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### It's about time!

Finally the warmer weather has arrived. I hope everyone has been able to get out and enjoy it. Looking for a destination? Make sure to check out the events calendar for what's going on.

In this issue, you will find a few articles on some events that went on as well as what to make sure you do before taking off on that road trip. Also, a feature on a local custom bike builder, and Steve is back from Europe and giving us some tech tips this month. Our factory feature this month is the Heritage Softail so make sure to check that out! Don't forget to head to Saganing Eagles Casino this month for a chance to win a Can Am Spyder!

On a sadder note, we pay tribute to my friend, my cousin and part of the Thunder Roads family, Eric Mohowitsch whom we lost last month unexpectedly. Eric was one of those kinds of people you love to be around. He is greatly missed!

Don't forget, we are looking for the cartoon character as seen in the Biker Friendly Directory. Last month the character was on page 63, in the top left picture. See if you can find him this month.

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Now for some "Mo" Advice: They say never go to bed angry. Well, what that really means is make sure that the ones you love know you love them each and every day, because in the blink of an eye, things, people, and life can change.

Jody Mohowitsch



# 2013 HARLEY-DAVIDSON® HERITAGE SOFTAIL CLASSIC



The Heritage Softail is clearly a favorite here for the Thunder Roads Team - with our own editor riding one for more than 11 years. So it was with some pleasure that we turned our focus on this classic mainstay in the Harley-Davidson lineup.

While most think of the Electra Glide and Road Glide as Harley's touring bikes - it is the Heritage that really embodies the essence of a classic touring motorcycle. With its HYPERLINK "<http://www.totalmotorcycle.com/motorcycles/2013models/2013-Harley-Davidson-FLSTC-HeritageSoftailClassic.htm>" smooth performance, comfortable riding position, low seat height, ample luggage space, wind protection and passenger accommodations, the Heritage Softail® Classic is a true custom-touring bike.

Few bikes capture the spirit of the original dressers more authentically than this beautiful motorcycle. 1940s-style leather saddlebags with quick-detach buckles, full FL front fender, chrome laced wheels and hub cover all pay homage to the past, while the counter-balanced Twin Cam 96™ engine, hidden rear suspension and new optional HYPERLINK "<http://www.totalmotorcycle.com/motorcycles/2013models/2013-Harley-Davidson-FLSTC-HeritageSoftailClassic.htm>" Anti-lock Braking System all reside at the forefront of modern technology.

The 2013 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail Classic features an attractive custom style. We especially like the old school saddlebags, the fluid fenders with chrome highlights or the imposing chromed headlamp. Not to mention about the wheels, the optional 110th Anniversary gas tank medallion, or the hidden rear shocks which further enhance the vintage look of the motorcycle.

As far as comfort goes you get a detachable windshield, tall handlebar, full-length rider footboards, convertible two-piece seat and engine idle temperature management strategy.

The 2013 Harley-Davidson Heritage Softail Classic is powered by a 1,585cc, air-cooled, twin cam 96B engine which cranks out 117 Nm of torque at 2750 rpm. The engine is married with a six-speed cruise drive transmission which provides smooth, quiet shifting and reduces engine speed on the highway.

The 2013 Harley-Davidson Heritage Softail Classic motorcycle FLSTC is fully equipped with modern touring capabilities and even has a removable motorcycle windshield. For 2013, the FLSTC Heritage Softail Classic comes in an extremely limited, serialized 110th Anniversary Special Edition, featuring exclusive commemorative anniversary styling elements and premium features that make it a

top-of-the-line model and a true work of living art, with finely forged finishes that age and transform in a manner unique to each vehicle. The Harley Heritage Softail Classic features a powerful air-cooled Big V-Twin Cam Harley engine, providing performance power. Enjoy mile after mile with a large capacity 5 gallon Softail fuel tank. The H-D Softail tank is also dripping with authentic Harley-Davidson style. The Harley FLSTC has full length rider footboards with rubber vibration isolation for added comfort. Another of the many great features of this classic motorcycle is the detachable motorcycle windshield. You can remove the Harley Heritage Softail windshield for a new look.

## STYLING AND DESIGN NOTES FROM HARLEY

### Nostalgic Custom Style

Do laced wheels, whitewalls and studded leather add to the way a bike feels on the road? Of course they do. It's these extras that make the Heritage Softail® Classic model the quintessential boulevard cruiser. As rallies were gaining grassroots traction in the '40s, you'd roll into Daytona Bike Week expecting new stories and new styles. There was really something going on, and it's still alive and well in this bike. Take the saddlebags, studded with style straight from that golden era, with hidden quick-detach buckles. Or the fenders—full and fluid, with chrome highlights and matching paint. Or that big, commanding 7-inch ball headlamp, chromed and classy. And let's talk wheels. You can go with the standard steel-laced wheels on blackwalls with a chrome hub. Or turn the clock all the way back with the optional chrome laces and wide whitewalls. For the ultimate touch of style, the 110th Anniversary Edition teams the whitewalls with Smooth wheels, cast of premium aluminum and polished to a shimmering, glass-smooth finish.

### Hidden Rear Shocks

If you want a comfortable bike but love that rigid-suspension look, you've come to the right bike. We've kept all the modern comforts where they belong below the surface of a rad, vintage-looking bike. You get the classic lines of a vintage hardtail frame with the horizontal rear shocks hidden in the guts. It's a signature rigid look, and you'll only find it on a Softail model.

### Tank-Mounted Console

For 2011, the speedometer face boasts an even bigger, bolder display for the odometer and offers up more information on the fly, like an ancillary display for gear and rpm.

### Old-School Tank and 3-D Medallion

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### Tall Handlebar

Classic style and maximum comfort. That's the perfect balance of the tall handlebars that come standard on the Heritage Softail Classic motorcycle. They're designed to keep you comfortably propped in a commanding position while making sure your neck muscles stay calm and relaxed mile after mile, state after state. Durable stainless steel insures the structural rigidity you expect from a Harley-Davidson motorcycle with the deep, lustrous finish you demand.

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**The Engine**

Feast your eyes on the Twin Cam 96B counter-balanced engine and there's no mistaking its roots. This is authentic Harley-Davidson style through and through with an attention to detail you won't find on any other bike. The black powder-coated engine features machined cooling fin tips and is topped off with brilliant chrome rocker covers. Rigid-mounted and air-cooled, the 1584cc Twin Cam 96B

engine provides increased power, smooth performance and a maintenance-free built-in primary auto chain tensioner. It's a jewel machined out of metal. Pure. Dripping with power. From the classic edge of the cooling fins to the clean lines of cases and covers the Twin Cam 96B engine makes an ironclad statement to holding on to what's right and staying true to what satisfies the rider.



Fire up the air-cooled, rigid-mounted Twin Cam 96B counter-balanced engine and feel the low-end torque unleashed for a smooth ride. Thanks to the lightweight piston design, delivery of the added power is more refined than ever. Then put your foot on the shifter and feel how the engine and Six-Speed Cruise Drive transmission were designed to work together. Six speeds. A strong driveline and strong internal parts. Low routine maintenance. And a low cruising rpm couldn't feel better.

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# VETERANS CORNER



This month's main topic is VRAP. No, we ain't talking about no urban kind of music (classic rock and blues is the best music by the way, don't you know). VRAP is Veteran's Retraining Assistance Program. Part of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, it offers up to 12 months of training assistance to unemployed veterans.

As with any government program, it has some conditions:

1. You must be between 35 and 60.
2. You must be unemployed at the time you submit the application.
3. Your discharge must not have been dishonorable.
4. You are not eligible for any of the other VA education benefit programs (GI bill, vocational rehab, etc.)
5. You are not getting VA compensation for disability
6. You are not enrolled in any federal or state job training program
7. You want to give Possum \$1,000. Just screwing with you on this one, that ain't true.

Here's the scoop copied from their web page: <http://benefits.va.gov/vow/education.htm>

The program is limited to 45,000 participants from July 1, 2012, through September 30, 2012, and 54,000 participants from October 1, 2012, through March 31, 2014. Participants must attend full-time in order to receive up to 12 months of assistance equal to the monthly full-time payment rate under the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty program (\$1,564 effective October 1, 2012). DOL will offer employment assistance to every Veteran who participates upon completion of the program.

As of May 13, there were 47,066 people enrolled in training, so you can still get approved for it.

Participants must be enrolled in a VA approved program of education offered by a community college or technical school. The program must lead to an Associate Degree, Non-College Degree, or a Certificate, and train the Veteran for a high demand occupation.

