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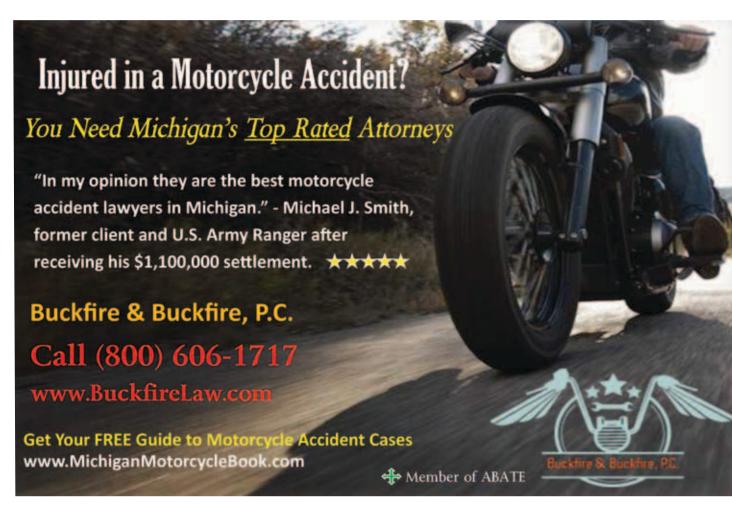








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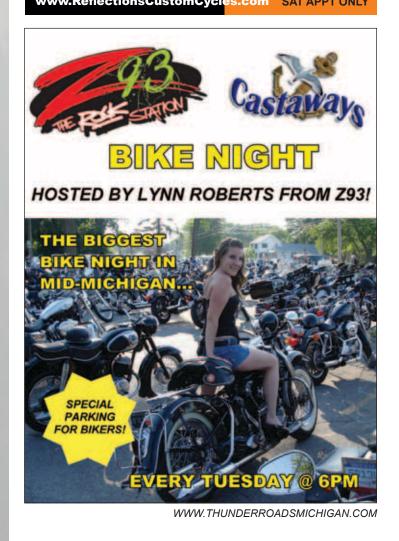
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## It's September? Say what?

Well it's true, September has arrived and summer is blowing by. Better get on your bad motor scooter and ride! Enjoy every minute that you can and spend it in the breeze; because it won't be long until we're all crying again and complaining about another Michigan winter... unless you own a snowmobile too!

I was talking to someone the other day and it got me thinking about how cool my upbringing was. For those of you that don't know, I grew up in a motorcycle shop where my dad pulled out a drawer filled with nuts, bolts and miscellaneous parts each day for me to play with. I spent a lot of time in that shop, because it was how I got to spend time with him. Growing up in that shop I learned a lot, such as how to do service work on bikes, sandblast, and basically get greasy. Those are some of my most fond memories as a kid. As a family, we didn't do the "traditional" family things like Disney World, etc. We rode motorcycles, went and got our concealed weapon permits together and liked it so much we took the advance class. Our family vacations were spent either riding or at motorcycle rallies and events. That was how I grew up and I wouldn't have had it any other way. So with all that said and a little background for you, I hope you enjoy a very special Readers Ride this month. It's my mom and her ride, because you know- that's not what we do, it's who we are!

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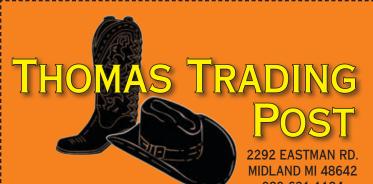
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#### Grant helps launch nursing program for veterans

A 3-year \$1 million federal grant to the University of Michigan-Flint will assist military veterans in earning an accelerated degree in

The grant will help the school develop the program, which is scheduled for a January launch. The program ensures that students complete requirements for the degree and are prepared for the registered nurse licensing exam.

The program, which builds on previous training, is designed to reduce barriers and bring more veterans into the nursing profession. Beverly Jones, project director and assistant nursing professor, said she's pleased about the university getting the grant and for the good it can do.

"Being a veteran myself and knowing some of their difficulty ... it's outstanding to get this type of support," The nursing department will spend the fall recruiting and reviewing academic records in preparation for the 2015 start.

Student Veterans Resource Center coordinator Sarah Mellon said the fact that the program recognizes veterans' experience is appealing, and active-duty service members preparing for civilian life have expressed interest.

#### Last of original group of Navajo Code Talkers dies

The last of the 29 Navajos who developed a code that stumped the Japanese during World War II has died.

Chester Nez, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, died Wednesday morning of kidney failure, said Judy Avila, who helped Nez write his memoirs. He was 93.

Before hundreds of men from the Navajo Nation became Code Talkers, 29 Navajos were recruited to develop the code based on the then-unwritten Navajo language. Nez was in 10th grade when he enlisted, keeping his decision a secret from his family and lying about his age, as did many others.

"It's one of the greatest parts of history that we used our own native language during World War II," Nez told The Associated Press in 2009. "We're very proud of it.

The Navajos trained in radio communications were walking copies of the code. Each message read aloud by a Code Talker was immediately destroyed.

After World War II, Nez volunteered to serve two more years during the Korean War. He retired in 1974 after a 25-year career as a painter at the Veterans Affairs hospital in Albuquerque.

Nez was eager to tell his family about his role as a Code Talker, Avila said, but he couldn't. The mission wasn't declassified until 1968. In 2012, he received a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas, where he abandoned his studies in fine arts after money from his GI Bill ran out.

Despite having both legs partially amputated due to diabetes and being confined to a wheelchair, Avila said Nez loved to travel and tell his story.

#### It's not delivery. It's MRE! Researchers seek secret to downrange pizza

Military science is close to completing its most epic and delicious guest vet — to put pizza in a Meal. Ready to Eat.

"Since the dawn of time — almost — pizza has been one of the most requested and sought-after components in an MRE," said Jeremy Whitsitt, of the Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center in Massachusetts. "We're finally cracking the code in getting the crust and the cheese and the meat to all live happily in a pouch for three years, without refrigeration."

Confronted by years of feedback from soldiers who have asked for pizza in MREs, military food technologists have finally harnessed technology that ensures the sauce will not soak into the crust and, after more than 1,000 days, it will still taste like pizza.

The next step is to test pizza varieties locally. Throughout August, officials will field test elsewhere in the U.S. If successful, it could go into production in 2015. Officials want the opinions of people who know MREs, so it's likely to involve infantry.

"Everybody loves pizza ... so it's really something that we've been looking forward to," said Whitsitt, a former soldier who works for Natick's business operations office. "A close second would be beer, but I don't think we're close on that one."

#### Ohio jail offers help to incarcerated veterans with new program

The sheriff's office in Lorain County, west of Cleveland, says military veterans who are jailed will get some extra help and attention through the Veterans Justice Outreach Program.

If the jailed veterans qualify, they'll be referred to an outreach specialist who will try to help with re-entering society, mental health problems, medical care, housing and employment. The idea is to identify veterans who have entered the criminal justice system and are in need of treatment services instead of incarceration.

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## Since When is a Motorized Wheelchair a Motor Vehicle?

#### Is a Mobility Scooter a Motor Vehicle?

I recently read about a legal battle here in Michigan that has me shaking my head in disbelief. I would imagine most legal practitioners are following the case closely, as it has the potential to change the definition of what is a "motor vehicle", and in turn the rules regarding Personal Insurance Protection (PIP) coverage.

Before we go any further, I want to make it clear that I am not directly involved in this case. I have not spoken to the client in question and do not have any information other than what has been published in the news. My comments are based solely on my opinions about the facts that have been made publicly avail-

The story goes like this: a man, who has been paralyzed from the waist down since a workplace accident in 2004, was riding his motorized mobility scooter across the street in June of 2012. He was struck in the intersection by an SUV making a right turn. The SUV driver was determined to be at fault in the accident. Both the victim and the driver agree that the actual impact between the SUV and the scooter was minor; however, the scooter tipped and exacerbated several of the victim's previous injuries.

According to the victim and his lawyer, being hit by the SUV affected his colostomy wound to the point that the colostomy had to be relocated. It also caused a torn scrotum, a neck and back injury, stomach hernias, and circulation problems to his legs. Before being struck by the SUV, the victim was relatively independent, able to get around by motorized wheelchair or scooter guite well. Since he was hit, the victim has required round-the-clock care and has not been able to do much of what he could do before it happened. In light of this, the over \$2m in medical costs so far, and the fact that he now needs surgery which is estimated to cost upwards of \$150,000, the victim filed a PIP claim with State Farm, the SUV driver's insurance

This seems like a fairly straightforward situation: the driver of the SUV struck the victim - a pedestrian, according to police reports while he was crossing the street on his mobility scooter, causing injury. State Farm should pay his medical costs, right?

