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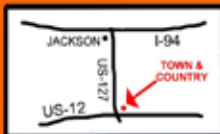
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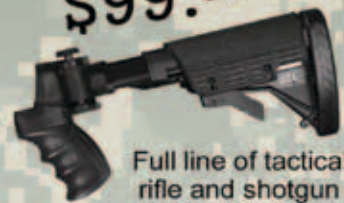
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Honor, Respect & Freedom!

This month we celebrate Veterans Day. However, each and every day we should appreciate and thank them for what they do for us. Freedom isn't Free! They have and do risk their lives to protect our rights and freedoms. Thank you to those who have served and those that do serve for this honor you give us. Our country has been witnessing some very interesting things happening lately. One of the many topics of conversation includes the 2nd amendment. This month we have included something new to Thunder Roads and you will find that in this issue. I was privileged to be able to shoot the largest in production revolver in the world. I must say, "Holy ___!" It rocked me back on my heels!

Also, in this issue in appreciation of hunting season we have provided a factory feature on Side by Sides. I would like to say thank you to the folks at Fox Shawmut Hills for letting Pam & I each test drive a street legal model. That was pretty fun! I now understand why these Side by Sides are so cool to have! There is no slowing down yet with Black Friday Sales and the holiday season quickly approaching. Our advertisers have some GREAT DEALS going on so don't procrastinate and wait till the last minute. Get out there and take advantage of these specials and help patronize our loyal advertisers! Because of them, Thunder Roads is the #1 Free Motorcycle Magazine in Michigan and provided FREE to you each and every month! Every month!

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Also, if you are interested in becoming a part of the Thunder Roads family please check out the available territories on the staff page. If you live in one of those areas and would be interested in being a representative send me an email. Last month the biker friendly character was on page 14. Thanks, Jason, for wearing him on your jacket. Check out the Biker Friendly Directory to see the character you are looking for (much smaller version) and see if you can find him this month!

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Now for some "Mo" Advice:

My dad, who served 2 tours in Vietnam, taught me a lot about appreciating life. Someone that has been close to death usually appreciates the gift of life a bit more. He used to tell me to make sure to always stand up for yourself, speak up and don't be afraid to do something that others think you wouldn't be able to do. So my advice to you is whatever you have wanted to do, but have been afraid to do... go do it, take a chance, and put your fears aside. You will be more proud for having tried and failed than never having tried at all!



Jody Mohowitsch



THUNDER ROADS FACTORY FEATURE *SIDE BY SIDES ~ BIG TOYS FOR BIG BOYS!*

What exactly is a Side by Side? The Side by Side is a small 2 person or 6 person four-wheel drive off-road vehicle, also called UTV (Utility Task Vehicle) or ROV (Recreational Off Highway Vehicle). The majority of the side by sides come factory equipped with a ROPS, or roll over protection system. Many of the vehicles also come equipped with hard tops, windshields, and even cab enclosures.

There are over 15 different makers of UTV / Side by Side vehicles. Side by Sides evolved from utility task vehicles (UTVs) in which their initial purpose was to haul stuff around the farm versus using a truck or tractor. Now folks are modifying these vehicles in order to make them street legal so they can go from the trails

to pavement with no problem. I was surprised by how simple the vehicle was to operate. A steering wheel, gas pedal and brakes were all I had to deal with, and that came naturally. Side-by-sides are not known for their speed, normally topping out well under 50 mph. I managed to get mine to about 50 mph in order to

stay with the flow of traffic. Most cost anywhere from \$6,000 all the way up to well over \$20,000 and up the more you add on all the custom accessories available. Just like motorcycles, you have to make it your own! If you haven't test driven one yet, head to your favorite dealer and go check them out.



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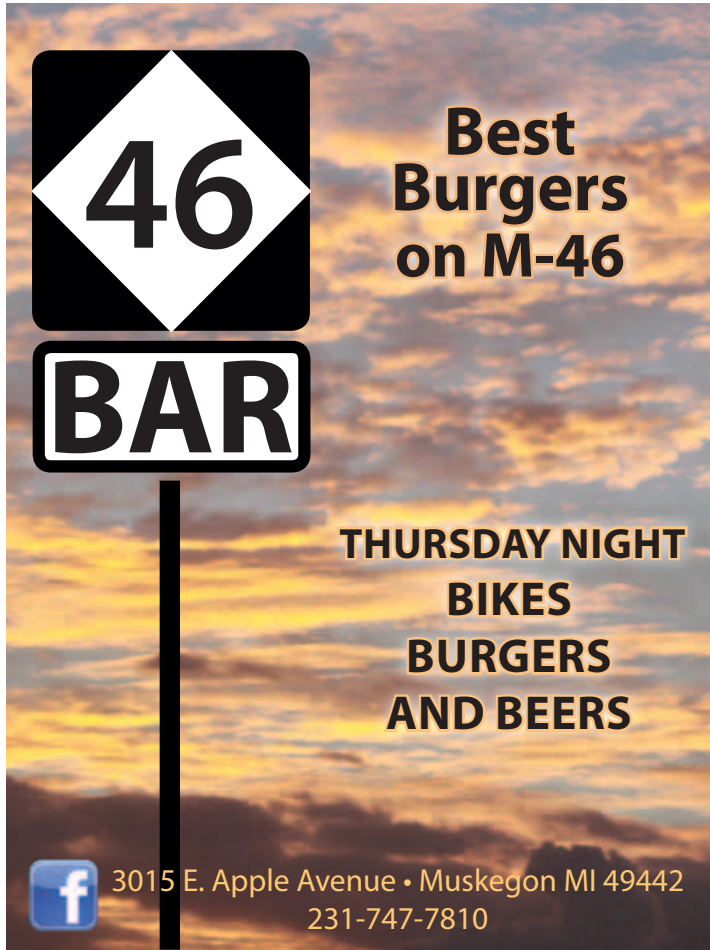


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Greetings Fellow Veterans

As I write this, the government shutdown is now in its 10th day. It's too early to tell if VA benefits and pensions will get delayed to you or not. I hope yours isn't delayed.

I got a flyer in the mail from the Secretary of State (Michigan speak for DMV) and it announces that the veteran designation will be available on driver's licenses in 2014. If you want to get a renewal ahead of the normal expiration of your driver's license with the designation, you will have to pay \$9 for a duplicate license. You'll need to show your DD-214 the first time at SOS.

