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LETTER FROM THE OWNER

*It's Always Darkest
Before the Dawn*

My cousin Eric used to say that along with, "That which is in the dark always comes to light". They both hold a similar meaning. These last couple months have been a time of uncertainties, challenges for many of us financially, physically and emotionally. I have been with my teenage daughter now in complete isolation for 40 days straight, anyone with kids and have survived the teenage years can surely relate to that challenge. I made sure to stock up on the essentials; food, wine, snacks, beer, liquor, more wine, more beer and frozen goods. Regardless, "This too shall pass".

I want to take an extra moment to really praise my advertisers and supporters and subscribers to Thunder Roads Michigan. Just like in life we see who are true friends are when we go through difficult times; we see with this publication the incredible businesses that are continuing to support it throughout all of this and because of them, I was able to print a publication this month and last. So thank you so much! I am so grateful for your support and honored to be able to still produce Michigan's #1 free motorcycle magazine both in print and digital versions. Please readers be sure to patronize these businesses when you are looking for a jacket, lawyer, restaurant, bike shop or a home as these advertisers have paid to show you that they are biker friendly, supporters of Thunder Roads and of Michigan!

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Now for some "Mo" Advice:

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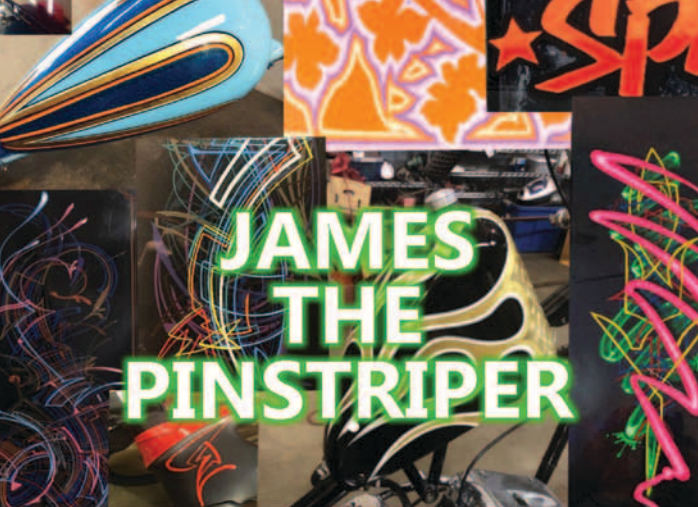
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What I mean is, when you see a hill do you back off because you know the hill is going to be a challenge or harder than you anticipated? Do you put your head down, gear up knowing you're going to just sprint the hill and hope you can make it? Do you pace yourself because you know you're going to need the energy and are preparing yourself take the whole hill? Each of us has a different perspective on how we take the hill or shall I say "hard parts" in life that we are given.

Like life, the hill will trick your brain telling you that it is super hard. If you plan on going out for 8 miles as it gets more difficult, the negative self-talk starts. You quickly tell yourself you're only going to complete 6 miles, which in turn leads to 5. Think it may be difficult right now but it will get easier. The feeling of doing it outweighs the feeling of not even trying. No one can take those miles away from you, only you.

Redirect your negative self-talk and thoughts. Get through the struggle and move forward. The reality is, you can take this hill and the next one and the next one after that. It's one step at a time. You believe you receive!

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READERS RIDES

Kenny Davanzo

This is my 2006 Harley-Davidson Streetglide. I built the motor a few years ago from crank up to give it more horsepower and had the heads and cylinders diamond cut to give it more bling. I tore the bike down to a rolling chassis and got all new body parts for it. The rear end is from Top Shop Baggers, it's called the Money Maker Kit. I went with a Paul Yaffe gas tank, La Pera seat, and a Dirty Bird Chin spoiler and Neck cover kit. I chose a 26 front wheel that showed more bling to match the rest of the chrome accents and paint. I also went with an American Suspension bolt on rake kit. Lastly, I picked out a sweet candy color paint called Ready or Not, it's a Vibrance paint. The paint was done at S&S Customs in Monroe, Mi. My Painter was Randy McDaniel, and the Photography was done by Kendra Koman photography. Thanks for featuring my bike; my shop is called Hazardous Cycles. ~Kenny Davanzo



