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# LETTER FROM THE OWNER

## Find Gratitude

During times like this we have to decide whether we are going to buy into all the fear, frustration and political propaganda going on in the world today or are we going to choose to step back and look at the positive side and be grateful for our family, friends and what we do have. I live in the small town of Midland and our city and surrounding cities recently went through additional devastation with 2 major dams breaching causing catastrophic damage to homes, boats, etc and leaving both Sanford and Wixom lake now empty. One thing I noticed as we were all panicking and bracing for the unknown is no one was thinking about social distancing, wearing a mask or anything regarding Covid-19. We were coming together to help one another prepare and then afterwards helping clean up. I heard countless stories of people volunteering to help friends, family, businesses and even strangers clean up. In this month's Thunder Cam there are 2 photos of a young boy that wanted to help the people of Sanford that were hit by collecting cans to raise money for them. I donated 4 bags and he filled nearly 2 semis I heard. My heart breaks for those that lost their homes and belongings and are now left with a mortgage but no coverage from insurance. Can you imagine if that was you? Please keep an eye on my Facebook page for upcoming opportunities to help. Bikers are the most charitable group of people and I am so grateful that my home was not affected as many others were.

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Now for some "Mo" Advice:

Now that the damage has been done, the anger has subsided, let the healing begin. Find one thing each day that you are grateful for to remain in a positive state of mind. For this too shall pass.

*Jody Mohowitsch  
"Jody Mo"*

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# The Positive Shift



## How to NOT Take Things Personally!

When a close friend or co-worker forgets to respond back to you, return your call, didn't text you back and the list could go on, how does that make you feel? Insecure, upset, alone, betrayed, feeling like you were not good enough? Are you always trying to please everyone else, value others more than yourself or feel like you're always doing something wrong? UGH, what a horrible place to mentally be.

Why do we take things so personally? We feel that way because of our own personal EGO!! Yes, it's your EGO that gets in the way and makes you take things personally.

Definition of EGO: A person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance.

If you are doing the above and feeling hurt, sad, and full of unwanted negative emotions, is that really how you want to continue your daily life? Of course not. It also is because you aren't getting the response, feedback or emotions from whoever it is that you're dealing with. You take it personally or you end up turning it around and making it all their fault. In actuality, it's your own personal self-esteem turning it around.

Think about a \$100 dollar bill next time you are in this situation. The front where the face is and then the back where the emblem is. When something happens that hurts your feelings, there are always two sides to the \$100 dollar bill. Mind you the bill has the same value.

Let's look at each side in an analogy of two sides to the story. The front side of the \$100 dollar bill, which is what we would normally see if it's in our hands. You immediately think negatively and instantly take it personally. You make it all about me, myself and I. Now the back side of the \$100 dollar bill: Maybe they aren't feeling well, had other plans already and are trying to save your feelings. What if they are waiting for that job offer, test results or they are going through a tough situation and that they aren't ready to share. You have heard the analogy that there are two sides to every story.

Remember this before jumping to conclusions. So next time this starts to happen, grab a hold of yourself and think about both sides of the \$100 bill. Stop thinking about me, myself and I and think about the back side of the bill. Redirect your negative thoughts and know there must be a reason for their feedback or response. Move on and value YOURSELF!

Remember: The \$100.00 bill has the same value and you get to choose how you want to feel and not take things personally.

Be You, be Happy, Be in the NOW! Remember, you can't lead a positive life with a negative mind or living in the past.

~ Stacie Rene'  
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# READERS RIDES

## Kevin Buckley



Hi I'm Kevin Buckley and this is my 2013 Harley-Davidson Street Glide. I retired early and started school at Washtenaw Community College for motorcycle service. With that knowledge I decided to put this bike together. I wanted a good daily rider. The whole rear end is updated and the rear fender and bags have been updated to a new style. I did a new 21" spoked front wheel with a wrap fender. I did all of the powder coating myself mostly in a toaster oven in my garage. I like the way it turned out and haven't decided what's next yet but I'm sure there will be another project for next winter.