Military personnel now can use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) to cast votes in local and state races and ballot questions. Prior to this new law, the FWAB could be used only for federal races.

Airless Tires For Military

Hopefully these will be available in the future for dirt bikes!

Polaris has begun production of a non-pneumatic tire for all terrain vehicles. The company has begun deliveries of its MV850 ATV fitted with the flat-proof Terrain-Armor tires to the U.S. Special Operations Forces, and plans to introduce a retail version soon.

The innovation is more of a wheel/tire combination that features a rubber tread band supported by a polymeric web for structure that is also able to deform like an air-filled tire as it rolls over obstacles to provide cushioning.

Polaris says the tires can take a shot from a .50 caliber round without failing, and one was driven on for over 1,000 miles off-road after it was punctured by a railroad spike. They've been tested up to 5,000 miles on ATVs packed with a full combat load.

Eaton County Gets \$171,000 Grant

A newly-awarded federal grant will help in the effort to identify struggling veterans with housing needs in Eaton and Barry counties.

Eaton County Housing Services will use the one-year, \$171,380 grant from the U.S. Veteran Affairs Office to find and help an estimated 100 veterans between the two counties. The non-profit is one of 12 recipients in Michigan this year - which is the third cycle for the grant program, entitled "Supportive Services for Veteran Families."

According to Housing Services Director Denise Dunn, staff applied for the grant last fall. Funding of the effort - to help low-income veterans who are struggling to keep their homes or those without one - starts Oct. 1.

Mel Burke will serve as the full-time case manager for the effort to find and help veterans in need. Burke will spend three days a week in Eaton and two days a week in Barry, reaching out into both counties in an effort to find veterans who need housing help. He said initially that will entail reaching out to area veteran organizations like the Veterans of Foreign Wars - a place where many vets seek support first.

Nationwide Veterans Job Fairs

A current list can be found at <https://events.recruitmilitary.com/exhibitors/schedule>

Mason American Legion Flag Service

An American Legion flag-raising fundraiser in Mason has proven so popular the post had to build a new barn to hold all of its flags.

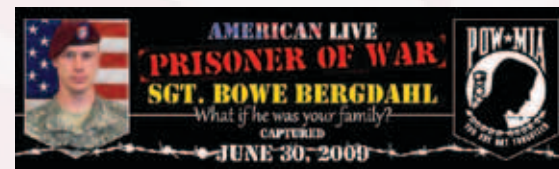
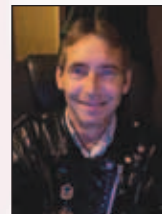
American Legion Browne Cavender Post 148 is holding an open house on Oct. 19 at the barn south of the Vevay Township Office. The program has been around for 20 years. For \$40 a year residents purchase the service in which post members place a flag on their property during holidays.

The post's Bob Raab says the service has grown tremendously since 2007 when the post had 167 flags. It now has 480.

The money goes to the American Legion, helps purchase more flags and funds other efforts like an armed forces wooden statue carvings project.

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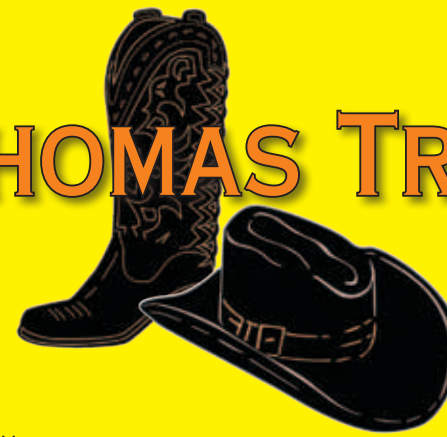


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Trikes, license endorsements, and the freedom of the ride

In my October 2013 article, What is Michigan's Motorcycle Endorsement, I explained what a motorcycle endorsement is, how you get it, why you need it, and what happens without it. I've been contributing to Thunder Roads for several years now, and our articles have always been accurate and well received, so I was disappointed to find out that my October 2013 article may have caused some confusion as to how motorcycle endorsements work for three-wheel motorcycles (trikes).

One trike-riding reader, Bill "The Fuzz" Eplett, called me to get some clarification about the CY endorsement for trikes. Bill, a retired cop, has been a biker since he was 16, and has been riding a trike since the mid-1970s. He wanted to clarify whether his regular CY endorsement covered him while he was out on his trike.

When you read it by itself, the motorcycle endorsement law [MCL 257.312b(3)] is a little confusing when it talks about trikes. It states: "A motorcycle endorsement issued to a person who operates a 3-wheeled motorcycle or an autocycle shall be restricted to operation of that type of motorcycle and does not permit operation of a 2-wheeled motorcycle."

What that means is, if you already have your CY endorsement and you did your skills test or your training course on a two-wheeled bike, you are legally allowed to ride either a two- or a three-wheeled bike. The regular CY endorsement covers both. However, if you did your skills test or training course on a trike, you will have a CY endorsement with the restriction "Code 20 – NOT VALID FOR A 2-WHEEL CYCLE", and it is only legal for you to ride a trike. If you decide you want to start riding a two-wheel bike, and you have a restricted CY endorsement, you would have to re-apply to the DMV to get your regular (unrestricted) CY endorsement.

Since I don't ride trikes, I talked to Bill about some of the differences between two- and three-wheeled bikes. My guess was that there is a bit of a learning curve when you first switch to a trike from a motorcycle, and Bill agreed. Steering, cornering, and braking are all slightly different with a trike. Trikes use a push-pull steering system, so when cornering the rider points his wheel in the direction he wants to go. The rider doesn't need to lean as much, if at all, on a trike.

Bill mentioned slowing down significantly before corners and curves, and this is also recommended in the Michigan Motorcycle Operator's Manual. Slowing down helps the rider keep all three wheels on the road; hitting a turn too fast or at too sharp an angle

can cause tipping. The Manual also mentions that riders may lose traction while driving up a hill, as the trike's weight shifts to the back. Riding downhill, gravity can increase how much braking force the rider needs to apply in order to stop or turn, so the manual recommends slowing down early to maintain control.

Bill also told me you have to get used to having rear wheels that stick out past your handlebars. "You learn that one quick, usually because you hit a gas pump or your rear end rides up on a curb," he said with a laugh. Bill currently rides a Harley Street Glide. "It's a beautiful bike," he says. "I love it."