To apply go to <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

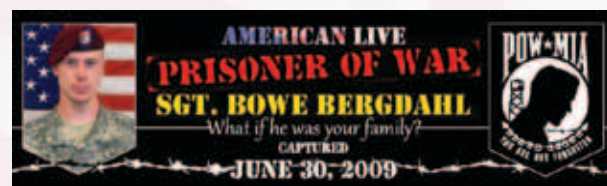
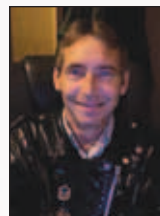
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For a list of those high demand occupations see [http://benefits.va.gov/vow/docs/VRAP\\_High\\_Demand.pdf](http://benefits.va.gov/vow/docs/VRAP_High_Demand.pdf)

Mucho thanks to the commander of American Legion post 110 for cluing me in on this program.

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## Proposed No-Fault Law Shafts Motorcyclist

On April 23rd a new bill (HB 4612) was introduced by the Michigan House of Representatives. This bill could be disastrous for motorcyclists and our passengers. It would cap medical and other no-fault benefits, making it difficult or impossible for some accident victims to afford their medical costs. All vehicle accident victims would be hurt by the significant benefit reductions proposed in this legislation, but motorcyclist would be disproportionately worse off... significantly shafted!

Our current no-fault system requires auto insurance companies to pay "all reasonable charges incurred for the reasonable and necessary products, services and accommodations for the injured person's care, recovery and rehabilitation." Stated more simply, insurers must pay all medical bills related to your medical treatment and care for life, as well as pay for wage loss, household chores, and medical mileage.

Under this proposal, drivers of cars ('motor vehicles' not motorcycles) would have coverage of their medical bills capped at \$1 million. There are many other limitations pertaining to the products, services and accommodations covered in the current system.

Motorcyclists would be subject to even further caps and cutbacks. Bikers would only be entitled to \$250,000 of total Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage, including wage loss and replacement services, regardless of how or why the crash occurred. See section 3107 (3)(C) of the proposed bill.

Consider this example: Under the proposed changes, if a motorcyclist with a good job is permanently disabled after an accident, and qualifies for the maximum wage replacement and household chores reimbursement, he would only have \$78,400 left to pay medical bills. More realistically, the medical bills incurred close to the date of the incident would eat up the full \$250,000 of coverage, leaving little to nothing for wage loss or household chore reimbursement. More likely, the motorcyclist would be left with additional medical costs. A car driver in the same situation would start out with four times more coverage. The current law has the same limitations on how long an accident victim is paid wage loss and replacement services, but provides unlimited coverage for medical costs for life.

### This proposal slashes medical benefits

The new bill proposes to eliminate life-long coverage, limiting Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage to \$1 million for drivers of 'motor vehicles', and only \$250,000 for motorcyclists. Attendant care would be significantly limited: If the attendant care was provided by family or household members in-home, coverage would be limited to 56 hours per week. If in-home care is provided by a nursing service, it would be limited to 16 hours per day, regardless of whether or not round-the-clock coverage is required. For the first time ever, the bill would require a \$200 per month co-pay at the expense of the patient if attendant care is needed on a full-time basis, effective 30 days after attendant care is initiated.

### This bill eliminates the victim's right to a jury trial

The right to a jury trial would be taken away by this new bill. According to the proposed bill: "Whether a charge is reasonable or whether a product, service, or accommodation is medically appropriate and medically necessary is a question of law to be decided by the court," not a jury.

### The proposal will not lower premiums

While promises of lower premiums have been made, they can't be fulfilled. The bill does require the reduction of rates by \$150; however, insurers can increase the rates one year later without limitation. The cuts to coverage will force drivers to obtain additional PIP coverage from other sources, so any cost reductions they might have seen from insurance rates will be offset by the new cost for PIP coverage.

### The bill will retroactively cut coverage to current benefit recipients.

Virtually all of the reductions in benefits and charges will be retroactive. The bill states "payments to providers for... products, services and accommodations are subject to the limits in this section..." A motorcyclist who was previously in an accident and whose doctor's appointments, therapy, and other medical costs are currently being covered could be immediately and totally cut off.

### Make your voice heard

The cutbacks and changes proposed in this bill will be terrible for all Michigan drivers, and it could catastrophically impact many motorcyclists and their families. If you are unhappy with the proposed law, contact your legislator to let them know. Visit this website to send them an email today:

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Please note: this article was written while the Bill was pending in the House Insurance Committee. By the time this is published, typically changes will have been made to the Bill. For the current version of the Bill go to: [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov)

\* Wage loss up to about the \$100 per month for up to three years; up to \$20 per day for household chores for up to three years; mileage to and from the doctor; and attendant care.

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 20 years. A portion of each case settled goes to educational resources for bikers, funds to help bikers while their cases are being litigated and our motorcycle accident prevention campaign. Call Attorney Jason Waechter toll free at 1-877-BIKER LAW. Or visit [www.motorcyclelawyermichigan.com](http://www.motorcyclelawyermichigan.com)



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Three Little Pigs went out to dinner one night. The waiter came and took their drink order. 'I would like a Sprite,' said the first little piggy. 'I would like a Coke,' said the second little piggy. 'I want beer, lots and lots of beer,' said the third little piggy. The drinks were brought out and the waiter took their orders for dinner. 'I want a nice big steak,' said the first piggy. 'I would like the salad plate,' said the second piggy. 'I want beer, lots and lots of beer,' said the third little piggy. The meals were brought out and a while later the waiter approached the table and asked if the piggies would like any dessert. 'I want a banana split,' said the first piggy. 'I want a cheesecake,' said the second piggy. 'I want beer, lots and lots of beer,' exclaimed the third little piggy. 'Pardon me for asking,' said the waiter to the third little piggy, 'But why have you only ordered beer all evening?' The third piggy says - 'Well, duh.....somebody has to go 'Wee, wee, wee, all the way home!'

When John and Mary first got married John said, "I am a sex addict and I'm putting a box under the bed to help control my addiction. You must promise never to look in it." In all their 30 years of marriage Mary never looked. However, on the afternoon of their 30th anniversary, curiosity got the best of her and she lifted the lid and peeked inside. In the box were 3 empty beer cans and \$81,874.25 in cash. She closed the box and put it back under the bed. That evening after dinner Mary could no longer contain herself and confessed, "For all these years I kept my promise and never looked into the box under our bed. But now I need to know why do you keep the 3 beer cans in the box?" John thought for a while and said, "I guess after all these years you deserve to know the truth. Whenever I was unfaithful to you I put an empty beer can in the box under the bed to remind myself not to do it again." Mary was shocked but forgiving. John thanked her for being so understanding. They hugged and made their peace. A little while later Mary asked John, so why do you have all that money in the box? John answered; "Well, whenever the box filled up with empty cans, I took them to the recycling center and redeemed them for cash"

Years ago, a young Navy Pilot was injured while ejecting from his A-4 Skyhawk due to engine failure during a catapult shot from the aircraft carrier, but due to the heroics of rescue helicopter and the ship's hospital staff, the only permanent injury was the loss of one ear. Since he wasn't physically impaired, he remained on flight status and eventually became an Admiral. However, during his career, he was always sensitive about his appearance. One day, the Admiral was interviewing two Navy Master Chiefs and a Marine Sergeant Major for his personal staff. The first Master Chief was a Surface Navy-type, and it was a great interview. At the end of the interview, the Admiral asked him, "Do you notice anything different about me?" The Master Chief answered, "Why, yes, Admiral. I couldn't help but notice that you're missing your starboard ear, and I don't know whether this impacts your hearing on that side."

The Admiral got very angry at this lack of fact, and threw him out of his office. The next candidate, an Aviation Master Chief, when asked this same question, answered, "Well, yes, Sir. You seem to be short one ear." The Admiral threw him out, as well. The third interview was with the Marine Sergeant Major. He was articulate, extremely sharp, and seemed to know more than the two Master Chiefs put together. The Admiral wanted this guy, but went ahead with the same question. "Do you notice anything different about me?" To his surprise, the Sergeant Major said, "Yes, Sir. You wear contact lenses." The Admiral was impressed, and thought to himself, what an incredibly tactful Marine'. "And how would you know that?", the Admiral asked. The Sergeant Major replied: "Well, Sir, it's pretty hard to wear glasses with only one f\*\*\*in' ear!"