Instead, State Farm is claiming that they do not have to pay the victim's costs because he did not have PIP coverage for his mobility scooter, which they are claiming is a "motor vehicle" that he was driving on a public road. That's right: They are trying to claim that his scooter, essentially a motorized wheelchair, is a motor vehicle that needs PIP coverage to legally operate on the road. The backbone of their argument is the fact that Michigan's Insurance Code [MCL 500.3101(2) (e)] defines a motor vehicle as "a vehicle... operated or designed for operation upon a public highway by power other than muscular power which has more than two wheels.

Is that a valid argument? In my opinion, it is not. While State Farm can try to claim that a motorized mobility scooter or electric wheel-

chair is a "motor vehicle", the Michigan Vehicle Code (MCL 257.33) is very clear: "Motor vehicle does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device" (emphasis mine). I think the obvious goal of State Farm in this case is to try to get out of paying benefits to a claimant who is clearly entitled to receive them.

The bigger picture, however, is that if State Farm were to win this case, it would throw a legal curveball at everyone who uses a motorized mobility scooter or electric wheelchair to get around. If the judge were to side with State Farm, it could change the definition of "motor vehicle", and force anyone who operates a motorized mobility scooter or electric wheelchair to purchase PIP coverage if they want to use them on any public roads. This would obviously benefit State Farm and other insurers who sell these types of policies. To me, this looks like a not-so-sneaky way to try to save money both by denying a deserving claim and by requiring everyone using a mobility scooter or electric wheelchair to pay up.

While I do not think that State Farm will be successful in their argument, this case is one of several across the country that bear watching closely. As the population in the United States ages, it is safe to assume that motorized mobility scooters and electric wheelchairs will gain popularity over the next decades, and legal challenges like this one could impact many people if it were to succeed.

To see one of the articles about this particular case, visit http://bit.ly/

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The nurse and witnesses are blown away as they did not realize his extensive holdings, and as Big Bear slips away, the nurse says, "Mrs. Smith, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property".

Sarah replies, "Property? .....the A-hole had a paper route!"

A man said to his wife one day, 'I don't know how you can be so stupid and beautiful all at the same time. 'The wife responded, 'Allow me to explain. God made me (beautiful) so you would be attracted to me; ( and then ) God in his infinite wisdom, made me (stupid as you put it) so I would be attracted to the likes of you!

A couple rode their bike down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of jackasses, goats, and pigs, the husband asked in a blatantly dry sarcastic manner, 'Relatives of yours?"

'Yep,' the wife replied, without skipping a beat, 'That would be my In-Laws".

I went fishing this morning, but after a short time I ran out of worms. Then I saw a Cottonmouth with a frog in his mouth. Frogs are good bass bait. Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in his mouth, I grabbed him right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket. Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. His eyes rolled back, and he went totally limp.

I released him back into the lake, safe and sound and carried on with my fishing.

A little later, I felt a thump on the side of the boat.

There was that same damn snake with two frogs in his big mouth!

Things That Make You Go WTF?

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WHY is it that doctors call what they do 'practice'?

WHY is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?

WHY is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

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WHY didn't Noah swat those damn, last two mosquitoes?

WHY do they sterilize the needle and the arm for lethal injections?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? WHY don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

WHY don't sheep shrink when it rains?

WHY are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

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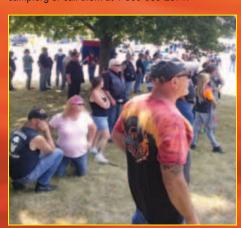


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# GREAT LAKES BURN CAMP Where Burn Survivors Åre Just Kids

ву Kirk & Jean Quenby / рнотоз ву Dale Terry

On the morning of June 29th the weather wasn't looking very good and as we were heading out for the journey from our home in Mid-Michigan to Kalamazoo we began to wonder if the weather would impact the charity ride. We had been looking forward to heading over to the Texas Corral Back Yard BBQ Ride all week. And, what a surprise we had when we arrived! Not only did the weather break just prior to our arrival but the earlier storm clouds didn't seem to scare away participants either! After the ride was the traditional food & fun! If you have not been to a Great Lakes Burn Camp Charity event this riding season - it is not too late. Check out their ad in this issue of TRM to get on over to one. Their mission is to "provide a unique experience that promotes healing, self-esteem, confidence, and general well-being for burn injured children". Support this great charity and have fun while you're at it! For more information or to donate directly go to their website: greatlakesburncamp.org or call them at 1-800-989-2571.

























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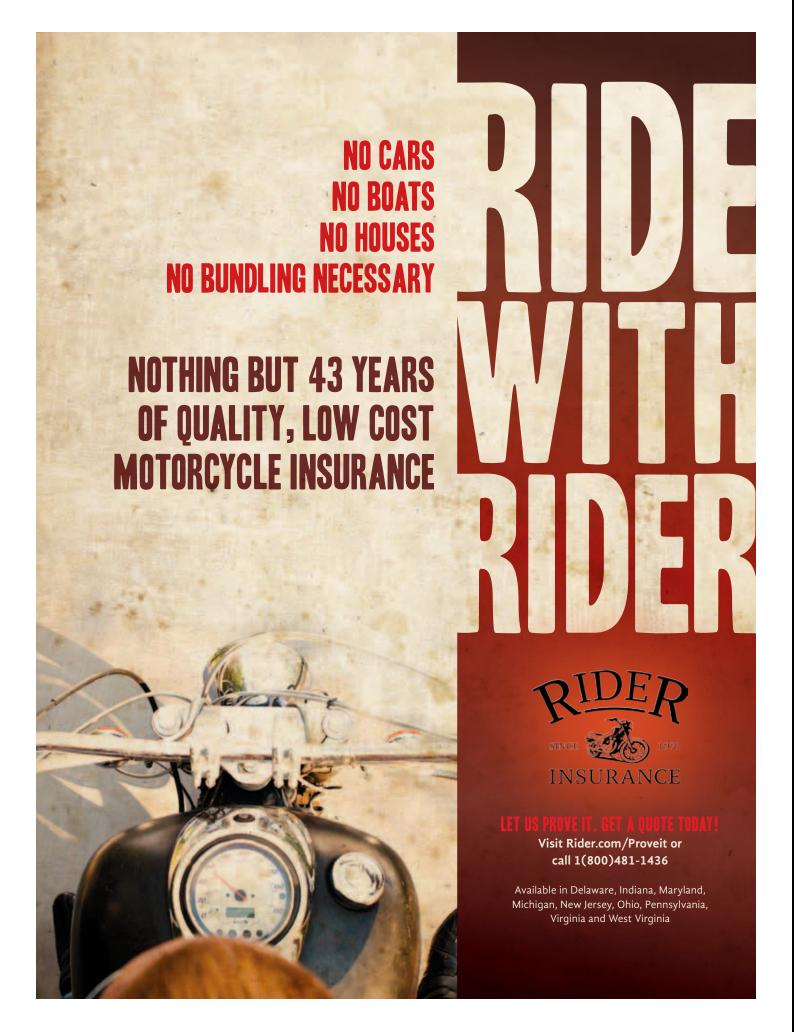
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**THUNDER ROADS MICHIGAN** is proud to announce that The 2014 Thunder Run Ride n' Win has officially started! It is a summer-long (June-October) riding challenge hitting the coolest riding destinations and events across the state - The 2014 Michigan Thunder Run! This is a riding challenge like no-other and features great prizes every month!

#### The Way it Works

Go to one of the registration stops listed in this issue and get your FREE ride card. When you register you will be asked to provide your name, address. phone and e-mail. These are necessary so you can be contacted in the event you are a prize winner, etc. Don't worry your information will only be used by Thunder Roads Michigan for this purpose. After you get your card (looks like a credit card), you will see you have a unique number, this number is assigned to only you! Check out the list of registration and ride stops and go check-in throughout the month as you choose. A registration stop is also a ride stop so just because you may not have got your ride card there you can now go there to check-in. After you register for your card you are off and running. You can hit as many or as few ride stops each month as you choose. The list will change from month to month with some new stops being added each month.

Once a Rider has registered at the stop - their Card number is then entered into the drawing for that stop. Thunder Roads Michigan will then select rider checksins randomly each month from across the state for special prizes and incentives.

Prizes are developed by both Thunder Roads Michigan and our sponsors allowing for some exciting options. They may include stays at exciting stops, riding gear or accessories, gift certificates, cash, and even the opportunity to win a premium sound package!

The beauty and simplicity of this program is that anyone can win with any checkin, but your chances of winning are increased by the amount you ride! The more stops you check-in at each month - the more opportunities you will have to win! That's the whole idea - to encourage everyone to get out and ride!

#### **State and Stop Prizes**

Every month the TRMI staff will randomly select winners from the check-ins. Some prizes will be specific to the particular stop - and usually sponsored by that stop. For instance, a leather shop may award a custom leather vest to someone visiting their store during that month. That would be a prize specific to that stop and only riders checking in at that location would be eligible for that prize. Other prizes will be state wide, with everyone checking in at any location

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#### The Winners

If your check-in is drawn, Thunder Roads Michigan will post your card number both online (Thunder Roads Michigan Facebook and ThunderRoadsMichigan. com) and in the magazine. See the list of June winners in this issue. Riders will then have at least 45 days to "claim" their prizes.