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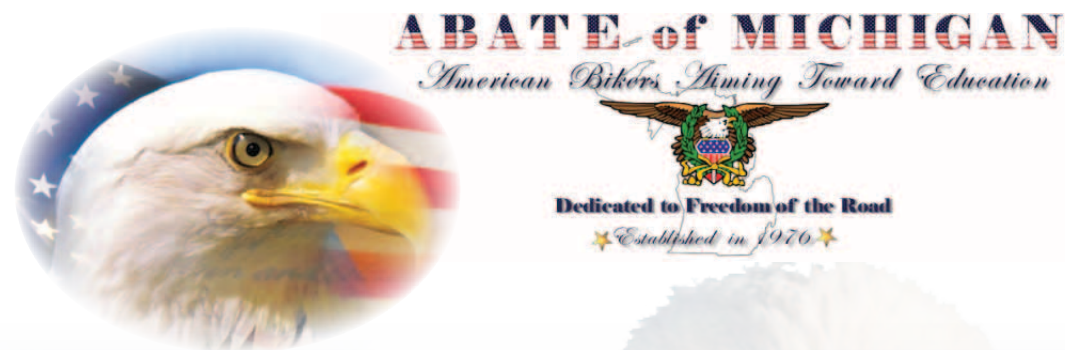
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We not only have to deal with the reality that the insurance reform at this very critical time is set-up to not only cost us more for insurance, but if we are involved in an accident we could be put in a financial hardship because our elected leaders in Michigan have turned their backs on all bikers, now that the COVID-19 pandemic has thrown a wrench in swap meets, bike charity runs for special events and fundraisers. When you add it all up IT SUCKS! But there is an old saying "when the going gets tough, the tough get going". So I'm staying positive the ABATE Membership will work hard on both issues and we will get results that will be favorable for ALL bikers across the great State of Michigan!

When this pandemic starts to go away and we get the all clear, let's do our part and support all the motorcycle leather shops, bars, Coney Island's, restaurants and dealerships that we enjoy going to. They are a part of the biking world and they are gonna need our help!

If you get the chance to get a Thunder Roads magazine, please do what you can to support those sponsors, it will help all of us by sticking together and defeating both of these issues we will not only be safer riding but helping our communities get stronger with our help!

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Hello fellow bikers, friends and patriots,

COVID-19 has changed our lives there's no disputing that. It's how we deal with it that counts. For us bikers having our (As Senator Rand Paul said) Ignorant Governor tell us we can not ride would be considered by many as unconstitutional (ya think). However, looking at Executive Order 2020-21 it does not specifically state motorcycles it does give at least 11 exceptions for travel. So, there are plenty of reasons to be on your bike like a critical worker, health care worker, necessary government worker, going to pick up medications etc. now let's look at it from another point of view. As a former First responder and Rescue I have been to my share of motorcycle accident scenes and with the threat of Coronavirus from anyone it would put transmission at a higher level just because of the nature of the accident than someone in a car with seat belt on and with this being spring (or any time of the year) cages are not necessarily looking for motorcycles. So, my suggestion is use some common sense "This too Shall Pass" and we will be back on two wheels soon without the added hassle from overzealous police we already have that with profiling.

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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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MEMORIAL DAY AND VETERAN'S DAY

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"Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans -- the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) -- established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country."

It gradually became known as Memorial Day and was declared a federal holiday and moved to the last Monday in May to organize a three-day weekend beginning in 1971. The passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 by Congress made it an official holiday.

Those who seek to remind people of the more somber meaning of Memorial Day have advocated for Congress to change the date of the holiday back to May 30, instead of making it part of a three-day weekend of leisure.

Though those efforts have not been successful, Congress established "The National Moment of Remembrance" in 2000, asking Americans to pause for a minute of silence and reflection in honor of those who died in military service at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day.

For those who have lost loved ones in the military, hearing "Happy Memorial Day" can feel jarring. Many veterans have expressed their displeasure with the phrase, deeming it inappropriate for the occasion.

"I do not know a single veteran who expects the country to mark this holiday with 24 hours of uninterrupted sadness," noting that "however well intentioned, this attitude does nothing to preserve the memory of those who died defending our way of life. In fact, it does the opposite."

