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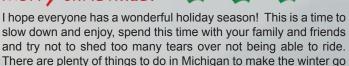
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### Merry Christmas!

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In this issue we have some great articles as always for you to read like the Holiday Gift Buying Guide, Debra's fun at Biketoberfest, tech tips, etc. There's one that hits home for me this month; Readers Rides. The black Boss Hoss used to be my father's bike. Let me tell you (because yes, I have ridden it) it is one heck of a ride! If you have never ridden a Boss Hoss motorcycle you should put that on your bucket list. They make trikes as well if that is more to your liking. My friend Jim Edwards owns 2 of them! Read all about it in the Readers Rides article in this issue.

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Now for some "Mo" Advice:

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## READERS RIDES Jim Edwards





I bought my first bike when I was 14 yrs. old, a 1959 Harley-Davidson. I remember I used to wait for my mom to get out of work and I would race her home. I got 6 tickets on that bike that year. When I turned 16 yrs. old Santa

brought me a Honda 160 Dream with a payment book. I shoveled the snow out of the driveway just to take it for a ride that day. I rode it all winter. When I was 18 yrs. old I bought a 750 Royal Enfield. have had many different bikes all throughout my life. In the fall of 2002, I bought my first Boss Hoss from Moe at Moe's Cycle Shop (Jody Mo's dad). He was a Boss Hoss dealer and let me fire his bike up (which

is the black one in the photos) and I was sold. The black Boss Hoss is a 2000 and the red Boss Hoss is a 2003. The black Boss came with a ZZ4 350 with 355 hp Corvette engine and the red Boss is a Fast Burn 385 hp. They weigh 1100 lbs. EACH. They are both a manual shift 2 speed (low and high) with reverse. If you have a need for speed this is what you ride!

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### HISTORY OF MOTORCYCLES:

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World War I had a dramatic effect on the motorcycle industry, but just as the war had successfully thrust the industry ahead by leaps and bounds, the post war economy would prove to be detrimental to the motorcycle world and its advancement. To fully understand the effects the post war economy had on the industry, we must first fully grasp the situation the United States was in following the success of WWI.

Several years into America's post war era, the financial integrity of our country would collapse. October 24, 1929 would forever become known as Black Thursday, the day stocks plummeted and banks began calling in loans...the beginning of the Great Depression. By mid-November an estimated \$30 billion in stock values had all but disappeared. By March 1930 more than 3.2 million people are unemployed. In December 1931 New York's Bank of the United States collapses while holding over \$200 million in deposits, making it the largest single bank failure in American history. Nationwide conditions continued to break down and US citizens suffered greatly until the Second World War, when things finally began to turn around for the United States.

So what happened to our beloved two-wheeled lifestyle during the chaos of the Great Depression? Following the stock market crash, motorcycle sales in the United States plummeted. We will revisit a few key players from previous segments, and see where they end up by the end of this devastating era in American history.

The first victim of the Great Depression was Excelsior. Excelsior was operating successfully during the war, and consistently

filling orders. The Super X was making the company money, and things were good. Previously purchased by the bicycle guru known as Schwinn, it seemed Excelsior would be a household name for years to come. So imagine the surprise to everyone when Schwinn called his department heads together for a meeting on a summer day in 1931 and announced, without any prior warning, that the company would be closing





its doors. It was said he stated very bluntly, "Gentleman, today we stop." I can imagine the shock, that despite a full order book, Schwinn chose to cease motorcycle production...Excelsior closed its doors in September of 1931.

Triumph, though located on the other side of the pond, was also greatly affected by the post war economy. In 1929 Triumph sold its German subsidiary as a separate, indepen-

dently owned company that would later merge with the Adler Company to create the Triumph-Adler Company. In 1932 Triumph sold another branch of its company (the bicycle production portion) to the Raleigh Bicycle Company; by this time Triumph is struggling financially to stay afloat. By 1936 motorcycle operations are faring better due to the acquisition of Jack Sangster. Sangster formed the Triumph Engineering Company LTD, and with the help of Edward Turner designed the Triumph Speed Twin (500 cc) in 1937. This engine became the basis for all Triumph Twins until the 1980's, and kept Triumph from dissolving completely during the Great Depression. Though the company survived by the skin of its teeth, it did not emerge unscathed, but rather as bits and pieces of its former self...so in the famous words of Freddie Mercury...another one bites the dust.

Indian Motorcycles on the other hand, maintained a respectable success rate following WWI. During the Great Depression, Indian did not claim rights to any extraordinary advancement in the motorcycle world, but instead turned its focus towards styling updates and cosmetic improvements with the hopes of maintaining customer interest in the face of declining sales. Who doesn't

love a pretty face?? In 1932 Indian introduced skirted fenders, a long graceful chain guard, as well as a saddle tank that hid the frame... this foretold the profile of the "modern" motorcycle. In 1934 Indian chose a streamlined, automotive styling to its model line. Lightly valanced fenders were given deeper side panels, and two-tone paint schemes became available on most models.