- Riders are able to win multiple prizes based upon the drawing of their check-in.
- Some prize drawings are specific to only check-ins for the particular month - while others prizes are drawn from check-in's season long.
- ALL CHECK-INS remain in the system for end of the season prizes!
- Riders are able to check-in once a week at a stop (Monday-Sunday), for a maximum of 4 check-in's per month (not counting bonuses)

#### **BONUS Check-ins!**

The 2014 Michigan Thunder Run is supported by our sponsors, so we want to encourage everyone to support them in turn. For that reason, we will issue a BONUS CHECK-IN to riders spending \$10 or more at the stop. That particular check-in will then count twice!.

## Get your FREE Ride Card now!

As we mentioned, this is a dynamic event – intended to be tweaked and developed over time. If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns – please don't hesitate to let us know. You can email us at

#### MichiganThunderRunRide@gmail.com





#### IT'S REALLY THAT SIMPLE!

- 1. Get your Michigan Ride Card.
- 2. Check out this month's ride stops.
- 3. Ride out to these stops and show them your card.
- 4. And then you win cool prizes, including cold hard CASH!

Thunder Roads Michigan will also be registering riders for Ride Cards at specific events throughout the year as we distribute magazines. You will find that list as well each month in the magazine (June-October). In most cases, we will be offering special incentives both for those registering for the cards and those checking in with their previously issued cards at these stops.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Once you have received your MICHIGAN RIDE CARD, you will not be asked to provide personal information or emails at any location for check-in. *You simply enter your ride card number!* 

## Just Get Out and RIDE!







## 2014 MICHIGAN THUNDER RUN

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Saginaw St

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## SEPTEMBER STOPS SCHEDULE

## CHECK-IN AT ANY OR ALL OF THESE STOPS THIS MONTH! YOU CAN CHECK-IN ONCE A WEEK!



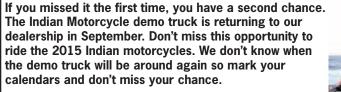


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AN	A Michigan Must See- Bikes, Friends & Good Times!	2 lucky people that register here will receive a T-shirt & hat	Sun – 11-3 Mon-Fri – 10-6	44660 N. Gratiot Ave. Clinton Twp, MI 48036	Registration & Ride Stop	Wolverine Harley-Davidson®
ICHIG	Award winning ales, fantastic food & friendly staff make the Walldorff THE place to be in Barry County!	1 lucky person that stops here will receive a \$25 gift card.	Mon-Thurs 11am- midnight, Fri-Sat 11am- 1:30 AM	105 E. State St Hastings, MI 269-945-4400	Ride Stop	Walldorff Brewpub & Bistro
M	Bike Night Tuesday's Come check it out!	1 lucky winner wins a \$10 gift card	open Sunday 12-12 Mon, Tues, Wed 10-12 Thur, Fri, Sat 10-2am	9714 Saginaw St Reese Mi 48757 989-868-3599	Ride Stop	Trackside Food & Spirits
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	Boots,men & womens jackets, leather bags & more	Great prizes for a lucky winner leather jackets, assecories, & more	Mon- Fri 9:30-8 Sat 9:30-5, Sun 12-5 Open 7 days a week	2292 Eastman Rd Midland, MI 48642 989-631-1104	Ride Stop	Thomas Trading Post
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	Thursdays - Bike Nights, Bike Wash & Pole Dancers. Sundays Destination Rides	1 lucky person that stops here will receive a \$15 gift card.	Mon 11 am- 2 am Tues- Sun 8 am- 2 am	49110 Grand River Ave Wixom, MI 48393 248-449-9667	Ride Stop	Stingers Bar & Grill
	Family owned & operated. Friendly & knowledgable staff.	1 lucky person that registers here will receive a t-shirt & hat of your choice! (not to exceed \$30)	Mon-Wedns 9-6 Thurs 9-7, Fri 9-6, Sat 9-3 Closed Sun	1911 E. Airport Rd Midland, MI 48642 989-631-6450	Registration & Ride Stop	Stevens Sports Center Midland
	Family owned & operated.  One of the largest multi-line dealers in the area.	1 lucky person that registers here will receive a t-shirt & hat of your choicel (not to exceed \$30)	Mon & Thurs 9-7 Tues, Wedns & Fri 9-6 Sat 9-5, Sun 11-3	3636 S. Huron Rd. Bay City, MI 48706 989-684-9872	Registration & Ride Stop	Stevens' Cycle Sales Bay City
<b>C!</b>	West Michigan's 'Top Gun".	1 lucky person that stops here will win a \$100 gift card.	Mon-Fri 10am-9pm Sat 10am-6pm Closed Sun	5121 South Division Wyoming, MI 49548 616-249-1911	Ride Stop	Silver Bullet Firearms
WEE	Friendly & knowledgable staff. A great destination ride.	1 lucky person that registers here will receive a \$50 gift card	Mon-Wedns 9-6 Thurs 9-7, Fri 9-6 Sat 9-4, Sun 10-3	11901 N. Beyer Rd. Birch Run, MI 48415 989-624-4400	Registration & Ride Stop	Shiawassee Harley-Davidson <sup>®</sup>
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IN ON	Bike Night Thursday's 6pm- Burnout Pit, Biker Specials & Live Music	1 lucky woman & 1 lucky man that stops here will win a My Alibi T-shirt or tanktop of choice	Mon-Sat 11am-2am Sun-Noon-Midnight	2185 S. Meridian Rd Midland, MI 48640 989-835-3573	Ride Stop	My Alibi Bar & Grill
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Н	Tues Bike Night & Open Mic Night-live music & cheap drinks. \$2 domestics & well drinks.	1 lucky winner will receive 2 free bottle coozies.	Noon- 2 am Everday	219 E. Railway St. Coleman, MI 48618 989-465-6315	Ride Stop	Hubble Boondocks Bar & Grill
Si	Bike Night 6 pm-1 am & Karaoke Thurs Show your Ride Card & Receive Specials	1 lucky winner will receive a \$25 gift card	Closed Mon & Tues Wedn & Thurs 4 - 2 am Fri , Sat & Sun Noon-2 am	365 N. Main St. Watervliet, MI 49098 269-201-7120	Registration & Ride Stop	Hawgsville Saloon
S	A great place to ride to. Family owned and operated.	20% off installed Tires	9-6pm M-F 9-3 Sat Closed Sun	68951 White School Rd Sturgis, MI 49091 269-651-3424	Ride Stop	Hamilton Harley-Davidson®
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<b>5</b> 1	Thursday Bike Nights 6pm- Food & Drink Specials, Bikini Bike Wash & Give-a-wavel	1 lucky winner that stops here will receive a \$100 gift card at the end of the season.	Mon-Sat 11am-2am Sun Noon- 2am	19265 Victor Parkway Livonia, MI 48152 734-542-8162	Ride Stop	Doc's Sports Retreat
R	Bike Night Wednsday's 6:30-9pm	1 lucky winner will receive their choice of a T-shirt or \$10 gift card	Everyday 11am - 8pm	18935 15 1/2 Mile Rd Marshall, MI 49068 269-781-7393	Ride Stop	Cornwell's Turkeyville
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PRESENTED	Thursday Night- Bikes, Burgers & Beers	1 lucky winner wins a \$10 gift card	Mon-Fri 7am-2am Sat 10am-2am Sun Noon-Midnight		Ride Stop	46 Bar
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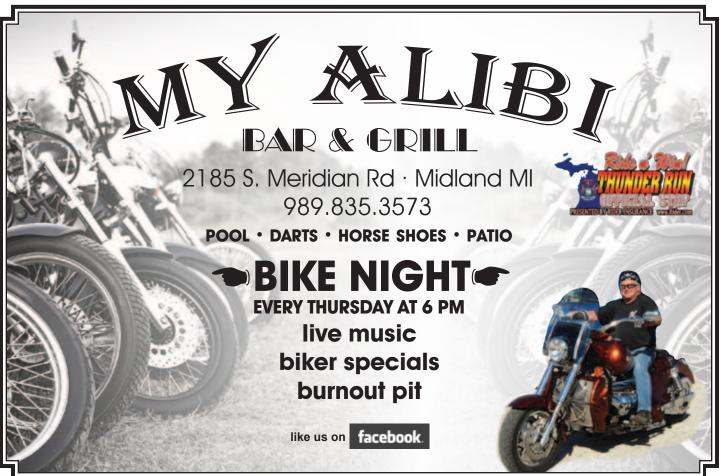
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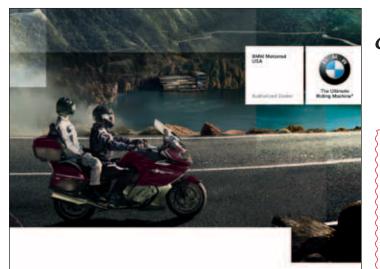
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#### Inspiration

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The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any. ~ Alice Walker

The mind is everything. What you think you become. ~ Buddha

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now. ~ Chinese Proverb

An unexamined life is not worth living. ~ Socrates

#### Riddles

A. I hear a lot and I say a lot. Few ever look for me and even fewer ever hear me. I hide in plain sight whether its day or night. To help is all I want, but most like to bend me and as if they had a wand. Never again shall anyone find me, they do this to control. Without realizing the high price of a soul, but when I'm least expected-They'd rather be protected. For there shall be no place to hide. What am I?