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It truly is amazing how fast the summer goes by, especially when a monkey wrench is thrown in your wheel having this Covid-19 Pandemic and all the worries you have with the possibility of contracting it! The loss of a life is devastating to your family and friends, but somehow you have to move on! I recently lost my Mother who was 84 from a fatal heart attack and couldn't see her at the hospital. That was hard. Bikers are killed by motorists who have no idea that they were making the wrong decision when they turned left in front of you instead of waiting a couple of seconds longer to let you go by. That's "bullcrap". It is difficult to judge the speed of an oncoming motorcycle so if there was some promotions in place to make the public AWARE of Motorcycles and share the road, a lot of these so-called near misses and accidents wouldn't have to happen.

Our Secretary of State has dropped the ball at a crucial time. It's like having an older brother or sister who is supposed to take care of you at the park and you fall off the slide because they weren't watching you! When are they gonna do the job they were elected to do by protecting us. They have dedicated funding from HB 4306 for safety and awareness. Two different accounts with hundreds of thousands of dollars to spend because you, the public, was charged an extra two dollar and fifty cent fee for renewing your license. Come on – PLEASE do your job and help us keep safe on the roads. Eighty-seven percent of all accidents are the fault of motorists and yet nothing from your office! I can't emphasize enough how much it bothers me when someone doesn't do their job. Especially when they are paid well, have insurance and job security. The lack of concern for our health and safety is critical to our families and friends who count on us!

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DO SOMETHING!

Those of you who watch videos and podcasts, catch-up with the one ABATE did on YouTube or listen to Insane Throttle with James "Hollywood" Macecari on insurance reform, awareness and safety. They are very informative and could help you find out something about the biking world you didn't know!

One last thing, Bikers are always profiled yet everyone loved it when the Bikers showed up and protected the Cash Wise Super Market from protesters and rioters. Go figure!!!

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

Hot Rod Beaton

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I thought long and hard about this. Today, I've consulted close friends and family from all different races and backgrounds. So, this is what I discovered.

I agree that what happened to George Floyd was horrific, murder, and a wake-up call to force us to change in a POSITIVE direction. I also agree that the black community has many struggles that I will never understand.

I 100% support the PEACEFUL protesters that simply want a change and you deserve that change. Your cause is being taken from you by horrible people that simply want to cause division and control use by lies of mainstream media. Yet, here are my additional thoughts; I am a veteran, I am anti-racism and will fight alongside anyone who wants to smash it out! I have looked true racist people who think all minorities should be shipped back to their country in the eye. They think things like murder, homosexuals, and treating them differently along with them believing women belong in the kitchen. I have faced them, have you?

I also believe that multiple truths can exist at the same time. Are there racist people in America why YES there are! Is America a racist Country? NO!!!! I also WILL NEVER SUPPORT RIOTS AND MURDERING AND ATTACKING OF INNOCENT MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL RACES. I will NOT SUPPORT BURNING OF BUSINESSES AND TERRIFYING COMMUNITIES OF TRULY INNOCENT PEOPLE UNDER THE LIE OF "change".

I also will NOT stand for targeting and Murdering of our Men and Women in Blue. It will Never happen under a veteran's watch, and I will not be peer-pressured to post a blacked-out photo and turn my back on my beliefs.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT "JUSTICE" FOR ONE INNOCENT LIFE IS MURDERING MORE INNOCENT LIVES...In the end, I choose to love ALL people. In the end, I choose to stand with the GOOD COPS!!! In the end, I do not like RACIST PEOPLE!!! In the end, I Love all of you who disagree with me for this article.



**SHARON K. HARVEY**  
(RET) TSGT, USA/USAF "RED"

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# THE MOTORCYCLE LAWYER ON THE LAW

## Problems Buying Motorcycle Insurance Under New Law

For the purpose of this article and the space allotted, I will assume you are aware there were many changes to Michigan's No-Fault Law, which took effect July 1, 2020. The biggest is that we now must choose the amount of PIP Medical Coverage we want on our cars, trucks, and vans. (NOTE: This does not include motorcycles -we can't buy No-Fault/PIP Medical for a bike.)

