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#### Boing Boing ... Spring is Here!

We have waited patiently; we have endured another Michigan winter and now it's finally here...spring! We know we can expect this month some cold days, some warm days, rain and even just maybe another bout of snow, but at least we are not freezing our tooshies off every single day anymore!

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Happy 9th Birthday to my beautiful, smart & wonderful daughter Emilee. Love you sooo much!

#### Now for some "Mo" Advice:

Don't look back at steps already taken, Every twist and curve in the road was worth making, Just like you can't read a book from end to start, Look ahead, be in the now, and just follow your heart.



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### READERS RIDES Kim Erickson

The bike is a 1941 Indian Model 741, which is a Military Scout built

for WWII. It is supposed to be painted Olive Drab Green, but I have civilianized the bike. I have been collecting all the military parts as I run across them but they are not pretty and shiny like chrome...LOL!! I've painted the bike guite a few different colors since I first bought it, but this is my favorite color to date. The color is now Seafoam Blue which was a color available in that vear for a civilian bike.

I bought it back in 1981 from an old farmer who had it in his barn for 15 years or so. It took several months of hounding him before I finally convinced him to sell me the bike. Probably just to get me off his back. It is the first bike I ever drove. I've never driven a foot shift motorcycle down the road. My bike has a left foot clutch and a right hand shift as did all the Indian Motorcycles built in America. Since it shifts on the right, it throttles on the left. Not having driven any other motorcycles, this is normal to me.

The one picture of me riding the bike was from a motorcycle escort I coordinated when the Vietnam Memorial Wall came to Sparta, Michigan. Since I made all the arrangements for the escort of 200-300 motorcycles, they let me lead the pack. Five bikes in front (missing man formation), then the truck hauling the Wall, then the rest of the motorcycles. That was such an Honor. I also put on a motorcycle run in August of every year to raise money for the Michigan Chapter of the National MS Society. This year was our 17th annual, and to date this run has donated over \$133,300 to the MS Society.







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"Bring out ver dead! Bring out ver dead!" "But I'm not dead vet!" "Shut up, yer dead!" (paraphrased from Monty Python)

#### Army Vet Mistakenly Declared Dead by VA

On January 8, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) sent Dee Fales a letter regarding her husband that read, "We are sorry to learn about the death of James Fales and extend to you our deepest sympathy." The letter came as a complete shock, mostly because her husband is alive and well.

Retired U.S. Army Sgt. James Fales said it was a shock to hear of his own demise, but then it became somewhat humorous to a point. It was not a laughing matter however, when they discovered that the VA mistakenly declaring him dead led to his benefits being ceased. "The benefits side of the VA said I was dead," Fales explained. "The health care side of it wasn't affected. So I've been dead for a month in one computer system of the VA and I was still making doctors' appointments in the other part of the system. If the system's having problems now, what's going to happen when you add many more to it?"

The letter is dated Jan. 8, but Fales said he got a call from the Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks on Jan. 12 asking for a follow-up doctor's appointment. "Their systems aren't talking to each other," Fales said. "If they're saying I was deceased on the eighth, then how was this doctor calling me this Monday, and making me an appointment?"

Fales and his wife have found some humor in the situation. "Since the government says I'm dead now, can I stop paying taxes?" Fales joked. The Fales are optimistic the VA error will be fixed without impacting his medical care. "The effect [the error] is going to have on my benefits, and my health care, until they get it straight; I have no idea," Fales said. The VA has apologized for the mix-up and said it is working diligently to resolve the issue.

#### Bills propose credits to businesses hiring jobless vets

Michigan businesses that hire unemployed veterans would be eligible for up to \$4,000 in tax credits under recently proposed legislation. The Hire MI Heroes Act is expected to be introduced as legislation in Michigan's House and Senate soon with bipartisan support.

Sen. Vincent Gregory, a Vietnam veteran and Democrat from Southfield, is the lead sponsor of the bill in his chamber. He says in a news release that "both veterans and small businesses win" with the bills.

The legislation would provide businesses that hire an unemployed veteran a onetime tax credit of 25 percent of the veterans' compensation up to \$4,000.

#### New telemedicine technology allows veterans to be treated from home

The Saginaw Veterans Affairs medical center provides care to nearly 33,000 veterans spanning 35 counties in the lower peninsula. "A lot of veterans will not seek care because of the fact they have to drive either to Detroit, Saginaw, or Ann Arbor," said Patrick Anthony, VA nurse at the Gaylord Outpatient Clinic.

The VA has a new telemedicine technology. "We can see any patient, anywhere, for any reason from the Mackinac Bridge, to Bad Axe, to Saginaw, in all 10 of our facilities," said Katy Ball, telemedicine coordinator.

With this new technology veterans do not have to drive to get their treatment. A secure connection between the outpatient clinics, like the one in Gaylord, and the VA's main facilities in Saginaw, Ann Arbor, and Detroit minimizes the need for veterans to put rubber on the road.

"No matter if its primary care, mental health, or it's a specialty clinic with a dermatologist, we can see you remotely and do anything that an on-site provider can do." Ball said. She said the high-definition connections allow specialists to review exams, such as retinal screenings for diabetics or even look into a patient's ear right from their computer. "We can hook them up, we can listen to their heart, their lungs, look into their eyes, have a full exam," Ball said.

Anthony said the game changing technology will help the health care battles for veterans on the home front. "Most people are more than willing to give the new technology a try, and the veterans I care for are all enthused about this," Anthony said.

#### Army decides Fort Hood victims will receive Purple Heart

Congress passed recent funding legislation requiring the Defense Department to reconsider whether the victims qualify for the Purple Heart. The Army statement on Friday said the legislation expanded the eligibility criteria by broadening what can be considered an attack by a foreign terrorist organization.

The Army determined the shooting could be considered an attack because the shooter "was in communication with the foreign terrorist organization before the attack."

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### The Motorcycle Lawyer on THE LAW **Getting Ready to Ride: Jason's Tips for Spring**

Every year, when the snow melts and we all start getting revved up for spring, I like to put together a list of tips to help bikers get themselves - and their motorcycles - ready for the riding season. Michigan is known to have some of the worst roads in the country, which is bad news for motorcyclists who are itching to get out as soon as the weather is nice. In addition to the tips below, I would also recommend scouting out some local routes by car before you head out on your first ride this spring, so you know which areas to avoid on your bike.

Before you even think about taking your bike out this spring, you need to think about insurance. I provide up-to-date information on motorcycle laws and insurance by state on my website, www.motorcyclelawyermichigan.com. Here in Michigan, you are required to carry bodily injury coverage to ride legally on the roads. If the unthinkable happens and you wreck your bike, you'll need comprehensive coverage to get it repaired. The amount of coverage you need depends on a few different factors, so I recommend making an appointment with your insurance agent to discuss what you have and what you need for the upcoming season. Do this now, before you start getting your bike out of storage mode.

