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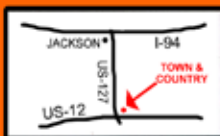
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Happy St. Patty's Day! 🍀

Time to get out your green shirts, green stockings or crazy looking leprechaun hat. What a fun holiday! I love making corned beef and cabbage and any excuse to be able to pinch someone is pretty funny. I am so happy though that it's March because spring is FINALLY right around the corner. We really deserve spring! After this terrible winter of record breaking temperatures that make Antarctica look like a vacation spot, we deserve a warm spring and hot summer!

In this issue make sure to check out what is coming soon... the 1st Annual Michigan Thunder Run Ride n' Win Contest! Super excited about this because we obviously all love to ride and now you can win awesome prizes just by doing what you love- hopping on your scooter and riding! We are looking for suggestions of great places to stop at and destination points. Please contact us if you have any suggestions of great Biker Friendly spots!

Do you have a cool ride and would like to show it off? Submit your photos (7 - 8 high resolution- nice quality) photos along with a paragraph describing your bike to editor@thunderroadsmichigan.com and you may be featured in one of our Reader Rides articles.

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Last month the Biker Friendly character was on page 31. Thanks Apostle BMAN for wearing him on your vest! See if you can find him this month (see character you are looking for in the Biker Friendly Directory (much smaller version to find in each issue).

Now for some "Mo" Advice:

When you truly live, you learn. When you learn you grow. When you learn from your mistakes now you are truly wise and growing in the right direction.

Jody Mohowitsch



K.I.S.S.

IN THE KITCHEN

KEEP IT SIMPLE SWEETIE



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, MORE THAN EVER, TRULY APPRECIATE HER PHILOSOPHY 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 of Tennessee

LUCK OF THE IRISH HEARTY STEW

- 1-1/2 to 2 lbs. of Boneless Sirloin Steak Meat; cut into bite-size pieces
- 2 Tbls. of All Purpose Flour
- 2 -3 Tbls. butter or margarine
- 1 Large Yellow Onion; chopped in big chunks
- 1 Can of Beef Stock and 1 Carton or Box of Beef Stock
- 1 Can of Stewed Tomatoes; un-drained
- 1 Envelope of Good Seasons Garlic & Herb Dressing Mix
- 1 lb. of red potatoes, jackets left on, cut into 3/4 inch chunks
- 2 Handfuls of pre-packaged baby carrots
- 1 Cup of Frozen Peas
- 1 Cup of either Frozen Corn or Frozen Broccoli, or both
- 2 Tbls. Worcestershire Sauce
- 1/2 Palm-full of Thyme
- 2 Tbls. Pearl Barley (in spice aisle any grocery)
- 1 Heaping Tbls. of Parsley
- 1 Bay Leaf
- 4 Beef Boullion Cubes; dissolved in 1 cup hot water



Melt 1/4 stick of butter or 2 tablespoons of margarine over medium heat. Dredge your meat chunks thoroughly through flour and then dredge again. Place into melted butter in a Dutch Oven and let brown up good on all sides. Remove to side plate. Now, on medium-high heat, sprinkle approx. 3 heaping tablespoons of all-purpose flour into same pot. Keep working it around and around for about a minute or so to cook off the flour taste. Next, add your dissolved beef boullion cubes hot water mixture and again, let it all get mixed in well. Keep that wooden spoon moving! Next, add the (1) can of beef stock and keep an eye on it as it will thicken up quickly. Turn heat down to medium-low. Add the box of beef stock now. Add back in the beef chunks, potatoes, tomatoes, dressing mix, onion chunks, Worcestershire, thyme, barley, parsley and bay leaf. Cook covered for 45 minutes. The last 15 minutes, remove bay leaf and if needed, if stock too thick, add 1 cup of hot water. This will dilute the beef flavor so only add it if truly necessary. Now add in all your frozen veggies and a large pat of butter or 1 Tbl. of margarine, whichever. Take cover off and let go until frozen carrots are tender throughout. Serve in big soup bowls along with a cold apple/walnut & pear salad mixed in creamed mayonnaise and chopped Romaine lettuce. Serve hot crusty bread and take some room temp. margarine or butter and throw in a palm-full of basil and spread on thick slices of hot bread. Aye! Now this Irish Stew truly is magically delicious!

ONION PIE.....VIDALIA STYLE

- 3 Cups of thinly sliced Vidalia Onions
- 1/2 Stick of Melted Butter
- 1 Pre-made Pie Shell
- 2 Eggs; beaten
- 3 Tbls. All-Purpose Flour
- 1/2 Cup Half & Half
- 1 Small Tub (8 oz.) of Sour Cream
- 1 Tub (8 oz.) Philly Cream Cheese (room temp.)
- 10 Slices of Hickory Smoked Bacon cooked crisp
- 1 Pkg. of pre-sliced mushrooms
- 1-1/2 cups of Grier cheese (get from Deli counter)
- Salt & Pepper to Taste



Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Melt butter down in a skillet and add onions and mushrooms and saute' until lightly browned. Place your pie pan on a sheet pan in case any drips over. Line bottom of pie crust with sauteed onions and mushrooms. In a small bowl beat up the two eggs and the flour together until smooth. Gradually add the half & half, cream cheese, sour cream and salt & pepper to taste. Mix well and pour all over the onions in the pie shell. Crumble bacon all over the top of pie and distribute evenly. Bake for 25 minutes and the last five, slide oven rack out and top generously with Grier cheese and let bake for 5 more minutes. Let cool 5 mins. before cutting.

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Buy 2 cans of Betty Crocker Buttercream frosting and again add food coloring to the desired green that you want. Frost cupcakes generously. Take a butter knife and dab at the frosting to make stiff peaks after you're done frosting. Looks very pro.
***Tip:** Take frosting and place it in a plastic ketchup bottle like you see in Diners, and stick it a 1/2 inch into the side of your cupcake and squirt to have a creamy filling surprise when you bite into cupcake.
Another cool & delicious treat tip is chop up a bunch of chocolate mint squares, sprinkle over quality vanilla ice-cream and then pour heated, bottled caramel sauce all over the top. So Simple Sweetie!

