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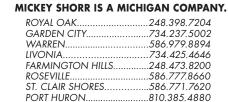




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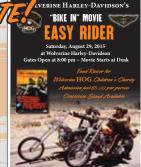


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August... already?!

It's hard to believe that it's already August and summer is almost coming to an end. Thankfully it seems that the warmer weather may arrive later each year, but we have had some hot July days... so hopefully we will have a hot August. We still have a lot of events and bike nights left that you won't want to miss! So get out and Ride!

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Now for some "Mo" Advice:

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READERS RIDES Rod ~"Charlies Caretaker"





sometimes you just have to be patient when it comes to the important

things in life. The bike I'm currently riding is a 1989 FLHST and it took approximately 10 years to get this bike into my possession. The motorcycle was originally bought by my good friend Charlie. As its original owner, he put about 18,000 miles on the bike, until a health issue made it impossible for him to continue riding his bike. Even though Charlie couldn't ride anymore, he's the type of guy that has a hard time getting rid of things, which explains why his '58 corvette still sits in his garage today. If Charlie buys it he's gonna keep it!

The bike basically sat in the shed for about 4 years. Then as luck would have it, the day finally came when Charlie entered the kitchen of my restaurant and said to me, "today is your lucky day"! Needless to say, it was worth the wait and the day I took it home was the beginning of a beautiful relationship. I fell in love with this bike from the first day I saw it, and now owning something that my friend cherished, means even more to me as the miles pass by. That's the

reason why I don't consider this to be my bike as much as I consider it to still be Charlie's - I just take it out for a little exercise every now and then.

Since getting it, I have just about doubled the miles and now have a little over 34,000 and counting. We have traveled as far West as Montana and Wyoming and as far South as Nashville Tennessee. Other than two sets of tires and some primary seals, this bike has been trouble free. I did add some new speakers with an amplifier, plus a new Screaming Eagle exhaust system, just to keep things lively. Other than those changes, the bike is the same as the day I took it home. I consider owning this bike a privilege and it will remain in my possession forever.

*Editors note: Rod is the owner of Mornin at Maggie's Omelette Shoppe in Bay City (see ad this issue). Stop in and mention the magazine and he'll give you 10% off on your breakfast! Plus,

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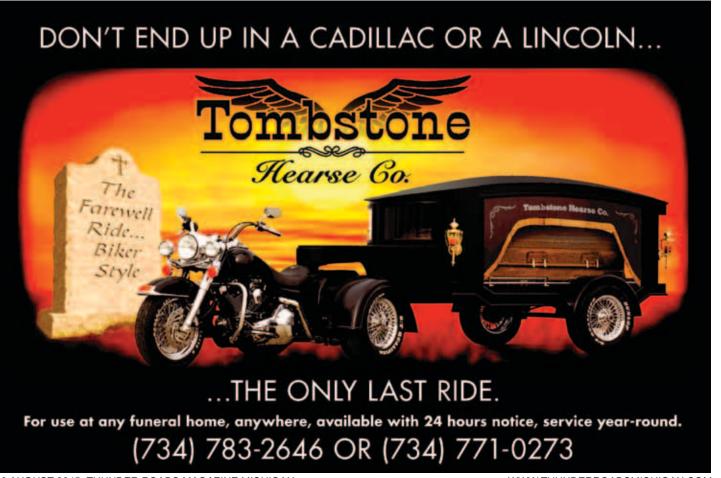
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VA seeks to offer aid to Air Force reservists exposed to Agent Orange

The Department of Veterans Affairs says Air Force reservists who became ill after being exposed to Agent Orange residue while working on planes after the Vietnam War should be eligible for disability benefits. The VA said it has been working to finalize a rule that could cover more than 2,000 military personnel who flew or worked on Fairchild C-123 aircraft in the U.S. from 1972 to 1982. Many of the Vietnam-era planes, used by the reservists for medical and cargo transport, had sprayed millions of gallons of herbicide during the 1955-1975 military conflict in Southeast Asia.

If the White House Office of Management and Budget approves the change, it would be the first time the VA had established a special category of Agent Orange exposure for military personnel without "boots on the ground" or inland waterways service in Vietnam. That could open the VA to renewed claims by thousands of other veterans who say they were exposed to Agent Orange in less direct circumstances, such as on the open sea.

The proposed rule would expand coverage under the 1991 Agent Orange Act to reservists who were stationed at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus, Ohio, Pittsburgh Air National Guard Base and Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee, Massachusetts. Many were pilots, mechanics or medical personnel and simply followed orders when it came to working on C-123s, according to the C-123 Veterans Association. It was formed four years ago by retired Air Force Maj. Wesley T. Carter after he and other reservists noticed a pattern in the various ailments they suffered. The reservists under the rule would be entitled to VA disability benefits if they developed health problems such as prostate cancer, diabetes and leukemia that were determined by the VA to be connected to Agent Orange.

An Institute of Medicine report in January concluded that many C-123 reservists had been exposed to chemical residues on the aircraft's interior surfaces and suffered higher risks of health problems as a result. The institute is part of the National Academy of Sciences, a private organization chartered by Congress to advise the government on scientific matters.

Using that report, the department "determined that potentially exposed veterans would be eligible for Agent Orange-related benefits," the VA said in a statement. It also is reviewing whether certain active-duty troops may have been exposed. "Our goal is to ensure all affected C-123 crewmembers receive disability benefits and medical care."

Before requesting the report, the VA had generally denied claims submitted since 2011 by C-123 reservists, saying it was unlikely they could have been exposed to Agent Orange from the residue.

U-M helping soldier's transition from warrior to scholar

In the military, asking "why" isn't always encouraged. In a liberal arts education, the opposite tends to be true. Switching their mindset from not questioning the bigger picture to looking for the reasons behind something is one of the transitions military veterans

face as they head from the battlefield to the classroom.

"It's making transitions, that's the hardest. Everybody's going to have different transitions to make. We're trying to help them." A group of 20 veterans from all five military branches spent a week on U-M's Ann Arbor campus getting help in making the transition from soldier to scholar.

The veterans spent the bulk of their time in the classroom, getting instruction in academic writing, analytical reading and other skills necessary to survive in college.

"We have chosen modern readings that are clearly written, yet complex enough to foster discussion and debate," the course description says. The goal is to get discussions going, in order to get the veterans comfortable with the standard academic learning environment. A lot of the readings are focused around democracy and what it means and looks like. It all started when a pile of readings were dumped on the veterans.

"We let them see the volume of the work and then we said, 'Did that suck?' Let's talk about that,' "Pavel, a veteran and U-M graduate, said."We want to simulate some of the stress point of the semester. We're telling them, 'If you can do it for this week, you can do it for the semester." The overall goal? Teach the veterans, who might not have been in a classroom for several years, how to think critically and engage faculty.

The project launched its first program at Yale University in 2012 with nine participants. Since then, it has expanded to encompass 11 colleges, including U-M, and is on track to train more than 200 enlisted veterans in 2015. This is the second year the program has been run at U-M.

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The Motorcycle Lawyer on THE LAW Why I Made a Major Donation to Support the ABATE Awareness Program

A few weeks ago, I wrote a check for \$2,000 to ABATE of Michigan in support of their Awareness education program. Why?

Anyone who knows me knows that I'm committed to giving back to the biker community, and to promoting motorcycle awareness and safety. The goal is to contribute to a reduction in motorcycle crashes, injuries, and deaths if I can. My team and I go about this in a variety of ways: we use billboards, our websites, social media, and these magazine articles to spread the word that motorcycles are everywhere; we provide free "Watch for Motorcycles" (and other awareness swag) via our website; and we dedicate a lot of time and effort to educating the public via our websites, press releases, and social media; and that's just a few examples.

Last year, I donated one of my personal motorcycles to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and Schoolcraft College to be used in their rider education programs. This year, I wanted to find a different way to give back to the biker community that focuses more on vehicle driver education. So, I contacted Vince Consiglio, ABATE of Michigan's president, to learn more about their Motorcycle Awareness Program. According to Vince, ABATE has been teaching their Awareness program to new drivers since 1995, and at this point tens of thousands of young drivers have received Motorcycle Awareness training through ABATE. That's twenty years of vehicle driver education; this program got rolling long before the Nathan Bower Act (5438) took effect this year, mandating that driver education programs must include motorcycle and bicycle awareness training. From what I understand, ABATE of Michigan is now assisting with developing formal programs for driver education in compliance with the Nathan Bower Act.

The ABATE Awareness program is centered around the idea that vehicle driver education can lead to a reduction in motorcycle crashes, injuries, and deaths; essentially, that education for vehicle drivers can contribute to motorcyclist safety. The focus of the program is really on teaching vehicle drivers, how, when, and why they need to Watch for Motorcycles. The more I learned about the ABATE Awareness program, the more I wanted to support it.

I sent a member of my staff, Debbie Parinello (pictured), to attend an ABATE Awareness class. She said, "It was really entertaining and engaging, not just talking heads at the front of a classroom. They had the kids doing hands-on exercises, had them try on motorcycle gear, they really got them thinking about motorcyclists and bicyclists on the roads." Debbie knows a bit about teaching people to be motorcycle-aware; she is a lead instructor and instructor-trainer for Accident Scene Management, Inc., teaching their Bystander Assistance Course*. If you ever get the chance to attend an ABATE Awareness class, do it... you won't regret it.

As you can see from the photo, it was all smiles when Debbie Parinello, Vince Consiglio (President, ABATE of Michigan), Mark Bu-

chanan (Director, ABATE Awareness program), and Grace Buchanan (Mark's daughter) met me to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,000 in support of the ABATE Awareness education program. I am glad to be able to support such a great program, and I hope that through this type of motorcycle awareness education, we will see fewer and fewer motorcycle crashes, injuries, and deaths.



*Neither myself nor my firm is formally affiliated with Accident Scene Management, Inc. However, I provide classroom space several times a year to ensure that Debbie can get this important training out to more motorcyclists; I also provide legal information to course participants. This is just one more way I give back to the biker community.

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Heather Cannell Ginter (Tom Cannell's Daughter) learned she had breast cancer when she was just 28 weeks pregnant with her daughter. She had been trying for about 14 years to get pregnant. Two years prior she started having problems with her uterus and the doctors at the hospital said she needed a hysterectomy. Heather did not have insurance so she did not get one. So to our surprise when she told us in October she was having a baby, was great the excitement was amazing. Then in December she found out she had breast cancer. This baby she

is carrying saved her life, she never would have known until it was too late. Heather started her Chemo in January and went in every 2 weeks, they stopped it to take the baby, started her chemo back up. Moxie was born healthy and they now have a family of four, with Husband Greg, 15 year old Trevor and now baby Moxie.

Heather has been giving cancer a good fight. She has had multiple surgeries and radiation. She also found out she had skin cancer so again another surgery and they got it. Unfortunately even with

treatment, the cancer spread to her lymph nodes and bone. For Heather there is no cure for her cancer. She undergoes regular surgeries, infusions and treatments to manage the cancer and keep it from spreading until a cure is found. As you can imagine the financial burden is weighing heavy on Heather and her family. She has yet to have found a way to manage her pain, so therefore work is almost impossible for her. Your support would so greatly be appreciated to help keep Heather and her family from losing their home. Moxie is now 21/2 years old.