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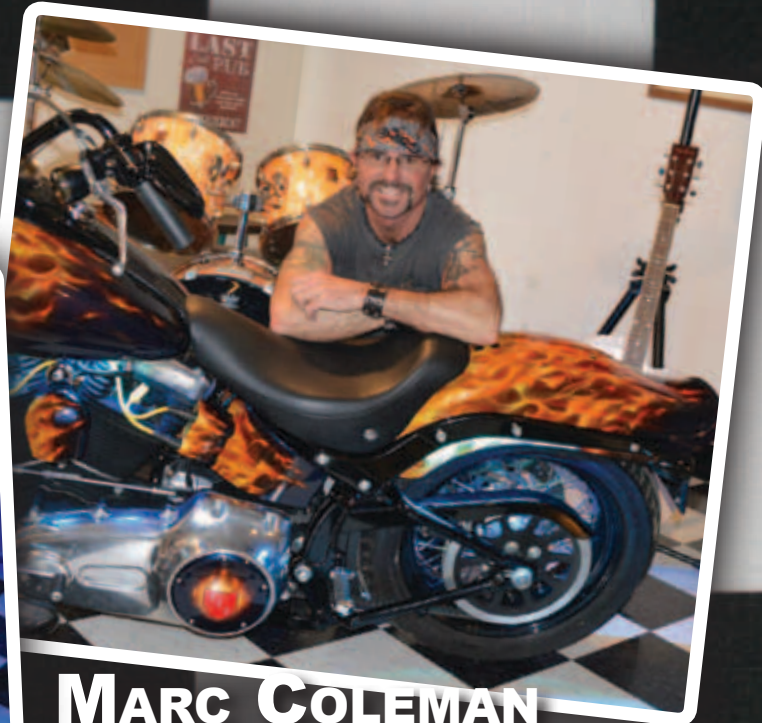
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By Don Clark

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By Kathleen Howell

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- CHECK YOUR MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE. Will you be off the grid? Will your data plan work where you are going if you want/need it to?
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# The Ovid Blessing

by Kirk & Jean Quenby



Mother Nature put a big smile on our faces as we headed out on Sunday, May 5th to the small town of Ovid for the 14th Annual Blessing of the Bikers at the Church of the Living Word. Biker outreach is a big part of the ministry here and the blessing dates way back to the year 2000 when it began as a tribute to a fallen biker.

Upon arrival, partaking of the free baked goods, coffee and juice only adds to the atmosphere of fun and excitement. It is the first Bike Show of the season and the parking lot is a bike show, too. Hundreds of bikers from all over the state came out of hibernation to start their riding season with this blessing. And, we sure need all the protection possible out there in the wild world of cages! We love the hog roast which is like no other, too. All you can eat for \$5. Can you believe it?

The blessing began with the National Anthem, followed by Sam Cottle asking for a moment of silence for our troops. In the Blessing, Pastor Clairmont asks for protection for the biker, our troops, our families, our marriages and our own churches. It was AWESOME, as always. People are more important than their machines and the blessing is designed for us the rider. And, to have fun and minister



to our needs, of course. The blessing ends with a Charity Ride for Youth Haven Ranch. Bill Tripp, gave a shout out to remind us all that this great program helps disadvantaged youth from ages 7-12 free of charge giving youth a safe haven of faith, family and values.

Senior Pastor Audie Clairmont is dedicated to the Biker Ministry with special parking on Sundays. And, you'll fit right in! After the Sunday service you can even get together and go for a Sunday ride.

And, we cannot forget to congratulate the bike show winners: First Place: Jerry Montgomery's 2007 Harley Softail; Second Place: Scott and Darlene Karns' 2010 Harley Softail; and, Third Place: Chad with "Baker's" 2011 Custom Panhead

Be safe out there!

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# Jody "Mo's" THUNDER FUN

## Inspiration

*Always be yourself, because the people that matter don't mind and the ones that do mind don't matter.*

*Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who'll never find it out. ~ Frank A. Clark*

*Follow your hunches like the ancient navigators followed the stars. The voyage may be lonely but the stars will take you where you want to go. ~ David J. Mahoney*

*Life is a tragedy for those who feel and a comedy for those who think. ~ La Bruyere*

*The best way to prepare for life is to begin to live. ~ Elbert Hubbard*

## Riddles

**A.** I turn polar bears white and I will make you cry. I make guys have to pee and girls comb their hair. I make celebrities look stupid and normal people look like celebrities. I turn pancakes brown and make your champagne bubble. If you squeeze me, I'll pop. If you look at me, you'll pop. Can you guess the riddle?

**B.** Say my name and I disappear. What am I?

**C.** What is it that after you take away the whole, some still remains?

**D.** Why doesn't a mountain covered with snow catch cold?

(Answers below)

## Fun Facts

A hedgehog's heart beats 300 times a minute on average.

A jumbo jet uses 4,000 gallons of fuel to take off.

A mole can dig a tunnel 300 feet long in just one night.

Actor Tommy Lee Jones and former vice-president Al Gore were freshman roommates at Harvard.

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**W**est Virginia: If any person, arrived at the age of discretion, profanely curses, swears or gets drunk in public, they shall be fined, by a justice, one dollar for each offense.

Answers: A) No, because there is nothing that satisfies the requirements above - gotcha!  
B) Silence C) Wholesome D) Because it has a snowcap

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# Thunder Across the Thumb Ride & Bike Show for the Troops

By Don Clark

Well, where do I start? It was a beautiful weekend from start to finish, with the temps in the low to mid 70s, it was perfect for the Thunder Across The Thumb Tribute to the Troops. To kick things off was the bike show on Saturday that was held at the Thumb Motorcycle Chrome in Caro, with the ride in bike show. The judging was done by all who participated, with classes from touring, trike, custom just to mention a few. Hot dogs, sloppy joes, chili and much more was there for the taking for anyone who became hungry. A great time was had by everyone. Sunday being the day for the big ride, started at the Caro airport where free coffee and donuts were provided to the riders. The ride was a 50



mile ride that would end up at the Sandusky airport with a lunch being offered to the riders when they arrived. If you were unable to make it to this great event, make sure you watch the calendar of events in Thunder Roads of Michigan Magazine next year, you won't be disappointed. All proceeds go to making care packages for the troops, last year there were over 35 boxes sent! A giant thank you goes out to Tolandia and Charles of Thumb Motorcycle Chrome and their staff for all their hard work and organizing for yet another perfect event. So, may I say from them and all us riders, thank you also to the Caro Merchants, Tuscola County Sheriff Dept., Sanilac Sheriff Dept., the Air Force Cadets of Sandusky, along with many others that make this possible! Ride Safe and God Bless Our Troops.



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# Biker Preacher's Corner

June 16th is Father's Day but before I talk to the Dads out there. Let me give all the biker mamas out there a VERY heartfelt – however belated at this point in time – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

The Bible says in Ephesians 6:2-3 "Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise, 3 so that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life in the land." (HCSB)

So, to you Moms and Dads – I honor you, not just these specific days of the year, but every day! GOD BLESS YOU!!

Recently, I was thinking about my Mom and Dad and what they mean to me... Long story short – they are my heroes!! Specifically, Dad was a very quiet man while I was growing up, he taught me so much about what it means to be a hard worker, to be loyal and honorable in everything I do. But, even more importantly, he taught me what it means to be a man of God and to be a good husband to my wife and father to my sons. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for your love and Godly example in my life.

Now, my wife and I are raising our sons to be men after God's own heart and to be wonderful husbands for their wives in the future. Listen, to you awesome fathers and grandfathers out there - you are so important to your children and grandchildren. Just as important as their mothers and grandmothers are!! It's our job, as fathers, to "Teach a youth [children] about the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Let me encourage you with a few final thoughts... God is the ultimate father, the best of the best. He created you, He loves you and wants to spend time with you in a personal relationship that is truly made in Heaven.

Whether you had an awesome Dad like I do or not. Know this that God is our heavenly Father. He loves you unconditionally and is the best dad ever. He will never let you down, throw you under the bus or leave you to the wolves. GOD LOVES YOU!!

To all the fathers out there – from myself and all of Victory Biker Church - HAPPY Father's day!

Much Love & Respect,

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## NCOM CONVENTION HITS JACKPOT IN RENO

Freedom is an ongoing gamble, with bikers' rights activists wagering to win against an often stacked deck, always in favor of the House, but everyone came away a winner at this year's 28th annual NCOM Convention over Mother's Day weekend, May 9-12, 2013 at the posh Silver Legacy Resort-Casino in Reno, Nevada.

But it was work, not play, on the agenda for hundreds of attendees from across the country there to discuss topics of concern to all riders; such as biker profiling and discrimination, motorcycle-only roadblocks, knowing your rights, and mobilizing motorcyclists to advocate motorcycle-friendly legislation and defeat anti-biking bills.

The traditional "Ring of the Bell" ceremony paid homage to those freedom fighters who have gone before us, while for the first time a Veterans' Rights seminar was conducted by NCOM's newly-formed Veteran Affairs Special Committee in an effort to reach out to true defenders of Freedom.