**B.** You can have it and be at it, but it never lasts forever. What am I?

C. Downward grows the root. Outward grows the skin. Upward grows the shoot. What way blows the wind?

(Answers below)

#### Fun Facts

Bubble gum contains rubber.

Reindeer like to eat bananas.

Your heart beats over 100,000 times a day

Cleo and Caesar were the early stage names of Cher and Sonny Bono.

Eskimo ice cream is neither icy, nor creamy.

Answers: A). the truth. B). peace C). wayward

# DEFINITION OF STREET OF THE ST

From every direction in the great state of Michigan, dedicated bikers know that when it's mid-July there's only one place to go, OGEMAW HILL's Bike Week! This year was no different, and as the July 9th start date of the 2014 Ogemaw Hills Bike Week approached the hills surrounding West Branch Michigan began to roar with the unmistakable sound of riders and machines. As the week progressed, the number of bikes and the good times just kept on going.

It was a typical hot July afternoon when I loaded up my tent, hosed out the cooler and headed north to the Rally on my bike. As I get closer to West Branch on the back roads, the bike traffic and the excitement of what was about to unfold started to build. For me Ogemaw Hills has become an annual event that is not to be missed. Ogemaw offers a unique rally experience. No need for a hotel, dinner reservations, or parking permits. Just enter the gates and be prepared for just about anything. Really, anything....Well Hell Yes!

By Friday, the fairgrounds were packed and the party was in high gear. There was no shortage of entertainment this year on the music stage at the fairgrounds plus, the after party tent; with great country and rock bands scheduled to play. In addition to great music, the vendor area as usual, did not disappoint offering a variety of food and drinks. Plus, great deals on all sorts of goodies; if ya felt like shopping or just taking a break from the camp site. Of course, the highlight of the rally is the bike parade that starts at the gates and goes into town on Saturday afternoon.

After the parade, riders entered the field of battle, displaying their bike handling skills in a variety of highly entertaining contests. While that was going on, builders and proud owners entered their bikes into the motorcycle show sponsored by Bubba's Tri-City Cycle. If all that wasn't enough, race fans could check out pro flat track racing, AMA professional hill climbers, and cruise the cool vintage display at the Jack Pine Museum.

But for me, the best part of Ogemaw Hills is the people you meet from all over Michigan and other parts of the country who look forward to spending some time with friends and riding some of the best roads in the state. Now you just know that never gets old! Thanks to everyone that organized this event. Also, congratulations to Amanda Dale, who is Miss Ogemaw Hills 2014! Mark your calendars for next year-2015 Ogemaw Hills Bike Week set for July 19th-26th.

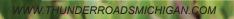






















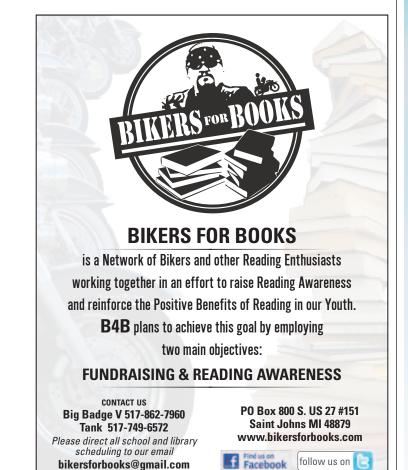




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## Biker Preacher's Corner

Where has the summer gone?? It's already Labor Day!! Now, don't get me wrong, fall is my all-time favorite time of the year to ride!! I've put a lot of miles on so far this year and am looking to add several thousand more miles. I really like fall color rides up north to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and other rides like the Tunnel of Trees on M119 that runs north out of Petoskey to Cross Village. What a ride!!! If you've never ridden that, you've gotta do it this year right when the fall colors are at their peak.

Ya know, as I sit here and am thinking about yet another change in seasons, I'm reminded of what Genesis 8:22 says "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night will not cease." When we think of spring and summer we tend to get excited because the warming temperatures are upon us and even more so riding season is about to begin. But, when late fall comes around, I'm already in hunting mode, we start to prepare for the long dark cold of winter and in reality most of us dread the cold. Ya know, the older I get, just the thought of winter tends to hurt!

Yet there is some great news in all of this, as we think of the change in seasons. The good news is God never changes, **Hebrews 13:8** says "**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**" Since the Lord doesn't change, we know that His love always remains the same. God is love! **Romans 5:8** "**But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!**" This is gospel (Good News) – that no matter what you've done, no matter what you said, no matter... God loves you and paid to cover our sins.

Listen, we can come to Him even in our darkest hour and find everything that our hearts truly desire. What do our hearts truly desire? God – His love, peace, and joy. Drugs, booze and girls/guys didn't and can't fill this need... only Jesus can!

In the words of the first Christian rocker, Larry Norman, "Why don't you look into Jesus, He's got the answer".

If there's something that I've said in this article or in previous articles that has spoken to your heart. Look to Jesus, He IS your answer! Say this... 'God, I believe you came to this earth, lived perfect and died for me and rose again just as your Word says. I ask you to forgive me and be my Lord and Savior forever. In Jesus Name. Amen!'

If you've prayed this prayer... please contact me so I can encourage you in your new relationship with God.

Much love and respect,

#### Apostle Brian "BMAN" McKay

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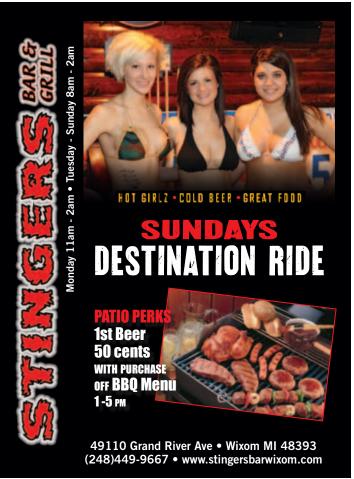
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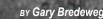


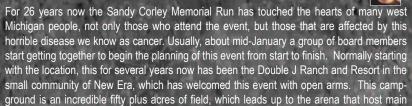




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stage concerts, biker games, bike show, car show and of course a beverage tent. Just prior to this year's event, Mother Nature threw a bit of a challenge into the mix with some unsettling weather. But, the staff and attendees took on the challenge to ensure this event could not

With the camping area filling fast, patrons geared up for the weekends entertainment; starting Thursday evening with Knockout Promotions MMA Cage Fights. With hit after hit and punch after punch, after sixteen rounds of this, it's sure to bring any crowd to their feet! Friday started of the day with the Forgotten Eagles of Michigan Fun Run. This ride takes you off the beaten path through some of west Michigan's most scenic by-ways, which as bikers we all look for. Then it's back to the resort for the evening line-up, and the famous hog auction that seems to set records every year. This year Even Keel kicked it off, then it was more great performances by Saliva and Queensryche.

Saturday started the day with the actual Sandy Corley Run itself. Over 2000 motorcycles hit the road for a leisure self-guided ride through the country side; with several stops along the way. During the day, it's filled with field events, a special Larry Tingley bike and car show, and biker games hosted by the Grand Haven Eagle Riders. As in years past, there is a special military tribute that touches the hearts of so many. It's a portion of the event that no one wants to miss. With the evening mode set, the Forgotten Eagles beverage tent in full swing, Northbound hits the stage as they open the night up for Pop Evil, and Quiet Riot and then the evening wraps up with a miraculous fireworks display. We'll see you next year at the 27th Annual Sandy Corley Memorial Run.



































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September 5-6 **Demo Truck Returns** Motorcity Motorcycles, Bloomfield Hills, Ml. Indian Motorcycle Demo truck will be there for you to take a test ride. For more info call 248-920-2000 (See ad this issue).

September 6 Paw Paw area Rotary Club host a ride during Grape & Wine Festival (Great Lakes Burn Camp).

Sea Land Air Inc. Travel Service, Paw Paw, MI. Regis 9:30 am. ride leaves at 11 am. \$20 per bike. For more info call Tom 269-998-2067 (See full page ad this issue).

