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth. -Buddha

### Motorcycle Quotes & Sayings

"The perfect man? A poet on a motorcycle." -Lucinda Williams

"Never ride faster than your guardian angel can fly."  
-Anonymous

"Animals travel on all fours. Mankind on two.  
Motorcycling is not a means of transport but an ideology, a nomadic way of life." -Amit Reddy

"Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle." -Anonymous

"If you don't ride in the rain, you don't ride."  
-Anonymous

## NOT POLITICALLY CORRECT



Hello Fellow Riders,

I hope you are out riding and have not let our insurance dilemma dampen your free spirit (God knows the Covid situation has done that). If you haven't talked to your insurance agent yet DO IT or give Dondi Vesprini a call, he explains our insurance dilemma very well in the Abate magazine Michigan Rider (free plug). With the primary elections around the corner August 4th and general November 3rd your choices this year are very critical. As a rider I try to stay informed about the motorcycle laws and changes being made as much as possible and would do what's best for everyone involved. Now how about some GOOD, BAD and the UGLY. The GOOD - Motorcycle fatalities are down 3rd year in a row (yeah). The BAD - The state screwed the pooch again and fired the firm that promoted motorcycle awareness and has done nothing to promote safety. The UGLY - Where's the money Madam Secretary of State for the fund and why is motorcycle awareness not being promoted? As the November elections draw closer I see our Governor using her (Illegal) Executive Order power to shut down in person voting and forcing us to mail in vote. This could lead to massive voting FRAUD (I hope I am wrong). So buckle up, this election should be interesting if nothing else. Remember we are the land of the free because of the brave so be brave and vote (ok I will stop now). As always be Safe and God Bless.

As for my campaign I am still asking for support from the biker community especially in the 5th Congressional District (Genesee, Tuscola, Saginaw, Bay, Arenac, Iosco) please pass the word to help support a fellow rider in this election. Send a biker to Washington to fight for your riding rights, if you want more information about me or to donate go to EarlLackieForCongress.com

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# BULLET POINTS

## WARNING!

BY RICK WYATT



It is the eve of the fourth of July and I am so pissed that I can hardly contain myself. I knew the infusion of Marxist doctrine was bad but never imagined that it would go this far without somebody putting their foot down hard on the necks of the leaders of the rebellion. Instead we have local politicians sanctioning lawless behavior by refusing to allow police and National Guard personnel to do a job they are trained for, restoring order and protecting the public. Even worse are the nanny state fiats that have canceled Independence Day celebrations for the vast majority of communities coast to coast. Under the guise of concern for public health little Fuhrers have canceled a holiday that has been fittingly celebrated, according to the founders since July 1776.

The world quickly found out that this fledgling nation was not going to be pushed around when, unlike the rest of the known world, Jefferson refused to pay tribute to the Barbary pirates. The North African coast was ruled by a theocracy which declared war on the US and the result the first ass kicking on foreign soil for the Navy and Marine Corp to protect American interests. But following the War of 1812, the celebration of American freedom took on new meaning because this fledgling nation was tested in blood on our soil by what was considered the greatest military in the world. Think about it, on August 24, 1814 as the Marine Band played, Washington DC was evacuated. Soon thereafter the British proceeded to burn the capital building and president's mansion to the ground. One month later, September 24th, Francis Scott Key, who was being held hostage aboard a British Frigate, penned a poem about the around the clock defense of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor. As the morning sun rose the British expected to see a white flag of surrender flying above fortress, instead they were greeted by the shouts the patriot defenders standing on top of the parapets cheering Old Glory as she waved in the morning breeze. That very flag hangs in the Smithsonian to this day, it's tattered and torn and covered with the grime of war and has on more than one occasion been referred as little more than a rag but to real Americans it represents the heart of patriotism.

Since then our independence has been put to the test on battle fields all over the world for the most part to advance the cause of freedom, with an occasional fool's errand to protect business interest of politically well-heeled industrialists. We fought a war among ourselves to secure the freedoms embodied in the Constitution for all citizens regardless of race, creed or color. A war so hor-

rific that the death count of some battles exceeded the total number killed in both wars that secured our freedoms. American blood staining American soil and it still took more than a century of strife and working forward to that "more perfect union" emblazoned in the Preamble of the Constitution.

Many of you are probably wondering where I am going with this, so here is the nugget I want you to take away and think about. Everything we (you) have and all that we (you) own is up for grabs and I damn sure don't see anybody doing anything about it. Marxism, no matter what some head up their ass college professor might think, is neither freedom nor equality. Communist leaders like Lenin, Stalin, Mao, Pol Pot, and the Castro brothers murdered millions to establish absolute control over their people; and still they failed. Collective living does not work because settling for scraps is not a natural part of human existence, but still they try, and innocent people die. But that is not what is being taught to our children, honesty is not the strong suit of totalitarianism and pompous, self-absorbed, ill-intentioned indoctrinators are allowed to strut around school campuses spewing their gray-water bilge unchallenged because they and their ilk have been able to silence voices of dissent by imposing speech code which, according to academia, becomes hate speech when it disagrees with their particular dogma. Skew the input and you can control the minds of the masses, at least for a while, and twisting truth has become a joint effort between higher education, the media and America hating politicians with a few billionaires thrown in. These are the impetus behind the destruction of statues and memorials, not so much because the images are offensive as they represent a visual context to question what is being taught. That is the real threat.

Patriots bleed red white and blue no matter the pigment of their skin and more and more patriots are fed up with this new normal as introduced by Barak Obama. Frankly, I liked the old normal much better, you know the one where churches and businesses were open, teachers taught reading, writing and arithmetic, educators developed critical thinking in young minds. Felons went to prison, murderers and traitors went to the gallows, and if you were that unhappy with this country you fled north and became Canadian. How bad has it gotten, I have a dollar that says this is the last fourth of July some asshole decides they are smarter than free and independent people. And all the believers said AMEN!

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