Once your insurance is taken care of, it's time to take care of your bike. Depending on how you prepped your motorcycle for winter storage, this could be as simple as checking your tires, wires, brakes, tanks, and lights. If you weren't able to do a lot of pre-storage maintenance, there are a few things you should definitely do or check before going for a ride. Did you change the oil and filter in the fall, before you put your bike to bed for winter? If not, you'll want to do so before taking the bike on the road. How's your battery? Give it a good once-over as well, looking for cracks, corrosion, or other damage, and making sure it's fully charged. What about the engine? Before and after you start your motorcycle, watch for fluid leaks and listen for anything out of the ordinary. Are your brakes ok? Check them to make sure they're working properly and not worn, preferably while still in your driveway ... you don't want to find out they're not working while on the road. If you need to, get your bike in to a licensed expert for a full tune-up; it's worth doing now, and could help you avoid downtime during the really nice riding weather.

Don't ignore your tires. I know I talk about tires a lot, but they're so important and so under-appreciated, in my opinion, that they deserve their own paragraph. Obviously, Michigan winters are cold, and cold temperatures can be tough on tires. Cracks, flat spots, and other damage are possible, so go over your tires thoroughly to ensure they're in good shape. Get yourself a portable air tank so you can top up your tires at home, before you move your bike. Use an accurate tire gauge, and check your tire pressure when the tires are cold - it's not a bad idea to do this before every ride, especially when the temperatures drop to or below freezing at night. If you need a tire gauge, you can get one through my website. Tire pressure requirements will vary depending on the bike, the tire, the weather, or the load. Check your owner's manual for the ideal tire pressure range, and to learn when and why to change the pressure. Your tires can make all the difference in your ride; treat them right and you'll probably get a lot more out of your bike this season.

The last thing you need to get ready for the riding season is yourself. Believe it or not, even the most experienced riders can get a little rusty after a long winter with your bike in your garage. Start out small, doing shorter, local rides, and work your way up. Take a rider training course. Trust me, this is something I think every rider should do once in a while to brush up on their skills and learn new safety standards. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation has some great courses you can get out of Schoolcraft College, but they fill up fast: the sooner you register the better. Before you go out, check your gear: wearing a helmet in Michigan is the rider's choice, but if you choose to wear one, make sure it meets the latest safety standards and it's not damaged. Same goes for the rest of your gear: check for wear and damage, and replace anything that could use updating. Good safety gear is a good investment, in my opinion. Lastly, get our Biker Card\*, which provides you with freebies and discounts on products and services at over 100 vendors in Michigan. The card also contains potentially life-sustaining information for what to do in the event of the crash, so we hope every motorcyclist in Michigan will keep on in their wallet

My final tip for getting ready to ride: wrap your head around it, and make sure you are watching for motorcycles every time you get on the road. And don't forget: May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Be sure to get your lawn signs, bumper stickers, and spread the word via social media to help keep bikers safe. We have free motorcycle awareness materials available on our website: www.motorcyclelawvermichigan.com. Be safe and enjoy these first beautiful riding days of the season!

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- 1. We all love to spend money buying new clothes but we never realize that the best moments in life are enjoyed without clothes.
- 2. Having a cold drink on hot day with a few friends is nice, but having a hot friend on a cold night after a few drinks - Priceless!
- 3. Breaking News: Condoms don't guarantee safe sex anymore. A friend of mine was wearing one when he was shot dead by the woman's husband.
- 4. A debate over a girl's bust size is like choosing between Molson, Heineken, Carlsberg, & Budweiser. Men may state their preferences, but will grab whatever is available.
- 5. I haven't verified this on Snopes, but it sounds legit. A recent study found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer then the men who mention it.

A young New York woman was so depressed that one night she decided to end her life by throwing herself into the ocean. Just before she could leap from the docks, a handsome young man stopped her. "You have so much to live for," said the man. "I'm a sailor, and we leave for Italy tomorrow. I can stow you away on my ship. I'll take care of you, bring you food every day, and keep you happy.

With nothing to lose, and having always wanted to go to Italy, the young woman accepted. From then on, every night he would bring her sandwiches and a bottle of red wine and he would make love to her for hours. A week later, the Captain discovered her during a routine inspection. "What are you doing here?" he asked.

"I have an arrangement with one of the sailors," she replied. "He brings me food and I get a free trip to Italy".

"I see," said the Captain.

Her conscience got the better of her and she added, "Plus, he's screwing me." "He certainly is," replied the captain." This is the Staten Island Ferry."

"Scrubs" texts his friend and neighbor: "Dawg", I'm sorry. I've been riddled with guilt and I have to confess. I have been helping myself to your wife when you're not around; probably more than you. I know it's no excuse but I don't get it at home. I can't live with the guilt any longer. I hope you'll accept my sincerest apology. It will never happen again!"

Poor old Dawg, feeling outrage and betrayed, grabs his gun, goes into the bedroom and without a word shoots his wife. Moments later Dawg gets a second text: "Sorry again Dawg, I really should spell check. That should have read "WiFi" ..... my bad".

"Hello is this the Sheriff's Office?"

- "Yes, what can I do for you?"
- "I'm calling to report 'bout my neighbor Virgil Smith.... He's hidin' marijuana

inside his firewood! Don't quite know how he gets it inside them logs, but he's hidin' it there."

- "Thank you very much for the call, sir."
- The next day, the Sheriff's Deputies descend on Virgil's house. They search
- the shed where the firewood is kept. Using axes, they bust open every piece of
- wood, but find no marijuana.
- They sneer at Virgil and leave.
- Shortly, the phone rings at Virgil's house.
- "Hey, Virgil, did the Sheriff come?"
- "Yeah, how'd the hell you know?"
- "Did they chop all your firewood in half?"
- "Hell veah they did!"
- "Happy Birthday, buddy. You're all set for the Winter now".

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You let your 14-year-old daughter smoke at the dinner table in front of her kids. You've been married three times and still have the same in-laws.

- You think a woman who is out of your league bowls on a different night.
- You wonder how nice service stations keep their rest-rooms so clean and always have toilet paper.
- You think the last words of the Star-Spangled Banner are 'Gentlemen, start your engines.'

At least two of your kids were born on a pool table.

You need one more hole punched in your card to get a freebie at the House of Tattoos.

You can't get married to your beloved because there's a law against it. But you probably are gonna' go for it anyway.

You ask the girl of your dreams out and she says, "Alright, but I insist on going Dutch", so you show up for your date wearing wooden clogs.

You have a bonafide ass-eatin' dog tied to your electric meter and video, in case the fun begins.

#### Your Aunt is also your older sister & possible Mom.

A friend asked me, "Now that you are retired, do you still have any sort of job?" I replied, "Yes, I am my wife's sexual advisor."

Somewhat shocked, he said, "I beg your pardon, but what do you mean by that?'

"Very simple. My wife has told me that when she wants my f-ing advice, she'll ask me for it."

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I often find myself asking the question "what if ...?" What if forks weren't called forks? What if no one had invented drinking straws? Who sat down and actually decided that toilet paper was a necessity, not just a luxury? And what did their friends and family think and say when these inventors announced their fabulous plans to change the world one convenience item at a time? I'm sure that Martin Cooper's wife probably thought to herself "What in the hell is he thinking??" when he shared his idea in 1973 to revolutionize the world with the modern day cell phone...but we all know how that turned out for him.