September 6 8th Annual Poker Run-Red **Knights Firefighters MC Chap**ter MI-5 (Great Lakes Burn Camp).

Lenox Township Park, 63775 Gratiot Ave (between 29 & 30 Mile Rd), New Haven, Ml. Regis 10:30am- noon, kickstands up noon. For more info

contact Chris 586-557-0892 or oldwiseass@vahoo.com (See full page ad this issue).

September 6 3rd Annual Luther Biker Bash Loggers Landing, Luther, MI. Regis 11 am- noon, ride leaves at noon, everyone welcome, autos can follow bikes. Games, food, music & prizes. For more info call Dixie 231-797-5688

September 11 Night of Thunder 9-11 Ceremony American Legion Riders Post 514, Ida, MI. Starts at 5 pm - 10 pm, \$1 pp, food & drinks available, 50/50, entertainment.

September 12-14 8th Annual Bikes on the Bricks Saginaw Street Downtown Flint MI. Police escorted ride, police skills competition. For more info go to www.bikesonthebricks.com (See ad this issue).

September 13 46 Posse Fun Run 46 Bar, Muskegon, MI, Regis at 10am, \$10pp. For more info call 231-747-7810

September 13 **Annual Memorial Run Town & Country HD, Cement** City, MI. Honor friends & family that have been lost. For more info go to www.tecumsehhd.com (See inside front cover this issue).

September 13 **Fall Open House** Gildner's HD. West Branch. MI. 9am-4pm, come & see the 2015 models, coffee, donuts, hot dogs & pop. Observation

run sign up 10am-noon, \$5 pp. For more info call 989-345-1330 (See ad this issue).

September 13 **Fall Open House** ABC HD, Waterford, MI. 10am-4pm, live music, free food, demo rides & a chance to win a 2015 Road Glide Special. For more info go to abcharleydavidson.com (See full page ad this issue).

September 13 Cool Weather Riding Work-Biker Bob's HD, Taylor, MI. 1pm-2pm. For more info go to www.bikerbobshd.com

September 13 Proud American Run Big 9 Sportsman Club, Pulaski Township, Concord, MI. Regis 9:30, kickstands up at 11 am, \$20 donation per bike, food, drinks, raffles. Proceeds to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. For more info email hdbikers02@yahoo.com

September 13 Ride through Hell & Back for Jameson Poker Run FOE, Howell, MI. Regis 10am, kickstands up 11am, \$40 rider, \$50 couple. For more info call 248-462-2796

September 14 Walneck Motorcycle Swap Meet & Show Monroe County Fairgrounds, Monroe, MI. \$6 admis. 8 am- 3 pm. For more info go to www. walneckswap.com

September 14 Battle of the Brits Camp Dearborn, 1700 General Motors Rd, Milford, MI. Regis 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Bike show entry fee is \$10.00, plus \$5.00 Camp Dearborn entry. Classic British & European bikes, awards, swap meet, vendors, food and beverages. Spectator admission: \$6.00 per vehicle. On-site camping is available. This is an AMA-sanctioned event, in support of Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation. For more info call 248-684-5000 or go to www.metrotriumphriders.com.

September 17 **Ladies Appreciation Night** Shiawassee HD, Birch Run, MI. Ladies only, 6pm-8pm, call store to pre-register, fashion show, vendors, shopping, food, cocktails, pampering & more. For more info & to preregister call 989-624-4400 (See ad this issue).

September 18 **Thunder Thursdays** First Merit Bank Event Park, Saginaw, MI. (Across from the Dow Event Center). Summer concert series with live music. Starts at 6:30 pm, \$5 riders parking in venue, \$8 general public. More info to come, for updates Like Thunder Roads Michigan on Facebook (See full page ad this issue).

September 19 Harleys at the Dragway Milan Dragway, Milan, Ml. \$12 to race or watch, gates open at 5pm. For more info call 734-439-7368 (See full page ad this September 19-21 **Open House** Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. Test rides, gypsy tour, food, music & prizes. For more info go to www.raycsh-d.com (See ad this issue).

September 20 Downtown Homer Car. Motorcycle. Tractor & Bicycle Show Homer, MI. 9 am - 3 pm, Awards and Prizes. Free Registration. Enter downtown from the east. 50/50 Drawings and Horseshoe Tournament For more info call Brad Stuart 517-568-7117 or Jim Lingenfelter 517-414-8468

September 20 2nd Annual PRC Charity Ride Smokin Joe's Motorsports, 8325 Broadmoor Ave. SE. Caledonia, MI, Regis begins at 9:00 am, motorcycles out at 10:00 am. \$20.00 for the rider, \$10.00 for a passenger. The ride ends with a cook-out, raffles, and more. A family friendly event to support the life saving work of the Pregnancy Resource Center. For more info call 616-275-1060

September 20 Open House & Flag Retirement Ceremony Sandy's HD. Fremont, MI. 9 am - 3 pm, demo rides 9 am - 2 pm, Fremont HOG Chapter Toy Run 10 am-11:30 am. American Flag Ceremony 12 noon, pig roast 1 pm. For more info go to www.sandysharley-davidson.com (See ad this issue).

September 20 **Open House** Biker Bob's HD, Taylor, MI. For more info go to www. bikerbobshd.com

September 20 The Run-Sponsored by Bikers 4 Books Capital HD. Dimondale, MI. Regis 10 am, kickstands up at noon, \$10 bike, \$5 passenger, fun, food, raffles & prizes. **Proceeds to benefit the Bikers** for Books program to provide educators with sufficient reading material to help students at every reading level. For more info call Badge 517-862-7960 or Tank 517-749-6572

September 20 American Hero's Ride Registration 9 AM at local American Legion Posts in Caledonia, Rockford, Grand Haven and the VFW in Wayland Benefits the West Michigan Veterans Assistance Program, Chili Cook-off at 12 noon at Grand Rapids HD, raffle, door prizes, vendors, \$20 pp, all bikes welcome. For more info go to www.arhoa.com

September 21 Boobapalooza Tour 2014 The Oxford Tap, Oxford, MI. \$20 per bike, \$5 passenger, regis 11:30-1pm, last bike in at 5pm at Chicky's Saloon. Pig roast, poker hand, prizes, rain or shine. For more info call 810-798-9546

September 21 4th Annual Michael J's Fun Run to benefit Max Lamee Hubble's Boondocks. Coleman. MI. Regis 9:30am, kickstands up at 11am, ride ends at Harrison Eagles with 4pm dinner & auctions. For more info call Michael J at 989-387-0916

September 26-28 **Paul Bunyan Days** Downtown Oscoda, MI. Carnival rides & games, bbq competition, chainsaw carving, classic car & bike show on 27th. For more info call 989-225-6344

September 27 **End of Season Bonfire** Tecumseh HD, Tecumseh, MI. For more info go to www. tecumsehhd.com (See inside front cover this issue).

September 27 26th Annual Valpo-Fest Fall Motorcycle-Car Show & Swap Porter CO Expo Center, Valparaiso, IN. 9am-4pm. For more info go to www.paragonpromotion.com (See ad this

September 27 Guilty Girlz RC - Guilty at the Creek Annual Bash - Open Event. Hell Creek Ranch Campground, Pinckney, MI. Starts 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm. \$15.00 donation pp, includes great food, entertain-

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September 27 Clarkston Poker Run The Clarkston Tap, Clarkston, MI. 75 mile ride ends in Waterford. For details call 248-343-6071

September 28 20th Annual Motown Chapter 2357 Tov Run Westland City Hall, Westland. MI. Check-in 10am- noon, ride leaves at 12:30pm, \$10pp with unwrapped toy or \$15 without, 50/50, door prizes, auctions, all bikes welcome. For more info call Sandy 248-755-7804

September 28 2nd Annual Biker Sunday presented by F.A.I.T.H. Riders Merriman Rd. Baptist Church, Garden City, MI. 9:30am bible study 11am Worship, followed by lunch and a color ride, everyone is

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#### **OCTOBER**

October 4 Harley's at the Dragway Milan Dragway, Milan, Ml. \$12 to race or watch, gates open at 3pm. For more info call 734-439-7368

October 4 Children's Tov Run American Legion, Iron Mountain, MI. Poker run. music. raffles, all bikes welcome. For more info email ziggychop@hotmail.com

October 4 **Detail Clinic** Biker Bob's HD, Taylor, MI. 1pm-2pm. For more info go to www.bikerbobshd.com or call 734-947-4647

October 5

30th Annual Peotone Motorcycle Swap Meet Will Co Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL. For more info go to www. paragonspromotion.com (See ad this issue).

October 5 15th Annual Great Lakes Chili Cookoff Downtown Plymouth, Plymouth, MI. 11 am- 5 pm, Harleys & Jalapenos. For more info call Terri 248-347-4350

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October 11

October 11-12 **Motorcycle Swap Meet** Gibraltar Trade Center, Mt. Clemens, MI. 100's of tables with parts, accessories, etc. For more info go to www.gibraltartrade.com

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with suds, the days
are polished with

a morning haze.