The only American motorcycle company to continue to introduce advancements during the post war years was Harley Davidson. In 1922, the new 74 cubic inch (1212 cc) V-Twin was completed. Harley introduced the "teardrop" gas tank in 1925; 1928 brought about the addition of a front brake, but notably only on the J/JD models. In 1929, the 45 cubic inch (737 cc) Flathead V-Twin was announced. The Flathead was designed to compete with the Indian 101 Scout and the Excelsior Super X...this was the "D" model, and remained in production until 1931. Indian riders referred to the "D" model as the "3 cylinder Harley" because the generator was upright and parallel to the front cylinder. The Great Depression was in full swing only a few short months after the release of the Flathead V-Twin, and with it came a dramatic drop in sales. Harley Davidson sales in the United States fell from 21,000 in 1929 to a meager 3,703 in 1933. In the face of such loss, Harley did not back down. The company instead raised a proud middle finger to the economy and waved it for all to see...unveiling a new line up for 1934 that included a Flathead engine and art deco styling. In order to survive the remainder of the depression, Harley supplemented their income by producing industrial power plants based on their motorcycle engines. They also designed and built a 3 wheeled delivery vehicle called the "Servi-car", which incidentally remained in production until 1973. The Servi-car became a mainstay of small businesses, vendors, and delivery drivers for decades to come. As if Harley hadn't done enough in such difficult times, they also added



the 80 cubic inch (1300 cc) Flathead to their line in 1935; 1936 brought more changes to the industry with Harley's announcement of the 61E and 61EL models. These models boasted the Knucklehead OHV engines, and by the end of the first year of production these babies had been road tested and improved upon as well. By 1937 Harley had equipped all Flatheads with the same type of dry-sump oil recirculation systems introduced on the Knucklehead OHVs. The revised 74 cubic inch V and VL models were renamed U and UL; the 45 cubic inch R model became the W, while the 80 cubic inch VH and VHL were renamed UH and UHI

During the course of the Great Depression, Indian and Harley Davidson began a long-lived and well known rivalry that continued until Indian closed its doors in 1953. Despite the hardships cast upon the United States after the First World War, Indian and Harley Davidson survived...they were the only two American motorcycle companies left standing. But why did they succeed where others did not? Their survival is due in part to having strong dealer networks, continued product use by the military, police, and postal services, as well as strong exports to Canada and Europe...combined, and these factors allowed them to weather the economic disaster that followed WWI.



September 1, 1939 brought about the start of WWII. The war in essence turns around the American economy and brings an end to the Great Depression...and with the Second World War comes yet another section of motorcycle history to uncover.

Melanie Schwarte ~ Thunder Roads Magazine of Iowa

### VETERANS CORNER











Students at Roger Williams University School of Law are teaming up with seasoned attorneys to provide free legal service to vets seeking disability benefits, officials announced.

Sen. Jack Reed said he is thankful the community can help veterans. "This clinic is going to be there every day of the year for our veterans," he said. "A generation of Americans that have not only served but ensured those who served enjoy the benefits that they've earned is going to be continued by what we're doing."

The program will provide students with hands-on experience in the federal court system – while also providing necessary legal services to the local veterans' community.

#### Volunteers fix up Detroit center for female veterans

Volunteers from Home Depot spent a day cleaning, painting and making other upgrades to a Detroit center that provides housing and other services to female military veterans. The workers installed flooring and light fixtures, hung blinds and built and installed shelving at the Epiphany Veterans Life Center on Ohio Street.

The center's services include meals, transportation, medical care, counseling, career training, job placement and transitional and permanent housing.

Besides that project, Team Depot volunteers will complete projects for veterans nationwide through Veterans Day. The Home Depot Foundation also will donate up to \$1 million to veteran's causes when customers of the home improvement chain support veterans and volunteer efforts on social media platforms.

On Twitter and Instagram, users can share a #ServiceSelfie — photos of themselves doing community service or honoring a service member; the foundation will donate \$1 to veterans causes for each hash tagged photo. On Facebook, likes, comments and shares on Team Depot's nonprofit spotlight posts each Monday will count toward the fundraising goal.

#### Illinois Army vet, 75, saves 16 kids from knifewielding teen reportedly plotting mass murder

A former Army vet is recovering from stab wounds after putting himself between 16 terrified children and a knife-wielding teen determined to kill at an Illinois public library. "He actually ran into the room yelling, 'I'm going to kill some people!" James Vernon said

Vernon, 75-- a retired Caterpillar technology worker and Army vet—is recovering from surgery at his home in Morton, Illinois. He was leading a chess club meeting with local kids at the Morton library when Dustin Brown, 19, burst into the room holding a knife in each hand and threatening the children. Vernon described the two knives as "hunting types" with "fixed blades about 5 inches" long.

The 16 frightened children – ranging in age from 7 to 13-- scurried under tables in the library's conference room as Vernon stood in front of Brown. Brown appeared angry as he focused his attention on the children. Vernon kept his cool and distracted Brown to give the kids a chance to escape.

"I tried to talk to him. I tried to settle him down," Vernon told the Pekin Daily Times. "I didn't, but I did deflect his attention" from the kids "and calmed him a bit. I asked him if he was from Morton, did he go to high school. I asked what his problem was. He said his life sucks. That's a quote."

As Vernon spoke, he inched closer to Brown. "He backed away when I'd get closer." With a few steps, Vernon put himself between Brown and the conference room door. "I gave them the cue to get the heck out of there, and, boy, they did that! Quick, like rabbits." Vernon said.