So this thought process has lead me to the following question...Who in the hell sat down and looked at their bicycle, and with what I assume was complete and utter disappointment in its slow moving, two wheeled existence and said ... "I can make that bitch fly!" Well that person just happened to be a Massachusetts born son of a carpenter, named Sylvester Howard Roper. Roper made his living as a machinist in Boston, but began inventing at an early age. By the age of twelve he had constructed a small stationary engine, and at only fourteen a locomotive engine. Roper continued to invent throughout his life, including guns, sewing machines, and finally steam powered carriages and bicycles.

You may be saying to yourself, a steam powered bicycle is not a motorcycle, but I believe it is clearly a predecessor to our modern day two wheeled objects of affection. Riding on two wheels began with a primitive push bike on which the rider sat, but there were no pedals. The rider propelled himself forward by pushing his/her feet on the ground (a Flintstone's bike if you will). Next came the high wheelers with a huge front wheel and a small rear wheel, and nearly impossible to ride. Finally came the "safety bicycle". Quite the invention in and of itself considering it had wheels of equal size, as well as a set of pedals to drive the rear wheel through a chain linkage.

The evolution of two wheel travel continued and it became a common means of personal transportation. Later it would come to be seen as a "racing" vehicle, so of course it wouldn't be long until someone looked at the bicycle and knew that it had a higher purpose. An evolutionary need to be better, and by better of course I mean faster.

I like to imagine that Roper arrived home after a long day to his little inventors shop out back, tired after a long day, and an even longer ride home on his bicycle. He sits down with a cold one and stares at his two wheeler ... "stupid bike anyway. No worldly reason it should take me so long to get home each night. Keeps me from working on the things I love." Then it hits him...the light bulb moment..."I'm gonna make this SOB fly!" Fast forward through hours and hours of painstaking disappointment and doubt to the design that actually works, and Ta-Daa! The first motorcycle is born.



The year is 1869, and the world was about to change. History states that when Roper began riding his two wheeled contraption it was not well received. It apparently spooked horses, and was loud, as well as emitting a noxious odor when he rode through town. Rumor has it, he was actually arrested once for riding it, but had to be released when it was determined they could not find any laws he was actually breaking ... and; the modern day biker was born.

Interestingly, this first model anticipated many modern motorcycle features. Roper used one steam cylinder of 2 " bore by 2 " stroke to either side of the frame behind the seat and connected piston rods to cranks on the rear wheel axle. A firebox and boiler were suspended on springs attached to the hickory wood frame between the wheels. Piston valves for the cylinders were operated by eccentrics adjacent to their cranks, and the water pump was operated by the left-cylinder crank. Exhaust steam was carried via tubing into a short chimney projecting up from behind the saddle. A coal fire heated the water stored in a reservoir that was constructed as a part of the seat and generated steam to run the engine.

While this model utilized a twisting handgrip to serve as throttle control, and also had a cable that was attached to the handlebars to allow for breaking, it was still quite primitive in design. The operating temperature was nearly 300 degrees Fahrenheit between the rider's legs, and the travel distance was extremely limited. A second model Roper designed later boasted a one gallon water reservoir and allowed for rides up to eight miles in length

June 1st, 1896 Roper would showcase this model at the Charles River



bicycle racetrack in Boston. The idea was to test the motorcycles viability as a pace-making machine for bike races. Initially Roper covered a mile in 2 minutes and 12 seconds...that's roughly 30 miles per hour. Elated by his results, 70 year old Roper apparently got that old feeling again, and decided he could definitely go faster. Flying around the 1/3 mile wooden track he lost control on the back stretch and was thrown from his bike into the surrounding sand. Sylvester Howard Roper was pronounced dead at the scene, but later it was

determined it was not a result of the accident itself, but rather heart failure. I don't know about you, but seems to me he must have died a happy man.

Both of Roper's steam powered motorbikes were purchased by museums. the original steam powered bike still residing at the Smithsonian. While Roper's motorcycles never found commercial success, they surely provided a source of inspiration and direction for inventors in the gas-powered motorbike era.

Speaking of the gas-powered era...I wonder what possessed Daimler to put that first gas engine on his old wooden bike ...

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by Mikey "Happy" Horton

Thick plumes of smoke fill the air, the smell of fuel and burnt rubber consumes you and the rumble of the engines shakes you to your soul... pre stage... stage... yellow... yellow its time. In under 10 seconds they have moved distances at speeds that would make the average man tremble with fear. Fractions of a second being the only separation between mediocrity and greatness. Never resting after defeating a single opponent only preparing for the next, until the day comes that they stand atop a podium with the internal satisfaction of knowing that they have defeated them all. A man that has conquered such a feat at least once in his life, will be able to look back as the years go on and know that his name will forever be remembered as one of the elite. For some men though the satisfaction of being categorized with such great racers is not enough and know that when the smoke clears their name; their name will be in a category all its own.

When I think of racers with this sort of drive and intestinal fortitude one name stands among the others Billy Doherty. Growing up in a motorcycle shop the fact that Billy would one day ride was pretty much assumed, but no one would know that this quiet and humble small town kid would one day be one of racing's elite. After years of riding and racing dirt bikes he eventually moved on to motorcycles. In 2006 Mr. Doherty decided to race in the AMRA (American Motorcycle Racing Association) that year some might say his fate was sealed In his first season he competed in three different classes. After Spending countless hours working on and preparing his motorcycle, as well as many nights driving halfway across the country most times sleeping in his vehicle along the way his first season was complete. In 2006 Billy Doherty successfully won 2 national championships and a runner up in 3 different classes. Since



his start he has been named AMRA racer of the year 2 times and now has a staggering total of 16 National Championships and 12 runner ups. While most are bundled up and hiding from the bitter grasp of old man winter, Billy is still in Lake Charles, Louisiana working methodically preparing not only himself but his bike for the approaching race season.

I myself am looking forward to the upcoming 2015 AMRA season, and watching Billy Doherty rise through the ranks on the road to victory. As always keep it shiny side up and enjoy the ride.





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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, MORE THAN EVER, TRULY APPRECIATE HER PHILOSO-PHY OF ALWAYS TAKING SHORTCLITS 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.

SPRING has SPRUNG....so let's keep it light. fresh and tasty! This is one of my all-time favorites and good cold, also.