When I asked Bill what the most important thing people should know about three-wheeled bikes is, he didn't hesitate. "Trikes can give older riders their freedom back," he says, adding, "A lot of people ride motorcycles their whole lives, but it can get to be too hard as they get older. Switching to a trike lets them continue to do what they love."

Here is the bottom line regarding Michigan motorcycle endorsements and trikes: If you have a regular CY endorsement for a two-wheeled motorcycle, you're legal to operate two-wheeled motorcycles and trikes. But, if you have a restricted CY endorsement because you did your skills test on a trike, you are limited to just riding trikes. I hope this clears up any confusion. No matter how many wheels on your bike, I hope you get some great fall riding in while the weather is still cooperating.

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Two women friends had gone for a girl's night out to a quaint Pub in the neighborhood. Both were very faithful and loving wives, however they had gotten over-enthusiastic on the Bacardi Breezers. Incredibly drunk and walking home they needed to pee, so they stopped in the cemetery.

One of them had nothing to wipe with so she thought she would take off her panties and use them.

Her friend however was wearing a rather expensive pair of panties and did not want to ruin them.

She was lucky enough to squat down next to a grave that had a wreath with a ribbon on it, so she proceeded to wipe with the ribbon.

After the girls finished their "pee break" they staggered home, laughing all the way.

The next day one of the woman's husband was concerned that his normally sweet and innocent wife was still in bed hung over at noon, so he phoned the other husband and said:

"These girl nights have got to stop! I'm starting to suspect the worst. My wife came home with no panties!!"

"That's nothing" said the other husband, "Mine came back with a card stuck to her ass that said..... 'From all the guys at Fire Station 727. We'll never forget you.'"

A woman went to the doctor's office and was seen by one of the new young doctors. After about four minutes in the examination room, she started screaming and ran down the hall. An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was, and she told him her story. After listening, he told her to sit down and relax in another room. The older doctor marched down the hallway to the back where the first doctor was and demanded, "What's the matter with you? Mrs. Terry is 63 years old, she has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?" The new doctor continued to write on his clipboard and, without looking up, said, "Does she still have the hiccups?"

A woman was leaving to visit her sick sister and told her husband she wanted thier house cleaned spic and span when she returned. She returned home about a week later and her hubby Jeb and his best buddy Merle had a case of beer bout' knocked out.

"Go look and see darlin', the house is cleaner than a cat's ass". The woman came out, holding a cat with a big clump of s**t hanging from its' butt and said...

"It saddens me to say this cat's ass wins.....paws down.

A father walks into a restaurant with his young son. He gives the young boy 3 nickels to play with to keep him occupied.

Suddenly, the boy starts choking, going blue in the face. The father realizes the boy has swallowed the nickels and starts slapping him on the back. The boy coughs up 2 of the nickels, but keeps choking. Looking at his son, the father is panicking, shouting for help.

A well-dressed, attractive, and serious looking woman in a blue business suit is sitting at the coffee bar reading a newspaper and sipping a cup of coffee. At the sound of the commotion, she looks up, puts her coffee cup down, neatly folds the newspaper and places it on the counter, gets up from her seat and makes her way, unhurried, across the restaurant.

Reaching the boy, the woman carefully drops his pants; takes hold of the boy's testicles and starts to squeeze and twist, gently at first and then ever so firmly. After a few seconds the boy convulses violently and coughs up the last nickel, which the woman deftly catches in her free hand.

Releasing the boy's testicles, the woman hands the nickel to the father and walks back to her seat at the coffee bar without saying a word.

As soon as he is sure that his son has suffered no ill effects, the father rushes over to the woman and starts thanking her saying, "I've never seen anybody do anything like that before, it was fantastic. Are you a doctor?" "No," the woman crisply replied, "I'm with the Internal Revenue Service."

Two young businessmen in New York were sitting down for a break in their soon-to-be new store in the new shopping mall. As yet, the store wasn't ready, with only a few shelves and display racks set up.

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Lynn's FUN RUN

by Tami Bersano & Lynn Roberts



The Seventh Annual Lynn's Fun Run to benefit Michigan Sports Unlimited was held on August 17th. The ride is hosted by Lynn Roberts, on-air personality for The Rock Station, Z93 in Saginaw, MI. This was also the second memorial ride for Jeff Coupie, executive director of Michigan Sports Unlimited and friend who passed away in August 2012 just before the Fun Run.

The run started at Great Lakes Harley Davidson in Bay City, 80 bikers and friends left there at 1pm. The weather was incredible. The first run in six years without rain! Everyone that participated definitely enjoyed the route and clear skies.

Lynn's Fun Run added up to 120 miles with stops at Cliff's in Sterling, Ali's Up North in Au Gres (formerly Dunleavy's), with the final stop at Sporty's in Pinconning. Each location welcomed us with friendly faces and cold drinks. The BBQ feast put on by Studio Dick at Sporty's was incredible, as always! Plus, this year featured live music from Drift Lifted!

This year's run was sponsored by your local Forward Convenience Stores and Mind Magic Tattoo & Art Gallery of Hale who added to the incredible number of prizes given away that day! These businesses, Lynn Roberts, and many others are committed to making Jeff's dreams come true...Access without Limitations. Overall this event raised over \$1,500 that day for Michigan Sports Unlimited!

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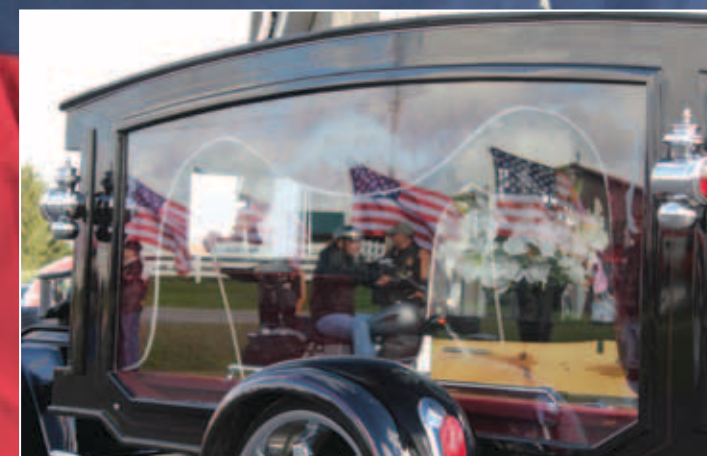
Twice a year, Michigan Harley Davidson dealerships hold their open houses, usually one in the spring and another in the fall. We all enjoy the visits to them as we are looking to catch that great deal on that special item we have had our eye on. This year, no different than in the past several years, Sandy's Harley Davidson located in the small quiet town of Fremont held their open house as they normally do with a much added twist. In honor of our country, our flag and our service men and women, a flag raising ceremony is held.