The worst ramification under this new law is that, when a car and a motorcycle are in a wreck, the motorcyclist gets his/her PIP medical coverage from the car's insurance. This means they are at the mercy of the amount of PIP medical coverage the car driver selected! If the car driver chose the lowest amount (\$50,000), that is what is available to the injured biker.

### MOTORCYCLISTS' EXPERIENCE

I have polled a few motorcyclists regarding their experiences in purchasing insurance for their cars and motorcycles under the new law. This email from a client of mine reflects many peoples' experiences:

"My car and motorcycle policy renewed June 1st, I called them to make sure I had what I needed on my policy for the upcoming changes-wanted to add unlimited medical and to find out if they were going to refund the difference from the MCCA. Well, they are not going to refund the MCCA difference until the policy renews which is next year. To get a quote, they want to do a credit check again even though they just did one in May for my renewal. The only way I can get what I need is to wait until July 2nd and cancel my first policy and get a brand new one."

### WHAT INSURANCE AGENTS SAY

I have spoken with two insurance agents that sell car and motorcycle insurance. Here are some highlights that give some insight into the insurance side of things:

These changes are also confusing for the insurance companies and agents.

Each insurance company is handling policy writing with the new law differently.

Some companies are only allowing a mid-year change, so policy discounts may not be realized until later.

To get coverage, discounts, and rates as of the date the law changes (July 1, 2020), some companies are requiring you to cancel the policy and rewrite it in full with the new coverage choices.

The new law states that agents can't use zip codes or credit scores, so they will calculate an 'Insurance Score' using 'territories' and 'credit information.' This is virtually the same thing.

Covid-19 has made some people's credit score (information) worse, so they will be paying higher premiums.

Motorcyclists (from what we can tell) still pay into the MCCA, however, the amount has been reduced from \$120 to \$100.

Car drivers who choose anything less than Unlimited PIP Medical will not have to pay into the MCCA and therefore will save money. (NOTE: I do not recommend that

a motorcyclist choose anything but unlimited PIP for their cars and trucks! For a great video explanation, visit [www.877PowerLaw.com](http://www.877PowerLaw.com).) X

There is a much higher risk for drivers, now that we are selling so many umbrella policies. (Jason's advice: If you purchase an umbrella policy, make sure it includes UM/UIM coverage!)

Different insurance companies are interpreting the new law differently.

### MY ADVICE

My advice, in a nutshell: If you ride, you should choose Unlimited PIP Medical on your cars and trucks. On all vehicles, you need more Bodily Injury Coverage because you have more risk. Consider an umbrella policy for extra coverage that can/will apply to all the things you insure – home, car, truck, motorcycle, boat, etc. If you do get an umbrella policy, be sure it includes UM/UIM coverage, which can pay you for your injuries, if applicable. Only time will tell how this will all shake out. Talk to an insurance agent that understands motorcycle insurance and the new No-Fault Law.

See our **FREE 20 page eBook** and my video explanations -both cover the new law thoroughly and can be found at: [www.877PowerLaw.com](http://www.877PowerLaw.com).



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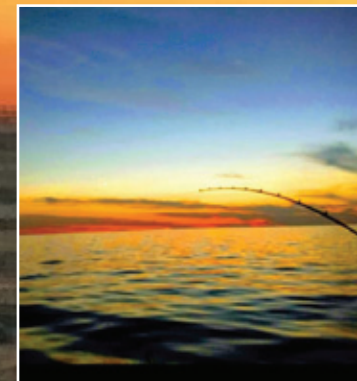
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# The JOKERS WILD

A Scotsman was drinking in a bar in London when he gets a call on his cell. He hangs up the call and immediately orders a round of drinks for the entire bar, as he proudly announced his wife has just given birth to a handsome and up to par Scottish boy weighing in at 25 pounds.

Everyone applauds and yells out their congratulations comments but all are in awe that a newly born baby can weigh in at 25 pounds!

The proud Father just shrugs, "That's about average up our way, folks....like I said, my boy's a typical Highland baby boy."

Two weeks later than man returns to the bar. The Bartender says, "Hey, you're the Father of that typical Scottish baby that weighed 25 pounds at birth, aren't you? Everybody's been making bets about how big he'd be in two weeks, so how much does your boy weigh now?"