#### **HIPPITY-HOP PEANUT GINGER PASTA**

(\*If you want to use real gingerroot and garlic, have at it. But I use dry spices to Keep It Simple Sweetie)

- 2-1/2 tsp. Grated Lime Peel 1/4 Cup Lime Juice 1/4 Cup Sov Sauce 1/2 Cup Coconut Milk 1 Tbls. Sesame Oil 1/2 Cup Creamy Peanut Butter (\*quality brand) 2 Tbls. of dry spice Ginger 1 Rounded Tbls. of Pre-Minced Garlic (found in small glass bottle in Produce section of market) Salt & Pepper to taste (but keep in mind Soy Sauce is very salty, so taste before adding salt 1 8 oz. box of premium Linguine 2 Cups of small, Broccoli Florets 1 Large carrot: grated 1 Large Sweet Red Pepper; (julienned) aka slicing in medium long strips 3 Strips of Scallions (green onions); medium chop
- 2 Tbls. of Basil
- 2 Tbls. of Parslev
- 1 Heaping Tbls. of premium Margarine or Butter

Take the first 10 ingredients and either put them in a blender, a food processor or just blend them down low and slow in a saucepan until rich & creamy

In a separate non-stick skillet, add a touch of margarine or olive oil and sauté down your broccoli florets, red pepper and carrot. Cook your linguine; drain, and I transfer to a big pasta bowl and add a heaping tablespoon of butter and basil and parsley. Add in your piping hot Peanut Sauce, & sautéed veggies. Take tongs and blend until every strand of linguine is absorbed in peanut sauce. Sprinkle generously with scallions (green onions) and dig in. This sauce is SO delicious, I often double up on the recipe but hold back a full cup just to have as extra for pouring over top or using as a dipping sauce for crusty bread.

#### EASTER EASY GLAZED HAM STEAKS

2 Thick-Cut Ham Steaks (find these in same section where they sell whole hams or next to pork chops in meat section) Do not mistake for the small, pork chop looking ham steaks. These are BIG, shaped and come in a clear, thick wrap and are essentially pre-cooked. You're just adding flavor and color to them.

Take them out of fridge, let them come to room temperature, cut out of thick wrapper and each one will literally take up almost a full plate.

DRY RUB: Small of palm each of:

Pepper Salt (easy, as it's pork & already salty) Dry Mustard Powder Garlic Powder Rosemary - fine chop Set aside Parsley and 1/2 cup of Maple syrup

Your ham steaks will already be wet coming out of the package. Swipe off excess with hand and put both on a big platter. Generously apply Dry Rub to each side and let rest for apprx. 10 mins.

Now, I use my X-large cast iron skillet, but have used a large, flat pancake electric skillet and even a non-stick X-large skillet. Have even used two medium skillets going at the same time. They're excellent on the grill also. let skillet get moderately hot on medium-high heat, add a dollop of margarine and swirl to cover entire bottom of skillet, place them and let them be. It only takes about 4 minutes to turn golden brown. Flip and other side only takes 2 minutes. Just before removing from pan pour syrup over the top and let it bubble down and stick a fork in them and allow syrup sauce to get up under. Remove to plate and sprinkle parsley on top of each. Woo-eee baby! These are audacious!

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# ND ANNUAL



ost of us, who live in this frozen wonderland known as Michigan, are all too aware of that little break from biking called winter. We find many interesting ways to stay warm and distract ourselves from the short days and dropping temperatures. Some sit on buckets and me a good time was had by all. drop lines into lakes, others jump on sleds and fly through the woods in an effort to mimic the effect of riding their bikes. Many however, fill this time by catching up on reruns, going to Malls, and fighting the gnawing desire to cash it all in and move to Florida. Ugh! Personally, I like to go out into the garage, have a few brews, turn up the tunes, and straddle my scooter and .......Well, I digress. Don't worry it happens all the time.

This past February marked the 2nd Anniversary of Thunder Fun Night! This Fun Night has become an annual event that provides a much needed

break from the winter blues. It's an opportunity to catch up with friends we haven't seen since Bike Nights shut down and to connect with new folks that we'll be riding with this summer (or Daytona). This year the event grew to 2 buses and believe

The night kicked off with a meet n greet at the Best Western Valley Plaza Resort, also referred to in many circles as, getting your base on! We all got together, had a few drinks and enjoyed an awesome spread provided by the guys from Just Grillin' located in Midland (also the owner of the new Beer & Brats Bar & Grill). There was also a couple of great vendors there selling leather goods, jewelry & more. Well, after that the party kicked into gear and we loaded into the buses for our trip into the night. I immediately found myself talking with new friends as we moved to our first











stop- Big D's Bar & Grill! Once inside, Jody got on stage and we had some time to pass out some biker swag, provided by some of our generous advertisers-Thanks man! Next we cruised to My Alibi Bar & Grill for some drinking, dancing and great rock n roll. The night ended in Midland at the 702 Bar & Grill. By this time things were really cooking and only got better as we witnessed an awesome performance from Burnaround! If you haven't had the opportunity-check these guys out, they always go 100%!

Special thanks to everyone that attended and also everyone who helped make this year's Fun





**Rusty Schneeberger** 

Billy D,



Night a huge success! I'm talking about The Best Western Valley Plaza Resort, Silver Sand Coach, Just Grillin', Ray C's Harley-Davidson of Lapeer, Stevens' Cycle Sales of Bay City, Shiawassee Harley-Davidson of Birch Run, Dumbar Welding and the great Bar's along the way- Big D's, My Alibi, and the 702. Salute!!

Be warned though, if you decide to attend next year's Fun Night and a guy named Rusty invites you to go to Daytona Bike week, you had better bring your "A" game.....The dude can Party!!!! Oh yeah



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(From Forbes- Top 100 Inspirational Quotes)

Everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear. ~ George Addair

We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light. ~ Plato

Teach thy tongue to say, "I do not know," and thou shalt progress. ~ Maimonides

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can. ~ Arthur Ashe

#### Riddles

A. It is hate and has hate in it, but it isn't hate.

**B**. Some are quick to take it. Others must be coaxed. Those who choose to take it gain and lose the most.

C. Guided, I am scraping along, leaving behind my snow white dust against that which I am scraping, for when I am scraping, I must.

D. It can only exist between any two things and men know it well for the hardships it brings.

(Answers below)

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Almost a quarter of the land area of Los Angeles is taken up by automobiles.

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# **Tech Tips By Steve**

## **PLASTIC PAINT!?**

#### Who-Hoo warm weather is HERE!

Now is that time when all you people want to do some cool outdoor projects... maybe paint your own bike or some trim pieces? Are you a do it yourselfer that would like to change a color without having to totally repaint your factory tins and be able to strip it back off and return to your factory paint without any harm to your original surface? Or maybe you want to black out your bike, car or truck and want to do it yourself cheap? Worried about painting and getting sick of it and want to change it back easy... rims ok, but want them to have a different color or highlights? Possibly you want to do a promotion bike or vehicle that you don't want to change forever? The possibilities of this stuff is only limited by your imagination my friends. There is an older product making new ground in this market, it's called Plasti Dip by Performix. It's getting so popular Armor All has even come out with their own version of it. Before I go much further, I want to say this product will take a beating through car washes, but it's not as long lasting as traditional paint. However, that's the point of this product...its removable so you can change things up easily and it's great for a do it yourselfer too. Keith Wilkerson of Dip-Your-Wip in the Chesterfield Area is the one who turned me onto this stuff and it's so cool!

#### What is it?

It is a spray on plastic paint that is removable. It comes many colors, pearls, flakes, gloss, flat and crazy 2, 3, 4 or 5 different color changing pearls! It comes in aerosol cans and in one gallon buckets. The aerosol cans are very handy for motorcycles and rims along with detail work. When a big job is upon you the gallon can is best and it's easy to spray with a common airless sprayer. Also, the only way you can do a pearl, micro flake or color changing is with the gallon size because you have to mix these additives into the paint.