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) is solely sponsored by the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) nationwide legal services program and serves as an umbrella organization for more than 2,000 NCOM Member clubs, organizations and associations worldwide, representing well over a quarter of a million politically active motorcyclists. NCOM has successfully outreached to numerous segments of the motorcycling community in an effort to unite for our rights, both legal and legislatively, and has become a unifying voice amongst North America's motorcycle rights organizations (MROs), motorcycle clubs, women riders, religious riding organizations, touring groups, trikers, sportbikers, and minority motorcyclists.

This year's NCOM Convention was hosted by the Northern Nevada Confederation of Clubs, and all motorcyclists were welcomed and encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that focused on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to protect our riders' rights and preserve Freedom of the Road.

During the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to "Improving The Image of Motorcycling", including; GOVERNMENT: Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker; MEDIA: Becky Cakes – Classic Parts Hotline; COMMERCE: Chris McIntyre – Eagle Rider Motorcycle Rentals; LEGAL: Boyd Spencer – AIM Attorney for Pennsylvania & New Jersey; ENTERTAINMENT: Max "Pitstop" Martini – Actor/Boozefighters MC; SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Christine Paige – Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame, and Suzanne "Baglady Sue" Austin – Comedian; and NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to Frank Ernst of ABATE of Minnesota and a member of the NCOM Board of Directors.

Next year's 29th Annual NCOM Convention will be held May 8-11, 2014 at The Intercontinental Hotel in Dallas, Texas. For further information, contact NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com).

## "STOP MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINT FUNDING ACT" INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) has introduced "a bill to prohibit the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) from providing funds to state and local authorities for the purpose of creating motorcycle only checkpoints."

Filed on May 7, the Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act, H.R. 1861, "also contains language to force the DOT to focus motorcycle safety efforts on crash prevention programs, not national helmet mandates," according to Rep. Sensenbrenner. "This will stop the DOT from manipulating State policies with federal money."

Contact your federal representatives and request they support H.R. 1861, and that they sign on as a co-sponsor of Sensenbrenner's bill. You can call members of Congress through the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

## NTSB RECOMMENDS LOWERING DRUNK-DRIVING LIMIT TO .05

The National Transportation Safety Board has issued a recommendation that states lower their drunk-driving thresholds from a 0.08 blood-alcohol content to 0.05 BAC. The recommendation is one of several the NTSB made to curtail drunk driving, which the federal investigative agency claims is involved in a third of America's 34,000 traffic deaths each year. The agency acknowledged in its report there is no one "silver bullet," but estimated that 500 to 800 lives per year could be saved with the proposed lower limit.

Chairman Deborah Hersman admitted the NTSB is aiming even higher; "Reaching zero deaths from alcohol-impaired driving."

Not everyone agrees. "This recommendation is ludicrous," said Sarah Longwell, managing director of the American Beverage Institute. "Moving from 0.08 to 0.05 would criminalize perfectly responsible behavior."

Currently, all 50 states have set a BAC level of .08, though most countries in Europe including Russia, most of South America and Australia, have set BAC levels at .05 to constitute drunken driving.

The NTSB only makes recommendations on transportation safety issues, and has little actual regulatory power. It will be up to federal agencies, Congress and state lawmakers to take action. The last move from .10 to .08 BAC levels took 21 years for each state to implement.

## WEATHER & ECONOMY DRIVE UP TRAFFIC FATALITIES

For the first time in nearly a decade, the number of traffic deaths went up last year according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), which cited warmer weather and an improving economy for the 5.3% increase in fatalities to 34,080, the highest since 2008.

The rise follows a steady decline in fatal accidents since 2005 when 43,510 people died, culminating in a 60-year-low of 32,367 in 2011, but NHTSA Administrator David Strickland said, "With a rebounding economy there's increased discretionary driving, which is clearly always the leader in terms of dangerous driving scenarios."

U.S. motorcyclist deaths outpaced the overall national numbers with a projected 9% more fatalities in 2012, up to more than 5,000, and in addition to climatic and economic factors the agency also blames a long-term decline in helmet laws with only 19 states requiring usage, down from 26 states in 1997.

"The most notable thing was the warm weather," said Dr. James Hedlund, a former NHTSA official and the author of the report by the Governors Highway



# NEWS BYTES

Safety Association, as thirty-four states east of the Rocky Mountains notched record average temperatures from March to May 2012, and forty-eight states recorded their warmest average temperatures on record.

The report also cited two economic factors that may have contributed to an increase in the number of miles traveled via motorcycle in 2012 and thus a higher probability of accidents: a better economy and high gas prices. "An improving economy produces more discretionary income with which to buy and ride motorcycles," said the study. Several states reported an increase in the number of registrations in 2012, and Hedlund has found that over the past three decades, the number of registrations tracks closely with the number of deaths.

GHSA's recommendations for cutting motorcyclist deaths include reducing alcohol impairment, reducing speeding, increasing driver awareness, and ensuring that motorcyclists are licensed. According to GHSA, NHTSA data shows that in 2010, nearly a quarter of riders involved in fatal accidents did not have valid licenses.

## CONNECTICUT RIDERS DECRY PROPOSAL TO REGULATE EXHAUST SYSTEMS

An unexpected effort in the General Assembly to crack down on noisy motorcycles is being met by opposition from the motorcycle industry. Under language added last week to a bill involving off-road ATVs, the sale, registration or operation of a street motorcycle having non-stock pipes would become a fineable offense. Most after-market exhaust systems are not EPA-certified.

The new provisions, if approved, would require federal Environmental Protection Agency noise emission control labels to be displayed on all motorcycles, and would institute fines of up to \$250 per offense for non-compliance.

## OHIO LAWMAKERS CALL FOR BAN ON TRAFFIC CAMERAS

Following a biting ruling by a judge who called traffic cameras a scam, legislation was introduced on February 20th in Columbus, Ohio by Representative Ron Maag (R-Lebanon) to eliminate the use of photo monitoring devices to detect speed and traffic signal violations. He and Rep. Dale Mallory (D-Cincinnati), one of many bipartisan co-sponsors, believe the removal of "speed-trap" cameras is necessary and must be addressed immediately since there is no existing state law regulating traffic enforcement cameras, so communities operate their programs under local ordinances.

Their hard-line stance against the cameras comes on the heels of Hamilton County Common Pleas Court Judge Robert Ruehlman's permanent injunction, which prohibits the further use of speed cameras in Elmwood Place, a Cincinnati suburb. Ruehlman granted the injunction citing there was a lack of due process for alleged violators.

Judge Ruehlman's decision was unequivocal. He made national news headlines when he called the speed camera system in Elmwood Place "a high-tech game of Three-card Monty.... It is a scam the motorist cannot win." Between the camera enforcement, the lack of proper signage, and the fees for administrative hearings, Ruehlman declared that the town of Elmwood Place had violated drivers' due-process rights, and may be the first case in the U.S. that specifically addresses the constitutionality of traffic cams.

In Ohio, there are at least 16 municipalities that use some kind of red light or speed camera, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. In the United States, there are more than 650 municipalities operating either red-light or speed cameras.

Nine states have passed laws prohibiting the use of red-light cameras, and 12 outlaw speed cameras, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association, while 29 states have no law on the books. Some Ohio legislators hope to make the Buckeye State the Lucky 13th state, and House Bill 69 has been assigned to the House's Transportation, Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee for further discussion and vote.

## POKER RUN LEGALIZATION BILL IN ILLINOIS

Companion bills SB 1960 and HB 2520; the "Poker Run Act," have been introduced in Illinois to legalize poker runs for the charities that bikers do and for Not For Profit organizations.

"No segment in our society raises more money for charities and local citizens that are down and out on their luck than bikers," said Bob Myers, State Legislative Coordinator for ABATE of Illinois, who went on to explain; "Since 'Land Based Gaming' has become law, the Illinois liquor and Gaming agents have been tearing down our fliers in restaurants and bars claiming they are illegal as they use poker cards, spinners, dice, and marble spinners to complete the run." ABATE intends to use the legislation to correct problems with "poker" runs and other events that the Gaming commission and Liquor Control Board are treating as gambling. Poker runs shall include "dice runs", "marble runs" or other events where the object is to build or obtain some matter of a score with which the participants use in a competition. Poker runs shall not constitute a game of chance under the Illinois Gaming Act or Liquor controls Act and shall not be regulated under those Acts.

## THREE-WHEELERS MAY BE EXEMPTED FROM LOUISIANA HELMET LAW

Louisiana was the most recent state to (re)impose a mandatory helmet law for all motorcyclists back in 2004, but the House Transportation committee recently advanced legislation that would exempt a new concept vehicle from the legal category that requires drivers to wear helmets.

HB 218's exemption would apply to the three-wheeled Elio Motors vehicle, which is preparing for production at the Shreveport plant that once made pickups for General Motors. Because the Elio has three wheels, it's considered a motorcycle under federal and state safety regulations.