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A passenger in a taxi heading for Tampa Airport leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate-glass window.

For a few moments everything was silent in the cab. Then, the shaking driver said, "Are you o.k.? I'm so sorry, but you scared the living daylights out of me." The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said, "I didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so badly."

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm the one who should apologize, it's entirely my fault. Today is my very first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for the past 25 years."

Mildred, the small town gossip and self-appointed monitor of church morals, was always one to stick her nose into other people's business. Most members of the congregation did not approve of her intrusions, but she was feared due to her lethal forked tongue, so everyone maintained their silence.

She took that fatal step too far one day, when she accused "Lightning", a biker, and new member of the Church, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old Chevy pickup parked in front of the small town's only bar all morning and late into the night. She emphatically told Lightning in front of the entire congregation that "Everyone seeing that pickup there would know what he was doing". Fact was, Lightning had volunteered to help Gus, the bar owner, repair a leaky ceiling in the kitchen. But Gus was not a member of the congregation so nothing was brought to light.

Lightning, a man of few words but plenty of action, stared at her for a solid minute, then just got up and left the church. He said nothing.

Later that early morning; around 1:00 a.m., Lightning parked his pickup directly in front of Mildred's house, walked home, and left it there all night long and late into the lunch hour.

GearHead returns home a day early from Sturgis as his bike broke down and he caught a lift just inside of town, and then grabbed a cab.

It's after midnight.

While on his way home, he asks the cabby if he would be a witness. The man suspects his wife is having an affair, and he wants to catch her in the act. For \$100 bucks, the cabby agrees.

Quietly arriving home, the husband and cabby tip toe into the bedroom.

GearHead switches on the lights, yanks the blanket back and there is his wife, in bed with another man, just as he suspected!

GearHead puts his gun to the naked man's head. The wife shouts,

'Don't do it! I lied when I told you I inherited money from my Aunt Sarah.

HE paid for the Audi I gave you on our Anniversary.

HE paid for our new cabin cruiser.

HE paid for your season tickets.

HE paid for our house at the lake.

HE paid for your African tour with your biker buddies and your new ATV.

HE paid for the custom rims for your Ultra-Glide.

HE paid for our Family WaterWorld membership

And, HE even pays the monthly dues on the kid's Private schooling.

Shaking his head from side-to-side, GearHead lowers his gun. He looks totally confused over at the cabby and says,

'What the hell would you do?

The cabby never skips a beat and replies, 'I'd cover his ass with that blanket before he catches a damn cold.'

"Putter" and all his golfing buddies are standing on the green while he's got a very important shot to win the game that's not over 15 feet to the hole; straight in

"Handicap" yells out, "come on, already, Putter, we all want to finish up and grab a drink".

Putter replies back, although in a hushed tone, "don't bust my balls here huh? My wife's up on the Club's veranda watching us and I want to get it right". Handicap yells back,

"Nah, forget about it, that's way too far off, you'll never hit her from here".

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a birthday gift. The next year, I didn't buy her a gift.

When she asked me why, I replied..

"Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!" Hello! Some people are so dense.

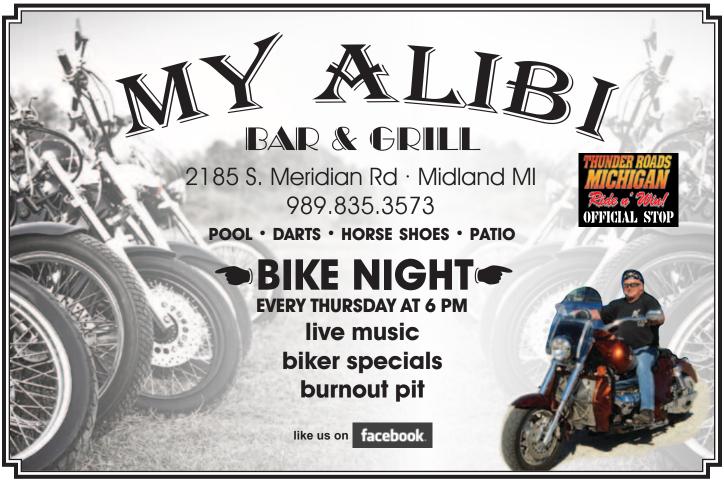
Things That Make You Go Hmmmm??

Why does your OB-GYN leave the room when you get undressed, only to sit down in front of you and see all you got to see in plain view, when they return to the room?

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?

Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?

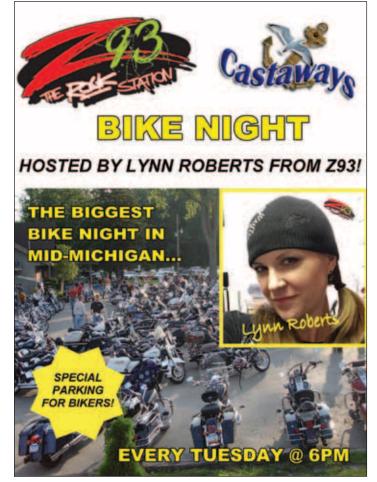


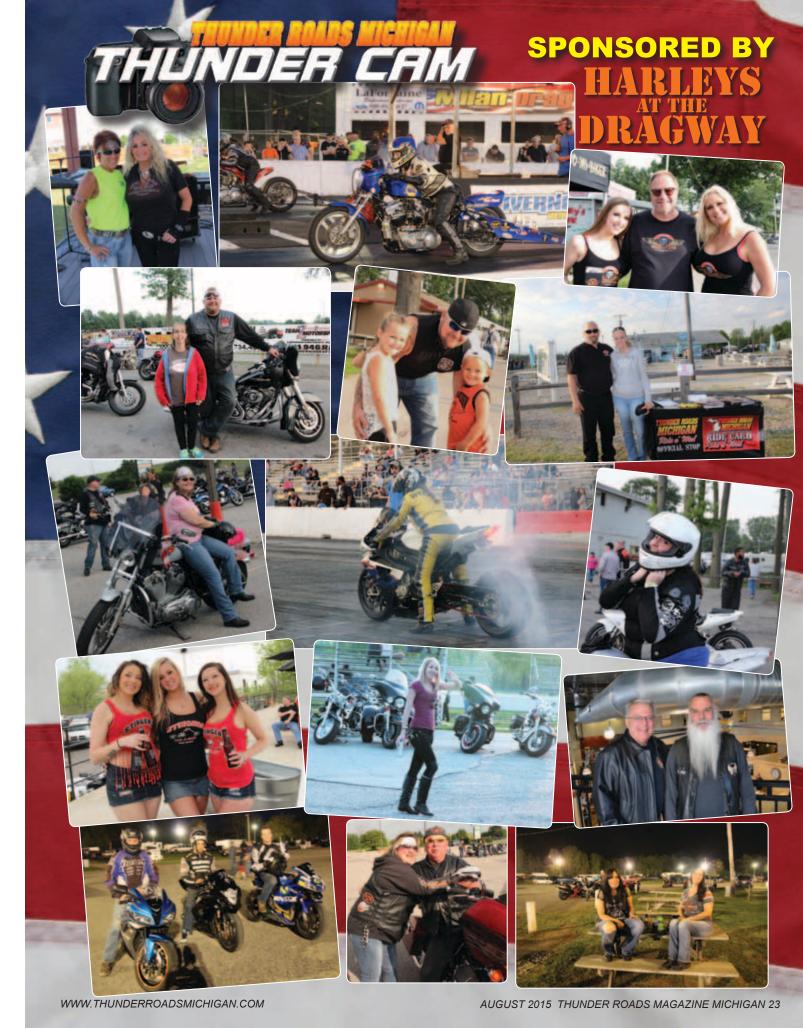














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Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan is proud to announce that

The 2015 Michigan Thunder Run has officially started!



All you need to do to get started is:

1. Go to any Registration stop listed on the map with a red star or on The Stops pages. If you already have your card from last year you do not need to register again. The Ride Cards do not expire so hold on to it. The information that you provide when you sign-up for your FREE Ride Card



only goes to me and will NOT be used for any other purpose than this contest. You will not have to provide any other personal information again after this. You will be handed your FREE Ride Card right then. It has a unique number on it- take note because that is YOURS and ONLY YOURS.

- 2. Once you have your Ride Card go to any or all of the stops listed this month and show them your card! Registration stops are also ride stops. There are also event stops each month. That stop will write your unique Ride Card number down. Let them know if you spend over \$10 there because your Ride Card number will get counted twice!
- 3. Check the following months issue to see if your Ride Card number is listed as a winner. You must check this each month as Thunder Roads staff will not contact you and let you know you won. If your Ride Card number is listed as a winner email MichiganThunderRun@gmail.com to claim your prize. In the email provide your name, address, phone number & Ride Card number. Again, the information only goes to us at Thunder Roads. Please note: You only have 45 days to claim your prize from the 1st the month it is listed in the magazine.

Make sure to pick-up your copy each month of Thunder Roads to see that month's Ride Stops and also to see if your Ride Card is listed as a winner!

Few Facts:

- Winners are randomly picked from each Registration/Ride Stop, Ride Stop & Event Stop each month.
- The more places you check-in the greater your chances are of winning a prize from that stop or one of our sponsors prizes; including the chance to win the Grand Prize of a 2015 Harley-Davidson Roadglide courtesy of Shiawassee Harley-Davidson!
- If you spend \$10 or more at any of the Registration/Ride Stops or Ride Stops your Ride Card number gets counted twice! Please note: The reason why this contest is FREE to you the rider is because our sponsors and stops. So we want to encourage everyone to support them in return. That is why we count your Ride Card number twice if you spend \$10 or more.
- You can check-in 1 time each week at each Registration/Ride Stop & Ride
- Riders are able to win multiple prizes based upon the drawing of their
- 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!

2015 MICHIGAN THUNDER RUN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST



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
- 3. Ride out to these stops and show them your card.
- 4. And then you win cool prizes, including cold hard CASH!

Thunder Roads Michigan will also be registering riders for Ride Cards at specific events throughout the year as we distribute magazines. Key events; such as Harley Fest, Bikes on the Bricks or Bike Nights will have a special booth for Ride Card registrations. We will list these events each month on the Event Stops page in the magazine. In most cases, we will be offering special incentives to those checking in with their previously issued Ride Card at these stops.

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 check-in. You simply enter your ride card number!

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

Just Get Out and RIDE!

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. We have designed this run to entertain and challenge our readers – as well as promote our partners. If your business would like to be a stop or be a sponsor, please email us at MichiganThunderRunRide@gmail.com



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Winners will be chosen randomly at any RIDE N' WIN stop or event stop throughout the summer!

Then bring your invite (Chrome Ticket) out to SHIAWASSEE HARLEY-DAVIDSON on NOV. 27th and/or NOV. 28th to try your chances with the LUCKY LOCK BOX!!! One entry per day.