"This Memorial Day, take a moment and head to the ocean or a special place when the sun is coming up or sometime during the day. Spend some time alone, and think about those who never made it back," after that "Then return to your family and be grateful for your life. Fire up the grill and invite friends over. And wish each of them a Happy Memorial Day, knowing full well that this day and the joy it brings are gifts you can never repay. Except, perhaps, by living a life full of happiness as all our fallen family and friends would have wanted."

After serving in the Army and Air Force for 31.5 years and participating in several Memorial Day



events and funeral's this time of the year helps me remember why I served and makes me remember those who have gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms that we sometimes take for granted.

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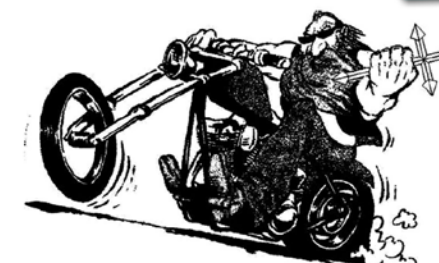
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Motorcycle Lawyer Confusion

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You Specialize in Motorcycle Cases; What about Auto & Truck Crashes?

Another comment I kept hearing was, “I did not know that you handle auto or truck accident cases, so I called someone else.” My heart sunk when I heard that.



Attorney Jason A. Waechter is a Michigan attorney specializing in the areas of motorcycle and motor vehicle injury litigation, as well as Michigan's Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law. Mr. Waechter has collected millions of dollars in settlements, awards and verdicts for his motorcycle clients over the past 25 years. Call Attorney Jason Waechter toll-free at 1-877-BIKER LAW or visit www.motorcyclawyeremichigan.com.

While it is true that I am **THE Motorcycle Lawyer**sm and highly specialize in motorcycle cases, we also handle car and truck accident cases. I have four lawyers in my firm. Each team in our office specializes. One of our attorneys was an in-house lawyer for Allstate for over 15 years, so we know how the other side operates. We have settled multiple semi-truck cases for millions.

I've seen the numbers. A couple of these T.V. lawyers spend over \$5,000,000 per year on advertising and I suspect they don't even know where the rear brake is on a motorcycle.

Because of these two major things, I had to do something. Something big. The problem was that, when googled, my brand THE Motorcycle Lawyer and 877-Biker-Law can lead to other firm's websites. Just when I was deciding what to do, a biker client of mine and I were in court for a hearing. Afterwards, he said to me, “You really have a powerful court room presence.” The same week, I was trying to find a new toll-free number to use/brand and I came across 877-Power-Law. It's different, easy to remember, and conveys what we are all about, so I grabbed it.

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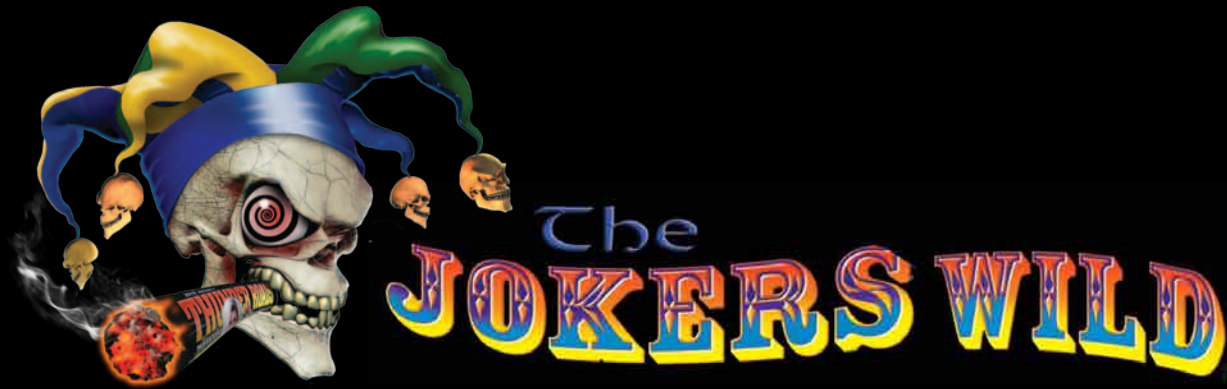
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Mary lost her husband almost four years ago and still hasn't gotten out of her depression and mourning, as if had just happened a week ago. Her daughter, Sara, is constantly calling and urging her to get 'back into the world of the living.' Finally, Mary agrees to a fix-up that Sara had arranged of a nice man that was the warehouse Manager at work. Mary and Fred went out for coffee and hit it off immediately! They took to one another fast and after six weeks of dating he asked Mary to come spend the weekend at his hunting cabin. Mary and Sara both knew what that meant. Their first night at the cabin Mary stood before Fred nude except for a pair of black panties while he was totally in the buff. He asked gently, "Why the black panties only?" and Mary replied, "My breasts are yours' to fondle, my body for you to explore, but down there I am still in mourning." The next night there Mary stands with her black panties only and Fred is again in the buff except that he has a black condom on his erection. Mary looks at Fred and inquires "What's with the black condom?" to which Fred ever so gently replies, "I'd like to offer up my condolences."