#### How to apply it?

Just like all other painting products surface prep is essential for adhesion, so cleaning well is paramount. Then use a rag to wipe the part down with alcohol and let dry thoroughly, which may mean WAIT overnight on big jobs (yeah I know we are not the waiting bunch sometimes) ... do it right and you will be happy, rush it and you may not be. For rims you don't have to dismount the tire but for other items you may want to take them off your bike to get the results you want. If you are leaving the parts on then use some old newspaper and painters tape and carefully mask off the parts you don't want painted. Take it easy with the coats; it may take three to four light applications to get it covered with no drips, again patience please. If you are in tight areas with curves you may want to use a thinner tape or even pinstripe first that way it will easily go around the contours then use a second wider tape outside that, this way you will get a nice crisp line.

**Here are two tanks of ours.** First the tanks were prepped, and then they were painted with a 3 coats black base coat with 1 hour between coats, let dry for two hours then the three coats of Nebula red pearl on the one and a color changing purple/blue on the other. Both the red and color changing are mixed with a glossifier clear for a shiny look. To do the pearls, micro flakes and color changing paints you have to mix the additives into a clear paint, this is easy but again it takes a little patience. For one gallon you will use 50 grams of pearl additive. You must blend the additive into the paint (clear gloss on our job). So for our job Keith took 25 grams of pearl to ½ gallon of gloss, don't just dump the additive over the entire top of the paint in your mixing jug then take a drill with a mixing tip and start slowly and increase drill speed so the additive does not go flying everywhere. Once mixed, dump some in your sprayer and apply.



Nebula Red and Color changing Blue/Purple... sorry it is very hard to catch the color changing in pics.

#### What kind of sprayer and cleaning?

You can use almost any good airless sprayer like a Erlex or Wagner, depending on how much you intend to spray will depend on how much you want to spend, however inexpensive sprayers spray like inexpensive sprayers. Keith uses an Earlex, You can also use a Preval sprayer for those small jobs that need mixing of paints, these little guys are like an aerosol can with a small cup below so you can mix any combination you wish and spray away, they work well and you can get good results from them and reuse the cup and just buy new aerosol spray tops. As far as cleaning the airless sprayer's naphtha thinner works well, just make sure you clean very good between uses and colors!



A Preval Sprayer cost is about \$5.00 and the replacement power unit is about \$4.00 and you can get them at your local hardware or big box store like Home Depot.



Erlex Sprayers start around \$150.00

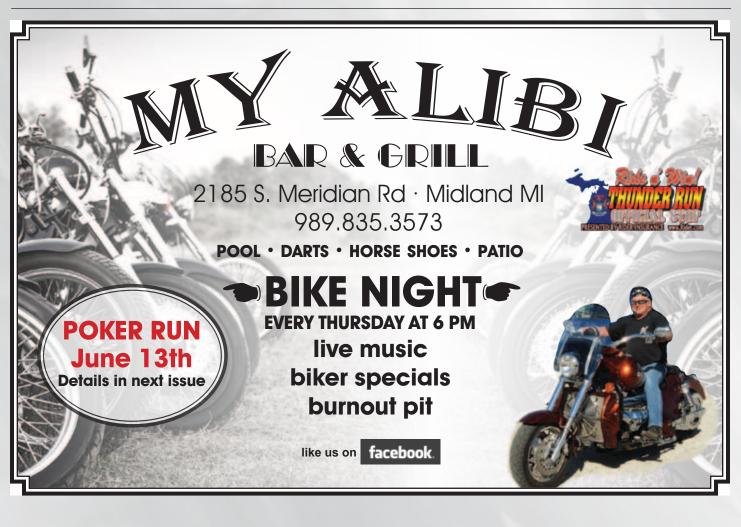


Wagner 0518080 Control Spray Max HVLP Sprayer cost is about \$100.00

You can do parts of cars and trucks too, heck you can do a complete car if you want!! Look at the below flat black Camaro below done completely with Plasti Dip.







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Flat black Plasti Dip car!... Then if you like you could do the emblems in a highlighted color like red or orange to give a real POP!

One last thing ... like anything else it takes practice to get real good using these products! Your first time up to bat may not produce perfect paint or you just may hit it out of the park. I will tell you the guys who have been using this stuff make it look easy and the results are truly amazing!

My space is up and I am outta here my great friends! I Pray all of you have some great riding and hope to see some of you at the shop this year... lots of great things happening at Golgotha this year... including a new Dynamometer Room and our new Tattoo Shop on the second floor called Ministry Ink! And yes, we will be doing Plasti Dip for you too!God Bless you all!

Steve



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### Biker Preacher's Corner

*Its spring and time to ride!!!* The forecast is showing a long awaited warming trend. The trees are starting to bud, the birds singing and we're back in the wind again. I love spring!!! It's the time of the year where everything seems to be fresh and brand new!

Sunday, April 5th is what many in the world call Easter. But, I prefer to call it Resurrection Sunday and deny the pagan influences in the Easter holiday, because we celebrate the death and resurrection of The Lord, Jesus Christ and not Easter eqgs.

Matthew 28:5–6 5 But the angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, because I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here! For He has been resurrected, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay.

This is awesome news for us even today!!! You see, prior to Jesus' death and resurrection there was no way for any of us to be right with God. So God came down here, freely spilled His blood to pay the one and only price that could ever be paid for all mankind once and for all. No matter what you have ever done, the price has already been paid for you to be completely forgiven and for you to know God.

Jesus said in John 10:10 "A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance." Ya see – the thief (Satan and his imps) hates you because you were created in God's image (Gen 1:26). The devils plan is to keep you captivated in sin and away from God. But, Jesus, the Son of God, put it all on the line. He paid the price for you to be saved and freed from Satan's grasp, giving you the opportunity to "have life and have it in abundance". No one else has ever done that for you and in doing so, as we receive Him (Jesus), we are made brand new, too. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come."

During this Resurrection Season - will you accept God's free gift of love for you that He paid with His own blood and be made new in Christ? Pray with me will you? "God forgive me of my sins, God please save me!! I confess that I am a sinner and need you Jesus! Jesus, I confess that you are my Lord and Savior of my Life". In Jesus' precious name, Amen."

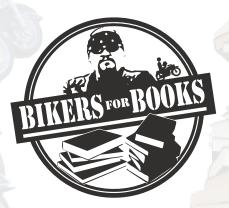
If you've just prayed this simple prayer with me, please contact me. I would like to pray with you, encourage you and walk with you in your new relationship with the Lord and if you're in the mid-Michigan area, I would like to invite everyone to come out to Victory Biker Church.

God Bless - Much Love & Respect,

#### Apostle Brian "BMAN" McKay

National President & Founder of Victory Biker Church 12190 Miller Rd., Lennon, MI 48449 apostlebman@victorybikerchurch.org www.victorybikerchurch.org





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# TRMI EVENTS CALENDAR 2015

### Don't forget to email your events to editor@ thunderroadsmichigan.com

#### APRIL

April 2 Ladies Garage Party ABC HD, Waterford, MI. 6 pm- 8 pm, free food, fun, door prizes (See full page ad this issue).