The Scotsman proudly replies, "17 pounds."

The Bartender is puzzled and a tad concerned. "What happened? He was 25 pounds the day he was born. You announced it right here!"

The Scottish man took a slow swig from his Johnny Walker whiskey, wipes his lips on his shirt sleeve, leans into the Bartender, gives him a wink, grins and proudly replies with a twinkle in his eye, 'we had him circumcised.'

An attractive woman seated herself in the very posh Psychologist's office. "Now then Miss, what brings you here today?" the Doctor asked.

"Well, I, uh," she stammered. "I think, umm, that I might be a nymphomaniac."

"I see", replies the Doctor. " I can help you, but I need to advise you that my fee is \$150. an hour."

"That's a little steep," she replies, "how much would that be for all night?"

A man and a woman were traveling on a train.

Woman to the man: Every time you smile at me, I feel like inviting you to my place.

Man: Oh, gosh.....! Are you single?

Woman: No, not that.....I'm a Dentist.

Guy in a bar who's been cut-off, wagers a bet with the Bartender. "If you can't tell me the answer I get another drink." "Deal" says the Bartender.

Guy: "Why is a wife like a hand grenade?"

Bartender: "That's one I don't know". "Why?"

Guy: "Remove the ring and your house is gone!"

After having their 10th child, an Alabama couple decided that was enough, as they could not afford a larger bed, so 10 was the limit. The husband went to his Veterinarian and told him that he and his cousin didn't want no more children. The Doc told him that there was a fix called a vasectomy, but it was mighty expensive. A less costly way, said the Doc, was to go home, get a cherry bomb (fireworks are still legal in Alabama), light it, put it in a beer can, then hold the can up to his ear and count to 10. The Alabammy man told the Doc, "I aint the sharpest tool in the shed, but I don't see how putting a cherry bomb in a beer can next to my ear is going to fix me."

"Just trust me," says the Doc. So the man goes home, lit a cherry bomb and puts it in a beer can, holds the can up to his ear and begins to count: "1, 2, 3, 4, 5,

At which point he paused, placed the beer can between his legs as he resumed counting on his other hand.

\*This procedure also works in Arkansas & Oklahoma.

A much older gentleman was hanging out at his local gym when he spotted a sweet young thang waling in.....He leaned in and whispered to a Trainer standing next to him, "What machine should I use to impress that young lady over there?". The Trainer looked at the man up and down, then directly in his eyes and replied, "Sir, I would highly recommend the ATM in the lobby."

I asked my brother why he looked so bummed?

He said he was all excited to go on his 1st date with this chick he met online that told him 'she was bi.'

He said after a few hours in he realized she actually meant bi-polar.

Bubba with his 380 auto, enters his neighborhood bar, holds the gun straight above his head and yells out, "Whoever the hell had sex with my wife is fittin' to get shot!" he snarled.

The Bartender, Joe, is trying to calm him down when someone from the back of the bar yells out, "Settle your ass down Bubba, you aint got enough bullets!"

Two women sitting in a bar after work enjoying a much needed Happy Hour.

They're getting happier by the drink, when the one says, 'What's the worst thing your husband's ever said while you were having sex?' Never missing a beat the other replies, "Hey darlin', I'm home!"

# SUDOKU

By Geneva

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Each Puzzle has 9 boxes. Each box has 9 squares. Write numbers 1-9 in the squares without repeating the same number from side to side, top to bottom or within the same box.

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July 10 & 11

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yThumbMotorcycleClub.com (See ad this issue)

July 11

Great Lakes Burn Camp (GLBC) Hotter than Hell  
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July 11 \*\*\*\*EVENT CANCELLED

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50/50, prizes & more. \$50 Rider, \$30 passenger. For more  
info call Pappy 734-735-7831 (See full page ad this issue).