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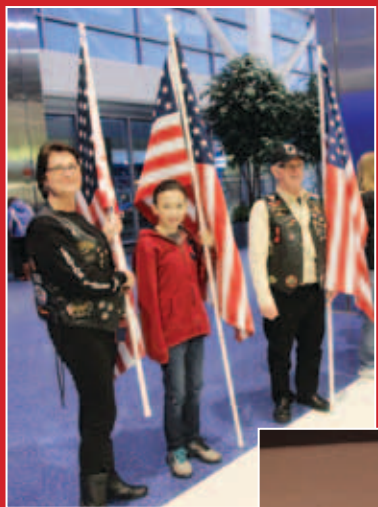
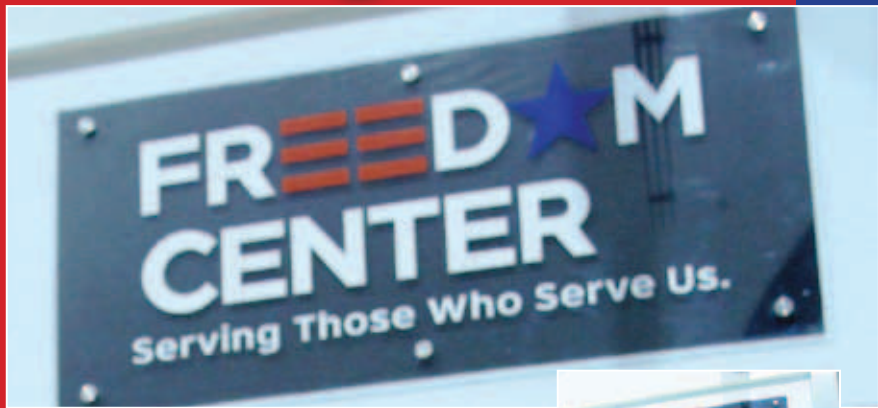
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by Debra Wright



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As The Politician Turns

Welcome to another episode of "As the Politician Turns". Last issue I talked about how as part of the budget "deal" politicians voted to reduce the cost of living allowance for military retirees under age 62. As expected, they've taken a lot of flak and are now trying to back pedal. One bill introduced would restore full COLA to those with 100% VA disability. The latest bill I read would restore the COLA to all military retirees. Just goes to show that if you don't agree with the decisions your elected fools in D.C. make, you need to make your dissent loud and clear with them. Once in a while they actually do listen to their constituents. What a concept, huh? Who knows what will eventually be decided. Politicians introduce amendments faster than superman can change in a phone booth.

Part of the first bill also has some VA changes:

Extend the access for service members who deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan to get health care at VA from five years to 10

Improve care and benefits for veterans who were victims of sexual assault while they served in the military, to include easing the claims process for affected veterans

Expand alternative medical programs and chiropractic care and fund complementary medicine research at the Veterans Health Administration

Seek to eliminate the Veterans Affairs claims backlog by 2015 by requiring VA to provide quarterly reports on its progress to Congress (I personally don't see how filing reports will eliminate a backlog, it just takes employees away from working on veteran cases)

Backdate eligibility for veterans who need medical care for exposure to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune, N.C. to Aug. 1, 1953, complying with a recommendation by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Expand dental programs and services.

The bill also presses for widening of reproductive services and fertility treatments and providing adoption assistance for spouses or surrogates of severely wounded or ill troops whose infertility problems are related to activity in the line of duty.

\$9 million veterans' housing development proposed for former site of World War II bomber plant village

At the peak of the Willow Run Bomber Plant's production during World War II, the Willow Run Village temporarily housed a large portion of the 22,000 workers that assembled B-24 Liberators in the "Arsenal of Democracy."

An estimated \$9 million building that will also provide apartments for homeless vets is being proposed for several vacant lots where developers say they believe a dining hall and recreation center for bomber plant's workers once stood.

Township officials and the team proposing the idea are still in talks, but township planning coordinator Joe Lawson expressed optimism over the project and said preliminary site plans could be before the planning commission sometime in the next several months.

The developers include husband and wife Mary and Mike Levine, along with another partner, who owns a parcel on Ware Court near the intersection of Midway Street and East Clark Road.

The Levine's said current plans call for a new three-story, 47,000-square-foot building offering on-site Veterans Affairs Hospital staff and services. It will provide 48 one-bedroom apartments and be partially dedicated to homeless vets.

"There's a need for veteran housing – a big need," said Mike Levine. "There are a fair number of people who have needs for different services and this will help because they will live in close proximity to the hospital."

Mary Levine said the vision includes fully furnished apartments; an entirely handicap accessible first floor; a common kitchen area; offices; an exercise room; and a computer room/library.

A VA case manager and social worker assigned to the residents would work on site 40 hours per week, and transportation to and from the VA Hospital would be offered.

Mary Levine said they plan to raise equity from low-income tax credits, a construction loan and some long-term financing.

The vouchers for homeless veterans will be provided through the Michigan State Housing and Development Authority.

Lawson said he is confident about the project's success because of the developers' experience and connections. The Levine's run a law practice and Mary Levine specializes in affordable housing. Prior to that she served as a staff attorney and general counsel for the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

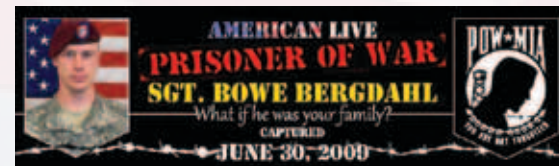
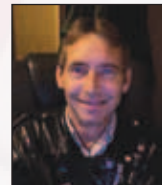
The location was selected partly because one of the partners owns property, though they are working to purchase adjacent township-owned land, but also because of the proximity to the VA Hospital and historical significance.

Use Your Local Veterans Groups

Remember, if a veteran is struggling and has a problem, whether financially or emotionally, your local veterans organizations are there to help them. They can't help fellow veterans if they are unaware of someone's need.

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I'm a lucky guy: I love motorcycles and I love riding, and my job allows me not only to ride, but to meet a lot of great people, see a lot of cool bikes, and work with a lot of motorcycle and biker-friendly companies all over Michigan. A big part of my practice is helping the biker community. I take pride in the fact that I have organized several motorcycle-awareness campaigns, that I actively participate in motorcycle groups, and that my team and I have such a great track record for helping injured bikers.

This year, we are proud to be launching a new Biker Card that contains potentially life-saving information from our Accident Scene Management Class, which has three main goals: First, to reduce injuries and fatalities at the scene of a motorcycle crash. Second, to reduce rescuer injury at the scene of a crash. Third, to enhance EMS effectiveness by having trained bystanders tend to the injured until they arrive.