No purchase or submission to sales presentation necessary. Purchase does not increase chance of winning. Void where prohibited. See complete rules available at Shiawassee Harley-Davidson. Contest begins 11/27/15 and ends 11/28/15. Open to legal U.S. residents, age 18 or older with a valid driver's license who received an original mail piece via U.S. Mail. Employees of Shiawassee Harley-Davidson, mail house, AHNO, associated sponsors or agencies, and their family members and members of same household are ineligible. Corestant must match a randomly selected winning number on file with AHNO and contained in the sealed security envelope to win corresponding prize. The act of opening the door of the vehicle vault does not constitute a winning attempt. Vehicle Vault will be displayed during normal business hours between contest dates at participating locations. Available prezes approximate retail value and odds of winning. 2015 H-D Read Glide Special \$24.175. 1:1.000.000. Maximum of one prize award available per prize level. In the event of a vehicle vaultifelectronic digital lock or locking mediated into exortest is well be contest. locking mechanism malfunction the contest is void and no prizes will be awarded. In event an error voids contest, promotion will be re-mailed at a future date. All validly dalimed prizes will be awarded. Any unclaimed prizes will not be awarded. Sportson not responsible for late, lost, misdirected or damaged mail. Contest sponsor. Shawassee Harley-Davidson 11901 N. Beyer Rd. Brich Run, MI 4841.



RIDING OUT OF STATE? If you ride to Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Delaware, Maryland or Washington DC, make sure to pick up a copy of Thunder Roads in each state and look for a Registration Stop to register for that state's ride card. Then check-in at any stop listed in that state's issue. You could win prizes in each state!

LET'S RIDE!

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@

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AUGUST EVENT STOPS



LOCATION INDICATED ON MAP WITH A BLUE STAR



AUGUST 8 ROCKIN RIDES CAR & BIKE SHOW

Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, Standish, MI. 9am-5pm, participant judged car & bike show, all welcome, free event to attend, beer tent, live entertainment, food, vendors & more. To register go to www.saganing-eagleslanding.com (See full page ad this issue).

AUGUST 15

HARLEYS AT THE DRAGWAY

Milan Dragway, Milan, MI. \$12 race or watch, all bikes welcome, fun runs, vendors, biker games & more. For more info go to www.milandragway.com (See full page ad this issue).



THE STOPS

For the month of August check- in at any of these stops and you could win the prize at that stop. Don't have a Ride card? You can sign-up for your FREE Ride Card at any of the stops listed with a Ride Card next to it (Ride Cards from last year are still good as they do not expire). Then check-in at any stop with your Ride Card to win that prize. Make sure to pick up the September issue (or view the magazine online at www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com) to see if your Ride Card number is listed as a winner from this months stops. Sponsor prizes are randomly picked from event stops and stops listed below.



NORTH

BS & Co Bar & Grill

12946 S. Straits Hwy, Wolverine, MI 49799. (231) 525-8737 Hours: M-Th 7am-11 pm, Sat & Sun 7 am-12 am. 1 lucky person wins gift certificate for a large pizza.

Bike Night Saturdays

CoCo Cabana's

2355 South M-33, West Branch, MI 48661. (989) 345-1400 Hours: M-Th 11am-12am, Fri & Sat 11am-2am, Sun 12pm-12am. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gift card. Bike Night Thursdays, Tiki Bar & restaurant, outdoor patio.

Gildner's Harley-Davidson

2723 S M-76, West Branch, MI 48661. (989) 345-1330 Hours: M-F 9-5:30, Sat 9-4, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins a \$40 gift card.

North Country is the best place to ride to.

Maxwell Brothers Cycle Shop LLC

2469 US-31 North, Petoskey, MI 49770. (231) 347-2629 Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 9-2, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins choice of hat, shirt, hoodie, vest or helmet. A mom & pop shop, fast, friendly service.

Museum of Moses @ Vogel Store

9979 S. 8 mile Rd (Vogel center) McBain, MI 49657. (231) 825-2219 Hours: M-Sat 9:30 am-9 pm, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins 2 choices of hat, shirt, coozie, patch, misc.

Awesome collection of vintage Harley's, hot food & drinks.

Sleeping Bear Motor Sports

9664 US Hwy 31 South, Interlochen, MI 49643. (231) 275-Bear(2327) Hours: M, T, Th, F 9-6, W 9-5, Sat 10-4. 1 lucky person wins \$25 gift certificate.

Only authorized motorcycle resale shop in Michigan.

Zips 45th Parallel Harley-Davidson

980 S. Wisconsin Ave, Gaylord, MI 49735. (989) 732-8000 Hours: M-F 9-6, Sat 9-5, Sun 10-3. 1 lucky person wins a \$50 gift card. We have the most beautiful Harley's in Northern Michigan.

Zips Harley-Davidson Mackinaw City

314 S. Huron St, Mackinaw City, MI 49701. (231) 436-5331 Hours: 10am-10pm everyday 1 lucky person wins a \$50 gift card. Known for our custom Mackinaw Bridge seasonal apparel, perfect destination hot spot.

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Zips Harley-Davidson Mackinaw Island

7271 Main St. Mackinaw Island, MI 49757. (906) 847-8888 Hours: Open May-Oct (please call for hours). 1 lucky person wins a \$50 gift card. The home of the "real horse" power.



SOUTH

RIDE CARD

Biker Bob's Harley-Davidson

14100 Telegraph Rd, Taylor, MI 48180. RIDE CARD (734) 947-4647 Hours: M-F 10-7, Sat & Sun 10-5. 1 lucky person wins a \$50 gift card. Metro-Detroit's full-service destination dealership that takes pride in fulfilling dreams of personal freedom.

Brighton Harley-Davidson

5942 Whitmore Lake Rd, Brighton, MI 48116. (810) 225-2915 Hours: M-F 10-7, Sat 10-5, Sun 11-4. 1 lucky person wins a \$50 gift card. Come see our new 15,000 sq. ft. showroom.

Capitol Harley-Davidson

9550 Woodlane Dr. Dimondale, MI 48821. (517) 646-2345 Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-3, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins a \$50

gift card.

Lots of events, great scenic ride in the local area.

College Bike Shop

340 N. Larch, Lansing, MI 48912. (517) 484-6413 Hours: M-F 9-6, Sat 9-1, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins a t-shirt. Show your Ride Card & receive 10% off. Come see us because it's the best damn shop in Michigan!

Cornwell's Turkeyville

18935 15 ½ Mile Rd. Marshall, MI 49068. (269) 781-4293 Hours: 11am-8pm everyday. 1 lucky person wins choice of t-shirt or \$10 gift card. Bike Night Wednesdays

(F.A.I.T.H. Riders) Merriman Road Baptist Church

2055 Merriman Rd, Garden City, MI 48135. (734) 812-8419 Hours: Every Tuesday at 5:30 pm Bike Night. 1 lucky person wins choice of shirt or \$10 gift card. Bike Night every Tuesday.

Fast Lane Powersports

525 N. Cedar St. Mason, MI 48854. (517) 676-5667 Hours: M-F 9-6, Sat 10-3, Sun closed. 3 lucky people, that's right 3 lucky winners - 1 wins a \$100 gift card & 2 win t-shirts.

Huge selection of riding gear, same day tire service & discount tire service.

Golgotha Performance Cycles

610 N. Creyts Rd, Lansing, MI 48917. (517) 977-1752 Hours: M-F 10-6. Sat 10-3. Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins a hoodie, shirt, sandals or wheel-chock by Pingel. New Dyno Tuning bay, custom bikes, great prices on evervthina.

Hamilton Harley-Davidson

68951 White School Rd, Sturgis, MI 49091. (269) 651-3424 Hours: M-F 8-6, Sat 9-3, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins a \$50 gift card.

Come see why it's a great ride to the gateway of Michigan.

3030 S. Cedar St, Lansing, MI 48910. (517) 394-7840 Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-4, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins a free engine oil change. We have been here for 28 years, honest & dependable.

Indian Motorcycle Motorcity

1765 S. Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 920-2000 Hours: M, T, W, F, Sat 9-6, Th 9-8. 1 lucky person wins a shirt or hat.

Come see the new Indian Motorcycles & Victory Motorcycles.

J & J Western Store

14241 US Hwy 12, Brooklyn, MI 49230. (517) 592-2813 Hours: M-Sat 9:30-5, Sun closed. Show your Ride Card and get 10% off 1 item.

Great selection of motorcycle & western apparel, accessories, boots & more.

McNastvs Saloon

19300 Waltz Rd, New Boston, MI 48164. (734) 753-4900 Hours: M-Sat 10am-2am, Sun 11-10pm. 1 lucky person wins a delicious burger & fry meal. Great burgers, family owned with a Cheers atmosphere. try their fried pickle spears!

Ministry Ink

610 N. Creyte Rd, Lansing, MI 48917. (517) 253-8746 Hours: T-F noon-8, Sat noon-8, Sun & Mon closed. 1 lucky person wins 40% off 1 tattoo. Clean, artistic, fun shop with amazing people.

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34900 Grand River Ave, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. (248) 473-7433 Hours: M-F 10-7, Sat & Sun 10-5. 1 lucky person wins a \$100 gift card. A Detroit Original.

RIDE CARD

Retail Warehouse

1640 S. Centerville Rd. Sturgis. MI 49091. (269) 651-2464 Hours: M-F 9:30-5:30, Sat 9:30-4:30, Sun noon-4:30. 1 lucky person wins a \$50 gift card. It's not what you Ride, it's what you Wear!

Stingers Bar & Grill

49110 Grand River, Wixom, MI 48393. (248) 449-9667 Hours: M 11am-2am, T-Sun 9am- 2am. 1 lucky person wins a \$30 gift card.

Bike Nights Thursdays, hot girlz, cool beer, great food.

Total Firearms

1380 N. Cedar St, Mason, MI 48854. (517) 699-0597 Hours: M-F 9-7, Sat 9-6, Sun 9-4. 1 lucky person wins a one month range pass (\$100 value). Indoor pistol range, largest gun inventory in Lansing, private lake out back, rental boats all summer.

Wolverine Harley-Davidson

44660 N. Gratiot Ave, Clinton Twp., MI 48036. (586) 463-7700 Showroom Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-4, Sun 11-3.

Service Hours: M-F 9-6, Sat 9-4, Sun closed, 1 lucky person wins a Wolverine H-D T-shirt & baseball cap. Bikes, friends & good times- Michigan must see.



Beer & Brats Bar & Grill

4562 N. Eastman Rd, Midland, MI 48642. (989) 835-9238 Hours: T-Sun 11:30am- 2am. Mon closed. 1 lucky person wins a \$20 gift card & a t-shirt. Bike Night Thursdays.

6603 Eastman Rd, Midland, MI 48640. (989) 837-6836 Hours: Sun-Th 11am-11pm, Fri & Sat 11am-12am. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gas card. Show your Ride Card and receive a Free pub chips & dip with any purchase (may check-in one time a week).

C & K Corner Store LLC

8892 Van Cleve Rd, Vassar, MI 48768. (989) 871-3120 Hours: Sun-Th 6am-10pm, Fri & Sat 6am-11pm. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gift card. Great food, cold beer, biker friendly, gift shop & hand-dip ice cream.

Caro Motorsports

1660 E. Caro Rd. Caro. MI 48723. 855-672-8500 Hours: M-F 9-6, Sat 9-4, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins a free Dyno Pull to show horsepower (tuning not

Specialize in service & repair of virtually any/all motorcycles. ATV's, dirt bikes & snowmobiles.