After the children fled, the knife-fight training Vernon learned in the Army five decades ago kicked in. Brown slashed from the right towards Vernon, who blocked the blade with his left hand. "I should have hit his wrist. That's how you're trained, but it's been half a century," Vernon recalled. "First rule of combat: Be fast and vigorous," said Vernon, who never served in combat.

The veteran's medium build was enough to overcome Brown. "I grabbed him and threw... Somehow he wound up on a table" with the knife in his left hand pinned under his body, Vernon said. "I hit him on the (right) collarbone with my closed hand" until Brown dropped that knife.

Vernon said he was "bleeding pretty good," but managed to hold Brown until a library employee removed the knives and helped to keep Brown pinned until police and paramedics arrived.

#### Michigan man biking more than 3,500 miles for veterans

Grant Bergsma of Grandville is set to embark Nov. 1 from L.A. and pedal his way to Marco Island, FL by Dec. 7. He hopes to raise \$100,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project that offers support and services to veterans who have suffered physical or mental injuries to help them readjust to civilian life.

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## The "TODO" OR "WISHLIST" List! Smashem' during the winter!

#### Winter can bring great anxiety to most

riders; just thinking of not being able to ride will make the ole ticker miss a beat now and then. But, let's make it a positive winter and not neglect your faithful two wheel friend. All of us have a couple of lists out there for our bikes, the "to do" list usually made up of cleaning and maintenance that was put off till a rainy (or snowy) day. The other is the "wish list" usually made up of cool new upgrades you wanted to do like new bars or upgrade your motor.

#### Ideas? Sure I have some...

First for the "to do" list, Take a look at the hard to get places on your bike, how nasty have those spots gotten? Get your cleaning supplies, rag, brushes and such around and take a closer look at the amazing bike of yours, no look closer ... do you see all that grunge, maybe even some corrosion and rust in hidden spaces? Don't be shy, go on the attack to keep that ride in great shape. Also, while you are doing that deep cleaning you will be able to really look at maintenance items you have probably missed or were hidden just waiting to break. Take some of the parts off that you would normally not, like the fuel tank and seat, saddle bags if you have them. Really get into it; maybe even take a flashlight to it so nothing is hidden. Crawl underneath to inspect and clean there too!



The maintenance "to do" list... now you have some time on your hands you can accomplish a lot on your own if you are brave and have skills. An oil change should have been done before you stored it but if it didn't get done you can certainly tackle that one, maybe you want new tires but would like to save a few dollars by taking the rims off your bike yourself and taking them in to be replaced. Don't forget to check your brake pads when you have your tires off...easy day to replace them at that time. Do overall checks and see if something has become loose or cracked, sometime problems develop so slow that you are unaware that you have an issue until it is catastrophic



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#### The "Wish List"!

Install some creature comforts, like new handlebars or cool new grips. A new seat can make a huge difference in how many miles you ride in comfort. Maybe a café windscreen or a quick detach kit for some of your current accessories. Paint, well this is the perfect time to disassemble and take your parts in for some color and graphics! As an added bonus, you can do some real deep cleaning with all your parts removed.

What about a big bore kit or a set of new gear drive camshafts or exhaust pipes! During the winter you have a bit more time to tackle some of these bigger jobs and most shops will cut you a great deal if you do them in the winter with them. Some places even offer free winter storage if you spend enough cash with them. If any of you are so kind it would be great to see pictures of your projects this winter whether it be deep cleaning or some great new handlebars or a complete custom bike with new paint would love to see them! Just send them to my email address below.





Whatever list you plan on attacking just smash it and make it a great winter! Take care of that ride and you will be ready this spring in style! Be bold and tackle some of those projects on your own, ask your local shops for advice ... most of them are happy to help with some wisdom when you buy from them.

I pray you all have a Fantastic Wonderful Merry Christmas! Love you all Brothers and Sisters, keep smiling and keep it positive!

Steve

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## The Motorcycle Lawyer on THE LAW Looking Back at 2015, Looking Forward to 2016

While winter is not 'officially' here yet, I think it's safe to say that the 2015 motorcycling season is pretty much over. While it's always hard to put our bikes away for the winter, this is also the season for family, friends, food, and celebrations. When I started thinking about how fast this year seemed to fly by, it was nice to realize just how much my team and I got accomplished. I thought I would share with you a recap of some of the highlights of the year (so far), and a look ahead at "what's next" for 2016.

As The Motorcycle Lawyer, my top priority is helping injured bikers and their families to get justice after a crash. This year, my team and I worked tirelessly for our clients, and I'm proud to say our efforts have paid off. Not only did we do great work and help a lot of people, we were also recognized through several awards. For example, I have once again been named to Super Lawyers, which ranks top attorneys across the country. I made the list in Michigan for Best Lawyers in America, and was also named a top attorney by Hour Detroit. I also recently learned that my firm has been named a Best Law Firm by US News. Don't get me wrong: My team and I work for our clients, not for award nominations... but it's an honor to have our hard work and dedication recognized by these awards. If nothing else, being ranked so highly will hopefully allow us to reach more motorcyclists who need help after a crash.

This year, we increased our efforts towards promoting motorcycle awareness and safety to motor vehicle drivers. We hit more motorcycle events this year than ever before... if you saw us at an event; share a pic on our Facebook page! We also gave out bumper stickers, tire gauges, and all sorts of other swag meant to help promote motorcycle awareness. And of course, we are heavily involved in sharing motorcycle news, including important updates to motorcycling laws, safety tips, recalls, and other information bikers need through social media, press releases, our websites, and of course this magazine article.