The card gives the basics of "PACT", an easy acronym to help you remember what to do if you crash or find yourself at the scene of a crash. PACT stands for: Prevent further injury; Assess the situation; Contact EMS; Treat the injured with life-sustaining care. Also included on the card are the basic first-aid priorities, which can easily be remembered as the ABCs: Airway, rescue Breathing, and Control bleeding. The Biker Card provides helpful illustrations and further instructions for the ABCs, and allows the cardholder to put their name and emergency contact information right on the card.

My team and I felt that this information is so simple and so vitally important that we needed to get it out to as many people as possible. By creating this new Biker Card with PACT and the ABCs right on it, you can easily carry this life-saving information with you every time you ride.

We're the only law firm in Michigan approved by Accident Scene Management, Inc. (ASMI) to offer this class. Our own Debbie Parnello, motorcyclist for over 20 years and certified EMT, teaches the practical aspects of the class, and I teach the legal portion. By training bikers and others on how to handle a crash scene until EMS arrives, we hope that we can help to reduce injuries and save lives.

Why else are we excited about the new card? Because my team and I have gone above and beyond the call of duty to secure perks for cardholders, including discounts and freebies, with over 100 vendors across Michigan. Some vendors are brand new this year, and some have been loyal to us and the biker community for a long time.

What can you get by flashing your Biker Card at a participating location? Some vendors are offering free clothing and products, others offer deep discounts on their services, and we have arranged for a ton of restaurants to give freebies and discounts on food... and drinks! Not everything is motorcycle-related, either; we've secured deals with landscaping companies, martial arts studios, pet services, jewelry, carpet cleaning... you name it, you can probably get a sweet deal on it! Obviously, some restrictions apply, and deals may be subject to change without notice. Biker Cards are available while supplies last via our website or by visiting The Motorcycle Lawyer's booth at local motorcycle events and swap meets. Visit www.motorcyclelawyermichigan.com and click on "Discount Card".

As a motorcycle accident injury attorney, my main goal is to help injured riders get the compensation they need and deserve. As a motorcyclist myself, I know it's important to strengthen and give back to the biker community. By offering this new Biker Card, I want to encourage motorcyclists to get out on their bikes and visit new places while saving some cash. I also hope that, if a cardholder crashes or arrives at the scene of a crash, the card might help save a life, or at the very least remind an injured motorcyclist that they can always call me, The Motorcycle Lawyer, for help.

For questions, please contact Jason Waechter's office directly. Please Note: *The Motorcycle Lawyer's Biker Card is not affiliated with the Michigan Thunder Run Ride n' Win Card Contest.

Attorney Jason A. Waechter is a Michigan attorney specializing in the areas of motorcycle and motor vehicle injury litigation as well as Michigan's Motor Vehicle No - Fault Law. Mr. Waechter has collected millions of dollars in settlements, awards and verdicts for his motorcycle clients over the past 20 years. A portion of each case settled goes to educational resources for bikers, funds to help bikers while their cases are being litigated and our motorcycle accident prevention campaign.

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Two hillbillies walk into a bar. While having a shot of whiskey, they talk about their moonshine operation.

Suddenly, a woman at a nearby table, who is eating a sandwich, begins to cough. And, after a minute or so, it becomes apparent that she is in real distress.

One of the hillbillies looks at her and says, 'Kin ya' swallar?'

The woman shakes her head no.

Then he asks, 'Kin ya' breathe?'

The woman begins to turn blue and shakes her head no.

The hillbilly walks over to the woman, lifts up her dress, yanks down her drawers and quickly gives her right butt cheek a steady, long lick with his tongue.

The woman is so shocked that she has a violent spasm and the obstruction flies out of her mouth. As she begins to breathe again, the Hillbilly walks slowly back to the bar.

His partner says, 'Ya know, I'd heerd of that there 'Hind Lick Maneuver' but I ain't niver' seen nobody do's it!'

A crusty old man walks into the local Church and says to the secretary, 'I would like to join this damn church. The astonished woman replies, 'I beg your pardon, sir. I must have misunderstood you. What did you say?'

Listen up, damn it. I said I want to join this damn church!

I'm very sorry sir, but that kind of language is not tolerated in this church.

The secretary leaves her desk and goes into the pastor's study to inform him of her situation. The pastor agrees that the secretary does not have to listen to such foul language.

They both return to her office and the pastor asks the old geezer, Sir, what seems to be the problem here?'

There is no damn problem,' the man says. 'I just won \$200 million bucks in the damn lottery and I want to join this damn church to get rid of some of this damn money.

I see...' said the pastor. 'And is this damn bitch giving you a hard time???'

You are blonde and on a bus, when you suddenly fart. Luckily the music is very loud.

So every time you fart, you time it with the music.

When you start making your way to the door as you exit the bus, you notice everybody is throwing disgusted looks at you, and you suddenly realize.....

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A Florida couple, both well into their 80s, go to a sex therapist's office.

The doctor asks, 'What can I do for you?'

The man says, 'Will you watch us have sexual intercourse?'

The doctor raises both eyebrows, but he is so amazed that such an elderly couple is asking for sexual advice that he agrees to consult.

When the couple finishes, the doctor says, 'There's absolutely nothing wrong with the way you have intercourse.'

He thanks them for coming, he wishes them good luck, he charges them \$50 and he says good bye.

The next week, the same couple returns and asks the sex therapist to watch again. The sex therapist is a bit puzzled, but agrees.

This happens several weeks in a row. The couple makes an appointment, has intercourse with no problems, pays the doctor, then leave.

Finally, after 3 months of this routine, the doctor says, 'I'm sorry, but I have to ask. Just what are you trying to find out?'

The man says, 'We're not trying to find out anything.

She's married; so we can't go to her house. I'm married; and we can't go to my house. The Holiday Inn charges \$98. The Hilton charges \$139.

We do it here for \$50, and Medicare pays \$43 of it, leaving my net cost of \$7.

A good ole' hillbilly-redneck from Tennessee walked into a bank in New York City and asked for the loan officer.

He told the loan officer that he was going to Bakersfield on business for two weeks and needed to borrow \$5,000 and that he was not a regular customer of the bank. The loan officer told him that the bank would need some form of security for the loan, so the redneck handed over the keys to a new Ferrari. The car was parked on the street in front of the bank. The redneck produced the title and everything checked out. The loan officer agreed to hold the car as collateral for the loan and apologized for having to charge 12% interest.