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C & S Sports Center

4741 E. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. (989) 772-5513 Hours: M-Th 9-6, Fri 9-7, Sat 9-4, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins a \$50 gift card.

A great destination ride & the Low Rider Café right next

Castaways

3940 Boy Scout, Bay City, MI 48706. (989) 686-3558 Hours: M-Th 11am-12am, Fri & Sat 11am-2am, Sun 12pm-12am. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gift card. Bike night Tuesdays.

2471 W. Parish Rd. Midland, MI 48642, (989) 662-7361 Hours: Mon-Sat 10am-2am, Sun 12pm-12am. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gas card.

A great spot to hideaway, hog pit bbg Thur & Sun 12pm-8pm.

Farmers Home Tavern

215 W. Saginaw, Hemlock, MI 48626, (989) 642-2546 Hours: Everyday 11am-2am. 2 lucky people will win a \$25 gift certificate each & a t-shirt.

Bike night Thursdays- 50 cent wings, can beer \$1, domestic bottle \$2 4pm-7pm.

Great Lakes Harley-Davidson

3850 S. Huron Rd (M-13), Bay City, MI 48706. (989) 686-0400 Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-3, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gift card. Visit a Harley Shop, not just a dealership.

Iron Horse Bar & Grill

3592 Main St, Akron, MI 48701. (989) 691-5761 Hours: Everyday 11am-2am. 1 lucky person wins their choice of a long sleeve shirt or t-shirt.

Bike Night Wednesdays- specials, happy hour, thumbs largest biker bar.

4749 E. Pickard St. Mt. Pleasant. MI 48858. (989) 317-4749 Hours: M-Th & Sat 7-3. Fri 7-9. Sun 8-3. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gift card.

Ride in empty & roll out full, next door to C & S Sports Center.

Mornin at Maggie's Omlette Shoppe

819 Saginaw St, Bay City, MI 48708. (989) 892-3142 Hours: M-F 7am-2pm, Sat & Sun 8am-2pm. 1 lucky person wins a \$20 gift card. The Best Homemade Omlette's in the Mid-West.

Mv Alibi Bar & Grill

2185 S. Meridian Rd, Midland, MI 48640. (989) 835-3573 Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-2am, Sun 12pm-12am, 1 lucky person wins a t-shirt. Bike Night Thursdays, burnout pit, biker specials, live music.

Ray C's Harley-Davidson

1491 S. Lapeer Rd (M-24 & I-69), Lapeer, MI 48446. (810) 664-9261 Hours: M-Th 10-6, Fri 10-7, Sat 10-4, Sun 11-4. 1 lucky person wins a \$100 gift card. Come see us at our new location

Red Oak Restaurant

322 W Saginaw Rd. Sanford, MI 48657, (989) 687-5501 Hours: Tues Noon-10.

Wed-Sat 4-10pm, Sun closed. 1 lucky person wins a \$20 gift card.

Bike night Wednesdays, outdoor patio, fish, BBQ, & craft beer on tap.

River Rock Bar & Grill

210 N. Mill St, St. Louis, MI 48880. (989) 681-2851 Hours: M-W 7am-10pm, Th-Sat 7am-2am, Sun 7am-9pm. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gift card. Bike Night Wednesdays.

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*Special Daily Check-In Option

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Payback

Contributed By Mary Anne Dunne Publisher of "The Long Hard Ride Home"

She walked into the biker bar. this time for sure, he'd gone too far. He was drinking shots off a biker chick, the thought of it, just made her sick.

She walked outside, what would she do, this cheating thing was nothing new. She saw his bike and then she knew. exactly what she planned to do.

Stopped in her tracks by a man in a cowboy hat, He saw her walk up with that baseball bat. He shook his head and quietly spoke, 'cause doing this would be no joke.

"It's the biker's code, you know, you carry it wherever you go. If you catch him, do what you like, but never touch another's bike."

She looked at him, spat on the ground. not another biker to be found. "If you bust his bike, he'll get away, But he'll live to ride another day."

She paused for a second to reconsider, the taste in her mouth just made her bitter. He pulled to close in his tattooed arms. the strength of him sent up alarms.

"I've watch you now for too many years, I cannot bear to see your tears. He's not worth it; you know it's true, but destroying his bike, it's not for you."

"Think twice and consider the source, vengeance is your best recourse. But how you do it, that's the ticket, Make it hurt when you tell him to "Stick it."

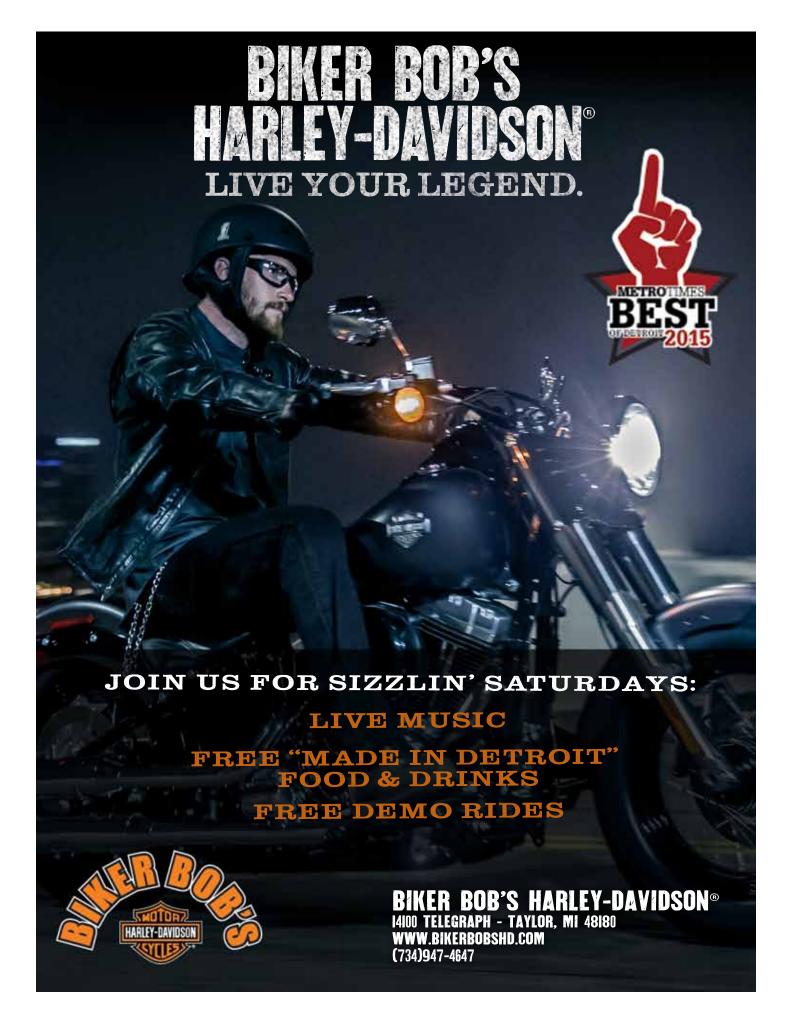
"Would you buy me a shot," she sweetly purred, as if her jealousy was suddenly cured. He wrapped his arms around her tiny waist, her anger quickly now replaced.

They slowly sauntered into the bar, as one, their new road trip had just begun. He dropped his jaw and then silently swore, as he watched them enter through the bar room door.

She laid the bat at the far end of the bar, he wished for a second that he'd brought his car. She smiled at him, a wicked grin, as he choked down his shot of gin.

He no longer wanted this lithe, young thing, would she understand it was just a midlife fling. "She's the one you wanted, the one you rode, consider it covered under the biker code."

She thought it over, she liked this game, as she tightly hugged her newest flame. *Truly, vengeance is... the best resort,* and she kissed the lips of her new escort.



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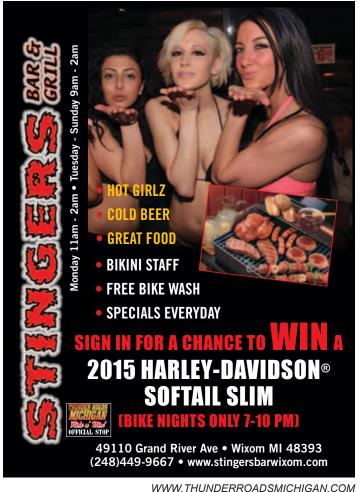
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Happy August brothers and sisters!!!! I hope you've been having a great riding season so far!!

I've got some exciting news to share with you all today. But, let me first start off with a verse from the Bible.

Matthew 25:40 says "And the King will answer them, 'I assure you: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.

Listen, there is a section of society that is, in many aspects, ignored by society and far too often when we see them, many, look the other way pretending they didn't even see them. It's a group of people that are described by two words that should never be used together in a single sentence. Homeless

But, what I am excited to share with you all is that Victory Biker Church is helping to doing something about this grave injustice. Victory Biker Church International has partnered with a new non-profit organization in Shiawassee County called Welcome Home Veterans USA!! Welcome Home Veterans is a faith-based non-profit organization which seeks to provide housing for our veterans and their families in an environment that promotes camaraderie and supports spiritual, emotional and physical well-being.

Right now, we're working on obtaining a suitable building in the area and need donations of money, material and time to help build this home for our veterans... our heroes!! If you would like more information about Welcome Home Veterans USA please go to www.welcomehomeveteransusa.org and please help out with your very best financial donation right away!

Looking back at Matthew 25:40 "...Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Ya see, helping the homeless, hungry, needy, naked and thirsty is something that we all can get behind and do. This isn't a matter of giving hand-outs but hand-ups, this isn't a matter of giving them a fish to eat for a day, but, to help them learn to fish so they can eat for a lifetime.

Matthew 10:42 says "And whoever gives just a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple —I assure you: He will never lose his reward!"

From this verse we can see that it doesn't take much. A glass of water for someone that is thirsty is a life saver and when we do it with a pure heart, God rewards us for our acts of loving kindness. As long as we don't speak

crop failure over the act of faith to help those that

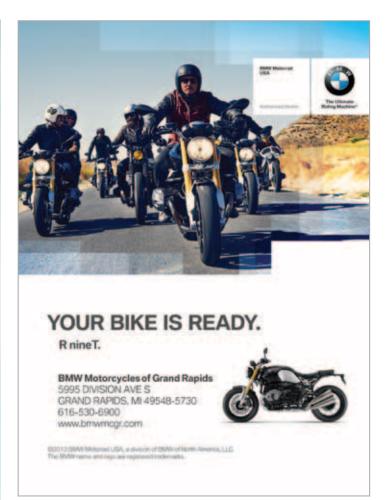
Will you do this little thing to help remove the words 'Homeless Veteran' in our area, state and nation?

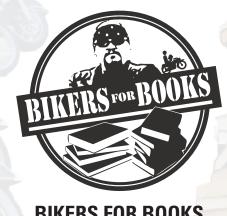
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Senior Pastor, National President & Founder Victory Biker Church International apostlebman@victorybikerchurch.org www.victorybikerchurch.org







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Is a 6 month old American Bulldog mix. He loves his humans a lot and likes to be near. He is still a puppy so he has all the puppy and good with kids, cats and dogs. He just needs the right guardian to spend his life

Payton Rose

that was thrown from a truck and dumped. Several rescues came together to rescue this young girl and bring her to safety. She is new to foster, but is a friendly and sweet girl. She deserves a home that will treat her right, could that be you?

is a 10 year old Jack Russell Terrier that was found as a stray. She is a sweet girl that likes to follow you around, but is also independent and likes some alone time She doesn't like to be picked up, but loves to go for long walks. If you are looking for a quiet companion that doesn't need a lot of attention, consider this senior girl.