July 12

Red Knights Firefighters M/C Poker Run for Great Lakes  
Burn Camp (GLBC)  
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August 1 & 2

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August 7-16

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September 12 & 13

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# Biker Preacher's Corner

HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY!!! Since we Americans love our country, we love our  
freedoms and liberties. I wanted to talk about where true victory and  
liberty come from. So many may think that that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is just an-  
other day to party, to have a cookout, go see or light your own fireworks  
or get work done around the house.

But from the early days of our country all the way up to today our brave  
soldiers, airmen, sailors and marines have and continue to put their own  
lives on the line. They chose to protect our freedoms and liberties with  
their own lives, willing to have their blood spilled so we don't have to.

Jesus said in John 15:13 "No one has greater love than this, that  
someone would lay down his life for his friends."

The point I'm making here is twofold; First, It is love of country, love of  
their fellow Americans that drives our awesome military personnel to do  
what they do day in and day out, and secondly it was the Love of God  
that motivated Him to send His One and only son, Jesus the Christ, to  
lay down his life to save the entire human race. Jesus took our sins  
upon himself, bearing in his own body the sin debt of all mankind. Even  
spending 3 days in Hell so we don't have to. But He didn't stay dead or  
in the grave, He rose again.

The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 15:57 "But thanks be to God, who  
gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

Ya see, true freedom, and true liberty can be summed up in one word,  
VICTORY and that victory only comes through the Lord Jesus Christ!  
Victory over sin, victory over addiction, victory over eternal death. Jesus  
is our Victory!

Galatians 5:1 goes on to say "Christ has liberated us to be free.  
Stand firm then and don't submit again to a yoke of slavery"

What this is saying is that Christ Jesus has liberated us to be absolutely  
free. Not so that we can jump back into captivity to addictions, sinful  
living and bad attitudes - which I've seen some fall back into their old  
lives and are miserable. It all comes down to a choice that we have to  
make - God is a perfect gentleman and will not force His will on anyone.  
He offers us true Victory in and only in His Son Jesus. This is why  
Galatians 5:1 goes on to tell us to not 'submit again to a yoke of slavery'.  
You're a slave to what you allow to control you.

As you celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, I pray you find true Victory in Christ  
Jesus and if you once had a relationship with Him in the past - come  
back to Jesus. If you truly repent, He will forgive you for all your sins  
and restore you as a son/daughter. (1 John 1:9)

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# IN THE SHOP WITH RON

BY Ron Johnson

Getting in gear, I guess at this time that could mean almost anything for the purpose of this article we are going to repair a sloppy shift lever on a 2004 Polaris Magnum 330 4X4. This problem is not uncommon and is a fairly easy fix also not terribly expensive. With a reasonable amount of mechanical skill and a few basic tools this repair can be completed in a couple of hours or so. This machine has a hand operated shift lever.



There was no detent in the lever at all meaning you could move the shift lever through the full range of gear selection with little or no resistance also while under motion it would bounce from one gear to another. There are a couple of other places where excessive play in the lever can come from also. Where the shift lever pivots at the frame



also where the bell crank connects to the shift shaft.



Although this machine did show a fair amount of wear in both areas still not enough to account for the issues we were experiencing. The problem turned out to be a broken "shifter detent pawl spring" (say that 3 times fast). Not as big of a deal as it sounds.

To replace the spring you have to remove the side cover on the right side of the transmission. Don't panic you are not actually opening the transmission just a compartment in the case. First step is to remove the lock nut that holds on the bell crank on the shift shaft and the split ring that holds the gear indicator switch in place. (can be seen in pic#3) Remove the bell crank from the shift shaft and the gear indicator switch from the pivot shaft.



Both have alignment notches so no worries about getting them back in the right position. Next remove the five bolts around the cover and remove the cover. There is no gasket, just RTV sealer so you might have to use a little gentle persuasion. I try to keep both shafts in place while removing the cover, if they do come out with the cover it is not a problem both shafts have a skip tooth spline and will only go in one way.

With the cover off you can see the broken spring on the bottom below the pivot shaft.



Now you can remove the shifter shaft and detent pawl (on the right) and clean everything of old grease etc. Also remove any remaining RTV from the mating surfaces of cover and transmission case.