~ John Updike

It occurs to me that I "feel" the least oppressed while riding free on a fall day. Perhaps, it's because of the cooler temperatures, after blistering heat in the previous month. Maybe the sheer amount of riding I have been getting in for months on end now has contributed to the sense of being free. Could be evenings on two wheels until near bedtime as opposed to holding a lazy boy down in front of the world's greatest tool of deceit, control, and propaganda has cleared my head of B.S. Whatever, it's a great month to be a biker anyway you look at it. Great for riding, forgetting about politics, and letting stuff go. The term FTW was probably created in September, no?

Soak it up, ride a lot, ride hard, and absorb every little second of it. Appreciate it. Cherish it. It's yours.

And then when November rolls around, (October is bow season and that's a whole other thing), you can head to the polls with a sense of ownership of your rights, your liberty, and your life. Because, unfortunately we can't ignore those who would control us. And tax us. And own us. My experience has been that bikers pretty much mind their own business, and live and let live, until someone gets in their face. Does anyone not feel like big brother has been getting in their face an awful lot lately? And the taxes? How is it that no matter how much they take from us, it never equals to the amount they spend, let alone God forbid, more than they spend every

once in a while? And am I the only one who has noticed that \$100 dollars of groceries looks a lot like what used to be \$20

dollars' worth of groceries? Might have something to do with the creation of 85 billion new dollars every month for a couple of years? But, I digress.....

Abate is not a club. So many people tell me, "no I am not an Abate member, I am already part of a club, group, organization etc.

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But this month....., we ride.



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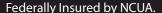
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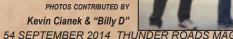


















The bikes rumbled in and the music rocked the stage at the second Thunder Thursday at the First Merit Bank Event Park in

Saginaw, presented by Great Lakes Harley Davidson®. This exciting event is a partnership between The Rock Station Z93. Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan & Great Lakes Harley Davidson® of Bay City, and is a perfect mixture of music and motorcycles that takes place the third Thursday of each month through September.

The second Thunder Thursday featured a mix of rock & blues with Saginaw's Drift Lifted and Detroit's Reefermen. Both bands had those attending dancing along. "I'm a huge blues fan and I love how these guys really make the blues rock!" said

Many attending expressed excitement about the August 21st headliner Raggedy Ann. Raggedy Ann is a local favorite who have played in the Mid-Michigan area since 1998. "We really feel their hard rock sound will be a perfect fit for Thunder Thursday and expect to see a lot of their loyal fan base!" said Stan Parman, WKQZ Program Director.

The truly unique factor about Thunder Thursdays is that organizers really go out of their way to cater to bikers. Bikers are offered a discounted admission for riding in. Only \$5 for those on motorcycles, versus the \$8 admission for anyone else. Plus, bikers are allowed to park their motorcycles inside the venue. That's right! Just ride up to the ticket gate, pay your admission and continue on in. No other venue offers this kind of preferred parking for bikers.

The final Thunder Thursday is scheduled for September 18th, 2014 at the First Merit Bank Event Park with the act soon to be announced. Information about the show can be found online at www.thunderroadsmichigan.com Tickets can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com or The Dow Event Center Box Office, 303 Johnson St., Saginaw, MI 48607.









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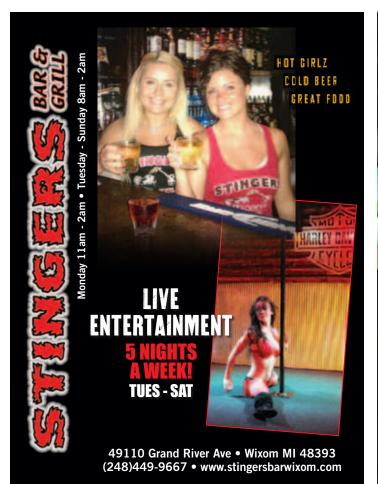
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I HAVE CHOSEN THIS NAME FOR OUR MONTHLY RECIPE PAGE, AS THAT WAS WHAT MY MOTHER, REST HER SOUL ALWAYS USED TO SAY WHEN I WOULD ASSIST HER IN THE KITCHEN. MOM WAS AN AVID SUPPORTER OF THE K.I.S.S. ( KEEP IT SIMPLE SWEETIE) METHOD OF COOKING, I NOW, MORETHAN EVER, TRULY APPRECIATE HER PHILOSO-PHY OF ALWAYS TAKING SHORTCUTS WHERE YOU CAN, AS LONG AS YOUR ULTIMATE OUTCOME IS THAT OF DOWN HOME. LABOR OF LOVE COOKING.

K.I.S.S. page composed & edited by: Toni McCoy Shearon aka "MaMa Thunder" of Thunder Roads National Founders' Office.

#### This Month's K.I.S.S. is dedicated to the: **BIKES, BLUES, & BBQ RALLY**

IN FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS - SEPT, 24th - 27th Owner/Promoter: Joe Giles & Phenomenal Staff

Since there IS a rally that's all about the "Q", these are just a few fave recipes of side-dishes you must have to accompany a great 'Q". Eat Up!

#### CRISPY, CRUNCHY, CREAMY BACON COLESLAW

- \* Prepare in a chilled ceramic or glass bowl.
- 1 Large Bag of Pre-Shredded Coleslaw

3/4 Jar of Cubed Dill Pickle (I use Dill for tartness, if you prefer Sweet Dill,

- 1 Lb. of Hickory-Smoked Bacon; fried crisp, drained and rough chopped
- 1 Medium Purple Onion; small, precise chop

In a Large Mason Jar, fill it with:

- 1 tsp. of Apple Cider Vinegar (more for more twang)
- 1 Cup of Real Mayo
- 1 Cup of Miracle Whip
- 1 Cup of Half & Half
- 1 Tbls. of Lime Juice
- 1 Tbls. of Lemon Pepper dry spice
- 1 Heaping Tbls. of Sugar
- 1 tsp. of Smoked Paprika

Put top on Mason jar and shake it up baby! Shake until all mayo is fully incorporated and no lumps. Kinda' frothy.

Throw your Dill pickles on top of shredded coleslaw, toss your hard chop bacon in, salt & pepper to taste, now pour your creamy mixture all over and around and with super clean hands; just get on in there and toss it around gently until everything is well mixed and well coated.

Take a forkful and taste-test. Decide for yourself what else is needed. Maybe a little more sugar, maybe more cider vinegar. You're your best critic, your call. Cover immediately and very tightly with Press N' Seal. Note\* I prepare this 1/2 hour prior to serving as your coles w mix is already cold, along with your chilled bowl and mayo. You want the mix to be fresh & crunchy, including the bacon to still have freshness and nothing to be mushy. I have made this the same way since I was 15 y.o. and always get raves on. It's a guaranteed winner! Next month I'll give you my Award Winning Tuna Salad recipe. I have literally perfected it since age 13 and baby, MaMa Thunder got that chit down. Next month.....Promise.

K.I.S.S. Tip: Unless you're a cook who prepares fresh dishes almost every day, it's o.k. to use bottled juices or dry spices. No shame. When you use dry spices though, be sure and dump them in your palm and rub your palms together over the bowl or skillet. Kinda' perks them up and brings back the original flayva.

#### **BAKED BEANS & SPICY ITALIAN SAUSAGE**

2 Large Cans of your favorite BUSH's Baked Beans

(I've lived all over this great U.S.A. and have never found a major grocery store without the Bush's brand)

- (I like the Country-Style, but to each their own)
- 1 Pack of Spicy Italian Sausage (usually 6 to a pkg)
- 2 Small Cans of Green Chilies

Pour your favorite brand of 2 cans of Bush's Beans into a glass or ceramic baking dish. Add your 2 cans of Green Chilies and stir up good.

Fry up your Italian Sausage links until they're really golden brown and caramelized on all sides around. Move to a plate so that all the juices aren't absorbed up in a paper towel. Let cool to the touch and then slice up in 1/4 inch pieces. Sprinkle all over your beans, add salt & pepper, garlic, smoked paprika and stir until completely incorporated. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve hot! Super Taste!

### MACCARONI & CHEESE & CHORIZO (Spicy Hot Mexican

Get the Family Size box of Kraft Mac & Cheese

and follow the same recipe above as far as prep and baking goes. Delete chilies if want as Chorizo itself is hot & spicy. Make up your Mac n' Cheese; be sure and add 2 heaping Tbls. of quality margarine in a big bowl & a dash of milk. Pour into glass baking dish with sliced Chorizo. Sprinkle Panko bread crumbs all over the top, press down, then spray w/ a canned butter spray all over. Bake as above until golden.