In short, we did a lot to help promote motorcycle awareness, with the hope of actually preventing crashes, injuries and deaths... but it's never enough. So this year, we took it a step further and became the exclusive sponsor of the ABATE Awareness Program in Michigan. ABATE Awareness goes into driver education classes and teaches young drivers about motorcycle awareness and safety. The program has been running for over 20 years, and now that Nathan's Law has taken effect, it is likely to keep expanding. Our sponsorship of this program will help ensure that new drivers are getting the very best instruction when it comes to motorcycle (and bicycle) awareness.

And, because we are so community-oriented, we also participated in a great event last month with Methodist Children's Home Society (MCHS). We drove the truck to Redford, MI, decorated it for trick-or-treaters, and then my team and I handed out candy and treats to over 300 kids, all from MCHS, local foster families, or the community nearby. It was a chilly event that warmed our hearts, and gave us the opportunity to really celebrate with kids and parents from the community.

Legally speaking, 2015 was certainly interesting for motorcyclists. California came very close to legalizing lane-splitting, after a UC-Berkeley research study showed that in the right circumstances, lane-splitting may be safe for motorcyclists. The bill proposing to legalize lane-splitting ended up being defeated, but it generated a lot of buzz, and I know other states will be looking at the safety aspects for bikers as well over the next few months or years.

Of course, my team and I will be keeping an eye on this issue and other developing motorcycle law issues, and reporting back on the big stuff. This year in

Michigan, for example, Nathan's Law took effect, meaning driver education programs are now required to include a component about motorcycle (and bicycle) awareness and safety. It's no secret that I think motor vehicle driver awareness is the key to enhancing motorcycle safety, so I couldn't be more pleased to see Nathan's Law in place.

Another change this year was to the definition of motorcycle ownership. Previously, the "owner" of a motorcycle was the person named on the bike's title. Now, an owner is defined more broadly as "a person renting a motorcycle or having use of a motorcycle under a lease for a period that is greater than 30 days or otherwise for a period that is greater than 30 consecutive days (MCL 500.3101). As I mentioned in my last article, we recently saw a Senate Bill that could revoke motorcyclists' right to choose whether or not to wear a helmet (SB 527). This Bill would bring Michigan law back to the pre-2012 era, when bikers were required to wear a helmet by law. This isn't the first time a Bill has come forward to try and revoke bikers' right to choose, previous versions never made it past committee. Still, we will be watching with interest and reporting to you, our fans, as we learn more about the Bill's progress.

It's hard to do a "year in review" article without thinking about New Year's resolutions. In 2016, my team and I plan to: help more injured bikers and their families; do more to promote motorcycle awareness and safety campaigns, with the goal of reducing or even preventing motorcycle crashes, injuries, and deaths; give back to the community in new and exciting ways; do even more to help keep people informed about motorcycle laws, safety, and news; and personally, I hope to spend more time on my motorcycle.

Finally, we are planning some changes to our articles next year and we need your help! Connect with us on Facebook (Facebook.com/TheMotorcycleLawyer), email us (writer@lawyerforlife.com), or get in touch through our website to let us know what YOU want to read about. Do you have questions about motorcycling laws? Do you want to hear more safety tips? What about motorcycle or gear reviews? Tell us what you want to read about, and we'll do our best to make sure it happens.

One last thing: this time of year, road conditions can change quickly, and we're bound to start seeing ice and snow on the roads. This is also the season for parties and celebrations. So please, be careful out there... and if you drink, don't drive. My team and I wish you the very best of the holiday season, and a Happy New Year!

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#### END OF YEAR THOUGHTS AS WE LEAVE 2015 BEHIND...

- I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.
- Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
- I totally take back all those times I put up a fight about taking a nap when I was younger.
- There is great need for sarcasm emoji's; the "finger", the "mooning", the "bite me", the "suck this"........
- How the hell is anyone besides Martha Stewart supposed to know how to fold a damn fitted sheet?
- Map Quest really needs to start their directions on prompt # 5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my own neighborhood. Also.....an Avoid This Neighborhood prompt would be greatly appreciated.
- Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person actually died, right?
- · Why is it that bad decisions always make for really good stories?
- You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when
  you just know that you aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of
  the day.
- Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blue Ray? I don't want to have to restart my collection...yet again.
- I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.
- I totally disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night more kisses begin with Budweiser than Kay.
- I have a very hard time deciphering that fine line between boredom and real hunger.
- How many times is it appropriate to say "What?" before you just nod and smile because you still didn't hear, understand or really give a damn, about a word they said?
- I love the sense of camaraderie when an entire line of cars team up to prevent a jerk from cutting in at the front. Stay strong, brothers and sisters....unite!
- Shirts get dirty. Underwear gets stank. Jeans? Jeans seldom get dirty, and you can wear them all week.
- Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys in a
  pocket or finding their cell phone, but I'd bet everyone can find and push the
  snooze button from 2 feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time
  every time!
- Why is it the older you get, the more the movie "The Borrowers", about how little gremlins take or move your "stuff" around, truly makes so much sense?
- The first testicular guard, the "Cup," was used in Hockey in 1874 and the
  first helmet was used in 1974. That means it only took 100 years for men to
  realize that their brain is also important to protect.