With the help of a few other participants like the young marines of Grand Rapids and the Forgotten Eagles of Michigan Chapter 5, who perform the folding of the flag to its thirteen meaningful folds as they speak out the meaning of each and every fold. An event like this would not be complete without the sounds of patriotic music - this year Holton High School band performed several songs to set the sounds along with special guest Kelly Trudell as their songs filled the air with the help of Sounds-R-Us who supplies the audio for this event twice a year. As the new flag is very carefully being unfolded and clipped to the rope and gently raised to the very top of the pole the Newaygo County VFW performs the twenty-one gun salute.

This Fall's flag ceremony was dedicated to a special Vietnam veteran who showed great respect for our flag and our country, Larry Tingley. Larry was the service writer for Sandy's Harley Davidson for twenty-two years before he tragically lost his life in a fatal motorcycle accident only days before this event which was one of the things he truly looked forward to. Larry and his wife Jan moved to Hesperia in 1991 just shortly before he accepted the job at Sandy's. He started out as a mechanic and later in 1994 moved on to be the service writer, overseeing six other mechanics that were later hired. Some other favorites for him were spending time with his family and riding his own Harley in his spare time and once in while getting out the Screaming Eagle Destroyer and heading to the track with Josh Corley.

A few weeks after the flag ceremony, a memorial was held in Larry's honor, along with the help from Jay Howard from One Last Ride over 500 family and friends followed him as he took his final 65 mile journey through the country side where he normally rode, and a full military ceremony in which his wife Jan accepted a new tightly folded flag after a portion of his ashes were dispensed around the flag pole in honor of his time served in our United States military. A tree along with a plaque donated by the Michigan Harley Davidson dealer association was placed just to the side of where he would stand for every flag raising ceremony as he would accept the retired flag and hand off the new.

Larry will truly be missed by his family and friends and most of all by his wife Jan. He will remain in our hearts and never forgotten as there will always be a part of him around that famous flag and pole that stands tall where he happily and proudly spent 22 years of his life.





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SPORTBIKERS ATTACK SUV IN NYC

Headlines across America shrieked in condemnation over a road rage incident involving a swarm of sportbike riders in New York who were caught on tape viciously attacking a family in an SUV, but according to high-profile civil rights attorney Gloria Allred we haven't heard the whole story.

Everything started when a driver bumped a biker on the Henry Hudson Parkway in NYC and took off, sparking the chase and vicious assault that followed. After the initial contact, the now-famous helmet cam footage that captivated the country shows a rider cutting in front of a Range Rover, slowing down and gesturing at the driver just before the SUV driver clipped his back tire. Following a brief exchange on the side of the road, the SUV driver is seen hitting the gas and speeding off recklessly through the crowd of bikers, running over one of them. A group of riders pursued the vehicle and miles later when it was forced to a halt in heavy traffic, several of the bikers bashed in the windows and dragged the driver out and beat him in front of his wife and infant child.

Allred is representing rider Edwin "Jay" Mises, the 33-year old father of two from Massachusetts who was ran over and left permanently paralyzed by the SUV driver during his "escape", and she told FOX News during an October 8th interview on "Hannity" that, "First of all, what's not being talked about is what happened several miles before Edwin was run over, and we have evidence of this and police are aware, that the SUV was in the right lane several miles before and decided to move over into the center lane, HIT a bike and kept going and then several miles later hit a second rider and then ran over Edwin, crushing him under the SUV without any warning as he was standing there trying to get everyone to move on."

"Ticked off" by the media's unfair portrayal of the events, Allred said there's no evidence of intimidation on the part of the bikers prior to the accident and the subsequent attack, and riders insist that the SUV driver was the aggressor. "He drove erratically and bumped the bike on the side," one rider told WABC TV, corroborating that the driver had already hit one motorcycle prior to the confrontation. "When he bumped that bike on the side, that biker became aggressive because his life was in danger."

Three bikers have thus far been arrested for gang assault and other crimes, but the SUV driver has not been charged as the case continues under investigation, so stay tuned.

POSITIONING PLATES TO PERMIT LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) wants to change the angle of motorcycle license plates and has requested comments on a proposed amendment to a safety standard on "lamps, reflective devices and associated equipment to allow the license plate mounting surface on motorcycles to be at an angle of up to 30 degrees beyond vertical" (on horizontal installed plates).

According to the agency, the change would bring the U.S. rule more in line with European regulations, increase design flexibility without compromising

safety or increasing costs, and allow license plate recognition technology used by law enforcement organizations to continue reading license plate characters.

CDC ASKED TO BACK OFF MOTORCYCLE ISSUES

Congressman Tom Petri (R-WI) has authored a letter to the Centers for Disease Control requesting that the CDC stop investigating motorcycling issues such as helmet laws.

"Given the demands on your budget and the unique ability of the CDC to address such pressing issues as heart disease, diabetes, cancer, Alzheimer's and a host of other conditions, and issues which afflict millions of Americans and others around the globe, we encourage you to direct your attention and resources to areas that are not currently already being addressed elsewhere in the government," wrote Petri in the letter he is requesting fellow members of Congress to co-sign.

With the government shutdown ending, now is the time to contact your Congressional Representatives and ask them to sign onto Rep. Petri's letter to the CDC.

NEW NEVADA LAW ALLOWS MOTORCYCLISTS TO GO ON RED

Under a new law, motorcyclists will be allowed to go through red lights. Starting October 1, if a motorcyclist comes to a red light at a signal that doesn't seem to be working or has failed to detect the motorcycle, the rider will be allowed to go through. Assembly Bill 117 enables motorcyclists, moped, trimobile and bike riders to go through red lights after waiting for two rounds of the signal without getting a green light.

The Nevada Highway Patrol said signals use sensors to detect metal, which may make it more difficult to detect motorcycles than vehicles.

The new law still requires motorcycles to stop at a light, and only proceed through a red if it's safe. The state has launched a website to educate people on the new law.

Nevada joins a dozen other states that allow riders to proceed through malfunctioning red lights. Similar "dead red" laws have previously been enacted in Minnesota (2002), Tennessee (2003), Arkansas (2005), Idaho (2006), Wisconsin (2006), North Carolina (2007), South Carolina (2008), Missouri (2008), Oklahoma (2010), Kansas (2011), Virginia (2011) and Illinois (except Chicago - 2012). In Texas and California, state law requires stoplights to be fitted with sensors that detect motorcycles.