#### **CINNAMON COUNTRY FRIED APPLES**

2 Cans of Apple Pie Filling - Do Not Buy cans of sliced apples in canned fruit aisle. Get Pie Filling from Baking aisle. If you're not a big apples fan, then get Peach Pie Filling. Fried Peaches and "Q" are good together also. Take a large, non-stick, quality skillet and add 2 big dollops of real butter to the skillet, on medium heat and let it melt down and get what's called "brown butter". Add your 2 cans of pie filling and sprinkle your cinnamon all over generously. Let them just sit for a bit and get a good cartelization on them. Then, take a fork and flip individually and stir around gently, sprinkle with cinnamon again, stir around gently as you don't want the thick filling to get gummy or too sticky. Once they're caramelized on the other side then just remove to a warmed platter from the oven if not going to serve them right away then keep platter in the oven, set on 250 degrees. These are so easy to make and taste like you took all day peeling and coring apples. Hey, it's called K.I.S.S. for a reason. Why do all that fuss and muss when there's plenty of ways to keep it simple but still come out with that fantastic taste of down home cooking.

#### **BIKERS, ENJOY BIKES, BLUES & BBQ RALLY!**

If camping out, whip up some sides. Blessings.

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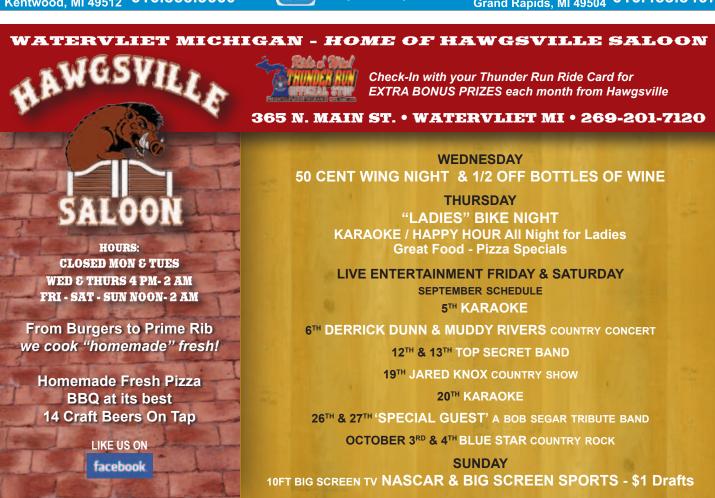
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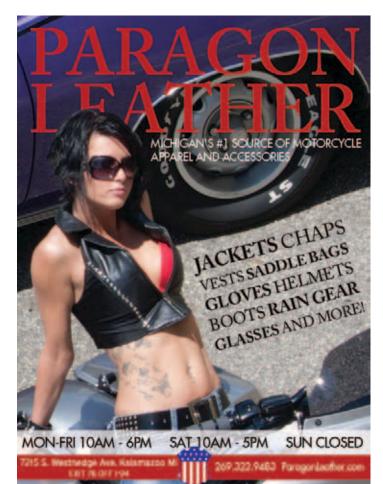


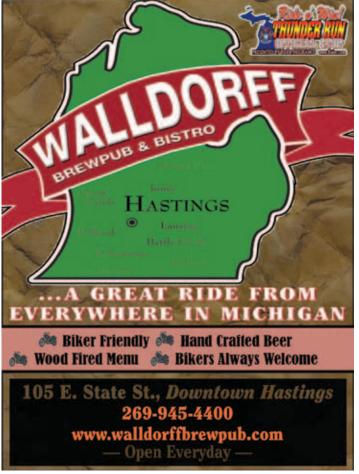
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## BACK TO CLASS Motorcycle Quiz

Test your knowledge about motorcycles and motorcycle history ... see how many you can get right!

#### 1. The first motorcycle was created by?

- a. Gottlieb Daimler in 1885
- b. Thomas Edison in 1881
- c. Michel Eugene Werner in 1897
- d. Leonardo Da Vinci in 1503

#### 2. What kind of motorcycle did Arnold Schwarzenegger ride in the move Terminator 2?

- a. Kawasaki Ninja
- b. Honda Valkvrie
- c. Harley Davidson Fat Boy
- d. Ducati Monster

#### 3. Honda's first true motorcycle was built in 1950. What was it called?

- a. Helix
- b. Elsinore
- c. Monkey
- d. Dream

#### 4. What is the name of the motorcycle gang in the 1953 film The Wild One starring Marlon Brando?

- a. Black Rebels Motorcycle Club
- b. The Polecats
- c. Sage Valley Motorcycle Racers
- d. The Rottwheelers

#### 5. Who makes the Royal Star Venture?

- a. Yamaha
- b. Aprilia c. Suzuki
- d. Vespa
- 6. Gold Wing is associated with what brand name?
- a. BMW
  - b. Honda
  - c. Moto Guzzi
- d. Kawasaki

#### 7. Which of these is not a type of motorcycle?

- a. Bobber
- b. Chopper
- c. Dipper
- d. Springer

#### 8. What kind of motorcycle did both Ponch and Jon ride in the TV show Chips?

- a. Kawasaki 1000 P
- b. Harley Davidson FLHPI Road King
- c. BMW R 1100 RT-P
- d. Harley Davidson Servi-Car

#### 9. In the 1969 Easy Rider, the character played by Peter Fonda is called:

- a. Bucky
- b. Captain America
- c. Ghost Rider

#### 10. The famous T. E. Lawrence, "Lawrence of Arabia" was killed in 1935 while riding what make of motorcycle?

- b. Brough Superior
- c. Norton
- d. James

#### 11. What movie star did most of his own motorcycle stunts in the move The Great Escape?

- a. James Garner
- b. Steve McQueen
- c. James Coburn
- d. Lee Marvin

#### 12. Jawa motorcycles are made in what country?

- a. Czechoslovakia
- b. France
- c. Spain
- d. Switzerland

#### 13. In 2003, what did Harley Davidson celebrate?

- a. Launch of new logo
- b. Willie G. Davidson's 65th Birthday
- c. 100th Anniversary of the company
- d. The first Dyna Wide Glide

#### 14. What band released the biker anthem. Born to be Wild in 1968?

- a. Cream
- b. Credence Clearwater Revival
- c. Steppenwolf
- d. The Who

#### 15. What is the name of London's famous classic biker hangout?

- a. The Ace Cafe
- b. The Kick Stand
- c. The Iron Horse Saloon
- d. The Holiday House

#### **ANSWERS**

- 1. (a) Gottlieb Daimler in 1885
- 2. (c) Harley Davidson Fat Boy
- 3. (d) Dream
- 4. (a) Black Rebels Motorcycle Club
- 5. (a) Yamaha
- 6. (b) Honda
- 7. (c) Dipper
- 8. (a) Kawasaki 1000 P
- 9. (b) Captain America
- 10. (b) Brough Superior
- 11. (b) Steve McQueen
- 12. (a) Czechoslovakia
- 13. (c) 100th Anniversary of the company
- 14. (c) Steppenwolf
- 15. (a) The Ace Café much like the original version.

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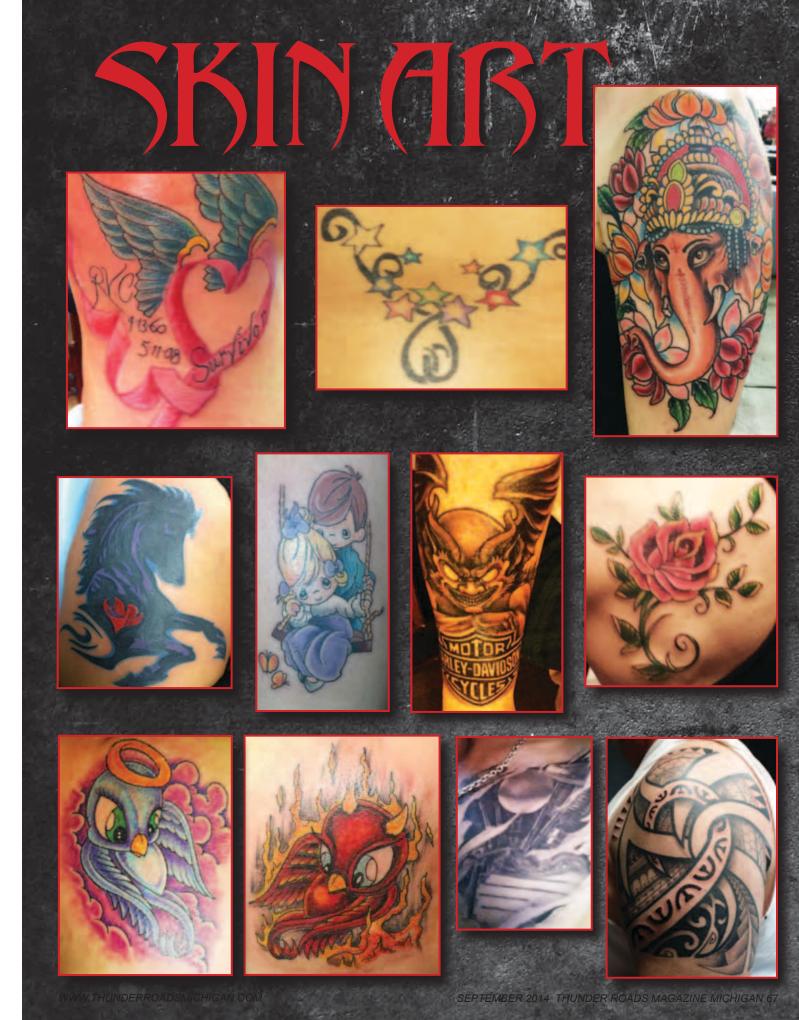
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# Tech Tips By Steve