Later, the bank's president and its officers all enjoyed a good laugh at the redneck from the south for using a \$250,000 Ferrari as collateral for a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then drove the Ferrari into the bank's underground garage and parked it. Two weeks later, the redneck returned, repaid the \$5,000 and the interest of \$23.07.

The loan officer said, 'Sir, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a multimillionaire horse breeder. What puzzles us is; why would you bother to borrow \$5,000.00?'

The Tennessee redneck replied, 'Well, sonny, where else in New York City can I park my car for two weeks for only \$23.07 and expect it to be there when I return?'

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is proud to announce that this summer, we will be introducing a state-wide, summer-long 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

Each month *Thunder Roads Michigan* will announce a list of Thunder Run Stops each month. These stops are selected based upon the recommendations of our readers and confirmed by our editors. Riders can then hit these locations and present their Rider Cards in order to register at each stop.

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 checks-ins 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 motorcycle!



The beauty and simplicity of this program is that anyone can win with any check-in, but your chances of winning are increased by the amount you ride! The dedicated rider trekking across the state has a greater chance of accumulating prizes - but the couple that can only get out a few days a month to ride can also win! Every check-in counts as an entry in the "drawing" - so if you hit 40 stops in a month, you have twice as many chances of winning as someone that only hits 20. The more you ride - 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 the month of June. 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 eligible to win!

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2014 MICHIGAN THUNDER RUN

Ride n' Win!



The Winners

If your check-in is drawn, *Thunder Roads Michigan* will post your card number both online and in the magazine. Riders will then have at least 45 days to "claim" their prizes. For state-wide prizes, winners will often have the opportunity to select from a number of prize options. For instance, a rider might have the option of winning a **Rally Package** that includes accommodations and extras for attending the particular Rally. If that rider isn't able to take advantage of that prize - they might opt for a **Premium Leather Jacket** instead.

- 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. The bonus criteria may be adjusted at some stops to accommodate riders or particulars of that stop. Specifics of each stop will be listed each month in *Thunder Roads Michigan* as part of the Stop Listing.

IT'S REALLY THAT SIMPLE!

1. Get your Michigan Ride Card.
2. Get the list of stops each month from your *Thunder Roads Michigan Magazine's* website (ThunderRoadsMichigan.com), or Facebook.
3. Ride out to these stops and show them your card.
4. And then you win cool prizes, including cold hard CASH!

The first step will be for riders to register for their *Thunder Roads Michigan Ride Cards*. A number of select locations will serve as Registration Centers. Riders can easily register at these points - free of charge. They will then receive their Ride Cards.

Thunder Roads Michigan will also be registering riders for Ride Cards at specific events throughout the year as we distribute magazines. Key events, such as Bikes on the Bricks or Bike Nights will have special booth for Ride Card registrations. 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.

Thunder Roads Michigan will also be working with charities and various non-profit events to include them in the Run schedule as well. This will be an easy means of encouraging participation and attracting riders from outside the local communities. In many cases, we will have specific prize drawings for those at these events.

The Ride Cards will allow participants to easily and safely check in at all stops. **Some *Thunder Roads Michigan* Sponsors will also be offering discounts** to readers that present the cards. *Thunder Roads Michigan* will be listing special discounts and offers in the magazine throughout the year as an added value to readers and means of encouraging our partners to offer these extra savings.

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!**

One key aspect of the MTR is that we will be limiting the number of stops to a reasonable amount each month. We are NOT simply adding anyone willing to write a check. We will be considering stops recommended by our readers and editors, and we will only select those that offer a legitimate interest to riders - making them worth the ride to visit. We are not hosting the run as simply a means of supporting the magazine, but as a fun way to promote partners and cool destinations all across the state.

This is not simply a "Chinese fire drill" or mad-dash across the state. This is a Ride program. It is meant to be a means for readers to discover new riding destinations and enjoy the ride there. In fact, we have designed the program to encourage folks to break out of their local routes and trek to the furthest corners of the state.

Just Get Out and RIDE!



One of the really exciting aspects of the program is that the Michigan Thunder Run can be modified and added to throughout the summer - if not the entire year. We will be adding and dropping stops each month. Readers will be able to nominate stops, we'll investigate them, and if we agree that it's a suitable stop - they'll be invited to join the run. Some stops will only run a few months - and possibly not consecutive. A cool winery in Traverse City might be a stop early in the season, and then we bring them back during the harvest season! We can also modify the run if it turns out that something just isn't working.

We want to keep things exciting for you - the readers and riders on the run. We're bikers and it's all about the ride. We want to help create fun experiences for you and share some cool spots in our state. And we want to discover new spots as well, which is why we are encouraging everyone to nominate their favorite riding destinations. Again this is not simply a sales tool for us or meant to subsidize the magazine! We have designed this run to entertain and challenge our readers - as well as promote our partners.

As with the magazine itself, the Michigan Thunder Run is presented through the support of our sponsors and partners all across the state. We have secured several key sponsorships already, but opportunities remain. If your business would like to get involved, this is a great way to promote yourself all across the state in a positive manner. Even if your organization is not a riding destination you might become a sponsor for the tremendous promotional value it offers through the constant media attention it will receive. Obviously this will be a heavy focus within the magazine but we are also working with radio and other media outlets to help spread awareness of the run. Sponsors are able to tap into this network and enjoy great exposure.

We also have a number of unique opportunities for branding - including being featured on contest motorcycles, jackets, shirts, and other opportunities. The exact number and nature of these options will be determined as details are finalized and as the promotion develops over the summer. Sponsors will ALWAYS have first priority in these placements.

Sponsors will also have the opportunity to team up with *Thunder Roads Michigan* to help promote various charity events across the state. The Michigan Thunder Run is a great vehicle to help promote non-profit events in communities all across the state. With the support of regional and state-wide sponsors - *Thunder Roads Michigan* can help promote these community events to a larger audience. *Thunder Roads Michigan* is involved in countless charitable events all across the state already - but with the support of our sponsors, we will be able to assist even more. Partners can assist in the sponsorship of specific events, areas of concern (such as breast cancer, child abuse, or animal shelters), or other specific areas.