COVID-19 Pick-Up Lines (corny but cute)
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Farmer John once lived on a quiet rural highway but as time went by, the traffic slowly built up and eventually got so heavy and so fast that his free range chickens were being run over, at a rate of three to six a week. So Farmer John called the local police station to complain, "You've got to do something about all these people driving so fast and killing all my chickens," he said to the local police officer. "What do you want me to do?" asked the policeman. "I don't care, just do something about those crazy drivers!" So the next day the policeman had the Council erect a sign that said: SLOW: SCHOOL CROSSING Three days later Farmer John called the policeman and said, "You've still got to do something about these drivers. The school crossing' sign seems to make them go even faster!" So again, the policeman phoned the Council, and they put up a new sign: SLOW: CHILDREN AT PLAY That really sped them up. So Farmer John called and said, "Your signs are no good. Can I put up my own sign?" The policeman in order to get Farmer John off his back said, "Sure. Put up your own dang sign."

The phone calls to the Police Station stopped, but curiosity got the better of the Officer, so he called Farmer John. How's the problem with the speeding drivers. Did you put up your sign?" "Oh, I sure did, replied Farmer John, and not one chicken has been killed since then. The policeman was really curious and thought he'd better go out and take a look at the sign. He also thought the sign might be something the Police could use elsewhere to slow drivers down. So he drove out to Farmer John's house. His jaw dropped the moment he saw the sign. 'Nudist Colony' 'Slow down and watch for chicks!'

Who is your real Friend? This actually works! If you don't believe it, just try this experiment. Put your dog and your ole' lady in the trunk of your car for about an hour. When you open up the trunk, which one is Really Happy to see you? Told ya' so.

There's SO much going on with this Covid-19.... I'm gonna' ask my Momma if that offer to slap me into next year is still on the table.

I once dated a girl with a twin. People asked me how I could tell them apart? Simple; Jill painted her nails purple and John had a dick.

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DAYTONA BIKE WEEK 2020

By Jody Mo

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Story time...It was 21 years ago that I attended my first national motorcycle rally. I was 21 years old then and working as a Product Specialist for Dodge at the time, there was a Harley-Davidson Dodge truck that year, so they asked me if I wanted to work the Dodge display at Daytona Bike Week and I was like, "Are you kidding me, hell yes!" So there I was at Daytona Bike Week 1999, getting paid to be in HOG heaven! I have been back to Daytona Bike Week since then, just for fun, but here's the irony... You never forget your first national motorcycle rally. That first time I had so much fun, the kind that nothing else could ever compare to. I made friends with a group of bikers that came to the Dodge display, that to this day I still keep in touch with. They had some of the baddest custom Harley's you've ever seen! They were worth about \$50,000- \$60,000 each (which was a lot of money back then for a custom bike). Because I didn't have my bike down there, and Dana had brought two bikes, he let me ride his custom Road King. Wow was that bike sharp! On that first ride down A1A, just playing around, I grabbed the throttle and sped up for a couple quick seconds playfully. My friend Dana, riding next to me laughed and did the same. We did this one more time, and then saw blue lights in the mirrors. "Oops!" Dana dropped back to my right side and pulled over and I thought, "I am just going to pretend that I didn't see those lights in my tiny mirrors". Well, about a mile down the road a second police officer came along with their lights on, so I pulled over. I remember the look on his face when I took my helmet off and he realized, "Holy shit, that's a girl riding that bike!" Now, you need to remember and realize that 20 years ago there was not a lot of woman riding motorcycles. It was very rare for me to see another woman biker.