An old lady dies and goes to heaven. She's chatting it up with St. Peter at the "Pearly Gates" when all

of a sudden she hears the most awful, blood-curdling screams.

Don't worry about that,' says St. Peter, 'It's only someone having the holes drilled into her shoulder blades for the wings.'

The old lady looks a little uncomfortable but carries on with the conversation. A few minutes later, there are more blood curdling screams. 'Oh my,' says the old lady, 'now what's happening?" Not to worry,' says St. Peter, 'She's just having her head drilled to fit the halo.'

'I can't do this,' says the old lady, 'I'm going to Hell.'

'You can't go to that nasty place,' says St. Peter.

'You'll be raped and taken advantage of.'

'Maybe so,' says the old lady, 'but I've already got the holes for that.'

A man boarding a Christmas flight home to see his brother and Family was suddenly taken by surprise by what he knew was the most beautiful woman he'd ever seen. He was ecstatic when she sat down next to him and as she settled in his eyes were glued to her. He asked quite calmly; "So, business or pleasure?", to which she gently replied, "Self-Improvement. I'm going to the Annual Nymphomaniac's Convention in Boston. What's your business at the Convention if you don't mind me asking?". Again, the gentle voiced beauty replied; "Well, I'll be giving a lecture, based on personal experience to debunk many of the famous myths regarding sex". For instance, myth has it that African-American men are the most endowed, when in fact it's the American Indian that holds that record". And, it's legend that French men are the most sensuous lovers, when in fact it is men of Spanish descent. And last but not least, it's been my personal experience on many, many occasions to discover that when it comes to stamina, you just can't beat a good ole' Southern Redneck. "So, having shared all that with you and I don't even know your name". Let's get properly introduced. The man, without a moment's hesitation replied, "My actual name is Tonto Gonzales, but all my friends just call me Bubba".

"A Suit" was interviewing a young blonde for a position in his company. He wanted to find out something about her personality so he asked, "If you could have a conversation with any person, living or dead, who would that be?" The blonde quickly responded; "Oh, yeah, definitely the living one."

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#### Jamie McMurray Crew Chief Matt McCall Wins Weekly MOOG® 'Problem Solver' Award at Texas Motor Speedway

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Dale Earnhardt Jr. Crew Chief Greg Ives Maintains I ead in Battle for \$100,000 Year-End **MOOG** Award

Southfield, Michigan, November 11, 2015, Matt McCall, crew chief for Jamie McMurray and the No. 1 Cessna Chevrolet SS, won the MOOG® Steering and Suspen-

sion brand's "Problem Solver of the Race" award following the team's top-10 finish in Sunday's AAA Texas 500 NASCAR® Sprint Cup event at Texas Motor Speedway. McCall's weekly MOOG award gives him two for the season, while Dale Earnhardt Jr. crew chief Greg Ives, with five Problem Solver wins, maintained his lead in the battle for the \$100,000 MOOG "Problem Solver of the Year" award. MOOGis the Official Steering and Suspension of NASCAR.

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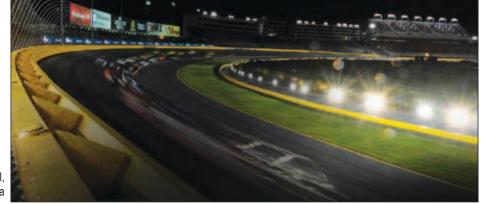
McMurray started 27th but spent most of the afternoon in the top 10 as McCall and the Chip Ganassi Racing crew continually enhanced the performance of the MOOG-equipped Chevrolet. The 1 car ran as high as fourth late in the race and posted an event-high 0.164-second-per-lap improvement over the final 167 laps. The race was won in thrilling fashion by Jimmie Johnson and the MOOG-equipped No. 48 Chevrolet SS, which pulled off a late-race pass of otherwise dominant Brad Keselowski, who led all but 22 laps.

"Our congratulations go out to Matt McCall on his second MOOG Problem Solver win and to Jimmie Johnson for showing that anything can happen at the end of a race," said Tim Nelson, director of motorsports for Federal-Mogul Motorparts. "We're expecting an equally tight finish to our year-long battle for the prestigious MOOG Problem Solver trophy. It looks like we're down to two crew chiefs, both of whom have distinguished themselves throughout 2015."

With just two races remaining, Ives holds a one-win advantage over Justin Alexander, crew chief for Paul Menard and the No. 27 Chevrolet. Nine crew chiefs, including McCall, are three wins back.

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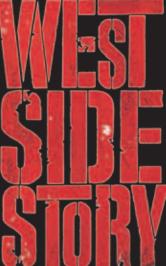
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Holiday season is in full swing with Thanksgiving in the rearview mirror and the Christmas/New Year holidays approaching fast! I certainly hope that you and your family are able to enjoy these holiday times together.

Unfortunately, the riding season is all but concluded for this year and we are left to fall

asleep at night with visions of warm sunny rides, along our favorite routes, dancing in our heads. But hey, this is not a time to just park the bike and forget it! No sir, it's wish list time, or better yet it's time to address that wish list and get some of the upgrades done you have been thinking about.