For more information on sponsorship, please email us at MichiganThunderRunRide@gmail.com

Of course one of the key components in this whole program, second only to the riders themselves, is the stops. The *Thunder Roads Michigan* team has spent a lot of time collecting nominations and researching stops for the Run; but there are undoubtedly plenty of more stops out there. If you have a venue or event that you would like to get involved in the run, please don't hesitate to let us know about it. If it's your place, we will get in touch shortly with more information on the run and what's involved. If you are recommending a spot for someone else - we will reach out to them and let them know they have been nominated. If you can suggest a contact person, that can help expedite the process. You can send information to MichiganThunderRunRide@gmail.com

The 2014 Michigan Thunder Run will begin in June, with all necessary information and additional details in each month's issue of *Thunder Roads Michigan*. We will also have a complete listing on our website - ThunderRoadsMichigan.com and our Facebook pages. We will include a listing of registration stops - including a wide variety of events in June; including Bike Nights, Bike Blessings, and rides.

The RIDE kicks off in June!

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



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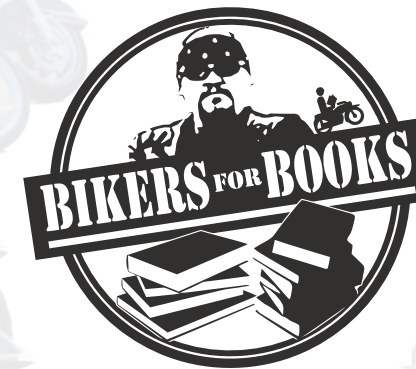



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Hello my brothers and sisters!!! Here it is, the beginning of March! There's less than a month until the first day of spring and my hope is that by the time you're reading this, many of us are already back in the saddle!

With our favorite season of the year, riding season, just around the corner, there is an almost tangible sense of expectancy and excitement in the air. Many of us have been suffering through this long, cold, snowy winter from P.M.S. – Parked Motorcycle Syndrome. But, the wait is almost over my friends – Praise God!

With all this expectation in the air I'm reminded of **Philippians 1:20** which says **"My eager expectation and hope is that I will not be ashamed about anything, but that now as always, with all boldness, Christ will be highly honored in my body, whether by life or by death."**

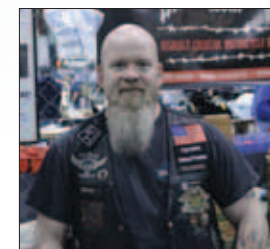
Listen, there is a lot of peace in knowing that our sins (moral mishaps, hang-ups, etc.) are forgiven. We've all done it... things we're not proud of, feel guilty for and even condemned. But, the truth is, when we call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and repent for these sins, God, in His ever loving faithfulness, washes all the sin crap away (1 John 1:9 **"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."**) and this gives us great peace, hope, boldness and expectation that we are in right standing with God because of Jesus Christ the Messiah.

But, it gets even better as He not only washes away our sin but washes away all the guilt and condemnation that comes with sin – Praise God!! Listen, what I'm saying here is that the enemy likes to use our memories of sins of the past to beat us up, even after God has forgiven us. It's like a DVD player in your head that keeps playing and re-playing all those bad things we ever did over and over and over again. This is all an attempt to get us to give up on our relationship with God. The awesome thing is that God can and will destroy that DVD and set you free from that mess and give you peace. Peace of mind and peace of heart!

Once this happens, you will feel a positive expectation for life, joy unspeakable and hope everlasting! All because God has forgiven you! I encourage you now, as the late Larry Norman once sang about in one of his earliest songs **"Why don't you look into Jesus? He's got the answers."**

Pray this – God, I know that you are real and I believe that Jesus is your son, He died and rose again, for me. I accept and confess Jesus as my Lord and Savior today. Amen

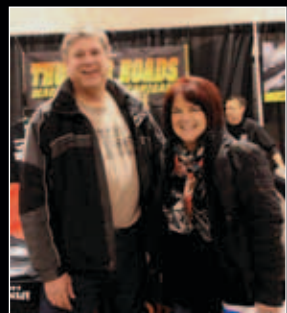
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Riddles

A. What has a foot but no legs?

B. Mary's father has 5 daughters – Nana, Nene, Nini, Nono. What is the fifth daughter's name?

C. How can a pants pocket be empty and still have something in it?

D. In a one-story pink house, there was a pink person, a pink cat, a pink fish, a pink computer, a pink chair, a pink table, a pink telephone, a pink shower– everything was pink! What color were the stairs?

(Answers below)

Fun Facts

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

Your heart beats over 100,000 times a day.

Cats can produce over one hundred vocal sounds, while dogs can only produce about ten.

Gilligan of Gilligan's Island had a first name that was only used once, on the never-aired pilot show. His first name was Willy. The skipper's real name on Gilligan's Island is Jonas Grumby. It was mentioned once in the first episode on their radio's newscast about the wreck.

Answers: A.) The moon has a long association with being crazy (lunar being the basis for A). A small B). If you answered Nunn, you are wrong. It's Mary! C). It can have a hole in it. D). There weren't any stairs; it was a one story house!



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un·alien·able

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 : impossible to take away or give up

Impossible to take away or give up means that regardless what "laws" are created, or what cost to society or business may occur, those rights deemed unalienable are sacrosanct. It is worthwhile in my opinion that all the citizens of this country take heed of that fact. Unfortunately it is evident that many do not. Every time I read (or write) an article regarding the right to choose to wear helmets or Hi-Viz clothing it immediately results in a cacophony from "americans" who are adamant that we should not have those rights. Most of them claim that by virtue of the possibility that there could be some financial impact upon others the right to choose is sacrificial. Um, where is that exception mentioned in the Declaration of Independence?

Sorry folks but unalienable means unalienable. Period.

Or it should, which brings me to the part; That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men. My take on that is pretty straightforward. We elect members of government whose duty is to secure, protect, and defend each and every one of our unalienable rights from any and all who would try and remove, regulate, diminish, alter, or in any way deprive any single one of us of them.

Over the past two hundred and some odd years I'd say we have failed in that regard. The money masters, multi-national corporations, and wealthy special interests have pretty much left us with a two party system where the similarities are numerous and the candidates are pretty much predetermined by a select few.

But there is room to work within the system. Within those two parties there are those amongst us voters who have more say than others, and you could be one of them. I have been a precinct delegate for quite a few years now. By attending county and state conventions as a voting delegate I have been able to increase my say in determining candidates a thousand fold. By organizing my fellow change motivated associates to also become delegates the influence and challenges to the status quo have been amazing. We have not become the majority yet, but are well on the way.