"It definitely affects our sales because a lot of people don't want to order the car if it requires wearing helmets," said Joel Sheltroun, vice president for governmental affairs at Elio Motors, adding that "We're not bound by automotive standards, but that is our goal."

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# TRM EVENTS CALENDAR 2013

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May 30-June 1  
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May 30-June 3rd  
20th Annual Evergreen Park Benefit. Sponsored by Abate of Michigan Region 7, Bands, Showers, Girls, Games, Bike Show, Vendors. \$20 per bike, \$20.00 per vehicle inside Park & \$30.00 for RVs. Golf Carts only for Handicap—more info at [www.abateofmichigan-7.org](http://www.abateofmichigan-7.org) or call 1-989-673-4743.

May 31-June 2  
Fear Spyder the Spyder- Arachnophobia  
Ray C's Extreme Store, Lapeer, MI. Demo rides, prizes, pig roast, hot dog wagon. Visit [www.raycs.com](http://www.raycs.com) for more info (See ad this issue).

May 31- June 9  
Ohio Bike Week, Sandusky, OH.

June 1  
Capitol H-D Spring Open House  
Dimondale, MI. 10am- 3pm. Music by Outer Vibe. For more info go to [www.capitolhd.com](http://www.capitolhd.com) or call 517-646-2345 (See ad this issue).

June 1st  
C&S H-D Mt. Pleasant, MI Open House & Central Michigan HOG Chapter Bike Raffle drawing, for details and raffle tickets call 989-772-5513

June 1  
Miller Run  
Town & Country H-D, Cement City, MI. For more info visit [www.tecumsehhd.com](http://www.tecumsehhd.com)

June 1  
9th Annual Spring Biker Bash  
2 Orange Harleys, Lawton, MI. 11am-6pm, Reg. 11am - noon, ride leaves at noon, bike show 2pm - 4pm, food, music, parts & accessories. More info call 269-624-4574 (See ad this issue).

June 1  
PT's Run- Patrick McCormick  
Sam's Joint, Plainwell, MI. Regis for ride 9:30 am, leaves at 11:30 am, \$5 per person, Plainwell Community Party at

JCB Storage on M-89, Plainwell, MI, 5-10 pm, live music, bonfire, celebrity dunk tank, prizes & more. For more info call 269-685-7660

June 1-2  
Helluva Swap Meet/Blessed in Hell  
Sponsored by Abate of Michigan Region 14. Hell Creek Ranch, 10866 Cedar Lake Road near Pinckney. Swap meet, bike show, music, and vendors. Admission \$10.00 per bike. For more info call (313) 407-4671.

June 2  
13th Annual Ride for a Reason  
Biker Bob's H-D, Taylor, MI. Police escorted ride, get discount on advanced tickets. Go to [www.bikerbobshd.com](http://www.bikerbobshd.com)

June 7  
Soar away on a Spyder  
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June 7-8  
Car Show /Blessing of the Bikers Real Steel Weekend  
16th Annual Blessing, Detroit World Outreach, Redford, MI. 8th 10- 3pm Bike Show, Blessing 2:30pm, Ride 3pm. More info [2013realsteel@gmail.com](mailto:2013realsteel@gmail.com) (See ad this issue).

June 7-8  
All Day Demo Rides  
Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles, Livonia, MI. Friday 11am - 5pm, Saturday 11am - 4pm. Demo 2013 Victory Motorcycles. See [www.classicmotorcyclesdetroit.com](http://www.classicmotorcyclesdetroit.com) for more info (See ad this issue).

June 7-8  
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June 7-9  
Great Lakes Harley Round-up  
Interlochen, MI. Motorcycle rally, more

info at [http://www.cycle-moore.com/motorcycleshopcampground.php?page\\_location=roundup](http://www.cycle-moore.com/motorcycleshopcampground.php?page_location=roundup)

June 8  
Womens Run  
Town & Country H-D, Cement City, MI. Go to [www.tecumsehhd.com](http://www.tecumsehhd.com) (See full page ad this issue).

June 8  
The Nord-A-Sag Ride  
Nord Ride Motorsports, at I-75, Mt. Morris exit 126 and ends at Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, Standish, MI. Regis 10 am, ride leaves at noon, Saganing Eagle Casino will provide \$10 free play & \$10 food voucher. Plus earn 100 points and receive \$10 more. Also, receive 50 entries into Soar Away on a Spyder. This is only available to first 100 riders to register at Nord Ride on June 8. Free ride, any donations go to Wounded Warrior Project. More info go to [www.nordride.com](http://www.nordride.com) or call 810-564-1929

June 8  
Brian Woehlke Fundraiser  
Motor City H-D, Farmington Hills, MI. Free hog roast & live music. Go to [www.motorcityharley.com](http://www.motorcityharley.com) for more info. (See ad this issue).

June 8  
Toni & Trish Memorial Run  
Willem Lounge, Bay City, MI Starts at noon and goes till 2am. Bands, Beer & Bikes. For more info contact Willem Lounge or Bubba's Tri-City Cycles.

June 8  
Yard Party  
Knights of the Road, Detroit, MI. Public welcome (over 18), Professional BBQ cooks, music, \$1 entry, food & drink separate. For more info contact [vision@wideopenwest.com](mailto:vision@wideopenwest.com)

June 8  
Laconia Bike Week, Laconia, NH.

June 8-9  
The 18th Annual Vintage Motorcycle Ride & Show  
Hickory Corners, MI. Free Ride. Reg. 9am - 10am. Ride at 10am. Show on the 9th, 9am - 4pm. For more info contact 770-427-4820 or 269-671-5089.

June 11  
Demo Ride  
Stevens Cycle, Bay City, MI. 10am-6pm. The Victory Demo Truck is here- Come ride a Victory. Call Mike or Wild Willy 989-631-6450 or go to [www.stevenscycle.com](http://www.stevenscycle.com) for more info. (See full page ad this issue).

June 12  
Demo Ride  
Stevens Sports Center, Midland, MI. 10am-6pm. The Victory Demo Truck is here- Come ride a Victory. Call Mike or Wild Willy 989-631-6450 or go to [www.stevenscycle.com](http://www.stevenscycle.com) for more info. (See full page ad this issue).

June 13-15  
25th Annual Sandy Corley Memorial Run  
Double JJ Resort, Rothbury, MI. Live music, bike show, auction & bike events. Get your tickets early. For more info go to [www.sandycorley.com](http://www.sandycorley.com) (See full page ad this issue).

June 14  
Soar away on a Spyder  
Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, Standish, MI. Win a Can-Am Spyder, Premium Play & a Shell Gas Card. Be there from 4 - 9pm. More info go to [www.saganing-eagleslanding.com](http://www.saganing-eagleslanding.com)

June 15  
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June 15  
Gildner's H-D 50th Anniversary Party  
Gildner's H-D, West Branch, MI. 9am - 5pm, women only bike show, field events, music, food & games. Go to [www.gildnershd.com](http://www.gildnershd.com) for more info. (See ad this issue).

June 15  
Ride to Wolverine's Harley Fest  
Patrick O'Rourke Fundraiser Ride, Motor City H-D, Farmington Hills, MI. Regis 10-11 am, \$10 per person/ \$15 couple. Go to [www.motorcityharley.com](http://www.motorcityharley.com) for more info and to RSVP. (See ad this issue).

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The trick is going to be in keeping our liberty if we don't step up to the plate by taking responsibility for ourselves and demonstrating what we have known all along is true. A.B.A.T.E. – A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments, is how we got here. A.B.A.T.E. – American Bikers Aiming Towards Education is how we stay here.

We have two groups that need to be addressed. Us, and Them. Each year it's about equal in terms of which group was responsible for the crashes that have occurred. We need to improve on the ways we already address the problems. Let's start with THEM.

THEM – The careless, reckless automobile drivers who through no fault of our own kill and maim US every year.

We all know about "Motorcycle Awareness" and we push it hard. We have bumper stickers, signs, t-shirts, drivers training volunteers, and public service announcements. We have motorcycle awareness month.

But, what works, and what is a waste of time? I'd argue none of it is a "waste" of time because any effort is a useful effort, but we need to get the best bang for our buck. And I mean OUR buck, because we bikers primarily are the ones who finance these programs. The federal and state government seems more interested in mandatory safety gear, than they are in taking an aggressive approach to crash prevention.

We need to encourage the Secretary of State and Office of Highway Safety Planning to assist us in educating people on how to drive around motorcyclists, and LOOK for motorcyclists. ABATE of Michigan recently lobbied for and had legislation passed that increased the fines and penalties for right of way violations. That should be an incentive to those cagers who know and care, but we really want to focus on drivers seeing us, respecting our right to be on the road, and learning how to drive around us for the BEST results.