What better time to spend some quality time with your bike, outfitting it for next year's riding season. Last year, I upgraded the pipes on my Ultra, this year I'm looking at an upgrade to the air cleaner and maybe installing the hardware to make my tour pack detachable. Anyway, it's not a bad time to review your wish list and take action. Dealers and aftermarket vendors offer lots of sales and discounts this time of year, so take advantage of them!! Heck, maybe it's time to upgrade to that new bike you have been dreaming about......just say'in!

Plus, who knows, with all the talk of a milder winter this year due to El Nino, we might just get some riding opportunities during these winter months! Doesn't hurt to be ready!

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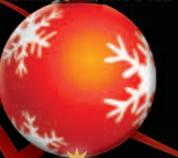
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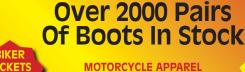












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 $I_t$  is never too late to be what you might have been. ~ George Eliot

You become what you believe. ~ Oprah Winfrey

#### Riddles

A. You have one of me and I'm easy to touch, I'm hard to look at, but you can in a clutch. Yet you're told to watch me, or get your friends'. I'm often referred to when you make amends. You can throw me out but not away, I cause many pain, every day.

What am I?

B. What asks but never answers?

C. If you lose me, others around you may lose me too. What am I? (Answers to riddles below)

#### Fun Facts

Your ribs move about 5 million times a year, every time you breathe.

Your right lung takes in more air than your left one does.

Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks otherwise it will digest itself.

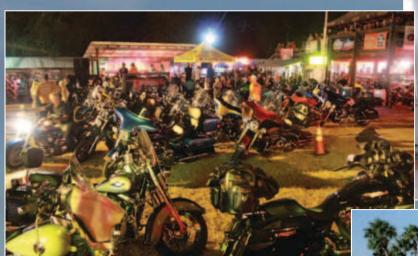
WI C). Your Temper

Answers: A). Your back, You have one and it's easy to touch but hard to look it. A common phrase is to "watch your back" and it's common to "have your friend's back." When apologizing, you often want to take back what you said. You can throw out your back, but you can't throw it away, And back pain causes people pain every day. B). An back, but you can't throw it away, And back pain causes people pain every day. B). An



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safety and the safety of businesses; most work overtime, but are always smiling and telling stories of how the growth is a benefit to the cities.

The ocean water was warm enough to swim in and not freeze your body in and out of the water, clean, and no jelly fish to scare you off. How can you not have a good time with all this? I cannot forget to mention the weather of 80 every day and 60 every night!!! Now, that is some nice riding weather...

There are always places to stay or camp. And most of the campgrounds have their own venues if you didn't want to leave to head to town every night. Like Cacklebery Campground for example; they have vendors, bands, rides, food, beer, and their own little go cart track, You could also walk across the street to the Cabbage Patch and see Cole Slaw wrestling and many more vendors, food and music to enjoy. The Speedway is under major Construction for a big project to be finished soon, but they were still open for tours and bike shows as well as vendors there too. The chamber also had a tent on Beach Street, they gave away Official Biketoberfest pins, had a contest which they drew the last day of the event for accommodations for 2016 Biketoberfest and a vendor passport contest for more stuff to win as well as an official poster of the 75th Daytona Bike Week (which is happening in March of 2016).

Bruce Rossmeyer's Destination Daytona Harley Dealer, is a city in itself. They had a trike show this year, which was a success. Thank you to Sandy Rossmeyer, president and her daughter Shelly Rossmeyer Pepe, Dean Pepe, Will Rossmeyer, Mary Rossmeyer Campbell and Tim Daly. You all have kept the dream of your

#### Hi Thunder Roads of Michigan Fans...

If you didn't go you're going to be sooo jealous, enough to want to go next year! In fact, in 2017 it will be their 25th anniversary and you won't want to miss that one for

October 15th to the 18th 2015 my husband Bud and I were there.

We, like many others, went a couple days early; it just heightened the thrill of the event itself. Seeing all the vendors and dealers getting ready for the opener. Things to see and do are all published on the Daytonabeach.com/ Biketoberfest website as well as a small book printed out just for all the attendants to know where to go and what's going on.

We were honored to attend the Press Conference on the morning of the first day. I have to say the representatives, sponsors and officials involved are very excited for this event and they enjoy it as much as we do. They work very hard for our Husband, Father and Friend going. I didn't have the honor of meeting him, but I





have to tell you from the ones that did know him, your reservations now! Start planning early, you

Again, I can't wait until next year when Biketoberfest comes around. You can start calling in for

which is so many; having their own stories to tell won't regret it. Thank you to everyone in Dayabout him and knowing some of you I feel like tona Beach for a great Biketoberfest and caring for our safety, working every day, with, I am sure lots of overtime and volunteered hours. This is a win-win for everyone around.