## **EXHAUST WRAPPING**



# I sure hope you all are putting some serious miles on your bikes this year! I have been crazy busy in the shop and then had a last minute opportunity to attend a tuners class

shop and then had a last minute opportunity to attend a tuners class with Techno Research at Oasis Cycles in Mississippi ... AWESOME class by the way and hats off to Mark and the crew at Oasis for one fantastic facility and top notch training! I'll get you a tuning article next month with all the cool new things out there from Techno Research, including having the ability to finally tune Victory bikes and a very exciting new tuner called Maximus for you peeps that wish to do your own tuning!

This month is all about exhaust wrapping. Why do we wrap the exhaust? Both can help in the HP world by moving the exhaust out of the pipe quicker, and keeps the heat away from you and the engine too, and some do it for the hotrod or vintage look too. What is the Cost? Good tape will cost you around \$70-\$80 bucks per 50 feet of 2" wide wrapping. Another way to keep this heat where it belongs is with ceramic coating, a good ceramic coating inside and out of your pipes will cost you around \$150-\$250 or so and depending on the ceramic coater, your color selection may be limited or huge... Jet Hot has a large selection of colors, but the guy I use is QC Dun-right Coatings in Utica Michigan only has four choices, top quality work though for sure! Cost will vary depending on how long your pipes are and if you're not close to the coater you have shipping charges on top of that. Some head pipes you buy are already ceramic coated, like the ones from Full Sac, which are outstanding header pipes for newer FLH's, maybe I'll do an article on head pipes someday ... hmmmm mind is racing on all the cool ones out there! Ok back on point and off ceramic coating Let's go through the steps of how to wrap your exhaust... in this exWrap comes in all kinds of colors but the main ones are Black, White, Tan and Titanium, the titanium color seems to last the longest. White looks cool on the right bikes but it gets dirty easy and black tends to fade and will have to be painted almost each year to keep a crisp look to it, unless you are going for the fade rat rod look then you are in.





FIG. 1

I like doing a loose practice wrap (Fig. 2) to see how much wrap I will be using and to find my trouble spots and come up with solutions before the final wrapping.



FIG. 2 Practice Wrap (dry wrap) you can see all the bends, sensors, tabs and how they affect the tape.

After I like what it looks like and I have addressed the issues of going around the tabs and sensor bungs I get the wrap moist by dipping it into a bucket of water and removing it quickly, then I let it drip dry for a few seconds, read the manufactures directions on this, some say soak the wrap some say just get it moist. I personally like the wrap in between soaked and moist, it seems to stretch and wrap much better around the bends, flanges and OXY sensor bungs. CAUTION ... do not cut holes or notches out of the wrap, doing so will make it fray in those cut areas and the wrap will soon be looking like crap, fraying and unwrapping.

When practice wrap is done and the wrap is now wet, start at the exhaust port side of the pipe and do almost 2 wraps so the tape is locked onto the pipe, pull tight but you don't have to he-man it ... (if you pull too tight and it is too wet you will stretch it so far it will start to fray), then start your wrapping, I personally like at least a 50% overlap with the 2" tape, it looks good and does not come unraveled easy. You could use a little less overlap if you are on a budget and don't want to use more than one roll on a big job. As you are wrapping you will see you have to use guite a bit of tape in the curves and around mounting tabs and O2 sensors to get the correct coverage, this is another reason why the tape needs to be wet so it can stretch and lay flat around the bends of the pipe. After you get it all wrapped tightly around the pipe and you are at the end, wrap the last section twice so it overlaps itself, then cut the left over so there is enough to fold (the end will look like fig 3) this will help stop fraying once you tie it down. Also, make sure you end your tape so that it is on the back side of the pipe for that clean look. Always measure twice on your length then cut!

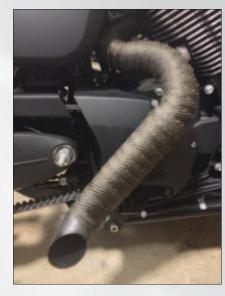


Fig. 3 Bitter end cut with fraying and one cut with end folded over.

Once you have it cut and the end is folded over you will need to hold that last wrap with some kind of tie, as seen in Fig. 4. You can use stainless tie or stainless tie wire or my favorite simple steel bailing wire.



Fig. 4 Different ways to tie the bitter end so it will not unravel.



Example of bailing tie wire holding the bitter end



Finished product on Thomas Young's sweet Victory!

Thanks for taking the time to read, and may you have a spectacular riding season!

God Bless all of you great people!

Steve

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ample I am using DEI exhaust wrap (Fig. 1) but you can use what-

ever brand you like, however remember the cheap stuff......is cheap.

# Bullet Points

## **Geared for Women**

Courtesy of Wolverine Shooting Sports, Inc. ~ Dani Sparks



In traditionally male dominated activities, like riding and shooting, women have often had to adapt to the more masculine styles and larger frames of motorcycles and guns. This has begun to change in some very exciting ways! Harley Davidson® is now creating styles of motorcycles designed specifically for the female rider,

motorcycles designed specifically for the female rider, and gun manufacturers are producing guns and accessories that are more feminine in appearance. From the pink and purple framed Rugers, to the Muddygirl camouflage designs, and the EAA Witness Pavona with the frames that sparkle, feminine styles are coming out in a big way. Women like to ride and shoot, too, and the



industries are taking notice

For a long time, the biggest complaint of women who carry concealed is that holsters are designed for men, and don't adapt well to the female body or clothing styles. Many women have resorted to purse carry, and there are plenty of high quality purse holsters produced by manufacturers like Galco and Gunleather. That being said, not every woman carries a purse, and there are inherent dangers in carrying a purse holster, as purses tend to be the target of robberies. Within the last few years, more and more holsters have been produced specifically for female concealed carry, giving women everywhere the option to dress in feminine styles and carry a firearm on their person.

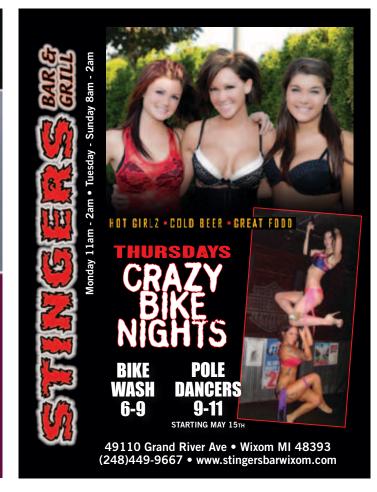


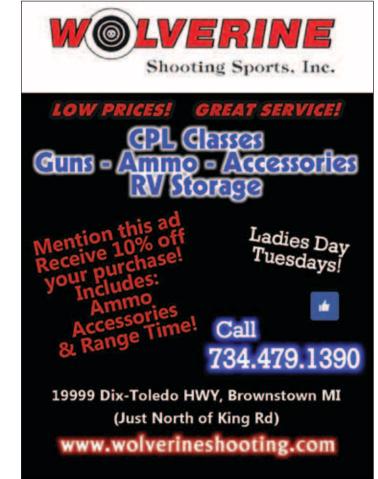


Many feminine holster designs have hit the market, but one of my favorites so far is the Uncle Mike's Garter Belt thigh holster. Why is it my favorite, you may ask? This sleek little holster is designed for the micro pistols, and is one of the very few holsters which can be worn with a dress. This holster has elastic at the top, similar to many thigh high nylons, designed to grip the leg for better security while carrying. While the delicate lace design will require use of a sturdy garter belt (the elastic isn't guite enough on its own), and some additional training is certainly required. This holster answers the question of, "How do I carry a gun on my person if I want to wear a dress?" I am still hoping for some sturdier designs to hit the market, enabling carry of guns a bit heavier than the micro .380's, but this is definitely a positive step for female concealed carry.

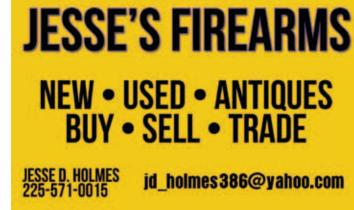
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