US – Are we a Brother-Sisterhood? Is that low wave thing just a farce or does it actually mean something?

I have motorcycle accidents in Michigan news articles auto sent to my email every day. Today there were two stories, both involved bikers who died and were at fault, and for both, alcohol was a factor. Neither wore a helmet which may or may not have made a difference. If someone had intervened,

stepped in and took action for these guys before they got on their bikes it would definitely have made a difference. As it stands, it makes us look bad in more ways than one.

We all know our friends we ride with, and we all know their abilities and limitations. It should be a matter of course to stop a risky situation from becoming a terrible one. Hiding keys, pulling coil wires, finding rides for friends, or providing a cot..... you all know what I am talking about, it's responsibility not just for ourselves but our biker family that comes with liberty.

Another one of the biggest problems we have is un-endorsed riders. Seriously, half of the non-cager related crashes in Michigan each year involve a rider without a cycle endorsement. Now that does not mean that a cycle endorsement makes you a better rider necessarily but it does mean that a lot of inexperienced, untrained, people are buying a motorcycle and going out and getting in crashes that impact all of us. If you know one, deal with them.

Insurance. Part of liberty is personal responsibility. Make sure you have as much medical coverage as you can afford, and Uninsured and Underinsured coverage. This has nothing to do with helmets. Wear one or not, if you crash it's going to likely result in some injuries, often severe, and always expensive to heal and treat. Nuff said.

The last and maybe most important aspect of personal responsibility in my opinion is to join, and support, a motorcyclists rights organization. I recommend ABATE of Michigan, but decide for yourself. Tar snakes, Cheese cutters, Intelligent Transportation road engineering, Traffic lights, Parking, Rules of the Road, Insurance issues, Motorcycle construction, are all government regulated aspects to our safety and well-being when we ride. Government is not going out of business in the near future, and we need to be there and be relevant when the stuff that pertains to us is up for consideration or needs to be.



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**W**hen a job transfer landed her at FAA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., Chelle Brisco (Free Spirit) looked for a way to make new friends and discovered Meetup, ([www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com)) an online website that puts people with similar interests together. The Aviation Safety Inspector joined the Meetup group known as The Hogs and Heroes Foundation ([www.hogsheroesfoundation.com](http://www.hogsheroesfoundation.com)). The 501 (C) 3 charitable organization is a community of motorcycle riders that participates in fundraising events to support Public Safety, the U.S. Military and Wounded Warriors. There she made new friends and rekindled her interest in riding motorcycles.



photos by Jackie Langley



She started riding when she was only 12 years old, on a cousin's Honda 250. Later, while on active duty in the Air Force, she rode a 350 Honda daily to & from work on the cold swing shift in England. She learned motorcycle mechanics when her timing chain went out & she tore down the engine & rebuilt it herself.

Because more than 20 years had passed since she last rode, Chelle took a motorcycle riding course & got her endorsement. She immediately bought a 1994 Harley Davidson Electra Glide with a Voyager trike kit installed. Two weeks later, she trailered it to Sturgis, S.D. for the Black Hills rally. She put 1500 miles on the trike during that trip. Four months and 4,000 miles later, she decided she liked riding enough to justify a new motorcycle.

Through her commitment to the Hogs and Heroes Foundation, she performs community service at Walter Reed hospital, where she's met many wounded warriors. She joined the Patriot Guard Riders (PGR) (<http://www.patriotguard.org/>), whose mission is to "1) Show our sincere respect for our fallen heroes, their families, and their communities. 2) Shield the mourning family and their friends from interruptions created by any protestor or group of protestors". As a PGR member, she performs duty as escort to burials at Arlington National Cemetery of active duty military personnel killed in the

line of duty, stands flag lines at funeral homes receiving remains of recently recovered Vietnam veterans, and occasionally participates in welcoming home troops from wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. "I try to participate in at least one PGR mission each month", she said. "Sometimes I can schedule a day off, but other times I have to take vacation to participate because ANC burials are always during the weekday. Riding to or from, and standing, sometimes for hours, in the heat, the cold, the rain & snow are small inconveniences compared to the sacrifices these troops and their families made. It is one small act I can do to show my appreciation.", she says.

While serving brunch to veterans at Annapolis Harley Davidson as a Hogs and Heroes volunteer, Free Spirit negotiated her new trike purchase. There she met Tracy Hoover from Truckin 4 Troops (<http://www.truckin4troops.com/>) who introduced her to Brian Brashears. She discussed her design with Brian - something special - a patriotic theme. The second of three generations of female veterans, she wanted a trike that sent a message—one that captured her passion. Thanks to the work of Brian's Premier Collision Center in Edgewater, the 56-year-old Air Force veteran and her ride are getting attention everywhere they go.

Free Spirit's new motorcycle features an all-encompassing American flag design that flows throughout the machine. To reflect her history as an avionics technician and aircraft mechanic in the Air Force, the tank is painted with two of the many aircraft she once performed maintenance on, a C-141 dropping paratroopers and an A-10 Warthog. The front fairing sports an eagle holding the POW-MIA flag in one claw, and a KIA-WIA flag in the other. Chelle says the Prisoners of War - Missing in Action flag is common, but the Killed in Action - Wounded in Action flag is rarely seen. Her funeral escorts and wounded warrior projects prompted the KIA-WIA tribute.

Above that, the windshield is coated with a decorative sunscreen featuring the Vietnam Women's Memorial. The crowning glory is the design at the back of the trike. Taking up almost the entire cargo panel stands an air-brushed portrait of Chelle with her mother and daughter, all military veterans.

The composite portrait is made from 4 different pictures she provided the airbrush artist, Tim Lewis. He sketched these by free hand so realistically it looks like a snapshot. Behind them is the restored gate of Arlington National Cemetery, which houses the memorial to Women in Military Service to America (WIMSA) (<http://www.womensmemorial.org/>). Chelle, her mother, and daughter are charter members of WIMSA. The trike is topped off with a Virginia special Armed Forces Veteran tag numbered "WIMSA".



"This trike is a tribute to women in the military," Chelle said. "Often, women are not recognized when people think of veterans. I am one of few women who have three generations of women in the military, something I'm extremely proud of!"

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The day she picked up the trike from the paint shop, she rode directly from Edgewater, MD to Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) to join a PGR escort. In an eerie coincidence, the service was for the first female veteran Chelle had participated in. "It was just meant to be!" she said. No other activity would have been a fitting first ride for her tribute trike. She went directly from ANC to the WIMSA business office, where she met Brigadier

General (retired) Wilma Vaught, WIMSA president. General Vaught gladly stood with Free Spirit for pictures next to the trike. The General invited her to participate in the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the WIMSA Memorial, scheduled for October 19-20, 2012.

Chelle's road name "Free Spirit" is painted on the tour pack. "I pretty much do what I want to do when I want to do it, and I travel far and wide", she says as an explanation to the road name. As evidence, just 3 days after getting it back from the paint shop, her christening ride (solo) was a 2,600 mile trip to Key West, FL by way of Clearwater, and return to her home in Alexandria, VA.

She doesn't trailer the trike anywhere now. Chelle frequently enters the trike in motorcycle shows. Her first, at Daytona Bike Week in Daytona Beach, FL brought second place in the trike/sidecar class at the Harley Davidson ride in custom motorcycle show. Her trophy was presented by the infamous Willie G. Davidson, grandson of the founder, just before he announced his retirement. She usually places, occasionally taking first place in her category. She's running out of room on the corner shelf reserved for the awards.

But, this trike is not just for show. Chelle rides it every opportunity she gets, often for business trips. She rode it to Clearwater, FL, Montreal, Canada, Atlanta, GA, and Louisville, KY for meetings with an international aviation committee.

Free Spirit recently returned from her second Black Hills Motorcycle Rally in Sturgis, SD - this time she rode there and back - 14 days, 13 states, and 4500 miles! She has accumulated 23,000 miles on the trike in the seven months since it came out of the custom paint shop. Along with the mileage on her first trike, she earned her 25,000 mile patch about a year after she started riding again.



## TRIPS

Sturgis, SD (trailer old trike) August 2011

Clearwater, FL business trip combined with Key West, FL (riding new trike) February 2012

Daytona Bike Week March 2012

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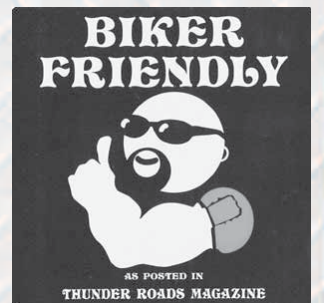
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# A Veterans Day



By Jacqui Spicuzza



Finally, it's time to be done talking about the crummy weather "card" Michigan's been dealt. Spring is in full swing and so is the riding and socializing we've all been WAITING for! Wolverine Harley Davidson hosted their Armed Forces Day, a time to celebrate the Men and Women who have bravely protected and served our great country. Yet again, they provided us all with another fun day featuring free food, a live DJ, and an energetic atmosphere to hang (and shop) with friends and fellow riders!