Long story short, I got my first motorcycle ticket that night; 80 mph in a 35 mph zone, a \$370 ticket, 6 points on my new record that I now have in Florida, but luckily back then those points didn't transfer back to Michigan and I didn't go to jail for reckless driving! My friends and I got a kick out of that ticket, because we were just having a little fun, goofing around.... All revved up, literally... I was rapping my pipes 20 minutes later, now downtown and... well I got pulled over again... this time for loud pipes! The people on the street were yelling, "Come on, don't give her a ticket!" He didn't! Daytona Bike Week 1999 will always be a good memory for me.

This year, 21 years later, now at 42 years old, I was back at Daytona Bike Week 2020 working as a Brand Ambassador for Harley-Davidson helping out in the Demo Touring Model Corral, literally getting paid to be in HOG heaven, yet again! This year was not so dramatic but it certainly was a lot of fun as you can see by all the photos. I made some more new friends, ran into some old friends and made more great memories.



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MAY

May 3 *EVENT CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
21st Annual Blessing of the Bikers
Church of the Living Word, Ovid, MI. For more info go to COTLW.org

May 3
Ride with the Eagles Early Bird Poker Run
Walled Lake Eagles, Walled Lake MI, Regis 9:30- 11 am, rain or shine, \$20 per rider, \$15 per passenger, \$10 dinner only, 50/50, games, raffles, cash prizes. For more info call Jim 734-657-1046

May 10
40th Annual Mother's Day Swap Meet & Bike Show
Midland County Fairgrounds, Midland, MI. 10am - 4pm, Ride In Bike Show sign up from 10am to 1pm, show ends at 3pm. Event ends at 4pm. \$5 admission, children under 12 free! For more details call Bubba 989-697-5525

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May 16
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Merriman Rd Baptist Church, Garden City, MI. Gates open 10 am, blessing 1 pm, ride 2 pm, free food, free bike wash, music, bike show, door prizes. In case of inclement weather rain date is Sat, May 30th. For more info go to mrbcfaithriders.com (See ad this issue)

May 16

16th Annual Holiday Camp Benefit Motorcycle Ride
Cabela's, Dundee, MI. \$25 solo rider, \$10 passenger, Regis 11 am, Leaves 12:30 pm, ends at The Point Pub & Grub, free continental breakfast, blessing at noon, police escorted, meal at the end, door prizes, raffles & more. For more info visit Law Dogs of Monroe on Facebook .

May 22-25

25th Annual Memorial Weekend Motorcycle Rally & Blessing
Hudson Leather, Pioneer, OH. Sat bike show, all makes/models, live bands, vendors, blessing Sunday. For more info go to Hudson-Leather.com

May 23 & 24
Bubbass Memorial Weekend Classic
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JUNE

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June 7

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June 9

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June 13

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June 13 & 14

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June 13 & 14

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June 27

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Biker Preacher's Corner

Hello everyone! I'm sure most of you have finished up your tune-ups and oil changes and have already put on some miles this year - even with the Stay-at-Home orders.

It seems like all we have heard for the last several months is Coronavirus this and Coronavirus that.

But this month, I want to encourage you from the Word of God. There are so many scriptures that I can apply to what we've been dealing with lately. So, I'm going to try to get right to the point and be as specific as I can. First things first - we must look to God he is our only hope.

Listen, Jesus is God - there is no salvation or healing but in Him. So, we have to focus on Him and on what He said. In Matthew 6:33 Jesus said...

Matthew 6:33 (TPT) 33 "So above all, constantly chase after the realm of God's kingdom and the righteousness that proceeds from him. Then all these less important things will be given to you abundantly.

In proper scriptural context this section of scripture is talking about not worrying about what we're going to eat, what we're going to wear, etc. Jesus said above all, constantly chase after God's Kingdom and His righteousness all that that you need will be provided. Jesus is the righteousness of God so we must look to Jesus with hearts of faith and humility trusting Him for all that we need.