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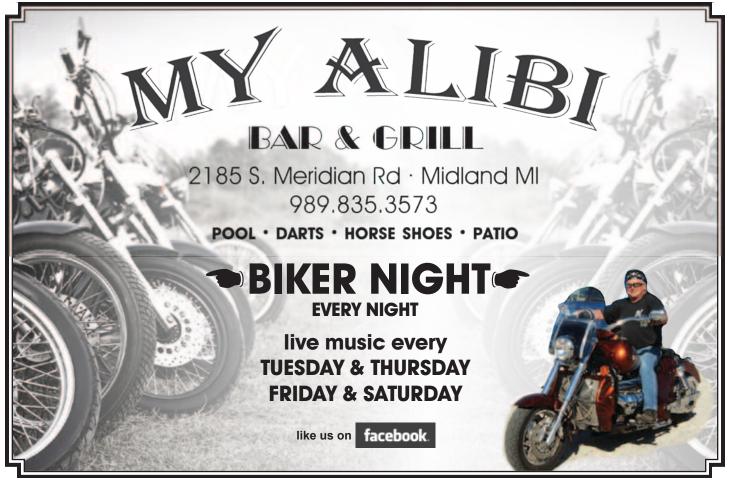
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### Biker Preacher's Corner

There's another lie about God, that's been going around for many years. The lie goes something like this, "God doesn't do that... anymore". Now this will most likely get under the skin of the religious types, but the fact is that God does not change. The Bible is very clear about this, **Hebrews 13:8** says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" and this is wonderful news for everyone today!!

Ya see, God is still raising the dead, He is still healing the sick, His Word, The Bible, is still absolute truth, His gifts found in 1 Corinthians 12 are still active, and in use, and here is a big one that I want to focus on this month - HE'S STILL SAVING THE LOST!!

1 Timothy 1:15–16 says 15 This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, so that in me, the worst of them, Christ Jesus might demonstrate His extraordinary patience as an example to those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

Today, everything is questioned, fault is looked for and if fault can't be found, it's made up and promoted. But the Word of God is both time and scientifically tested and found to be truly without fault. It is trustworthy and if you'll fully accept God and believe His Word you, too, will find that it is the Truth and contains what you truly desire... a relationship with God.

Luke 19:10 says 10 For the Son of Man [Jesus] has come to seek and to save the lost."

Listen, my brothers and sisters, all of us, mankind, are lost! Because of sin, we are the lost ones that Jesus came to seek for and to save! You are so dearly loved that your creator, God almighty, came to pay for your sin and save you. Jesus truly is the greatest Christmas gift ever!

The Bible also says in John 3:16 "For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

Do you see the word everyone? That means everyone and it has nothing to do with external looks or behaviors. Listen, God came to save us and will introduce Himself to you! But you have to receive Him, Jesus. He will not force Himself or His will on us. Like any gift given, it must be accepted and received.

John 14:6 "Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

So many try to find other ways and false religions to be made right with God. STOP IT! There is no way to Him except Christ Jesus!

Feeling lost this Christmas season? Accept the free gift of Heaven – Salvation which is only through the blood and name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

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#### Apostle Brian "BMAN" McKay

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December 10 Men's Night Shiawassee HD, Birch Run, MI. 6-8 pm, free beer, wings & gift wrapping. Shopping & more. For more info go to shiawasseeharley-davidson.com

December 11 Wolverine HD. Clinton TWSP. MI. 6 pm-9 pm, 50/50 raffle, silent auction & smoke a cigar with George. For more info go to wolverinehd.com (See full page ad this issue).

December 11 **Men's Shopping Night** Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. 5-7pm. For more info go to raycsh-d.com (See ad

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Family Shopping Night Sandy's HD, Fremont, MI. Let us entertain the kids at Sandy's Kid's Craft Night from 5 pm-8 pm while you shop. For more info go to sandysharley-davidson. com (See ad this issue).

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December 12 The Black List Biker Xmas Party Hamilton HD, Sturgis, MI. Call to get on the invitation only list. For more info go to hamiltonharley-davidson.com

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December 18 TTT Service Workshop Ray C's HD. Lapeer, Ml. 6-7pm. For more info go to raycsh-d.com (See ad this issue).

December 19 Fit & Function Workshop Biker Bob's HD. Taylor, Ml. 2 pm. To RSVP for your spot call 734-947-4647. For more info go to bikerbobshd.com (See 2 page ad spread this issue).

December 19 **Photos with Santa** Perry HD, Portage, MI. Free gift wrapping. For more info call 269-329-3450 (See ad this issue).

#### **JANUARY 2016**

Chicago Motorcycle Swap Meet & Show Pheasant Run Resort, Chicago, IL. Fri 2-8 pm, Sat 10-8, Sun 10-5, bikes, parts, leather, vendors, freak show, burlesque show, comedy show, live bands, live appearance on 9th Mark Boone Junior (Sons of Anarchy), custom bike show. For more info go to paragonspromotion. com (See ad this issue).

January 16 **Lighting Workshop** Biker Bob's HD, Taylor, MI. 2 pm. To RSVP for your spot call 734-947-4647. For more info go to bikerbobshd.com (See 2 page ad spread this issue).

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#### **MARCH 2016**

March 19 Collection Kits/Trim Workshop Biker Bob's HD, Taylor, MI. 2 pm. To RSVP for your spot call 734-947-4647. For more info go to bikerbobshd.com (See 2 page ad spread this issue).