Is a sweet and affectionate girl. She LOVES just hanging with her human friends. She is housetrained, crate trained and good with other dogs. She came to the rescue with a badly infected leg and has recovered nicely. She has lots of energy and will need an experienced dog owner, but dor timate her ability to be an awa

Is a 5 year old Golden/Aussie mix. She was dumped off on a back road with a bag of food. She is a bit on the skinny side and is getting fattened up at her foster home. It doesn't appear she was worked with, so she will need to learn some manners, but to make up for that is her easy going tem-

is a 7 year old Lab/Shepherd mix that was surrendered to the rescue. She is house broken, crate trained, does not jump, bark, whine, chew or dig. She is still a playful girl and if you are looking for a walking and cuddling buddy, Lola would love to be by

is a 3 month old Lab mix puppy. She is going to be around 50 lbs. as an adult. As a puppy she will be very active but man there will be tons of playful days ahead for any family. And really, how can you resist that face?

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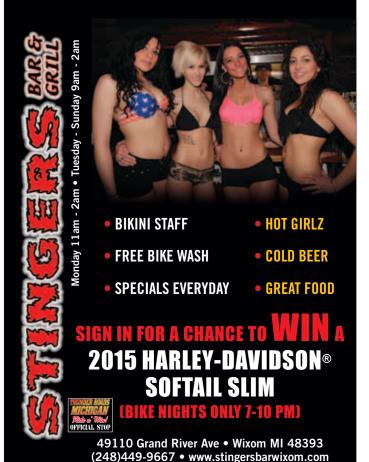


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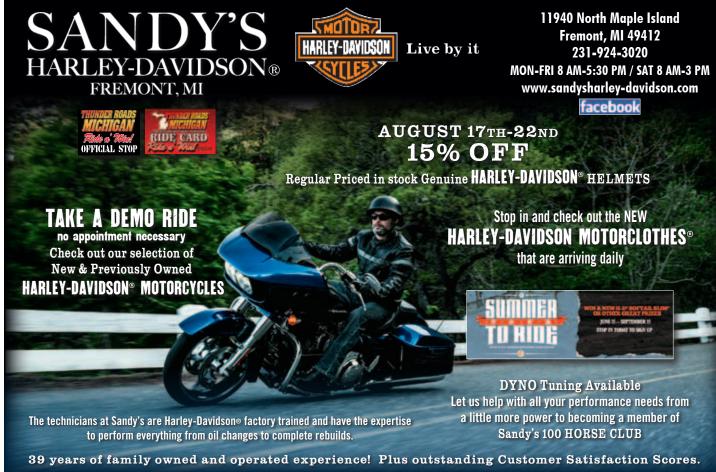
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AUGUST

5th Annual Bikers Against Breast Cancer Headlight Run Grand Rapids Garage Bar & Grill, Grand Rapids, Ml. Regis 10:30-11:30am, kickstands up noon sharp, all bikes welcome, \$20 includes dinner & chance to win prize, 5pm-8pm after ride auction party. For more info call Steve 616-890-4082

Bikes, Beers & Babes Motorcity HD, Farmington Hills. MI. 4pm-7 pm Bike Night, \$2 beers, live music, great food at great prices, ride in People's Choice Bike Show, \$1000's in giveaways. Register to win a 2015 FLS. For more info go to www.motorcityharley.com (See full page ad this issue).

Kevin "Moses" Memorial Ride Vogel Store, 9979 S. 8 Mile Rd, McBain (Vogel Center), Ml. 11 am-1 pm, free, donations to museum appreciated, food, fun, many prizes, & more. Michael J from UPS 98.5 will be Live, ride to follow at 1 pm. All vehicles welcome. For more info www.facebook.com/MuseumofMoses or call 231-825-2219

August 7-9 Porcupine Bash Saluting our Military Inn Between Saloon, Port Hope, MI. Weekend full of events, rides, live music and more. For more info email robin@ upmag.net

Rockin Rides Car & Bike Show Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, Standish, Ml. 9am-5pm, participant judged car & bike show, all welcome. free event to attend, beer tent, live entertainment, food, vendors & more. To register go to www.saganingeagleslanding.com (See full page ad this issue).

Swap Meet Hamilton HD, Sturgis, MI. 9-3, spaces are free, coincides with US 12 Garage Sale. For more info go to www. hamiltonharley-davidson.com

Ride for the Red ABC HD. Waterford, MI. Escorted ride, \$12pp, kickstands up at noon. includes lunch & entertainment. For more info go to abcharleydavidson. com (See full page ad this issue).

Wild Game Cookout Motorcity HD, Farmington Hills. MI. 11am-3pm, "It doesn't need a vin, trade it in" Hardcore Pawn onsite to take in items on trade. Owner Tom Celani will fire up the grill. For more info go to www.motorcityharley.com (See full page ad this issue).

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August 8 2nd Annual All Patriots Run Charlotte VFW Post #2406, Charlotte, MI. Regis & line-up 9:30-noon, first out 10 am, \$20 rider, \$10 passenger, raffles, silent auction, 50/50, purchase extra poker hands available. Proceeds to benefit Camp Liberty. All bikes & cars welcome. For more info call John 517-515-9873

August 8 7th Annual Going to Hell & Back Screams Ice Cream Store, Hell, MI. 11 am- 4pm, proceeds to Military families in US, biker games, food, kids games, memorial service. For more info email hellandbackmi@aol.com

LUV Ride for Kids with Cancer Midland Eagles, Midland, MI. Regis

9:30am with free coffee & dounuts, ride. \$15 rider, \$25 2 up, last bike out 11am, dinner 4-5:30. silent auction. Dinner only is \$10, kids under 10 free. For more info call Denise 586-719-7085

August 8 2015 Wildcat Classic Car. Truck & Cycle 23901 City Center Cir, Mattawan, MI. "replica gas pump" trophies. DJ. hourly

prize giveaways, 50/50 raffles, bake sale, crafters and vendors, visitors vote for your favorite car/cycle for the People's Choice Trophy, \$10 in advance, \$15 day of show. Register at mattawan.

August 12 **Talons Out Honor Flight Charity Event** Cornwell's Turkeyville, Marshall, Ml. 5:30pm- 9pm, great food, giveaways, raffles, rain or shine. For more info call 269-781-2247 or email greg@ gregalleninsurance.com (See ad this

August 14 Beer, BBQ, Bikes Perry HD, Kalamazoo. MI. 5:30pm-8pm. For more info go to www. perryharley-davidson.com (See ad this issue).

August 14-16 Fowlerville- Easyriders Rodeo Tour Fowlerville Fairgrounds, Fowlerville, MI. All tickets sold at gate, under 18 not allowed, free bike parking. Motorcycle rodeo, live entertainment & more. For more info go to easyridersevents.com or call 800-962-9857 (See full page ad this issue).

Hog Daze Motorcycle Rally Marion (Grant Co), IN. \$5 weekend, live music, field events, bike show. hog roast, pin-up girl contest & more. For more info & to plan rally weekend go to www.bit.ly/hogdaze

August 15 Harleys at the Dragway Milan Dragway, Milan, MI. \$12 race or watch, all bikes welcome, fun runs, vendors, biker games & more. For more info go to www.milandragway. com (See full page ad this issue).

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August 15 50's Party ABC HD, Waterford, MI. Hot rods & hot babes, free food & entertainment. For more info go to abcharlevdavidson.com (See full page ad this issue).

Customer Appreciation Day Hunts Hog Shop, Lansing, MI. Noon-3pm, bikini bike wash, door prizes. motorcycle trivia. For more info call 517-394-7840 (See ad this issue).

August 15 Ride your HOG in for a Dog Gildner's HD. West Branch, Ml. A Hot Dog that is & in-store specials. For more info go to www.gildnershd.com (See ad this issue)

August 15 Swap Meet & Shop Party Kalamazoo Choppers, Kalamazoo, Ml. For more info call 269-321-0257

August 15 Davison Eagle Riders Sixth Annual Prostate Charity Run. Davison, MI. 10:00 am, bands, vendors, food, prizes, about 120 mile run. camping available. For more info call Danny (Gripper) 810-653-0727 or gripper47@yahoo.com

August 15 Bikini Bike Wash for Beekman Center Behind the Green Door, Lansing, MI. 2pm-5pm, live music, happy hour specials, raffles. Rain date August 29th. For more info call 517-482-6376

August 15 6th Annual Groovestock American Legion Post 298, Outdoor Pavilion, Battle Creek, Ml. Noon-6pm, Live music all day, open to public, \$8

TRMI EVENTS CALENDAR 2015

adult, \$5 under 12, free under 6yrs. Shrimp Boil, burgers available, Proceeds to veterans.

Souls of America Wounded Warrior Project

Joy Manor Banquet Hall, 28999 Joy Rd, Westland, MI. Reception 3 pm-7 pm. Featuring photography by Jack Parinello. For more info call 313-702-4115

August 21-22 Eaton County's Largest Street Party Faton Co. Mulliken, MI. Beer tent, live. music, bike, car, custom bicycle show. vendors, food, games & more. For more info go to www.hotrodsandharlevsmullikenmi.com

August 21–23 Thunder in Oscoda Salute to Veterans Oscoda American Legion Post 274. Free admission. Fri – bands, food. sat - vendors, bike show, biker games. tiki bar, food and the band SRP plays at 4pm. Sun - Bkfst followed by scenic ride. Bike show entry \$10. contact Julie 248-752-0424

6th Annual Logan's Heroes Millington Inn. Millington, MI. Regis 8:30- 10 am. kickstands up 10 am. includes dinner for \$10 pp pre-buy or \$15 pp at door. Everyone welcome, 4 pm return & dinner, raffles, silent auction. For more info call 810-223-7544 or go to www.logans-heroes.org

August 22 15th Annual Support Your Local Forbidden Wheels Hell Creek Ranch, Pinckney, MI. 3pm, \$20 donation, dinner & camping included, live music, vendors, swimming pool, prizes, HD Fat Boy giveaway. For more info call 734-878-3632

August 22 Ride for the Red Shield Salvation Army, Plymouth, MI. Regis 9:30am, departs 11am, \$25 rider, \$15 passenger, bbg lunch, rain or shine. cars welcome. For more info call Sandy 734-453-5464 ext 24

August 23 Motorcycle Poker Run to Benefit O.A.T.Ś.(a therapeutic riding school for special needs kids) O.A.T.S. 3090 Weidemann Dr. Clarkston, MI. Check-in between 10-11:30am, \$25 rider, \$15 passenger. door prizes, raffles, refreshments, cars & trucks also welcome. For more info go to www.oatshrh.org/

Porcupine Bash Saluting our Military Curve Inn, Spread Eagle, WI and Iron Mountain, MI. Weekend full of events. rides, live music and more. For more info email robin@upmag.net

August 29 Bacon & Bikes ABC HD. Waterford, MI. Free food & ride-in bike show. For more info go to abcharleydavidson.com (See full page ad this issue).