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SEAT AND BODYWORK

To whip and scrub, the rider needs to move around the seat more. And the seat and bodywork on the CRF450R help make that happen. Riders fit easily on the bike, thanks to minimal bodywork. And they can slide around on the seat easier for better comfort and control.

REAR SUSPENSION

With a large-diameter sub piston, the CRF450R's fully-adjustable rear suspension delivers improved low-speed damping for better traction and handling across all track conditions.

SUBFRAME

By moving the CRF450R's twin pipes lower and closer to the bike's center, the subframe needn't support a long, extended exhaust. That means the subframe can be lighter overall. And with a wide opening at the top, it's even easier to change the air filter.

SWINGARM

The CRF450R's swingarm is specially designed to work with the updated rear suspension and Next-Gen chassis, delivering improved stability, traction and rider feedback.

The Honda CRF450R is offered with a base price of \$8,699.



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DETROIT POLICE CHIEF AGREES: MORE GUNS, LESS CRIME

Except among dyed-in-the-wool anti-gun fanatics, it is a commonly accepted fact that Right-to-Carry laws not only do not cause crime to increase, they may deter violent crimes. It is also firmly established that people who have carry permits are statistically more law-abiding than people who do not. And the number of RTC states and carry permit holders reached all-time highs as the nation's murder rate fell to nearly an all-time low.



That brings us to Detroit, which has seen its share of crime over the years and which in 2012 had the highest murder rate of any major U.S. city. The Detroit News reports that the city's police chief, James Craig, offered a solution to reduce crime: allowing law-abiding citizens to obtain concealed carry permits. That's not a position typically espoused by big-city police chiefs. And Chief Craig didn't always think that way either.

According to the article, Craig had worked for nearly 30 years in the Los Angeles Police Department, before moving east to become the police chief in Portland, Maine. It was there, in Maine, that he started believing that law-abiding gun owners could deter crime.

"Coming from California where it takes an act of Congress to get a concealed weapon permit, I got to Maine, where they give out lots of CCWs (carrying concealed weapon permits), and I had a stack of CCW permits I was denying; that was my orientation.

"I changed my orientation real quick. Maine is one of the safest places in America. Clearly, suspects knew that good Americans were armed."

Chief Craig's statements echo those he made last month, when he said that good citizens with concealed pistol licenses, "translates into crime reduction."

And the numbers bear that out. The article notes that Detroit police have reported 73 "justifiable homicides" in the city since 2011, 15 of them occurring in 2013. Most of these cases involved citizens like 77-year-old Willie White, who in 2012, fatally shot a man who'd broken into his home. White's home had been broken into several times before, but after he defended himself, the break-ins stopped.

"I think these criminals would definitely think twice if they knew more citizens were armed," White said. "I know it stopped them from breaking into my place."

CHICAGO'S FIREARM TRANSFER BAN FALLS TO SECOND AMENDMENT RULING

Things are looking up for gun owners in Illinois. On Monday (1/13/14), as some 4,500 concealed carry applications flooded the state's online portal on its first full day of operation, Obama-appointed U.S. District Judge Edmond E. Chang of the Northern District of Illinois issued a significant opinion that invalidated Chicago's ban on firearm sales and transfers within the city. The suit was brought by the Illinois Association of Firearms Retailers and three individuals, with the backing of NRA.

The Chicago transfer ban was part of a series of ordinances the city hastily enacted after its total ban on handgun possession was invalidated by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals' 2010 opinion in *McDonald v. Chicago*. Chicago's crusade to be the nation's most oppressive jurisdiction for gun owners has yielded other important victories for the Second Amendment. These included the Seventh Circuit's holding in 2011's *Ezell v. Chicago* that Chicago's ban on discharge (notwithstanding its requirement that residents obtain live-fire training as a condition of owning a gun in the city) was unconstitutional. Other aspects of the city's wide-ranging gun control regime have been whittled down in response to litigation and the broad preemption provisions of Illinois' recently-enacted Firearm Concealed Carry Act (the result of yet another successful Second Amendment case in the Seventh Circuit, 2011's *Shepard v. Madigan*). The transfer ban remained, however, a symbol of the same political denial and impudence that have ironically helped move the Second Amendment needle in the right direction through litigation time and again.

The ordinance at issue flatly stated: "no firearm may be sold, acquired or otherwise transferred within the city, except through inheritance of the firearm." Chicago attempted to justify the ordinance by, among other things, pointing out that residents could obtain firearms outside the city's borders. The city also insisted that the ordinance increased the "transaction costs" of the firearms trade, making the acquisition of firearms by criminals more expensive, time-consuming, and dangerous (because they would have to travel through

high-crime areas infested by rival gangs to buy guns). Chicago additionally claimed gun stores "are dangerous in and of themselves and cannot be safely regulated."



The court called Chicago's argument that it could ban firearm sales, as long as guns were available elsewhere, "profoundly mistaken." "Second Amendment rights," Judge Chang wrote, "must be guaranteed within a specified geographic unit--be it city or state."

The court also determined that the restriction had to pass a high level of scrutiny (although not quite "strict scrutiny"), because the type of regulation at issue was unknown to the framers of the Second Amendment and because it broadly prohibited even law-abiding Chicagoans from exercising an essential component of the rights protected by the Second Amendment--the acquisition of firearms. Regarding Chicago's purported justification of increasing transaction costs, the court noted that the evidence showed few criminals actually purchase firearms directly from legitimate dealers. Thus, "residents who seek to legally buy a gun bear more of the share of the added transaction costs in time, effort, and danger than gang members or would-be criminals" The city, the court wrote, "cannot justify its ban on legitimate gun sales and transfers with overinclusive means that impact more law-abiding citizens than criminals."

Examining another Chicago claim that the ban helped maintain the city's "low household gun-ownership rate," the court opined: "It is ... doubtful that minimizing household gun ownership is, after *Heller* and *McDonald*, even a valid basis for gun regulation: possession of a gun for self-defense in the home is the core right protected by the Second Amendment, so trying to minimize the exercise of that right cannot be a valid basis for the sales-and-transfer ban."