March 19 Monster Energy AMA Supercross Ford Field, Detroit, MI. \$15 admis, doors open 12:30 pm, race starts at 6:30 pm. For more info go to supercrosslive.com/tickets

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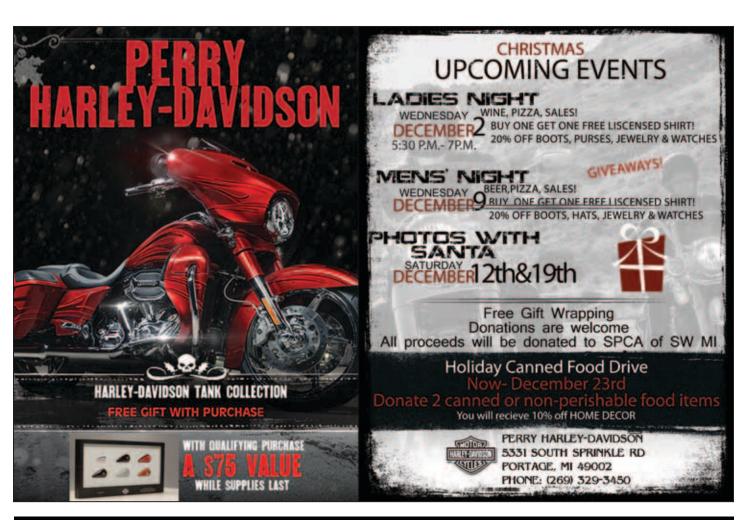
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#### **MEN WITHOUT CHESTS**

Tarzan, Lord of the Jungle! Hanging out with Jane in the ol' tree castle living the life. At peace with himself, happy, and under the thumb of no one, man nor beast.

But, always with his ear to the ground and ever focused on a possible threat to him or his family and way of life. For when anything popped up that threatened, he was quick to action, pounding his chest, instantly on high alert, and off to address the issue head on.

It's that spirit of individualism that has set Americans apart. When presented with the idea of individual liberty, with rights we were born with, attached to us as firmly as our arms and legs, we ran with it. And we have a history filled with men and women who kept their ears to the ground, who paid close attention, and were prepared to go on high alert, pound their chest, and run for the trouble.

But, it is more than obvious that the spirit of Tarzan is more a legend and myth, than alive in America today. Most would rather watch Tarzan than BE Tarzan. Very few keep their ears to the ground. Even fewer are prepared to beat their chests and head anywhere. The cacophony of constant, round the clock, meaningless noise perpetrated upon us by the TV, Radio, Signs, Internet, and Cell phones has created a state of Cognitive Dissonance, and Apathy.

"The apathy of the people is enough to make every statue leap from its pedestal and hasten the resurrection of the dead." William Lloyd Garrison

"Government is at its worst when you have apathy from its citizens." Jesse Ventura

It's very hard to think of any aspect of life that is not under the purview, if not the complete guidance of our government. I don't even really believe I entirely own my own property anymore. Everything is up for the taking by our government under some rule, regulation, or law, and taxed. I don't even believe the first few tiers of our elected representatives are able to impact the bloated gut of our government anymore. And worse, I do not believe that those on the tiers that can work towards our return to liberty are put there by us. They are selected, funded, and appointed through a façade of an election that is regulated to the point of making any independent candidates ineligible to be on a ballot.

The American jungle is in big trouble.

We all need to do a little primal screaming off our front porch. Get up, walk outside and be Tarzan. Pound your chest, and do your yell. This is my jungle and I am ready, willing, and able to keep it that way! If enough of us do that, we might at least hear the spirit of America. And if there are still enough of us, we might take back our jungle.

~ Rusty



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## Bullet Points

### **HYDROGRAPHICS** FOR YOUR FIREARM Courtesy of TRIN



Thinking of customizing your firearm? Maybe you want to try hydro-: What is the process? graphics! While it may not be new, it is becoming popular. Some of you might be wondering what hyrdrographics is, so here are a few frequently asked questions.

#### What is Hvdrographics?

Hydrographics has several generic names. Some of the names include water transfer printing, immersion printing, camo dipping, hydro imaging, and many more.



#### What can hydrographics be applied to?

Just about any flat or 3D non-porous surface that can be submerged in water can be decorated. Plastics, metals, composites. glass, and wood can all be decorated. A general rule of thumb is if it can be painted it can be dipped. Some of the most popular items to dip are guns, bows, Skulls, automotive trim & bezels, wheels, computer cases, ATV's, golf carts, and many more!

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The process to apply hydrographics is pretty straight forward. It starts out with prepping the item, and then applying primer and base coat. The customer's choice of a polyvinyl film printed with the chosen graphic is then cut to size and laid on the surface of the water in a water transfer printing tank and an activator is applied to the film. After a few seconds, the film turns to liquid ink and floats on the surface of the water. That allows the item to be dipped slowly into the ink which wraps 360 degrees around the object. Then the item is dried, and an automotive grade clear-coat will go over the new finish to maximize durability.

#### How durable is hydro dipping?

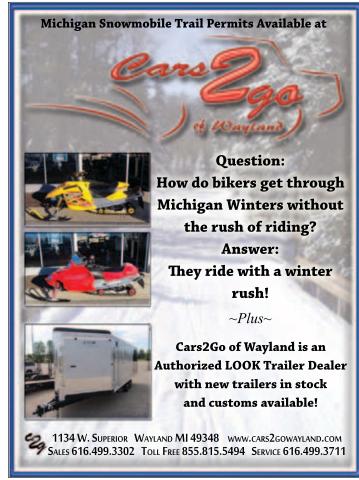
Hydrographic printing is very durable. It is comparable to the finish on a car. Finishes are available in high gloss, matte, or flat.



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