## GETTING IN GEAR

With all parts cleaned, reassemble and liberally lubricate all parts with all purpose grease being careful not to get any grease on the mating surfaces. Make sure o-rings on both shafts are in good shape, apply RTV to both mating surfaces and torque cover bolts to mfg. specs. Reinstall the bell crank and gear indicator switch. With all completed lets GET IT IN GEAR.



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A moment's insight is sometimes worth a life's experience. —Oliver Wendell Holmes

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"Faster, faster, faster, until the thrill of speed overcomes the fear of death." —Hunter S. Thompson

"A motorcycle functions entirely in accordance with the laws of reason, and a study of the art of motorcycle maintenance is really a miniature study of the art of rationality itself." —Robert M. Pirsig Emo Philips

## NOT POLITICALLY CORRECT



Hello Fellow Riders and Patriots, As we emerge from this unusual situation of not being able to physically connect with our fellow man (social distancing) and having to wear a face mask which makes us all look like Antifa, more and more facts come out as they usually do over time I would like to caution everyone not to jump to any conclusions. Common Sense these days has taken a back seat, "let's get ALL the facts first" why not shake someone's hand? If you are like me and 99% of everyone else out there you carry hand sanitizer (I always have this is nothing new) and wearing a mask for long periods of time will actually make you sick but we do it anyway just because someone in a position of authority said to? (That's the rebel in me) As riders we have been wearing (single or double layer) masks for a long time but we remove them when we stop and greet others it's called common (sense) courtesy. Wow what a concept, it will be nice when we can get back to that.

To the Patriots out there stand fast this too shall pass. What the latest movement has shown me is a lack of knowledge of our own history by a large majority of people who only seem to know one side (the one they are being told about) instead of getting all the facts. Now I don't want to go into a history lesson (like teaching people the first slave ship owner Anthony Johnson was black (Google it) but more to the fact that as I run for office I want people to understand we as a nation need to get back to basics in our education system and make sure that both sides of our history are being taught, not just one side by liberal teachers and professors. If we can put aside our differences and stand together (like the Hell's Angels and Mongols did in Cali) to stop the internal tearing apart of this Great Nation we will once again show the world "This is how it's done". As a baby boomer I refuse to let what the "Greatest Generation" left to me be torn apart because of something as simple as teaching the next generation our complete history.

OK now for the political part. As I run for office I put it to you like this, in the primary (in my own party) are you ok with a candidate who can be bought with a vacation to Hawaii to put forth the left's agenda (HB6323 National Popular vote) or a candidate who admits he's flawed (me) but will do the best job he can, and in the general election if you like the same family running for the last 27 years and getting basically nothing done (ok 1 bill sponsored in the last 6 years) or someone coming out of the middle class willing to listen to both sides with new ideas to move our state in a direction of prosperity and growth the choice is yours (if we don't stay the course you WILL lose that choice). 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

## INSURRECTION

BY RICK WYATT



It has been hard getting into what to write about this month with all the crap going on. Cruella De Whitmer has ruled that starting next week we can eat in at our favorite bars and restaurants, but seating capacity will be limited to prevent owners from making a profit and recoup some of the monies lost the last 3 months. I can go to the doctor and get injections in my feet so I can walk again and get the tooth fixed that broke the first week of the stay at home order. But I cannot get my hair cut, I suspect because of the barber and stylist demonstration with hair being cut on the capital grounds. This mountain man look is starting to grow on me, and I will not go to YouTube and learn how to cut my own like she suggested.

Over a week has lapsed since George Floyd died in police custody, the police officers who may be responsible have been arrested and it is obvious that the continuing demonstrations are no longer about the death of a black man in custody. Strange how a tragic but isolated incident can trigger a disturbance and sweep across a community then from city to city, spread like a cancer by people whose only objective is looting, burning, vandalism, and violence. In the wake of the unrest the taxpayers, all of us, are going to pick up the tab for years of political malfeasance and corruption in the cities devastated by the chaos. It's not dumb luck that most of the mayhem visited the affected states and cities are the same ones led by mayors and/or governors, using Covid-19 as an excuse, regulated personal conduct to the point of stealing any semblance of hope from the people. Sure, there were exceptions to my general observations but stop and think about the frustration you have been feeling over being nannied by our governor. At the same time though I must acknowledge that the very worst conduct was brought in from outside by a well-funded, highly trained but loosely organized cadre of anti-American thugs that have become more prominent on our political landscape for more than a half a century.