#### Anril 4

12th Annual Cadillac Motorcycle Swap Meet

Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac MI. 10 am-4 pm, \$7 pp, 12 & under free. For more info go to www.cadillacswap. com or call 1-800-800-6034 (See ad this issue).

#### April 4

Spring Comedy Kick Start Dinner Show American Legion Riders Post 32, Livonia MI. Advance tickets \$30 pp (no ticket sales at the door), doors open 6 pm for cocktails & dinner, showtime 7:30 pm. For more info & tickets call 734-858-7956

#### April 18

Spring into Spring Macomb PS, Chesterfield, MI. 10 am-4pm, specials, food, music, prizes & more. For more info call 586-949-4000 (See full page ad this issue).

#### April 18 Bacon & Bikes ABC HD, Waterford, MI. 10 am- 4 pm,

free bacon, ride-in bike show (See full page ad this issue).

#### April 18

7th Annual D-Frost Run & Party Benefiting Penrickton Center for Blind Children UAW Local 387 Hall, Flat Rock, MI. Regis 10 am- noon, last bike in at 5 pm, \$20 pp incl patch, prizes, dinner & after party, \$10 pp incl dinner & after party, \$5 incl after ride party only. For more info go to www. penrickton.com

#### April 19

Birch Run Motorcycle Swap Meet Birch Run Expo Center, Birch Run, MI. 10 am- 4 pm, \$6 pp. For more info & vendor spots call 989-893-5187 or email bubba@ bubbastricitycycle.com

#### April 24-26 Grand Openin Ray C's HD, New Location 1491 S. Lapeer Rd, Lapeer, MI. Live music, demo

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#### rides, food. For more info go to www. raycsh-d.com (See ad this issue).

April 25 Polish Palooza ABC HD. Waterford, MI, 11 am- 3 pm. free food, fun, contests (See full page ad this issue).

#### April 25

HD Demo Days & Ready to Ride Workshops Shiawassee HD, Birch Run, MI. 10 am-3 pm, free workshops all day (See ad this issue).

#### April 25

Riders for Wranglers Poker Run Redford Jaycees (The Corral), Redford, MI. \$25 single, \$35 double, 9 am check-in, 10 am hit the trail, 5 pm BBQ at the Corral, continental breakfast, snacks, drinks, entertainment, art auction & more. Benefit to save the Lazy B's Ranch. Regis at www. ridersforwranglers.evenbrite.com

#### April 25

2nd Annual Hogs in Ministry Motorcycle Swap Meet 8219 E. Holly Rd, Holly, MI. Free, 10 am-5 pm, \$50 vendor fee. For more info call 248-807-8603

#### April 26 10th Annual North Shore Blessing of

the Bikes Gibraltar Trade Center, Mt. Clemens, MI. Regis 11 am, blessing & bike show 2 pm, music, prizes, food, vendors & activities for kids. For more info email pastor.randy.ns@gmail.com (See ad this issue).

#### April 26 Support Linda Lyon

Stingers Bar & Grill, Wixom, MI. 2 pm, \$10 donation spaghetti dinner, all proceeds go to Linda to help pay medical expenses in her fight against breast cancer, 50/50's & more. For more info call 248-449-9667 or go to www.facebook.com/fight4linda

April 26 14th Annual Lakeshore Blessing of the Bikes

1286 Ottawa Beach Rd, Holland, MI. Gates open 10 am, \$5 gate fee, blessing 3 pm, silent auction, bike contest, live music, merchandise & food vendors. Visit http:// blessingofthebikes.com/ for more details.

#### April 30 **Open House**

Stevens' Cycle Sales, Bay City, MI, 4 pm-7pm, food, music, prizes & refreshments. For more info call 989-684-9872 (See 2 page spread this issue).

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May 3 16th Annual Blessing of the Bikers Church of the Living Word, Ovid, MI. \$5 pp all you can eat hog roast, charity ride, bike show, 50/50 & prizes, no pets. For more info go to www.cotlw.org (See ad this issue).

#### May 3 4th Annual Ride with the Eagles Benefit

Walled Lake Eagles, Walled Lake, MI. Regis 9:30 am- 11:30 am, first bike out 10:30 am, \$20 per rider, \$15 for passenger, last bike in 5 pm. Benefits ALS, raffles, prizes, food & more. Cars welcome. For more info call Bill 248-722-2930 or email hamgravy@comcast.com

#### Mav 3

Rally at Battle Alley & HIM Blessing of the Bikes Downtown Holly, Holly, MI. Regis 9:30-

noon, bike show, blessing & more, For more info call 248-505-4811

#### May 3

Annual Itchn Run Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles, Livonia, MI. Regis 10:30 am- noon, \$20 per vehicle, photo scavenger hunt, prizes, raffles. All vehicles welcome. For more info call 734-765-6478

#### May 3

Walnecks Motorcycle Swap Meet 3775 S. Custer Rd, Monroe, MI. \$6 pp, 8 am- 3 pm. For more info call 630-826-7923

#### May 9 2nd Annual HIM Blessing & Bob Wiles Memorial Ride

Retail Warehouse, Sturgis, MI, Free, live band 10:30 am, blessing noon, kickstands up at 12:45 pm. Appx 50 mile ride. For more info call 269-689-9351

#### May 9

15th Annual Jackson Blessing of the Bikes 1st Church of the Nazarene, Jackson, MI. Noon, blessing at 1:30 pm. door prizes, food, donation drawing, music,

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35th Annual Mother's Day Swap Meet &

Midland Co. Fairgrounds, Midland, MI. Re-

gis 10 am-1 pm, event 10 am- 4 pm, \$5 pp,

12 & under free. For more info & vendor

spots call 989-893-5187 or email bubba@

Hog Bash- A Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser

Ann's Putman Lake Campground, 1 mile

N of Baldwin on M-37, \$40 pp, pig roast,

biker games, concerts or \$10 day pass.

Milan Dragway, Milan, MI. For more info

Paragon Rocks the Baldwin Blessing of

Downtown Baldwin, MI. Lots of vendors.

food fest, camping available. For more info

Merriman Road Baptist Church, Garden

City, MI, Regis 9:30 am, blessing 1 pm,

free food, music, bike show, vendors &

prizes. Everyone welcome. For more

info go to www.mrbcfaithriders.com

Awareness Ride & Scavenger Hunt

VFW Post 3943, Newport (Monroe), MI.