TEXAS BIKERS AND TRIKERS CELEBRATE A SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Previously in Texas, three-wheeled motorcycle training courses were costly and not widely available, due to mandated motorcycle training curricula from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation that limited the flexibility of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) in approving otherwise appropriate curricula.

This was limiting for motorcyclists who do not wish to or cannot drive a two-wheeled motorcycle (perhaps due to a physical disability) but want to drive a three-wheeled cycle.

S.B. 763, "AN ACT relating to motorcycle training, the enforcement of certification standards for motorcycles, and the license requirements for a three-wheeled motorcycle," changes from mandatory to optional whether curricula includes the curricula developed by a particular foundation, giving DPS the flexibility to authorize other curricula that meet the statutory and regulatory requirements of Texas.



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The new law also adds a three-wheeled restriction to the Class M license of those Texans who take only a three-wheeled training course. Currently, a motorcyclist who has only taken a three-wheeled training course can obtain a Class M license which permits them to legally operate a two-wheeled motorcycle.

"Another successful Legislative session for Texas Bikers, and Texas Trikes too!" announced Paul Landers, TMRALI Legislative Liaison and National Lt. Commander of the US Defenders/C.O.I.R. "For the first time, a new classification for this group of three wheeled BIKERS. Personally, I feel this builds unity and gives more support to our political initiatives, trike owners can now be a part of what we do and feel good about it!"

MOTORCYCLISTS HOPE TO CHANGE NEW ILLINOIS POKER RUN LAW

A new law meant to protect poker runs is creating frustration. House Bill 2520, the "Poker Run Act", was drawn up earlier this year because of concerns that poker runs were a type of illegal gambling. The bill to legalize poker runs for charities and Not For Profit organizations was passed with overwhelming support and was signed into law in August, moving the fundraisers under the Illinois Charitable Games Act.

However, the regulations means charities and poker run stops all need to pay for a license. All locations involved are now required to pay a fee of \$50 a year. The non-profit behind the event must have a permit that costs \$200. Any funds raised will be taxed at 3%.

Motorcycle groups are now looking for a new solution. Poker runs bring out bikers and bring in big dollars for charity causes, but many fear the new law will put an end to many of the events.

The push for change came when the motorcycle advocacy group, ABATE of Illinois, wanted to protect poker runs, which some states are cracking down on as illegal gaming. According to WSIL TV (ABC), the Illinois Department of Revenue says lawmakers didn't ask for their help in drafting the legislation so now the agency is enforcing those taxes and fees, but they're also talking with bill sponsors about finding a new category for poker runs.

Representative Rich Brauer has already drawn up a bill that would put poker runs under the jurisdiction of the county where they're being held.

BIKER DISCRIMINATION AT OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR

On the 15th of September 2013, two members of The Horsemen MC out of Moore, OK went the State Fair of Oklahoma, walking past four Oklahoma City police officers at the gates who watched the two of them buy tickets and enter the fair. They entered with club colors on and the Police made eye contact but let them in.

About an hour into being there, a Sergeant of the OKC P.D. pulled them aside and told them to remove their cuts or colors, whereupon the two Horsemen refused. The Police then told the two riders they had one chance to leave and if they didn't, they would be arrested. The riders then agreed and started heading toward the gate.

They told them they would like their ticket money back since there are no signs posted informing motorcyclists they were not allowed to wear Colors in the fair. They did get their ticket money back but had to give their personal information to the police so they could run their identity through to see if they had any warrants. They took pictures of their vests and insignia, wanted to list their tattoos and informed them that they were a "gang".

"The Horsemen walked away without being arrested but hopefully our Riding Community can understand there is a serious problem with this," said Tiger Mike Revere in his report in the ABATE of Oklahoma newsletter. "In the meantime, club members who have been mistreated at this point will be interacting with attorneys for possible litigation."

Tiger Mike, who is the ABATE Liaison for the OK Confederation of Clubs and also serves on the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) board of directors, encourages any biker who experiences discriminatory treatment to go to the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs website at: www.okcoc.net to download, print and submit a Discrimination Complaint to NCOM, and advises that this issue will be discussed further during the NCOM Region 2 Conference scheduled for November 22-23 at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City.

GITMO FOR BIKIES

Bikers going to jail in Queensland will now be sent to a "bikie-only prison" at the ultra-secure Woodford Correctional Centre as part of the Australian government's push against "bikies". The biker gang-only facility, which critics have compared with Guantánamo Bay, will form a core part of the Newman Gov't's attempt to drive outlaw bikie gangs from Queensland.

Convicted outlaw motorcycle gang members will be kept in their cells for 23 hours a day at the centre, denied access to gym equipment, televisions and be subject to a more stringent regime of drug testing and searches. All calls unrelated to their legal representation will be monitored and their mail opened and censored while visitor contact will be restricted to one hour a week. Bikie members already in Queensland prisons will also be transferred to the new facility, which is aimed at denying them the ability to use prison time to recruit new members and widen their drug distribution networks says government sources.

Premier Campbell Newman told The Courier-Mail that the facility will be an integral part of sweeping legislation to be introduced and passed through State Parliament, adding that the new laws will also automatically ban bikies from accessing bail and hand greater investigative powers to the Crime and Misconduct Commission. In addition to mandatory enhanced prison sentences of up to 25 additional years for gang members, the government is also considering tougher penalties for crimes committed in prison, including weapon offenses, assaults and drug use, as well as stiffer penalties for prison staff caught colluding with gang members.

Civil libertarians and members of the legal fraternity have condemned the proposed bikie crackdown as unnecessary, ill-conceived and arrogant. Thanks to Mike Davis of the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars (BBB) outreach for sharing this information.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

"Never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal."

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Tech Tips By Steve

GOOD VIBRATIONS?

What a fantastic October, great weather for great riding! Also our October Customer Appreciation day at the shop was magnificent, thanks to all who came, said hello and ate some fabulous BBQ from King of the Grill.