Now that we are focusing on Christ Jesus Isaiah 41:10 really gives us hope. The Prophet Isaiah wrote - under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God.

Isaiah 41:10 (HCSB) 10 Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with My righteous right hand.

Ya see, if we look to Jesus we can truly live without fear - Knowing that God has our backs and that He will help us no matter what we may be facing in this life.

Are you sick today? Look to Jesus He is our healer (in fact there is no other name that heals the sick). The Apostle Peter said in 1 Peter 2:24.

1 Peter 2:24 (TPT) 24 He himself carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we would be dead to sin and live for righteousness. Our instant healing flowed from his wounding.

So, it is when we focus our hearts, confessing with our mouths that Jesus is Lord, we can have peace knowing that God almighty is caring for us, protecting us and helping us. Jesus himself carried our sins so that we would no longer be dead but alive in Him, and if we are sick we can call upon the Lord Jesus Christ because the wounds that He took on Calvary bring instant healing to our bodies. It takes faith!

Will you repent of your sins and ask Jesus to be your personal Lord and Savior today? By the way He takes the guilt and shame too! He loves you so much and has paid your way to know God your creator.

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IN THE SHOP WITH RON

BY Ron Johnson

CHANGES

So many things have changed since last month in the shop with the COVID-19 Pandemic. I just want to offer our sincere hope that everyone stays safe and well, until this thing is over. We were looking forward to our 5th Annual Customer Appreciation Party /Open House, which is normally held on the weekend before Memorial Day, but with stay home stay safe order in place until at least the end of April we were forced to make the difficult decision and to cancel our party for this year. We look forward to having our annual party every year, it gives us a chance to hang out with friends, family, past and hopefully future customers, have some good food and drinks and relax for a day. We also use it as an opportunity to show case the improvements, upgrades, and additional equipment we have added to the shop over the past year in our ongoing effort to better serve our customers.

Since we won't be having our annual party this year I would like to use this opportunity to bring everyone up to speed on the new services we're offering and showcase our new equipment... a virtual open house if you will. So let's get started. One of the new services we are offering this year is sandblasting. I've been using sandblasting in my day to day operations for paint and bodywork for years, but with the purchase of some new equipment we would like to offer sandblasting as a service to our customers. We have two options for sandblasting. First, for smaller parts up to approximately touring bike gas tanksize we have an enclosed blasting cabinet.



I really like this set up for smaller parts as it keeps all the mess contained and does a really nice job. For the bigger projects we have also added a 120lb. pressure pot sandblaster.



This allows us to blast larger items that won't fit in the cabinet. We have also dedicated a room for this process so we can recover and re-use our sand (sand works better after it's been used a couple of times).

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Next, on the list of additions is our computerized tire balancer.



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I was even able to talk my partner and wife (Patty) into doing some painting and such in the building where we do tires and sandblasting. Somehow this doesn't seem as much fun as seeing actual people and being able to talk to them in person but under the circumstances it is all we can do. Again, please stay safe and well we look forward to seeing you when this is done.

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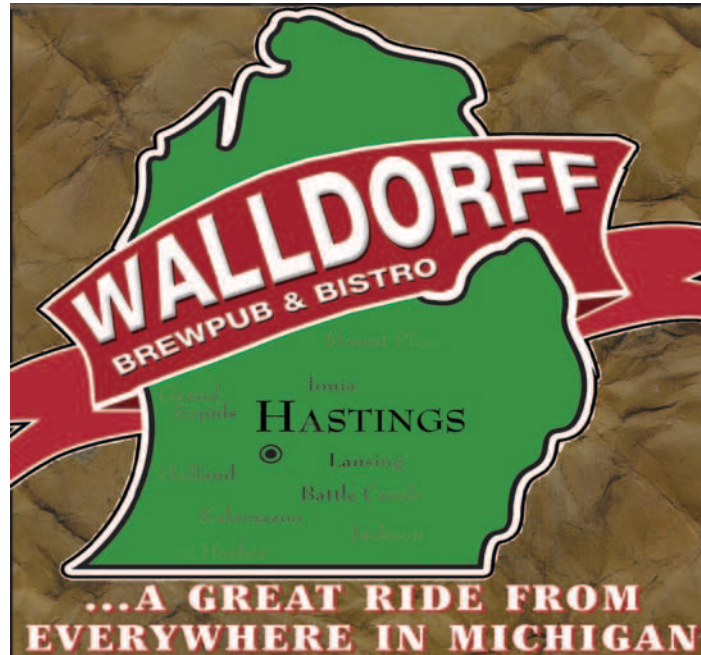
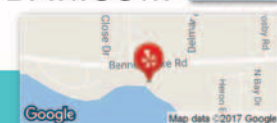
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PANIC