Bike-In Movie Wolverine HD, Clinton Township, MI. Movie starts at dusk. For more info go to www.wolverinehd.com (See full page ad this issue).

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September 27

OCTOBER

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RAYC'S 11TH ANNUAL









For the 11th time the Ray C's Rodeo was held this past June in Lapeer, Michigan. So as the saying goes it was not Ray's first Rodeo, but it was the first the first time the event was held at the new location on M-24 just south of I-69. It was just a few months ago that Ray C's Harley-

Davidson held a ribbon cutting Grand Opening celebration. Harley-Davidson corporate representatives attended, the local HOG Chapter, Ray C's family, and many customers.

At the Rodeo, what riders experienced this year was a whole new vibe to the event. Ray has pulled out all the stops to make his dealership a first class riding destination with an amazing showroom, vintage bikes, and a personalized service that just makes you feel at home. Plus, a very good friend and special guest attended the Rodeo this year... R.K. Stratman! He is Harley-Davidson's oldest and largest licensee. What a great guy too! He brought along with him the famous Buffalo Bike amongst other unique items of his design.

As always, the Rodeo provided a full weekend of music, great food, and good times for all ages. Midnight













Blues provided the soundtrack for the party Friday and Saturday night. Country Smoke House bought the hogs out on Saturday with a great pig roast that never disappoints. Sunday wrapped the event up with great music from Houston Coyote Ugly, a horsepower shootout, and stunts from Trials Rider Jeremy Decker. Yes, you can ride a motorcycle over cars and up the sides of dumpsters—who knew!



Moving an entire motorcycle dealership is not an easy thing to do and do it right. Well, Ray C's has done it right! Next time you're out for a cruise, stop in and check out all Ray C's has to offer and hang out with the staff. Personally, I like to go in and just stare at the ceiling fan—stop on in and you'll see what I mean!



OFFICIAL STO





Composed & edited by: Toni McCoy Shearon aka "Thunder MaMa" of Thunder Roads National Founders' Office

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.

Summertime grilling is perfect for preparing your entire meal. Don't be hesitant to keep a hot side for meats, and a medium-low side and grill your corn on the cob, your foil packets of veggies and my all-time favorite is grilling any kind of fruit that are hardy enough to grill, and that's just about everything! Grilled watermelon and thick pineapple rings are my favorite, but I also grill strawberries & thick banana rings.

COCA-COLA GLAZED PORK RIBS

1 Slab of Your Fave Ribs; Spare Ribs, Baby Backs or Country Ribs (apprx. 4 lbs.)Season your slab of Ribs generously w/ salt & pepper. Place on a sprayed baking sheet and roast uncovered for 3-4 hours, until the ribs are VERY tender. Before you start your ingredients that go into your Sauce, pour your liter of Coca-Cola into a medium sauce pot and place on simmer on your stove and just let it reduce down very slowly until you have about a cup of actual semithick sauce. You do Balsamic Vinegar this same way and it's phenom! COCA-COLA SAUCE: Use all dry spices for this, you don't need fresh. You'll get the same flavor. Just remember when you use dry spices to place in the palm of your hand and rub them to reinvigorate them and bring back the fresh flavor. In a small sauce pot, add:

- 2 Tbls. of Melted Quality Margarine or Butter
- 1 Medium Onion, (rough chopped)

Salt & Pepper to Taste

- 1 Small Palmful of Ground Ginger from a jar
- 1 Small Palmful of Cumin
- 1 Small Palmful of Sage
- 1 Cup of Premium Ketchup
- 4 tsps. of Apple Cider Vinegar
- 2 Tbls. of Quality Maple Syrup

1/2 Cup of Water

Remove your ribs from oven, baste them thoroughly with Coca-Cola Sauce and place on a pre-heated medium-high heat gas grill. You're essentially grilling these for the grill marks and the caramelization on both sides. Continue to baste every few minutes to keep them moist. Pull from heat after apprx. 5 mins. on each side and let rest 5 mins. I always make up extra Sauce as it's so dang good to drizzle it hot all over ribs when you serve up. These Ribs are simply amazing and you can make Sauce and keep in fridge for up to 3 weeks and use on many kinds of meats. Enjoy, Slurp & Chomp! (3 great words for "Foodies")

COCONUT PEANUT BUTTER COLESLAW

- 1 Bag of Pre-Cut Coleslaw Cabbage
- In a medium glass jar w/ a tight sealed top, mix up:
- 1/2 Cup of Coconut Milk
- 2 Heaping Tbls. of Quality Peanut Butter (put this in a small bowl and microwave until melted down; 10 seconds
- 2 Tbls. of Grated Ginger (again, jarred is good)
- 1 Capful of Apple Cider Vinegar
- 1 Tbls. of Lime Juice
- 2 Tbls. of Sugar or Splenda

Pour entire mixture over your bagged coleslaw and mix well with a wooden spoon. If it's not wet enough for you, then make up another batch of the sauce and add to it.

This is so unique and fresh tasting.....you're gonna' dig it! Again....this sauce is Great for all kinds of salads or fruits.

GRILLED BANANA SPLIT BOATS

Fire up the grill to Medium heat.

Lay out (4) larger medium size pieces of quality aluminum foil, ready to wrap.

4 Large Bananas - Remove from peel and slice down the middle lengthwise, but make sure you don't cut all the way through. Carefully open up the banana, creating a space in the middle to fill up w/ goodies.

Have ready in small little serving bowls:

1/2 Cup of Mini Marshmallows, 1/2 Cup of Mini Chocolate Chips, 1 Bottle of Caramel Sauce & 1 Bottle of Hershey's Chocolate Syrup & definitely Marshmallow Creme'. Your one fave flavor of ice-cream, or, like on a real Banana Split, a scoop each of Vanilla, Chocolate and Strawberry.

Optional Toppings: Small bottle of Mandarin Oranges, small bottle Maraschino Cherries, Toasted Pecans, Peanuts, Cashews.....you decide; its your Banana Split Boat.

Take your sliced bananas and place it gently on a grill rack that's made for grilling fish and other delicate items on your grill. You can fit all 4 bananas in one rack. Grill on one side until you see grill marks; not long, and flip to other side. Now place on your pieces of foil and fill that baby up with ALL your goodies you want EXCEPT for the ice-cream. Bring the sides up gently and fold over the top and place back on grill so everything melts together and gets nice and gooey. Remove and add your ice cold ice-cream on top and spoon your hot melted goodies over top of ice-cream scoops. Oh, Baby, your eyes will roll back in your head! Divine! The taste of the grilled bananas makes these audacious!









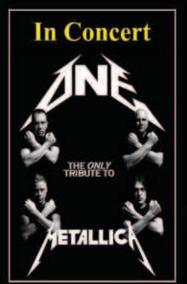
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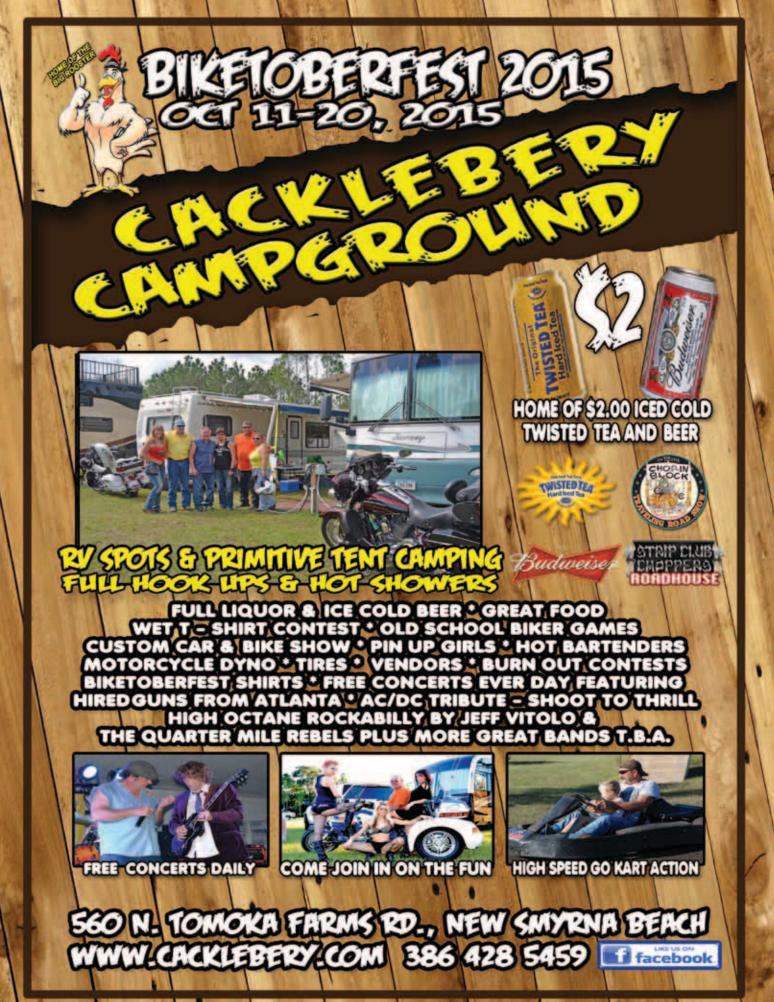


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HISTORY OF MOTORCYCLES:

Part 4

At this point in our journey, the Wright Brothers are making quite a name for themselves buzzing around the skies, and Model T's are rolling off Henry Ford's assembly lines. But what is happening in the world of two wheels? The early 1900's continued to bring changes to the motorcycle world. Once manufacturers had tackled the basic change over from bicycle to motorcycle, the need to start improving took over. There



was an aspect of the pre-war production era that was not included in last month's installment, that simply cannot be excluded from the evolution of these beloved machines... racing. The new sport of motorcycle racing began drawing large crowds bent on celebrating our piston powered future. And with racing came an increased need for comfort, safety, and of course speed.

While numerous small companies throughout Europe were involved in the racing industry, many operated only a short time before ceasing production. One highly notable advancement that came from across the pond occurred in 1908, the development of telescopic pneumatic suspension systems. The new suspension designs made their way from England to the US, and the result was well received. After all, who doesn't appreciate a ride that doesn't end with your body aching and the famed "iron butt"?

Meanwhile, in the states, motorcycle racing popularity was increasing by the minute. Early racing was actually held on

horse racing ovals or bicycle velodromes, but by 1909 construction of wooden tracks specifically designed for motorcycles began to appear. They called their tracks motordromes, and they were circuits of 1.25 miles constructed out of 2 x 2 and 4 x 4 lumber. They featured severely turned banks which allowed riders to reach



speeds previously unseen in the motorcycle world. Crashes were frequent and horrific. Riders who went down faced being impaled by the wooden track, and they were often fatal. Despite the dangers of racing, people flocked to watch, and riders wanted to go faster. This need for speed resulted in demands for more powerful, versatile, and comfortable machines...and there just happened to be some American companies

ready to satisfy that need.