I do not have a problem with peaceful protest, even if I do not believe in the cause. Our independence comes from civil disobedience and that is why the first amendment protects all speech, including hate speech, even if it comes from the vilest sources. The public display of support for Floyd and his family was warranted, necessary if you will, because of unanswered questions over his death and the conduct of the officers involved. What it later morphed into took the victim out of the equation and replaced him with what I call the victim culture that chose to act out their grievances by destroying things and hurting people. When words turn to actions, the demonstrations crossed the line from civil disturbance to criminal activity and that is not constitutionally protected. Even after the family begged the crowds to not vandalize and loot, violence came with the evening darkness and the disturbance seemed to take on a life of its own. Not the legacy the family wanted attached to George Floyd's name.

Part of the reason the demonstrations took on a runaway life was the interjection of racism into the equation. Does racism exist? Yes it does, just as sure as the sun will rise in the morning. But allegations of racism provide convenient cover for the victim culture to make, often absurd, allegations and not have to substantiate them. I don't know what was in the police officers' hearts at the time of the arrest but I have seen the look in Officer Chauvin's (the alleged killer) eyes before. He is a bully and gets his rocks off hurting people, especially those who are larger in

stature than he is. Could he be racist? It's possible but that does not mean that racism is part of the police department culture in Minneapolis or any other occupation where you sleep better knowing that you can trust the men and women you work with to have your six. Are there police departments with racist tendencies? Yup and you will also find they are rife with all kinds of corruption, a socially acceptable term for bullying under the color of law. Unfortunately, that will be a fact of life until enough people get hurt and the whole community is willing to stand up to it.

Like I said earlier, the demonstrations seemed to be legitimate civil demonstrations until it got dark and they took on a life of their own. What happened was leadership changed and reasonable voices were no longer listened to and Frankenstein came out of the lab to terrorize the community. Remember, in group dynamics only about 3% of any crowd are going to create the most serious problems by inciting twelve to fifteen percent of the crowd (the wanna-bees) to overtly act out while eighty percent will for the most part stand by and watch. This formula can be proven in any riot situation and is the trademark of Antifa, the anarchists who openly admit their desire [to] overthrow the United States of America. Antifa is seen at more and more demonstrations every year, and through the attrition of wills plan to realize their goal. Antifa is not new, in fact it has been around for at least 50 years but known by many different names. Some of you might remember Students for a Democratic Society, Symbionese Liberation Army, the Weathermen, and Weather Underground; malcontents coming from college campuses to spread hate and disruption in the 60's. William Ayers, a known Weatherman, and some of his friends were known for bombing police stations and government buildings and killing innocent people in the process. God knows what they could have done if they had the tools Antifa uses today. These kids do not play, they wear body armor under their black pants and jackets, full face motorcycle helmets with dark visors, backpacks containing weapons like brass knuckles and metal batons, projectiles to be thrown at police such as chemical Molotov cocktails, bottles of human waste along with frozen bottles of water. Field leaders keep connected with encrypted wireless communications devices, like the Secret Service uses, and white noise generators to disrupt police communications. This allows [them] to direct the 12-15% in their rampage for maximum effect while the 80% find themselves as an inadvertent bumper between the real trouble-makers and the police.

Antifa is organized (even though you will never find a flow chart), well-funded as is evidenced by the electronics (several thousand dollars each) field leaders carry, and the fact that suspected leaders have no apparent source of income but can drop everything and go all over the world to spread hate and discontent. They are the product of the college campus sub-culture and dangerous. Major media such as CNN and MSNBC who often refers to them as white supremacists or neo-Nazis, don't fall for it, they are now and have always been a tool of the far-left political elite and they won't be happy until they are dancing around the pyre where the Constitution is being burnt. Moral of the story, do not give up your guns and buy more ammo because it is liable to be a while before this thing is over!

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