Demonstrating the importance of proper scrutiny, the case was distinguishable from other recent opinions applying only "intermediate scrutiny" (for example, the recent opinion largely upholding New York's SAFE Act) by its insistence that the city do more than just produce "expert" opinions claiming the restrictions could inhibit crime. Rather, the court refused to ignore the effects the restrictions also had on law-abiding residents and legitimate activity. According to Judge Chang: "If the City is concerned about reducing criminal access to firearms, either through legitimate retail transactions or via thefts from gun stores, it may enact more appropriately tailored measures."

Because Chicago does not otherwise regulate firearm sales, the court, on its own initiative, stayed the effect of its judgment so the city could decide whether to appeal the case or pursue legislative remedies through more narrowly-tailored regulation. The city was given until January 13 to request an additional stay.

Besides paving the way for lawful firearms commerce in Chicago, Judge Chang's decision also shows the possibilities of a court taking the Second Amendment seriously. We will closely follow this case and continue to keep you informed of significant developments.

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Tech Tips By Steve

SPANKING NEW IN THE V-TWIN MARKET

Well, I sure hope by the time you are reading this it is starting to thaw and some of you great people are riding!

I just returned from the V-Twin Expo in Cincinnati yesterday and would like to show you a few new things coming onto the market for you Harley riders. Sorry, Metric guys, the Expo usually in Indianapolis, that carries all your stuff, was cancelled and moved to Chicago and won't be around until next year, but when I go I'll give you a full report on all that cool parts!

The first thing that caught my eye was a super charger from Kraft Werks, this was amazing to look at and very compact! They state there will be a realistic 50% HP and 25% torque gain just by bolting this puppy on and it does not mess with the great Harley exhaust sound like turbos do. It will fit all Twin Cam engines and they use the bolt pattern of the Sportster air cleaner and the twin cam points cover medallions so it is easy to customize to your personal desires. Look for an upcoming install and dyno article on this soon, very exciting!



Kraft Werks Supercharger for TwinCam Harley Davidson

Next was an oil filter from K&P Engineering. This delightful 6061T6 Billet Aluminum jewel not only filters better than any spin on filter, it will allow more oil to flow with better filtration and oil pressure. To make things even better, its canister design helps cool the oil and comes in all kinds of styles. This company is 100% FAA/PMA certified which tells you the quality and engineering is spot on! When you are ready to change the oil you simply spin it off, clean the filter and put it back on, you will never have to buy another oil filter.



K&P Engineering Oil Filter kits Made in the USA!

Next is the great new item for all you bagger guys looking to put a huge tire on the front of your bike but don't want to modify your frame. It comes from MC Baggers and simply slips into your current neck, bolt on the supplied triple trees and BAM You have the neck rake and triple trees in perfect placement for a 26" or 30" tire ... The best part is when you want to sell your bike you simply unbolt this system, put your OEM stuff back on and she is back to original...no more cutting, welding and repainting on that frame!



MC Baggers Easy-On Kit for Harley Baggers wanting 26" or 30" front tires

Want a SMOOTH ride? Then dump those stock shocks and get a pair of Terryable shocks! Terry Davis is a master of making your bike ride smooth, very smooth. His dampening system is awesome, he believes so much in his product that if you don't like the ride, return them within 90 days and he will give your money back. Now that is a person who stands behind his parts. If you have a lowered bike or Street Glide these are a MUST, when you lower your bike with a Harley shock or any others I know of, it simply makes the bike ride awful, these shocks will keep the same ride height you desire with great ride comfort. He makes these for the full line of Harley motorcycles.



Terryable "Ultra Ride Shock" Made in the USA

Next up is a very cool completely bolt on 14" and 15" front rotor kits from Arlen Ness. They fit 00-13 FLT's with 17" and larger diameter rims and 2014's FLT. They also make a 15" kit for various models of Sportsters, Dynas, and Softails, too! Another big deal for them is their caliper covers and they DO NOT look like covers, just look at the picture. These will take your old calipers and make them look like a million bucks for less than \$200 bucks each (2000-2014 Models).



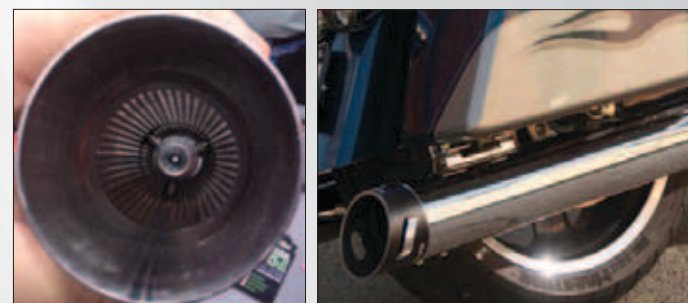
Arlen Ness 15" stainless steel Rotor with Black contrast cut caliper cover

Accel has a cool new coil that replaces the coil and wires so you have on clean setup, no more wires! They fit all big twins 2001 and up but this is a huge deal for you Dyna and Softail guys trying to clean up all that garb next to your oil tank. Plugs right into your harness, no splicing or cutting. They come in natural and black, soon to have chrome covers too.



Accel Stealth SuperCoil

And lastly I found a great bunch of guys from Area 51 Racing with a cool new exhaust system. The pipe is easily adjustable from the inside, not for performance but for decibel level. The cool thing about these is no matter what decibel level you choose the performance is still outstanding. They use three removable stainless steel mess packings and a venturi design inside the pipe that creates the flow and performance. The Billet end tips are also adjustable to slash up or down. Available in Black or Chrome.



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We will be featuring a lot of new installed parts in upcoming articles so keep reading! Thanks to all of you who came out and supported Loren Wickens at the Diamondbacks MC what a great turnout! Also a big shout out to Mark Meyers the Woodcarver of Vermontville and his great Dog Sadie (sorry, Mark I may have misspelled your pup's name) ... he is a loyal reader and rides a cool Softail, thanks Mark!

One last bit of info, if anyone is in need of prayer you can submit a prayer request on our webpage now, we love to pray for you for whatever challenge is in your life that we know you will overcome, God Bless you all and well be riding SOON! (Yeah, I bet some of you are riding already, huh?)

God Bless you all

Steve

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Bang Your Head

by Jackie Killeen

Quiet Riot is coming to Hartford, MI as the feature band at the 2014 Hartford Bike Fest. This event will take place at the Hartford MI Speedway, June 27th - 29th. Quiet Riot is the first heavy metal band to top the charts back in 1983 with their amazing hit Mental Health! This album exceeded sales to the 10 million mark worldwide. Quiet Riot is truly a rock and roll phenomenon and will put on a performance you won't want to miss.