While Indian and Harley Davidson continued to keep up with the times and improve their production models, there were two other companies whose focus was simple...SPEED. I'm pretty sure these guys followed the motto "if ya ain't first, you're last"...or maybe that was Ricky Bobby...but who the hell cares?? These people helped ensure that today you can pass everyone in the hammer lane, give 'em the old one finger salute for slowing you down, and wear a smile while doing it.

The Waltham Manufacturing Company was actually founded in 1893, but it wasn't until 1903 that they would commence production of the famous "Orient Racing Bicycles". These bikes were first introduced to the world at the Charles River Race Track in Boston, at what would come to be known as the first recorded motorcycle speed event in the United States. The Orient set a tack time of 7 minutes over a 5 mile course. Not bad for a first run, but exhibiting the primal need

to go faster, to push the limits if you will... they went on to develop an improved 4 HP, 1,000 cc V-Twin that powered the Marsh-Metz before the company's motorcycle division went belly-up in 1908.

The other, more familiar, US name in motorcycle racing was Excelsior Motor Company. Though the company operated



overseas as well, the US division began operations in 1905. A Chicago based division; Excelsior's first motorcycle was a 21 cubic inch, 344 cc 4stroke, single speed machine with a leather belt drive. It had a top speed of 35-40 mph. This first attempt would not suffice. Humor me, if you will, but at this point in my writing I am forced to take a small break and giggle at the scenario unfolding in my head...Four chimps in all their ginger glory, standing around this bike. The first is smiling at his brilliant creation, awaiting praise from the others on a job well done. Chimps 2 and 3 pat him on the back and commence telling stories of the awesomeness that has just unfolded in front of them. But chimp 4 stands a bit apart...scratching his head (or whatever chimps scratch) and pondering. (Number 4 you see...he is the crazy one, the envelope pusher, the friend that always sees another option...that usually gets you all in trouble). The other 3 stop and stare at Number 4, and Number 1 of course has to ask what the problem is... Number 4 looks up, one eye making contact and the other trailing up and off to the left (as usual). He smiles as he raises his arms, lets out a loud abrupt conglomeration of excited grunts...and begins flexing his throttle hand. Squealing and grunting commences, and they all begin exercising those throttle hands. And so it begins.... back to the drawing board. And so it was for Excelsior... there had to be a better way, a faster way. By 1910 they had introduced an engine configuration they would become famous for, and continue to produce until 1929....the notable "X Series". This engine was the V-Twin measuring 61 cubic inches (1,000 cc) and would become the first ever to hit the century mark. The "Model Big X" was the mainstay of Excelsior production, sporting an inlet-over-exhaust V-Twin, it was firstly belt driven, and later had 2 speed and 3 speed gearboxes. Production was limited in comparison to Indian and Harley, and many of these models were exported to Europe and Australia.

This era brought about the evolution of spring frames, magneto ignitions, kick starts, spring mounted seats, improved





tires, and heavier/sturdier frames to accommodate the larger engines. The motorcycle had become its own entity, no longer a bicycle with an engine, but a separate machine with its own technology. In late 1913 and early 1914, at what was then its heyday, motorcycle production suddenly began to slow to a crawl...production turned its focus almost entirely to producing motorcycles for the military. By the outbreak of WWI in 1914, the motorcycle had rapidly progressed into a dependable, speedy, and relatively inexpensive means of transportation. Next time we'll take a look at where the First World War propelled the motorcycle.





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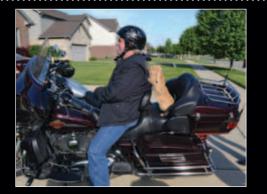




This is Harley; he rides on the Motorcycle with us when we hit the road. One of our Saddle Bags has been cut out to hold Harley Has a hole in the Top and cushioning to make it soft inside, and he has his own windshield. His Dad Conrad Tomes designed it just for him. He gets a lot of looks and has his picture taken a lot. There is a small leash that is hooked inside the saddle bag that he is hooked to, that way he can't climb out. He can also go inside if he wants.

~Wendy Bora and Conrad Tomes of Sterling Heights MI







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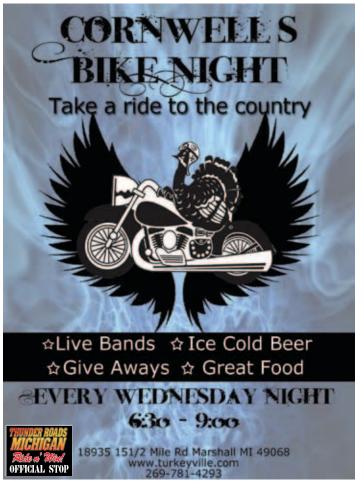


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ABATE OF MICHIGAN

Motorcycle Fatalities Lower Than Expected for 2014

Predictions that modifying Michigan's mandatory helmet law for adult choice would cause fatalities to skyrocket have not materialized. ABATE of Michigan has stated for decades that the helmet law modification would NOT increase fatalities.

The final statistics from the Michigan Traffic Crash Reporting System show that there were a total of 107 fatalities reported last year. 2014 had the second lowest number of motorcycle fatalities in the last 10 years despite the doom and gloom that was predicted when the helmet law was modified in 2012.

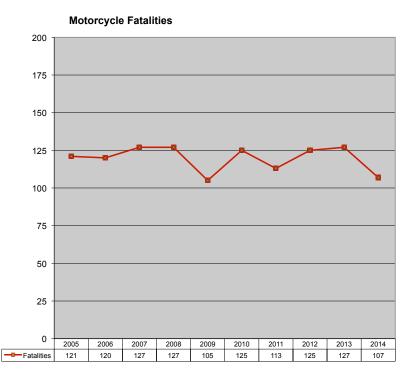
Year	Fatalities	Year	Fatalities
2005	122	2010	125
2006	114	2011	113
2007	122	2012	129
2008	127	2013	128
2009	105	2014	107

Of the fatalities reported in 2014, 42% were not endorsed and thus, riding illegally. This is the problem. This is what needs to be addressed - the unendorsed rider.

In Michigan, motorcycle riders are required to carry a cycle endorsement (CY) on their driver's license. This involves both a written test and a riding test at a Secretary of State Office. Vince Consiglio, President of ABATE of Michigan stated: "For the past 25 years however, close to 40% of all motorcycle fatalities involved riders who did not have a valid motorcycle license."

ABATE of Michigan agrees with the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) and the Motorcycle Rights Foundation (MRF) that preventing the motorcycle crash through voluntary rider education, improving licensing and testing, and expanding motorist awareness programs is the best strategy to reduce motorcycle fatalities.

"Losing a member of our motorcycling community is always devastating. Reducing deaths and injuries with rider education and increased driver awareness has always been our goal", added Jim Rhoades, Legislative Director of ABATE.



Data Source: TCRS (Traffic Crash Reporting System) dated 4/13/2015

ABATE of Michigan supports public and private motorcycle education. A current list of Motorcycle rider education classes can be found at the Michigan Secretary of State website. ABATE of Michigan has partnered with public schools and private driving schools to teach more than 80,000 new drivers about motorcycle awareness, using resources donated by ABATE members.

ABATE of Michigan is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the overall rights and promoting the safe operating practices of all Michigan motorcyclists.

~ Rusty



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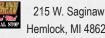
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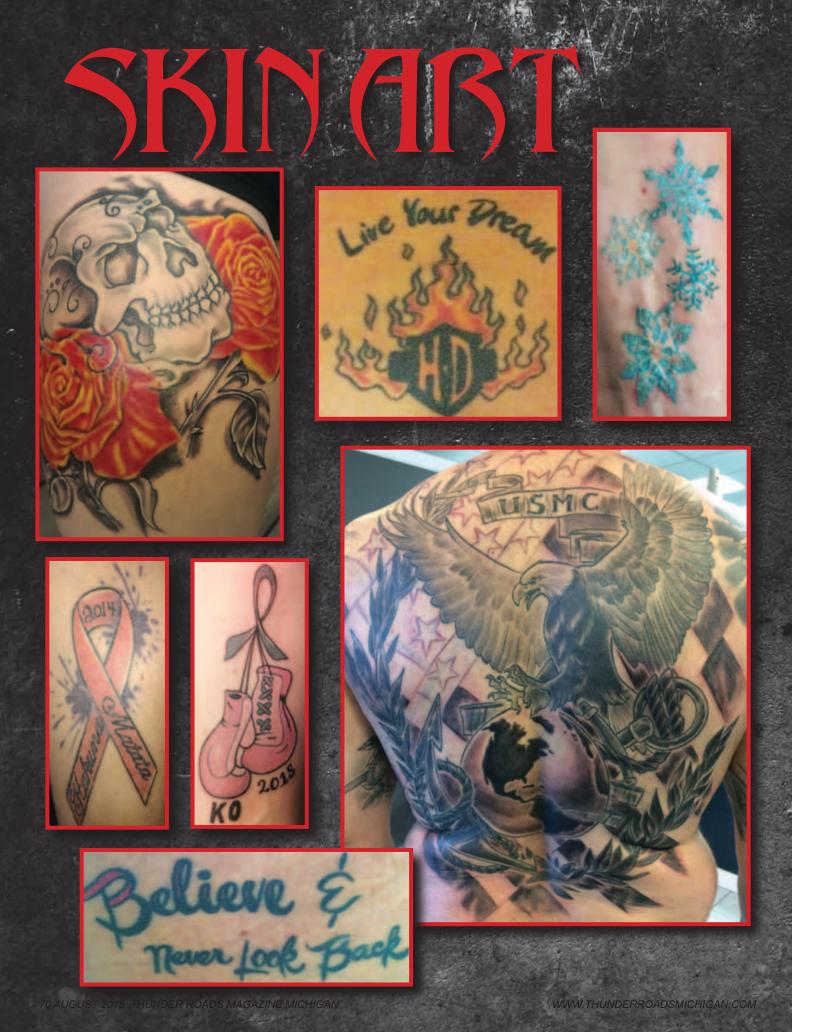
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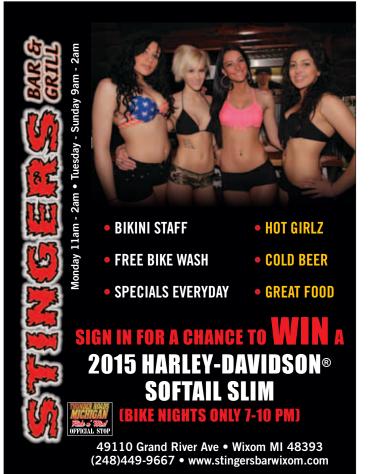






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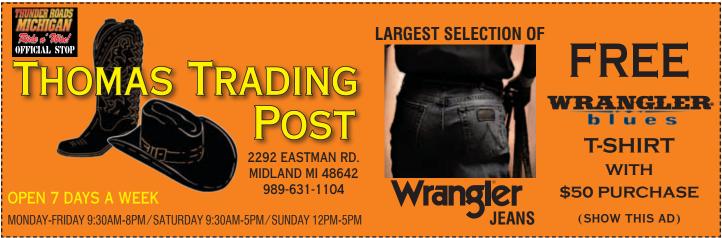
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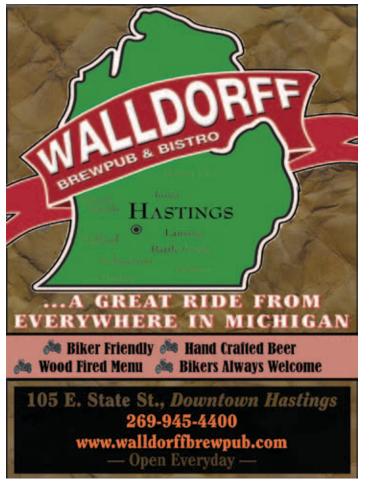