Tech talk about vibrations, no, not good ones either. Have you ever got on one Harley and it seems smooth and get on another of the same year and model and it seems to have more vibration? HD Cranks are made up of basically three pieces, the right half, left half and the crank pin (Fig 1) sometimes crankshaft truing/balancing is the mischief maker. These vibrations are ones made from an abundance of crankshaft run-out or lack crank of trueness and the twin cams seem to have the most problems. What the heck is crank run out you ask? Keep it out of the gutter my friends ... It is a measurement of how much the crankshaft is out of true basically, it is commonly checked at the right end of your crankshaft after removing the cams and oil pump. This measurement should be less than .002" for a respectable engine builder; however Harley has set the tolerance WAY out to .015" on the twin cam engines and this has been the source of a lot of controversy. Harley states this is due to how the crankshaft is manufactured and tested today. Unlike the old days when they were bolted or welded and hand trued by techs at the factory the newer cranks are press-fitted/trued by machines and for the most part ok for the everyday rider. However, like I said, some have more run-out than others so some motors are smooth and some not so much, also because this is a press fit crank pin the darn things can twist/shift and come out of trueness. This run out can cause a few problems (especially if you are hopping the bike up with some trick modifications or are thinking of some gear drive camshafts) and the least of them are vibrations in a way. A press fit crank pin can move under stress, so as you build these engines up the more likely your crank will become out of true down the line. Why Harley thinks this amount of crank run out is a non issue is beyond reason to all good mechanics, the right crankshaft end runs through and drives the oil pump then into the camshaft bearing plate bushing and drives the cams via a chain system, so all this out of round wobble wreaks havoc and destroys the insides. Fig 2 shows you the cavity after the cams and oil pump have been removed. Excessive crank run out at best creates excessive wear and metal shavings that in turn hit the oil passages and it's never good to have metal shaving running through your engine. At worst?? ... well, take a look at the next few pictures. Fig 3 is the right side of the crank end scored up badly, Fig 4 is the damage done to the cam plate and the crank bushing in the plate, Fig 5 is the destroyed oil pump. This poor bike was recently built with reworked heads, new pistons, cams; cam plate upgrade with new hyd tensioner and new upgraded oil pump too! The stock crank was left in place and I personally don't know how much crank run out it had when it was built, however I can tell you that now it is way-way out of true now as seen in Fig 6. In this case it destroyed his oil pump, came plate bushing and not to mention he needs a new crank, sad ... very sad!

So how do you prevent this? According to the factory Twin Cam HD Crankshafts are not meant to be serviced, but there are many places that have the ability to do so, however for the most part stock and mildly built engines will be OK as long as the run out is checked and within tolerances before building the engine up and you are not a drag racer dude or burn out king. Now if you want to have a no worry HP engine or if you have a high mileage engine that is due for a rebuild than have your local shop take the crankshaft out and you can either replace it with a new one that has all the wonderful upgrades needed to make it worry free or you can send your original crank to a place like Revolution Performance out of Plymouth Wisconsin. They will take your crank apart, balance everything, assemble and true it, then weld the crank pins in, recheck and zoom-zoom off you go (Fig 7). Doing this can take away a huge amount of vibration and make the engine last a very long time without any crank worries.

Last words ... some of you may know already, but for you who may not, the creator and promoter of Thunder on the Grand was hit by a car September 26th and is in need of our prayers. As most of you know this lady has been fighting cancer for years and has been a huge fund raiser for the cure of that nasty illness. She had a heart for giving and loves people, please take a few minutes show her some love and say a healing prayer for Loreen Wickens.

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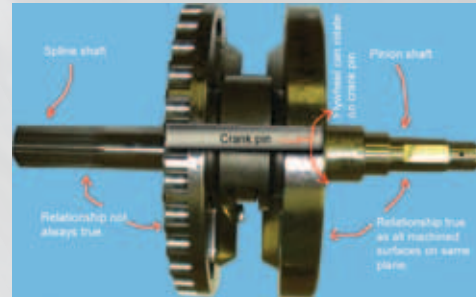


Fig 1 Harley Crankshaft



FIG 2 Camshaft plate, camshafts and oil pump removed.



Fig 3 Crank End Damage



Fig 4 Cam plate damage and damaged crank bushing



Fig 5 Destroyed oil pump ... Look closely and you will see the rotor is partially gone, and as of now the broken pieces are nowhere to be found ... not cool, not cool at all.

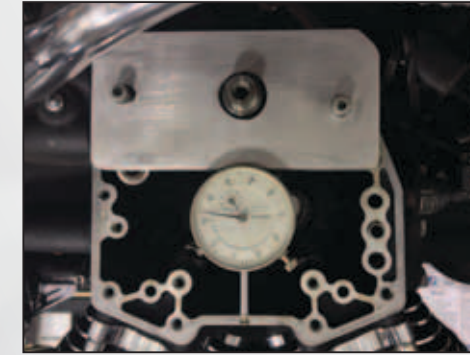


Fig 6 Using a handy tool made by Marty Debler owner of Bridge Street Cycles we measured Crank run-out, this picture shows .046" run-out, however it actually got to .055" when we spun it a little farther, again sadness L



Fig 7 Welded crank pin, no more movement!



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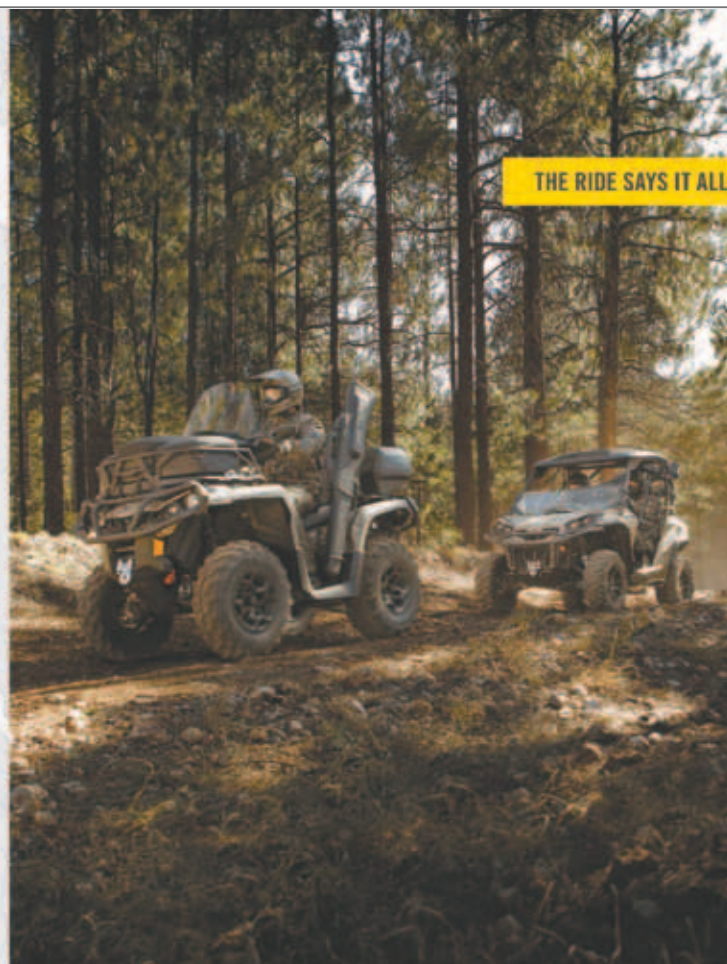
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Riddles
A. I'm easy to give yet few will take, I'm shared with a bride and can be seen at a wake, I have a monopoly on the young. At times, it's true, I may have stung.
B. Right now everyone in the world, no matter where they are, is doing the exactly same thing. What is it?
C. What goes up and down but doesn't move?
D. What is placed on the table, cut and passed but never eaten?
(Answers below)