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The events of the last couple of weeks have at the very least been interesting. I don't know who has had the most difficult job; the people who stock toilet paper in the grocery, or all of us who sell firearms and ammunition. I say this tongue in cheek, because the real heroes are medical workers and first responders who are still working tirelessly to keep us safe from an invisible killer stalking peoples around the world, to exploiting their vulnerability. It is easy to fear something you can't see and, in most cases, have trouble understanding, but I remind you of the words of the Serenity Prayer "God give me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference." Think about it and find your peace.

I think if you were to talk to most gun shop owners you would find that most of them, or at least the responsible ones, have some concerns about the wave of panic firearm purchases. Our store was flooded with scared people who had never touched or had very limited experience with firearms pushing to purchase their first gun for home and personal defense. These customers, many armed with sketchy internet research, were seeking guns and ammunition wholly inappropriate for what they intended to use of for setting themselves up to potentially cause unnecessary tragedy because of their lack of basic knowledge and understanding of the product they are purchasing. AR's, AK's and shotguns with buckshot are poor choices for home defense firearms because of the number of walls their projectiles may pass through and the potential for causing death or serious injury in adjacent rooms and structures. Granted handguns may pose a similar threat but that can be mitigated with the use of appropriate personal/home defense ammunition that is designed to deform and bleed massive energy upon initial impact with any surface.

Second concern with these panic buyers is the fact that lacking even a basic knowledge of firearms these people were going to be taking a tool they did not understand into their homes and communities, loading it with potential death in destruction, and not have the common sense to realize that what they see on television and in the theater is not real! Once that trigger is pulled, either intentionally or negligently, the owner may be liable both civilly and criminally liable for the damage inflicted. Please if you know anybody who got caught up in the panic and bought their first firearm take the time to at least introduce them to the fundamentals of safety and the basic operation of their firearm.

Now let's talk about panic itself.

Panic is a disease that grows from the top down and in most cases results from poor planning and the absence of the acknowledgement that even of the best of days feces occurs. It has become too easy to point fingers rather than accept the responsibilities of your office, pull up your big people drawers, and do your job. We live under a federalist system where basic governance is the responsibility of the governors of each individual state and basic to that governance is the safety, security and well-being of the people. That is why every state has an Office of Emergency Management that is tasked with the responsibility of ensuring that the state is prepared to provide essential services, including medical services, at times of emergency or natural disaster. It is the duty of the governor, or at least it used to be, to conduct an annual audit of the state's emergency preparedness plan and ensure that materials and manpower are in place in the event of any kind of disaster. When Gov. Whitmer, and other governors, pointed fingers and blamed Washington for their state's lack basic materials to respond to a medical disaster they proved that they lacked understanding of the scope of responsibility of their office. In defense of these political animals I will point out that many of the materials needed now were depleted during the swine flu epidemic and never replenished by previous administrations, but that is why you have an annual audit and hold people accountable when their area is found deficient. Instead they stoked the panic then used it as an excuse to breach the constitution, namely suspend the second amendment.

Congress allocated \$2 trillion to keep workers and businesses afloat as we weather the havoc in the economy. Pelosi and Schumer packed this appropriation with monies for the performing arts, the Kennedy Center, National Public Radio, refugee settlement, etc; special interests with absolutely no connection to the virus and we the taxpayers will be paying for generations to come. Political elitism doesn't give a crap about common people and that defines modern liberalism. Michigan is represented by individuals who lack the moral courage to go to the floor of their chamber and call out their leadership and take a stand for us. Elections are coming in November and when they start to brag about what they did for us in this time of crisis ask yourself when was the last time you were invited to the Kennedy Center or heard anything fair and unbiased on NPR. Is your representative really working for you, it is obvious neither of our Senators do and it is time we showed them the door!

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