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#### info call Mary 734-652-9739

#### May 16

Cause for Paws Poker Run American Legion Post 274, AuSable Twp, MI. Regis 10 am- 11 am, kickstands up 11:30 am, \$10 rider, \$5 passenger, food & prizes. For more info call 989-305-2857

#### May 16

St. Johns Bike Show & Biker Blessing 100 E. Railroad St, St. Johns, MI. Bike show 10 am- 11 am, blessing 11 am, ride to lunch 11:30 am. For more info call 517-930-0338

#### May 17

6th Annual Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet & Vintage Motorcycle Show St. Joseph Co. Fairgrounds, Centreville, MI. 9 am- 4 pm, \$5 adults, under 16 yrs free. For more go to www.wolverineamca. com or email amcawolverine@aol.com or call 269-254-3793

#### May 22-25

20th Annual Hudson Leather Open House Appreciation Days Hudson Leather, Pioneer, OH. Free, Fri, Sat. Sun & Mon 9 am- 7 pm, bike show, on 24th, live bands & more. For more info go to www.hudsonleather.com

#### May 23

3rd Annual Ride to Remember VFW Post 4139, Lapeer, MI. \$10 pp, regis 11 am- 1 pm, raffles, 50/50's, dinner, 2, 3 & 4 wheels welcome. For more info call Tim 810-358-8342 or Mike 810-338-3089

#### May 24

31st Annual Motorcycle Show & Swap Peotone, IL. 10 am- 4 pm, \$7 adult, bikes, parts, leather, food, beer. For more info call 1-800-800-6034 (See ad this issue).

#### May 24

Motorcycle Show & Swap Porter Co Expo Center, Valparaiso. IN. 10 am- 4 pm, \$7 adult, bikes, parts, leather, food, beer. For more info call 1-800-800-6034 (See ad this issue).

#### May 24

Memorial Weekend Veterans Poker Run 129 Michigan Ave, South Haven, MI. Regis 10 am- noon, kickstands up 12:15 pm, \$10 pp incl food, prizes, raffles, silent auction. For more info call 616-836-6478



#### May 29-June 7

Ohio Bike Week Sandusky, OH. More vendors, more entertainment, go online to reserve today at www.ohiobikeweek.com (See inside front cover this issue).

May 31 8th Annual Blessed In Hell- Blessing of The Bikes

The Hell Creek Ranch, Pinckney, MI, Gates open 10:30 am, \$10 per bike, 4 -Blessings 11:30, 12:30, 1:30 & 2:30, bike show, vendors including food, live band, benefiting "Veterans Helping Veterans". For more info call George 734-216-0647 or email at georgeriedel@reagan.com

#### JUNE

June 6 D-Day to Benefit the USS LST 393 Veterans Museum The Mart Dock, Downtown Muskegon, MI. 11 am- 10 pm, honor ride, ship tours, reenactors, military displays & more. For more info call David 231-777-1016

#### June 6

Veteran Charity Run Ferris State Univ, Big Rapids, MI. \$20 riders, \$10 passengers, less \$5 for veterans with proof of service. For more info call 760-577-9000

#### June 7

**Biker Sunday** Midland Nazarene 5700 Jefferson Ave, Midland, MI. 10:45 am, great music, special guest speaker Jerry McGee (former member of a notorious biker gang), Hog Roast. Everyone welcome. For more info call 989-631-4620 (See full page ad this issue).

#### June 11

7th Annual Wheels & Heels- Sirens M/C Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth, MI. Bike show, ladies only, must ride to enter, regis 5pm-7pm, \$10 donation entry, trophies 8 pm. For more info call Dawn 989-284-5012 or Jen 989-295-7034

#### June 13

Harley Fest Freedom Hill County Park, Ml. 11 am-10 pm, live concert featuring Skid Row. More details to come (See cover this issue).

#### June 13 Poker Run

My Alibi Bar & Grill, Midland, MI, Details in next issue (See ad this issue).

#### June 13

Victory Biker Church Biker Blessing Victory Biker Church, 12190 Miller Rd, Lennon, MI. \$15 rider, \$5 passenger, \$8 pig roast, 100 mile ride, live band. For more info call 810-247-6337

#### June 13

5th Annual Cops on a Run

F.O.P Lodge #130, 2233 Burdette St, Ferndale, MI. \$25 rider, \$25 passenger, regis 8 am, kickstands up 10 am, police escorted, bike rally & poker run. \$10 after party only, all bikes welcome. For more info call 313-930-3853 or go to www.copsonarun.com

#### June 13

We Love our Troops Charity Ride Ithaca Fairgrounds, Ithaca, MI. Regis 11 am- noon, kickstands up 12:15 pm, \$25 bike if pre-register. Donation dinner available. 125 mile ride, prizes, raffles, alcohol free ride. For more info call 989-620-6354

#### June 14

20th Annual Vintage Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet

Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI. 8 am- 4 pm, rain or shine. For more info or to register (bikes 25 yrs or older) go to GilmoreCarMuseum.org (See ad this issue).

#### June 14

HIM Biker Day

The River Church, Holly, MI. 10:30 am, free hog roast, bike rodeo, vendors & bike show. Regis 9 am- 11 am. For more info call 248-328-0490

#### June 19

Harleys at the Dragway Milan Dragway, Milan, MI. For more info go to www.milandragway.com

#### June 19-21

6th Annual Thunder at the River Little River Casino Resort, Manistee, MI. Honoring veterans, special quest Terri Clark Fri 9 pm, escorted ride sat noon- 3 pm, for more info & tickets call 800-585-3737 or go to ThunderattheRiver.com (See ad this issue).

#### June 19-21

Blaney Park Rendezvous 213 Ackley Rd, Germfask, MI. Vendors. live music, poker run, bike games, camping, bike show. For more info call 906-630-5224

#### June 20

**Ovarian Cancer Hog Roast** 1190 Falahee, Michigan Center, MI. Starts at noon, food 2 pm, \$10 pp, 12 & under free, dj music, bike show, 50/50 raffle, bike wash. For more info email martytripp@ msn.com or daberry4@gmail.com

#### June 20-21

5th Annual Walleyes for Warriors Veteran's Memorial Park, Bay City, MI. Saginaw Bay Charity Walleye fishing tournament for our Michigan veterans, free event for vets. For more info go to www. walleyesforwarriors.com

#### June 24-28

Freedom Cruise

Grand Rapids, MI. Honor ride, golf classic, concerts, blessing & more. More details to come. For more info call Tom 616-887-7210 or go to www.freedomcruise.net

#### June 26-28

11th Annual Rodeo Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. More details to come. For more info go to www. aycsh-d.com

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To get your event listed in Thunder Roads Magazine and on our website, send the information to

Editor@thunderroadsmichigan.com Event information must be received prior to the 10th of the month preceding the event month to be posted in the magazine.

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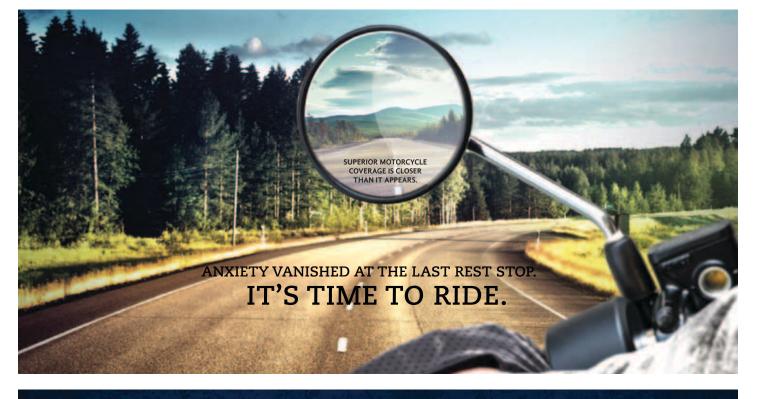
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announce a list of Thunder Run Stops each

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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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#### 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 2015 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.