It was a great honor and pleasure to meet former Sergeant Chris Scalise, who served with the Delta Company 3rd Bn. 12inf. 4th Infantry Division, during the Vietnam War. He brought with him a M35A2 deuce and a half and a Jeep complete with an M-60.

The deuce was used to transport troops and supplies, but could also be turned into gun trucks that would escort convoys from point "a" to point "b". As if the size of this vehicle wasn't overwhelming enough, Chris had photographs taped to the inside of both driver side and passenger doors. Each picture tells a story, holds a memory that becomes a teaching tool, or simply gets a good ole conversation going.

The Jeeps were used by MPs, and equipped with radios for communication. They were efficient along back roads, in and out of small villages and through cities. Chris has proudly made these two vehicles into a traveling museum that is not only historic, but inspirational and educational to people of so many ages.

Also, Detroit's WRIF 101 radio station was on hand to award a lucky winner who scored a key that just might start a Harley-Davidson Sportster XL Iron 883! The sporty is courtesy of Wolverine HD and will be awarded at Harley Fest (Freedom Hill) on June 15th.

A HUGE thanks to the entire staff at Wolverine. They always throw great events, because they work so hard to make sure everyone has a good time. It was the first of many great days, for riders, non-riders and Veterans to come together. To those who served past and present, as well as their families, we Thank You!!

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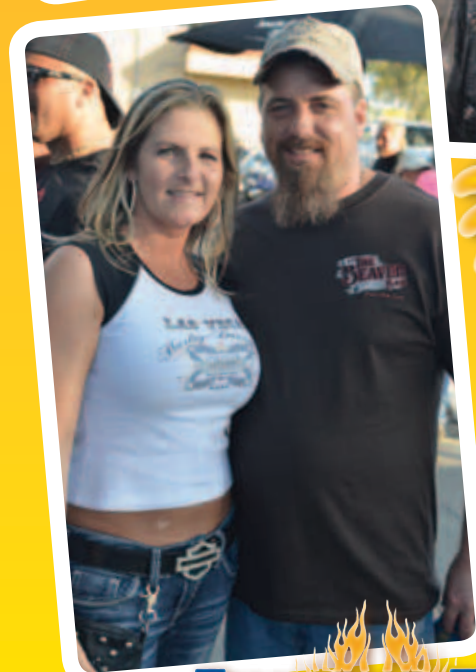
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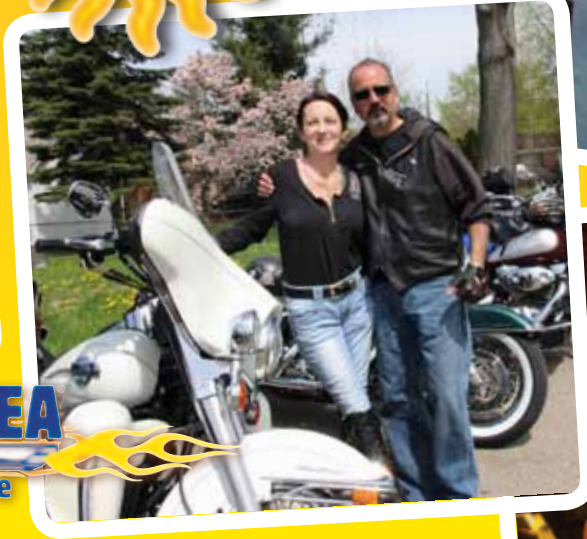
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By Jody Mo

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kolhagen as they tied the knot just before the events began and stayed to celebrate with the rest of their wedding party. Best wishes to you Jay and Kyle!

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Eric was an employee of Dow Corning Corporation in Midland, where he made many friends who he enjoyed working with. He also contributed as a sales representative for Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan.

Eric was fun-spirited and positive, loving person. He was unforgettable when he walked into a room and easily stood out in a crowd. He was always known to be smiling, laughing, and making jokes. He enjoyed being around people who he loved and who he shared his passion for motorcycles with. Eric loved riding his Boss Hoss motorcycle. It was not uncommon to see Eric do an occasional little burnout, a quick thrust on the trottle- all with a big grin.

Rest in Peace my Friend.

With Love from your Thunder Roads Family

A tribute video has been made in honor of Eric ~ go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search Eric Mohowitsch

# Tech Tips By Steve

**I would like** to apologize for not writing you great people an article last month. I was in Europe visiting my son Adam, and just could not get the article done. I hope you enjoyed the article that was written by the Goldwingdocs, they did a great job!

**This month I have a few special thoughts!**

**First** I would like to share some thoughts from Europe. I went to Germany, Czech Republic, Italy and France. As I was touring the countryside I got to see the road differences from the States and Europe, I was focused mostly on the type and size of two-wheeled fun going on out there. We saw mostly BMW and Ducati and very few Harley-Davidson motorcycles. They seem to favor the on off ride looking motorcycles there, like the BMW GS in the picture below, however there were a lot of others like the Yamaha, Honda, and Ducati.



There are many more mopeds over in Italy ... Tons of mopeds everywhere and few motorcycles. Then we traveled over to France (where we only visited Paris) and I saw motorcycles start to outpace mopeds, but still a plethora of mopeds! The one thing I did enjoy seeing is how they use their two-wheeled devices for their every day transportation. They use their two wheels for doing everything from just going back and forth to work, to getting the groceries, to delivering pizza and other yummy food treats. I had an excellent time over in Europe and enjoyed looking at what kind of motorcycles and mopeds they ride and how they use their motorcycles with the limited time I was there. Inner city cobblestone roads are horrible, and WOW could I make a ton on brake replacements... crazy, crazy, crazy driving in the city!



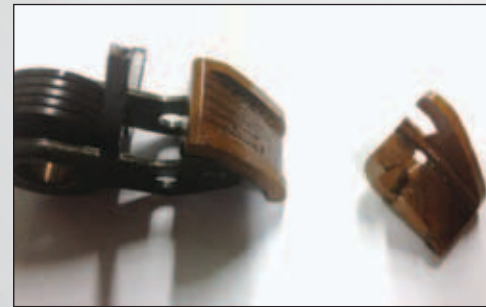
**Okay, so now onto the tech tips for this month.**

I know I keep harping on this, but please take the time to check your bike out before riding it. One of the most important things that gets neglected is tire pressure and the front tire is usually the low air culprit. This leads to some very sluggish turning and can be very sloppy handling so please take a look at your tire pressure!

Also, remember to get good gasoline, if you can find pure gasoline that is. If not, run fuel additives like Amsoil or Rocket Fuel through once in a while and that will keep things burning well and clean.

The use of more and more ethanol in our fuel is making our bikes a target for a lot of maintenance ... remember that ethanol is corrosive and it can make a mess of your metal fuel tanks unless you have a stainless steel or plastic gas tank, which most of us do not. If you think you are going to leave typical pump gas ethanol mix in your motorcycle for more than a week make sure you use a little bit of fuel conditioner to counteract this problem. Ethanol can also wreak havoc on rubber gas lines, peel tank sealer off and can destroy the aluminum in EFI induction systems and carburetor bodies.

Another item you twin cam people need to be aware of ... at least the 2007 models and older (2006 for you Dyna people)... is the cam chain tensioner pads. I am still getting a few bikes in my shop that have not been either converted to the new hydraulic style tensioners, or have a gear drive system. Not doing this upgrade soon may jeopardize your engine, and again I am not trying to scare you I'm trying to save you money in the long run. I keep seeing these shoes disintegrated every time we take these bikes apart. I just had a good customer of mine come in to upgrade his cams and decided to go with the S&S cam gear drive system for his Dyna and sure enough we took it apart and at 30,000 miles his timing chain tensioning shoes were almost totally disintegrated and all over the inside of the engine.

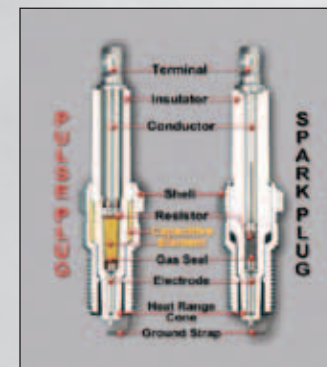


**Spark Plugs ... what to look for and what is new?**

The spark plug really has not changed too much for the most part in years, however a few years ago a company called Enerpulse brought us a new pulse powered product to the marketplace. PCI technology can be used to better the products you use day to day by making them more efficient and useful.

**Here's how it works:** Electrical energy is stored in a capacitor. At the exact moment needed, that energy is released in an amazingly powerful and quick (two nanosecond) high-energy pulse.