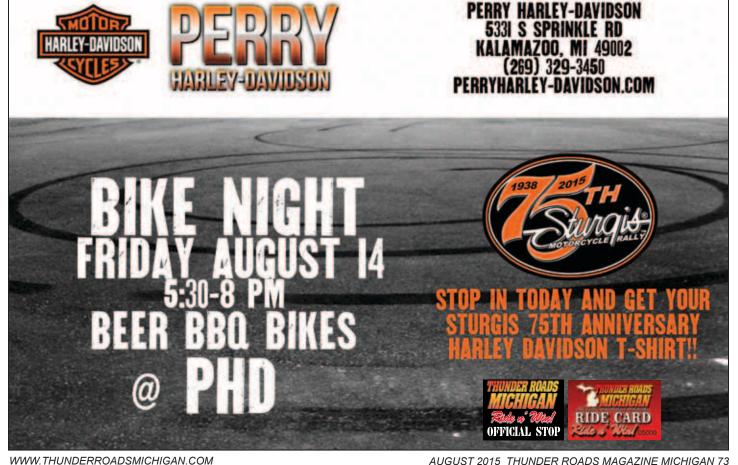












Tech Tips By Steve

What a fun July! So many events and rides all month and it's only going to get better this month!

Want to take a minute and say thank to Loreen Wickens for again putting on an outstanding Thunder on the Grand Cancer benefit, the new venue is great and next year will be even more awesome! Year after year she and all of her volunteers put their hearts and souls into this event and it surly shows ... Thanks again young lady!

My shop is going to be customizing a 2004 Harley Softail for a very deserving soldier. The bike was donated by Ken Boyd of the Michigan National Guard ... perhaps you saw the bike and the soldier who donated it in last month's article? On and off, in the coming months I would like to take you through all the cool things we are going to do to his bike.



We are putting a Pingle electric shifter on this bike today, Bob has lost his left leg above the knee, which makes shifting impossible the traditional way, there were a few directions we could have gone, but we decided to do a N1 transmission from Baker Drivetrain with a Pingle electric shifter. Why the N1 shift drum Baker Trans? Simple the N1 transmission is an all up and all down shifting patter, so in this configuration he will be able to use the Pingle shifter to hit neutral. Unlike a traditional transmission that uses one down for first and five up for the rest (on a six speed) and neutral in between first and second, which even for us avid riders can be fun to find neutral sometimes. On the N1 transmission drum first through six are all up and as you come down in gears they are all down and the last "down" shift is neutral, The electric shifter is unable to find neutral on the typical transmission shifting pattern, with the N1 it can hit neutral every time making the bike very user friendly and safe for our Veteran.

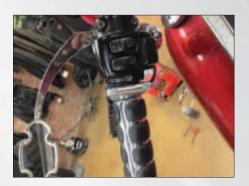
On with the install, first thing is read the instructions, not just look at the pictures, personally I am a sight guy so if there is anyone out there that writes down directions please be aware that most of us like diagrams and pictures to go along with all your wonderful words so we can understand clearly ... thank you! They do have a very good electrical plug system so it's almost impossible to mess this up! Ok I have now read all of the pictures and have a hand full

of wires in my hand ready for electricity! This has two control boxes, which on a Softail makes things fun due to very limited space to hide things. This bike currently has a Power Commander III on it, which takes up a lot of space! And by the way, is not the best way to tune, so it's going in the trash to make more room. We will tune this bike with Techno Research's Direct Link later.



(Fig 1) The two control boxes

The first electrical control box (Fig 1) controls the shifter up and down via a nice thin button switch that we located between the left hand grip and the clutch perch. (Fig 2) Because the switch is so thin there is enough room to simply loosen the controls on that side and slide it over. The other electrical control box interrupts the coil for a few milliseconds so the bike can actually shift without using the clutch ... AFTER you get into first and take off of course.



(Fig 2) see how nice the switch is ... perfect!

The wiring is a snap, after routing the cable from the button switch under the tank and away from any heat, connect it to the control box. Then we hook up the ground and hot to the battery, which was easy since we have a Deka battery that has posts with two mounting holes for top or side mount cables; since we used the side mounts for the battery cables we have the top mounts to connect accessories. I attached the wire that was supposed to be "hot only" when key is on to the accessory, plug found under the seat. (Fig 3) Simply take the make plug with all the white pins(Fig 4), then use a meter to find your hot in the female plug, make sure you check first with the key off so you know it's not hot all the time.

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(Fig 3) this is the OEM Deutsch accessory plug, thank you Harley!



(Fig 4) this is the Deutsch plug male end, see the white pin.

Then turn the key on and look for the one that 12VDC, once found we take the cover plug and remove the white pin that lines up with the pin on the connector. (Fig 5) then I use my ever faithful Deutsch master kit from Namz, pull out a female pin, attach it to the wire, slide it into the connector, lock in and connect it to the bike, NO crappy splicing into the wiring harness! Just a word of advice, even if a kit comes with instructions and the wiring splices to splice into your harness please don't ... it will just make life bad later.



(Fig 5) Finding the switched "hot" in the accessory plug ... oops looks like our battery is low.

Next we connect the two brown controller box wires into the two coil wires, kit has splice connectors, but this connector is not as easy, it is an AMP style connector that does not like to come apart, in this case I simply make an entire new connector with the two new wires connected to the correct pins.. Perfect connection no worries later!

Onto the electric shifter itself, this was pretty easy! Mount the electric shifter to the holder mount and attach (Fig 6) the shifter assembly to the primary case with thread locker and the new bolts supplied. Disconnect the shift rod from the shift lever arm then remove the shifter lever assembly and slide the assembly out. Clean the

OEM shift assembly, slide on the new arm, and slide on original O-ring, (Fig 7) lube shifter shaft and reinstall on bike. Put the second original O-ring on the shaft and slide the new white plastic washer supplied and discard the thick OEM spacer and install the shifter lever



(Fig 6) The electric shifter in its holder and on the bike!



(Fig7) Original shifter with new bracket slid on.

Now just a simple adjustment on the electric shifter inside the bracket and it is done! Turn the key and hit one of the buttons on the handlebars for 5 seconds release and it is ready to shift ... even at full load going a bazillion miles an hour.



(Fig 8) DONE! All installed and ready to ride!

Thank you for reading, God Bless you and have a spectacular riding month!

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Bullet Points



PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT: STRIKE-HOLD® CDLP BY MPH SYSTEMS, INC.

Courtesy of Wolverine Shooting Sports, Inc. ~ Dani Sparks

about a singular product. That being said, Strike-Hold® isn't derfully, but how does it clean)? I asked to be given a sample to an ordinary product. This scarcely known CDLP (cleaner, try for myself on a firearm. Conveniently, I had a rusty rifle that degreaser, lubricant, protectant) has absolutely amazed me, which is not an easy task.

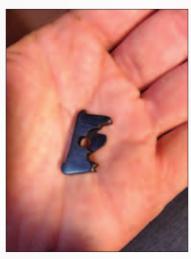


Being in the Firearms Industry, I have cleaned a lot of guns, and I mean A LOT of guns. From concealed carry handguns, whose internal parts have rusted from years of being worn in a holster. to shotguns and rifles that have seen every muddy swamp and field in Michigan and have seen better days. Needless to say, I have used many different cleaning and lubricating products. and never have I been so impressed by a never before seen product being marketed to me. Most CLP's excel in one area or another, but none have ever performed the way Strike-Hold® has for me.

the motor of a fan that seemed to be about to give up the ghost. sounded like they were going to explode and go flying at any gunsmithing room, but also on our sales floor. moment. I did not feel safe spraying just any cleaner or lubrirattle went away entirely. Wow!

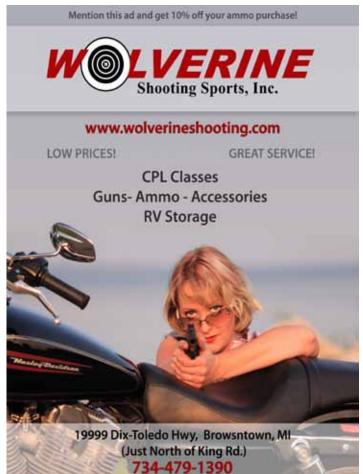
Normally, I wouldn't devote an entire Bullet Points to writing : Still not completely sold on the product (sure, it lubricates won-: needed some TLC, and was able to get the full effects of the power of this CDLP. Color me impressed. I sprayed it on, let it sit for a couple minutes, and wiped the surface rust away with a cloth, no scrubbing involved. I've never had a product work that well on rust.

> The final test was the claim that a degreaser would remove it from the metal, allowing it to be re-blued. Once the rust was off, I used a standard degreaser intended for re-bluing metal gun parts, and applied a cream bluing agent. Bingo! The bluing took wonderfully, as you can see in this picture!

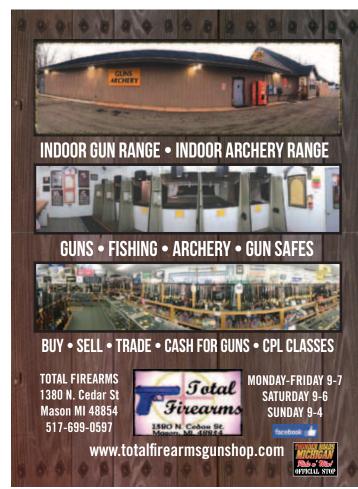


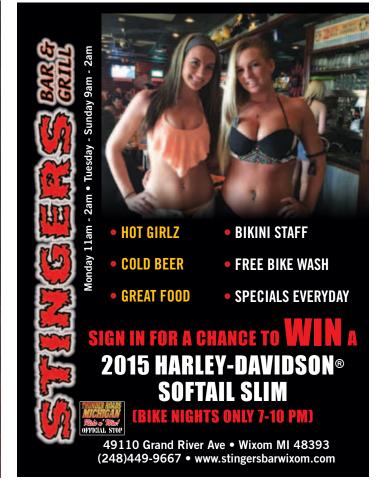
I have since used the product to clean a handful of firearms, using the final spray of the product to take advantage of the dry The unique qualities of this product enabled us to spray it into : film lubrication, not applying any other lubricant afterward. This product has met all of my needs, with exemplary performance. It rattled like the ghost of Christmas past, and the bearings: Needless to say, Strike-Hold® has found a home, not only in our

cant into the motor because of the internal wiring, but Strike- . To find out more about Strike-Hold® CDLP by MPH Systems, Hold® is designed to be safe for use on electrical components. : Inc., you can go to their website, www.strike-hold.com. To see In fact, it is designed to not impede electrical current. Within 30: it in action, come by our store. We can be found on the web seconds of spraying this product into the motor of the fan, the : at www.wolverineshooting.com and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wolverineguns.











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