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.

Thunder Roads Michigan will also be working with charities and various nonprofit 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 checkin. 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.

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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 Michi*gan* 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 2015 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 May!

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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Sometimes with motorcycles you get chips and cracks and damaged paint. We have all had to deal with it. It is bad enough when it is just color but it can be a nightmare if it is in the artwork. It can always be fixed. Here is a paint repair with an art blend.

1. Take some good reference pictures of the artwork as it is before you do the chip and damage repairs. You will need them later.





5. Use your cut paper pattern to mask off the skull shape and airbrush the edge to create the artworks main shape.

- 2. Next sand out any chips and scratches and do your body work and leveling as you would on any paint repair. Here I am wet sanding out my final coat of sealer primer.
- 3. Using the base color, airbrush cover up and blend out all of the sealer primer.
- 4. Here is where you take the pictures of the original paint and make copies on paper that are the same size as the existing art. Close cut the paper copy with a sharp exacto knife. This will be your dry mask for re-do.





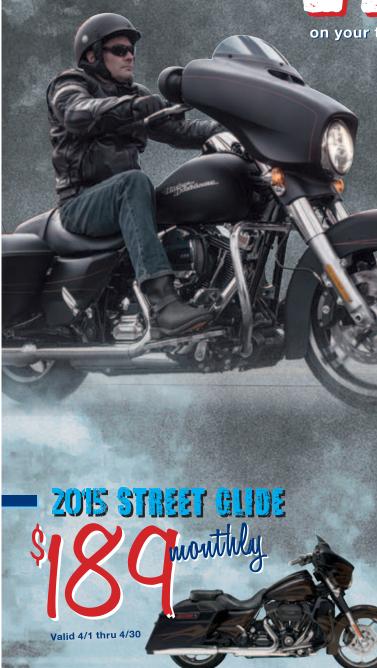


8. A couple of coats of clear to finish the paint. Now all it needs is a little wet sanding and some rub out and your

This was a simple art repair and it didn't take very long to re-paint the art work. Some images are more complicated than others and might take several layers of paint and masking to complete. Remember that all art is just a series of shapes and can be duplicated with a little thought and effort. If the damage is too extensive I would paint the entire part the base color orange and do the entire art piece over instead of a spot repair. Good luck and try to keep those rock chips to a minimal.

- Carefully airbrush the shad-
- ows and details. I do this free hand to keep the tones soft, as opposed to the dry mask leaving a hard edge.
- Now use a mix of yellow and base clear to spray some hi lights as needed on the skull to create more depth and definition. A little bit of white can then be added to create more definition and some hot spots.
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Step One: Verify that you meet the requirements to obtain a CPL by thoroughly reading the application.

Step Two: Take a class taught by a NRA or MCOLES certified instructor.

Be sure that you're getting your money's worth! The class should be at least 8 hours of total instruction from start to finish, covering all the basics, including safe gun handling, proper storage, and shooting positions, as well as all the laws you need to know to legally carry concealed in the State of Michigan. The class must include range time! If it does not cover all of that, not only are you getting cheated as a student, but it's also illegal.

Step Three: Check your certificate BEFORE you leave the class.

Make sure your name is spelled EXACTLY the same as your driver's license. Be sure that the certificate contains the following phrase. "This course complies with section 5j of 1927 PA 372," as well as the instructor's printed name and signature. It must say where and when the course was conducted.

Some important changes will be effective December 01, 2015. The certificate must also contain the telephone number of the instructor, the name and phone number of the accrediting agency (NRA/MCOLES), the instructor's certification number, if any, and the expiration date of their certification.

Step Four: Fill out your application, but DO NOT sign the bottom until you get to the county clerk!

They must witness your signature, or you'll have to fill it out all over again! You can obtain the application from the Michigan State Police website or a County Clerk's Office. We also provide a quick link on our website for convenience at wolverineshooting.com/firearms-classes.

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Step Five: Take your application and certificate to your county clerk for submis-

They will make a copy of your certificate, and be sure that you keep the original. This certificate may be required for future training classes you might wish to take, so be sure to store it in a safe place.

The application fee is \$105, and they may charge you a maximum of \$15 to process your fingerprints and/or photograph. Most counties require you to visit the Sheriff's Office located off-site following your application submission. Be sure to take your receipt with you, and check the times they are available for fingerprinting! Some counties will require that you bring your own passport-quality photograph, but most can take one there for a nominal fee. Some of the counties even allow you to fill out your application online! Be aware that you still have to go in and sign the form under oath!

Step Six: Within five years, you will be required to renew your CPL. Make sure to apply 60-90 days in advance of your expiration date!

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Wayne	May bring or \$15 there	Same location!	No
Washtenaw	Must provide your own	At Sheriff's Office	No
Macomb	May bring or \$15 there	At Sheriff's Office	Yes!
Oakland	May bring or \$10 there	At Sheriff's Office	Yes! Take confirmation number!
Livingston	May bring or \$10 there	At Sheriff's Office	No
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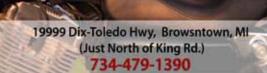


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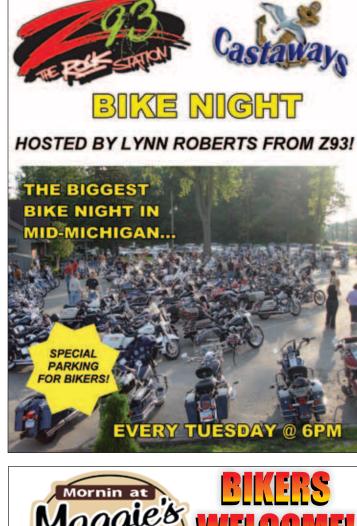
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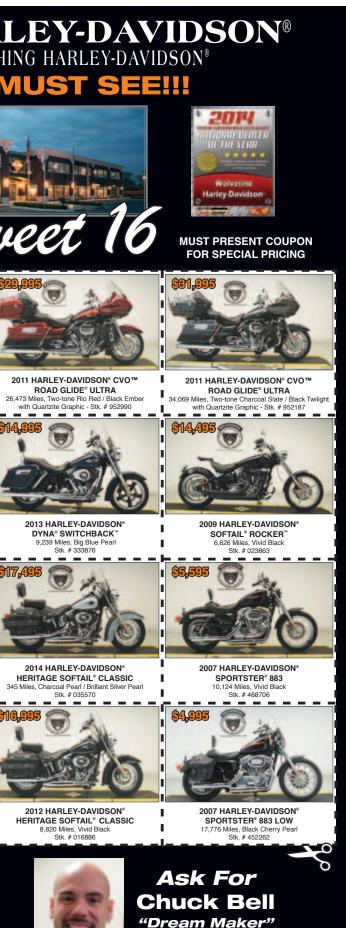
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