**The result:** When integrated into a spark plug, for example, the improved combustion efficiency burns fuel sooner and more effectively, which equals improved mileage (MPG), less CO2 based emissions, and better overall drivability. This new technology is based on plasma research supported by Sandia National Laboratories.

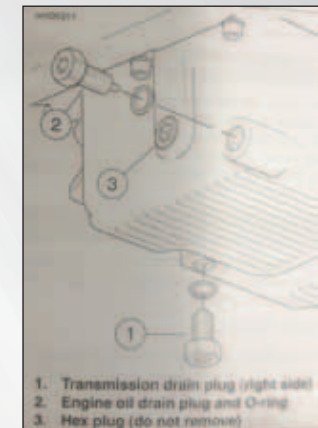


As seen here, PCI technology can be used to turn a simple spark plug into a high-energy, high-efficiency ignition product. With a built-in PCI circuit, Enerpulse can build a plug that has a conversion efficiency of 50% as opposed to the industry standard of less than 1%. I can tell you I have installed over a hundred of these little wonders in customers bikes and everyone loves them, I get all kinds of positive feedback: from my bike has never rode so good to better fuel economy, simply put ... they work well.

**The mighty oil change!**

A very simple task, but there are a few little tricks to the mighty oil change that I would like to share with you. To make sure you get all the oil and impurities out you have to begin with a well warmed up engine, yes this means your hands might get a little warm from the hot oil so be careful. After you get your motorcycle all warmed up make sure your pan will take a little over 4 quarts of liquid, this will give you a little wiggle room when you dump the oil. Most bikes have anywhere between 3.25 and 3.75 quarts of used oil that will drain out. Second, make sure you have the correct drain plug, for instance a FLH has three separate oil plugs underneath it, one for the engine, one for the transmission

and one for the primary. The picture below shows the transmission and engine oil which are close to each other. If you are changing the engine oil and it comes out clean, oops you have opened the wrong cavity.



Before you reinstall the drain plug make sure you clean it well, replace the old ring or the crush washer and put a little bit of Teflon tape or liquid onto the threads, doing this has a bonus... you won't be bored while the engine oil is draining from your bike and you want to make sure that it's completely drained as much as possible.... so don't rush it.

When taking the oil filter off make sure the filter o-ring comes off too, although very rare, the o-ring can stay on the engine and when you put the new filter on it will double the o-ring and leak. After you make sure the coast is clear apply a thin film of oil to the new filters sealing ring and install tightening it one half to three quarters of a turn after the filter o-ring touches according to Harley Davidson.

After all the oil is drained and you put the drain plug back in to torque specs, add the oil, but do this in steps. If the system takes about 3.25 or more add roughly 3 quarts, fire the engine for a minute stop it, check for leaks and recheck the oil level according to the owner's manual. Some bikes need to be level and some bikes need to be on the kickstand to determine if they are properly filled with oil. Add the appropriate amount to bring it to the full level, and then get the bike warm and check it again. Make sure you do not overfill the crankcase this can build up pressure inside your crankcase and start making things leak and that can make for a sad day over a simple oil change.

**We will be out at the Thunder on the Grand Cancer Benefit thrown by the ever awesome and popular Loreen Wickens, on June 28-29th at the BARRY EXPO CENTER (HASTINGS FAIRGROUNDS) 1350 NORTH M-37 HIGHWAY, HASTINGS, MI 49058 (BETWEEN HASTINGS AND MIDDLEVILLE) so come out and support this great benefit, and stop by and see us and say HELLO!**

*I pray all of you have a spectacular riding season, God Bless you all!*

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If you don't recognize him from one of the Discovery Channel show(s) he's been on. (Such as the Biker Build-Off episode against Cory Ness) I'd like to introduce you to Eric Gorges, from Voodoo Choppers. While talking with Eric at his new Auburn Hills, Michigan shop I found out a lot that I didn't know about him and Voodoo Choppers. First of all, he's a lot more laid-back than a lot of other builders. He's a quiet, unassuming sort of guy. Eric believes whole-heartily in letting his work speak for itself. "The quality of the build is the highest priority". (He also digs listening to jazz while working.) That sometimes whichever career we start with is not always the one you stay with. And today, Eric Gorges is exactly where he wants to be.

Like Detroit itself, Eric's story is one of repurposing and rebuilding. After a devastating health crisis in the late 90s, Eric, a self-confessed IT nerd, walked away from a lucrative corporate career for good. At that period in his life, he knew three very simple things; he loved bikes, he loved working with his hands and he needed a job. He sought out Ron Fournier at Fournier Enterprises in Shelby Twp., one of the best metal shapers in the country and eventually signed on as his apprentice.

Starting in the business from the ground floor up, with Ron as his handcrafting guru, Eric started working on vintage cars and building "one of a kind" hot rods. In April of 1999, with years of building and design work under his belt, he decided to strike out on his own and Voodoo Choppers was born. For this fiercely independent entrepreneur, a custom bike shop was the only way to go. Says Gorges, "I didn't want to

assemble bikes, buying parts from suppliers and bolting everything together. I wanted to be able to build whatever I could dream and didn't want to be constrained by other people's ideas." Moreover, as the dad of an eight year old daughter, Gorges views this work as more than just a way to make a living. In a disposable world, he regards craftsmanship as a lasting and loving legacy to future generations. Having so far built over 100 motorcycles, it seems that Eric has already left quite a legacy.

If you ask Eric what kind of bike he likes to build, he'll say "a 70s style Digger". But he'll quickly follow that up with, "but I will build whatever the customer wants me to build". He builds Bobbers, high necks, even a "Big Mac" (that's a bike, not burger). If you can name it, Voodoo Choppers can do it. He counts early Arlen Ness and the late Chicka as some of his influences. He readily admits, regretting not taking the opportunity to work one time with Indian Larry. He also would like to thank Steve at Stevenson Cycles, FabKevin ([www.fabkevin.com](http://www.fabkevin.com)) and Ron Finch (<http://finchscustoms.com/>)

Over the years, Eric's Voodoo Choppers has been featured in international magazines, books, television shows and even a movie. They are truly rolling works of art. He and his team have also built motorcycles, a hot rod tank and a wild wheelie machine for two Discovery Channel series. He built a bike against Cory Ness and he's also worked with Ron Finch on Biker



Build Off, helping to create Double Cross, (he also helped Ron with Finicky).

Nowadays, he stays very busy doing what he does best. It could be a 'ReBirth'. This is where you supply a donor bike, and Voodoo Choppers will re-engineer the frame and add all the other good things but still give you the factory title, the factory VIN pads, etc. All this plus the seamless workmanship Eric is famous for. Or step all the way up to a hand-crafted, one off, custom motorcycle. How about just a new gas/oil tank, fenders, a tail-light, starter button, set of bars or exhaust or maybe a set of forward controls? Even a front end or complete frame, Voodoo Choppers can do it all.

Voodoo Choppers new shop location is, 2720 Auburn Rd. Auburn Hills, MI 48326. (248)-299-8200 Eric is also on FB and you can follow him on Twitter @eric-gorges. Most recently, he has been featured on Under the Radar Michigan and in this commercial for Motor City Denim. <http://vimeo.com/52957284>.

Stop in, look around the shop and enjoy some jazz with Eric. While you're there, don't forget to check out the new BMW powered high neck chopper he's currently working on. You got to see it to believe it. Or maybe the knuckle head bobber, or the little pan head, or.....

(with Thanks to Lynn Harper, [lynn@thewowfactorydetroit.com](mailto:lynn@thewowfactorydetroit.com))





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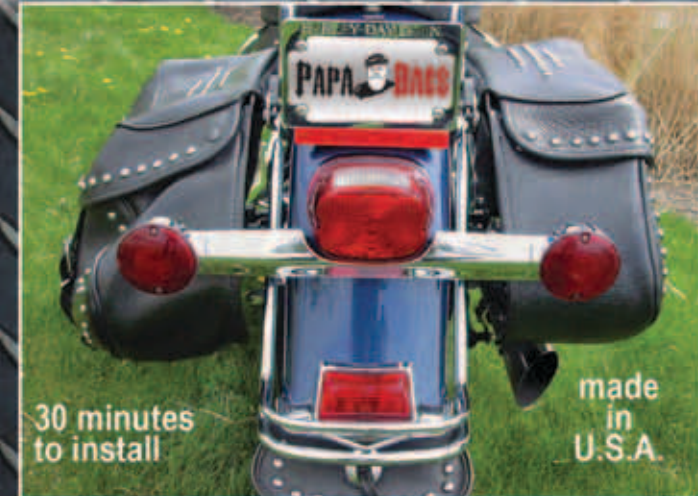


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