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Mel Blanc (the voice of Bugs Bunny) was allergic to carrots.
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Answers: Advice. Advice. It's easy to give it out but advice is often ignored. Brides are frequently given advice on their wedding day and you'll even hear it at a funeral. Advice is frequently given to young people and some advice can be hard to stomach (like you should lose a few pounds). B. getting older. C. A staircase. They go up and down, but you're the one moving. D. A deck of cards. You play card games on a table, cut the deck, then deal (or pass out) the cards, but you only eat the snacks.

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By Jody Mo

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On Sunday, they hosted the 9th Annual Charity Bike Run. The run left and returned out of the Iron Horse Bar & Grill in Akron where all the festivities take place each year. It was a gorgeous day, and a ton of bikers showed up to help support the fund to provide food and services to over 400 families and senior citizens in Tuscola County needing assistance. Make sure to mark your calendars next Labor Day for a weekend filled with lots of fun! You won't want to miss this one!





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November comes around every year and at this time of the year I start thinkin' about hunting, the winter coming up, getting my bike ready for storage and Thanksgiving. This year I'm reminded of the pilgrims that landed at Plymouth Rock in the year 1620. They escaped England fleeing from political and religious persecution – to be free to worship the Lord God and to live their lives following the Bible.

156 years later our Constitution was ratified by our founding fathers (who were all believers in Jesus Christ) securing the original intent of the pilgrims at their own peril by declaring our freedom from the oppression and tyranny of the King of England. This Constitution of ours, our supreme law, like it or not is based on the Word of God. In which I am very thankful for and all the men and women over the years that have paid the sacrificial price to protect our country, constitution, our freedom and liberty. God Bless you Veterans!!

I'm also very thankful for the patriots of today that stand stalwart and resolute against the tyranny that is invading our country now. Looking back on history we need to take what we have learned from our founding fathers and those that stood with them, and apply it to today's situation. I am thankful that the majority of America still stands united, even though silenced by the mass media; we are still One Nation Under God...

Psalm 107:1 says "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His faithful love endures forever."

The most important thing I am thankful for is the Love of God for all mankind. Even though we may be unfaithful, full of hate and every other sin known to man, He is still Faithful and just... His love truly does endure forever. I am so thankful for His peace, liberty and freedom that I have in my heart and mind and that this country was founded on!

I'm thankful for Jesus first and foremost because as 1 Corinthians 15:57 says "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" So stick with Jesus, He will lead you into victory in every area of your life.

As I wrap up my time with you this month - what are you thankful for this year? Some are thankful that they still have a job, some may be thankful that their family is healthy and doing well and some are thankful for the food and clothing they have.

In the end, I am so thankful that God loves us and has already paid the price for our mistakes (sins), thankful that we still live in the greatest country in the world, thankful for healthy happy families and great friends like you!

My God bless you and keep you until we meet again,

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ABATE OF MICHIGAN UGLY SCARY ISSUE

Part I of II

Halloween. In Michigan, it's always kind of been the "end of fall, beginning of winter" point for me. It may still feel more one way than the other, but you know at any time that first blast from the northwest is coming, and it's going to be rough riding to say the least for the next 6 months. Trick or treat...

As a tribute to the holiday last month I am going to hit a topic that I tend to avoid because of its penchant to get ugly if not downright scary.

This is one that I have little emotional or practical involvement with mainly because of my self-proclaimed lack of first-hand experience, or any education based knowledge on the subject. Yet it continues to be a high profile issue, and particularly amongst motorcyclists. Ethanol.

Most of us know that corn based alcohol has been introduced into our fuel systems for a while now. Some of us know that there has been a growing discontent based on a belief that the additive is harmful to our motorcycles engines. The accusations fly one way and then the other from parties with an interest in the subject. In this particular case I have found myself stuck between sides both of which have the experience and knowledge to make convincing and informed cases. The case against ethanol is readily available, even a couple of major motorcycle rights organizations I belong to are lobbying hard to regulate ethanol.

I have a buddy who is a retired, semi-large scale farmer/biker. Well educated and extremely knowledgeable, even though you'd never know it by looking at him. He recently sent me the following quips on the subject, which are far insightful if not entertaining than for me to try and make my own interpretation.

From Pat:

"Wanted to bring some earth shattering world ending developments to light that I've seen in my lifetime. Just to think about:

1. Lead was removed from all gasoline. Millions of cars were going to be parked and scrapped. Everyone would need a new lawn mower. Well, guess what- it was for the most part hype. It was an issue for some motors, but it was fixable. We got by, there are still all kinds of 60's muscle cars and Knuckles, Pans, and Shovels on the road.

2. Harley removed kick starters from the new bikes. Screw them guys, I'm not going to buy a new one. Ever. Well, guess what: I push a button on all my bikes to get them to fire up now. Same story for fuel injection. I happen to be the odd one among us that loves it. I think it's the best thing ever happened.

3. Sulphur got reduced in diesel fuel. Caused pump problems in SOME older diesel motors. Cost some people some cash to fix, but

the point is that it was fixable. I didn't scrap good trucks because I couldn't buy high sulphur fuel anymore.