Several bike groups will be riding in from across Michigan and some from the east and west coast have expressed an interest. All 3 days will be packed full of great things such as a live entertainment, fire eater, bikini contest, burn out pit, bike wash, body painting, pro wrestling, car and bike show and a tattoo artist to name a few. A variety of vendors will be set up and on site camping is available. There's also a rumor that a surprise guest may just show up!



Several organizations will benefit from this event including American Cancer Society, Talons Our Honor Flight, Autism Awareness and other local charities.

For more details and updated information check out the web site at www.hartfordbikefest.com

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Ready to Ride Workshop
ABC HD, Waterford, MI. 1 pm- 2 pm. For more info go to www.abcharleydavidson.com or call 248-674-3175 (See full page ad this issue).

March 9
Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet
Grand Rapids Deltaplex, Grand Rapids, MI. 11 am- 4 pm, \$9 adults, kids 6-12 yrs \$2 & free parking. For more info go to www.motorcycleswap.com (See ad this issue).

March 9
4th Annual Benefit Dinner for the "Make-a-Wish" Foundation- Women's Auxillary American Legion, Newburgh Rd, Livonia, MI. 4pm- 7pm, \$10 donation for adults, children \$5. Serving spaghetti, salad, rolls & dessert. For more info call 734-427-5630

March 14
Garage Party
Sandy's HD, Fremont, MI. 5-8pm, food, fun, door prizes, many workshops. Go to www.sandysharley-davidson.com or call 231-924-3020 for more info (See ad this issue).

March 15
Monster Energy AMA Supercross
Ford Field, Detroit, MI. Practice/Qualifiers 12:30 pm, main event 7 pm, tickets start at \$15. For more info call 630-566-6100 or go to www.supercrossonline.com

March 16
41st Annual Kalamazoo (MI) Motorcycle Swap Meet & Parts Expo
Wings Stadium, Kalamazoo, MI. 10 AM - 4 PM, \$9 adults, Buy-Sell-Trade, Bikes, Parts, Leather, Food, Beer. For more info, call 1-800-800-6034 or go to www.kalamazooswap.com www.paragonspromotion.com (See ad this issue).

March 21
TTT/Maintenance Workshop
Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. For more info go to www.raycsh-d.com or call 810-664-9261 (See full page ad this issue).

March 21-22
Pig Fest
Ramada Lansing Hotel & Conference Center, Lansing, MI. \$35 pp, \$15 event t-shirts, pre-registration preferred, live entertain-

ment, 50/50, prizes, keg beer provided Sat 1-5, Saturday evening dinner. For more info go to www.harleyrider.net or call Scott or Monica at 517-316-1337

March 22
Spring Kick Start Party
ABC HD, Waterford, MI. 10 am- 4 pm. For more info go to www.abcharleydavidson.com or call 248-674-3175 (See full page ad this issue).

March 22
2nd Annual Spring Breakout
Bald Eagle HD, Marquette, MI. For more info go to www.baldeaglehd.com or call 906-228-5330

March 22-23
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March 28
8th Annual Women's Garage Party
Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. For more info go to www.raycsh-d.com or call 810-664-9261 (See full page ad this issue).

APRIL

April 6
Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet
Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi, MI. 11 am- 4 pm, \$10 adults, kids 6-12 yrs \$3. For more info go to www.motorcycleswap.com

April 11-13
Open House
Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. Boot Camp on the 11th 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. Demo rides & food. For more info go to www.raycsh-d.com or call 810-664-9261 (See full page ad this issue).

April 19
11th Annual Cadillac (MI) Motorcycle Swap Meet & Parts Expo
Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac, MI. 10 am - 4 am, \$6 adults, kids 12 & under free. Buy-Sell-Trade, bikes, parts leather, food & beer. For more info call 1-800-800-6034 or go to www.cadillacswap.com or www.paragonspromotion.com (See ad this issue).

April 26
HIM 1st Annual Motorcycle Swap Meet
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April 27
9th Annual North Shore Blessing of the Bikes
Gibraltar Trade Center, Mt. Clemens, MI. Regis at 11am, blessing & show at 2pm, free entrance, music, food, vendors, & fun activities for kids. For more info go to www.northshorechurch.us or call Chris at 586-557-0655 or email unworthy12@aol.com (See ad this issue).

MAY

May 3
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May 3-4
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May 4
Walneck Motorcycle Swap Meet & Show
Monroe County Fairgrounds, Monroe, MI. \$6 admis. 8 am- 3 pm. For more info go to www.walneckswap.com

May 4
15th Annual Church of the Living Word's Blessing of the Bikers
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May 4
Bikers for Books Golf Outing Event
Centennial Acres Golf Course, Sunfield, MI. For more info go to www.bikerforbooks.com or call Badge 517-862-7960 (See ad this issue).

May 10
14th Annual Jackson Blessing of the Bikes
1st Church of the Nazarene, Jackson, MI. Noon, with Blessing at 1:30 PM. Door prizes, food, donation drawing, music, ride-in bike show (\$5 to enter), Michigan Veterans Traveling Wall on display. ALL bikes, bikers, clubs, and general public invited. NO attitudes or alcohol allowed. For more info call Gary at 517-531-3481

May 10
Coldwater Swap Meet
Branch County Fairgrounds, Coldwater, MI. 8am-4pm, vendors, contests, cruise

party down Main Street & bike blessing. For more info call 517-278-5367 or go to www.coldwaterswapmeetandcarshow.com

May 10
Blessing of the Bikes & Poker Run
Washington Life Center, Marine City, MI. Regis 10-11 am, blessing at 11 am, ride returns at 4pm, \$20 per bike, \$10 per addtl hand/passenger, prizes, auctions & refreshments. Benefits council on aging. For more info call 810-765-3523 or email events.wic@gmail.com

May 10
2nd Annual Allegan Blessing of the Bikes & Classic Cars
110 N. Cedar Street, Allegan, MI. 8 am-2pm, \$5 gate fee, Pig Roast, Games, and Music by Clearwater, Vendors, Proceeds to help the Following Charities. For more info call Bob "Ace" 269-806-3883 or email Knightsnbikesmichigan@gmail.com

May 15-18
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May 16-18
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