4. EPA mandates an oxygenate be added to gasoline. MTBE is the oxygenate of choice. Except it's discovered that MTBE is a carcinogen. So ethanol gets the nod. Not corn ethanol, not beet ethanol, not cellulosic ethanol- just ethanol. Corn was the cheapest and easiest to make. It's all economics. We'll get by."

"When lead was removed from gasoline, it carried with it a 10 cent premium. A real big deal when the price of gas was 50 cents. We were told that it was because it cost a dime to remove the lead. A few years later, leaded gas (if you could find it) was 20 cents more. Why? Because we were told that's what it costs to add lead to gas. Today, there are a lot of myths associated with ethanol. It costs more to produce than gas, which is bullshit. Wouldn't be viable without tax incentives. That's the one I find kind of humorous, as the by far largest tax benefit ethanol had was the blenders credit- which goes to the person who introduces the ethanol into the gas. This by and large happens to be oil companies. The blender's credit expired over a year ago. So why would big oil not like ethanol and lobby so hard against it? Simple math- a 10% oxygenate blend means that they have 10% less gasoline to sell. The other side of this story is that ethanol also increases octane- which simply means that poorer quality gas can be mixed with ethanol to meet specifications. It's still poor gas, and as a bonus, ethanol gets blamed for it. Why is it that we all say we hate big oil, but still buy into every bullshit story they dream up? Are we all really that stupid?"

Continued in next month's issue... see Part II

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Bullet Points

RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERSHIP

From G & A's Keys to Being a Responsible Gun Owner By B. Gil Horman

"A common argument against civilian gun ownership is based on what could be called a Sheep vs. Wolves model. Basically the argument goes, there are two kinds of people who live in this country: the peace-loving, guileless and socially well-adjusted individuals who do no harm (Sheep) and the evil, heartless, twisted predators that ruthlessly maim and murder innocent people (Wolves). How do we go about sorting the safe Sheep from the dangerous Wolves? According to some, the answer

is neat and simple: The Wolves have guns!

This kind of bi-polar political argument is popular—and seemingly effective—because it boils a multi-faceted social issue down to just two choices; either you're a "good guy" or a "bad guy," a victim or the victimizer. But now is the right time for us to talk about and promote the third category of citizen, one that's purposefully ignored. If we're going to continue with the Sheep vs. Wolves model, then the overlooked third player is the Shepherd. The Shepherds in our society are those who consciously take a stand against the Wolves in defense of the Sheep, willingly placing themselves in danger to protect those who cannot defend themselves. They are motivated by patriotism, a sense of duty, and devotion to their family and friends. Some Shepherds choose to wear a uniform and others carry a badge. But most of them in this country are honest, hard-working people who exercise their Second Amendment right to legally carry a concealed firearm or to have personal protection and sporting firearms in their homes. In other words, their motives for owning firearms are both pure and noble.

But is it enough to know in your heart that you're a good, responsible gun owner? It's time to do more than just feel good about ourselves. We need to be the kind of gun owners that cannot be easily impugned and who do not simply stand by and allow this political fiasco to continue unchallenged. The first step to being a responsible gun owner is to declare yourself a Shepherd."

Read more: www.gunsandammo.com/2013/02/11/responsible-gun-owners/



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FIREARMS FEATURE

The Glock 19 ~ Gen 3 vs. Gen 4

What are some of the differences between the Gen 3 and Gen 4? The differences are few. The grip is a little different. The texturing is different and gives a little different feel. But mainly the grip is different because it is a little shorter and then you can add back straps to make it bigger. The medium back strap makes the grip the same size as the Gen 3. Glock has also started adding a set of beaver tail equipped back straps. A medium and large one are now in each box.

Glock started including 3 magazines instead of the 2 that came with the previous generations. It's a nice touch since most companies are now including only 1 or 2. One of the subtle changes is the magazine release. A lot of people that customize the Gen 3 put an extended magazine release on their guns, so Glock just did it for them. The release doesn't stick out further or just bigger around, it extends towards the back so it makes the push a shorter reach for your thumb. Internally they changed a couple things. The pins that hold the ejector, return spring and disconnect got changed a little so that the back straps can be accepted.

GLOCK 19

The GLOCK 19 is ideal for a more versatile role because of its reduced dimensions when compared to the standard sized option. Chambered in 9x19, the G19 has found worldwide acclaim with both private and public security agencies. In addition to being used as a conventional service pistol, it is ideal for concealed carry or as a backup weapon.

CALIBER: 9x19
LENGTH: 187 mm / 7.36 in.
HEIGHT: 127 mm / 4.99 in.
BARREL HEIGHT: 32 mm / 1.18 in.
LINE OF SIGHT: 153 mm / 6.02 in.
BARREL LENGTH: 102 mm / 4.02 in.
WIDTH: 30 mm / 1.18 in.
WEIGHTS: [unloaded] 600 g / 21.16 oz. / [loaded] 850 g / 30.18 oz.
MAG CAPACITY: [standard] 15 / [optional] 17/19/33
TRIGGER PULL (-): 2.5 kg / 5.5 lbs.
TRIGGER TRAVEL (-): 12.5 mm / .5 in.
BARREL RIFLING: right hand, hexagonal
LENGTH OF TWIST: 250 mm / 9.84 in.



GLOCK 19 Gen 4

The GLOCK 19 Gen4, in 9x19, introduces revolutionary design changes to the pistol that has found worldwide acclaim with security services both private and public. The Modular Back Strap design lets you instantly customize its grip to adapt to an individual shooter's hand size. The surface of the frame employs the new scientifically designed, real-world-tested, Gen4 rough textured technology. Internally, the new GLOCK dual recoil spring assembly substantially increases the life of the system. A reversible enlarged magazine catch, changeable in seconds, accommodates left or right-handed operators. The G19 Gen4 9x19mm retains the GLOCK accessory rail for your attachments.

CALIBER: 9x19
LENGTH: 185 mm / 7.28 in.
HEIGHT: 127 mm / 4.99 in.
BARREL HEIGHT: 32 mm / 1.26 in.
LINE OF SIGHT: 153 mm / 6.02 in.
BARREL LENGTH: 102 mm / 4.01 in.
WIDTH: 30 mm / 1.18 in.
WEIGHTS: [unloaded] 595 g / 20.99 oz. / [loaded] 855 g / 30.18 oz.
MAG CAPACITY: [standard] 15 / [optional] 17/19/33
TRIGGER PULL (-): 2.5 kg / 5.5 lbs.
TRIGGER TRAVEL (-): 12.5 mm / .5 in.
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