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Happy Summer! Happy 4th of July!

I have to admit I love birthdays! Even mine, but only because it's on the 4th of July and it's always a celebration, so you can't beat that! I don't care what people say, my parents told me when I was little that the fireworks were all for me and I am going to keep that young spirit and way of thinking ha ha ha. I must have been real gullible when I was little! Nevertheless I hope you enjoy this day with something fun! We are in the heat of the summer now! There are tons of events all over the state going on and Michigan is in full bloom. So get out and ride!

Have you checked to see if your Ride Card is a winner? Each month I will list the winners from the previous months list of stops, so make sure to claim your prize if you are a winner...otherwise the prize will be forfeited and we wouldn't want that! All the details are in this issue on page 25.

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Now for some "Mo" Advice:

Sometimes you need to take a few steps back to see things clearly.

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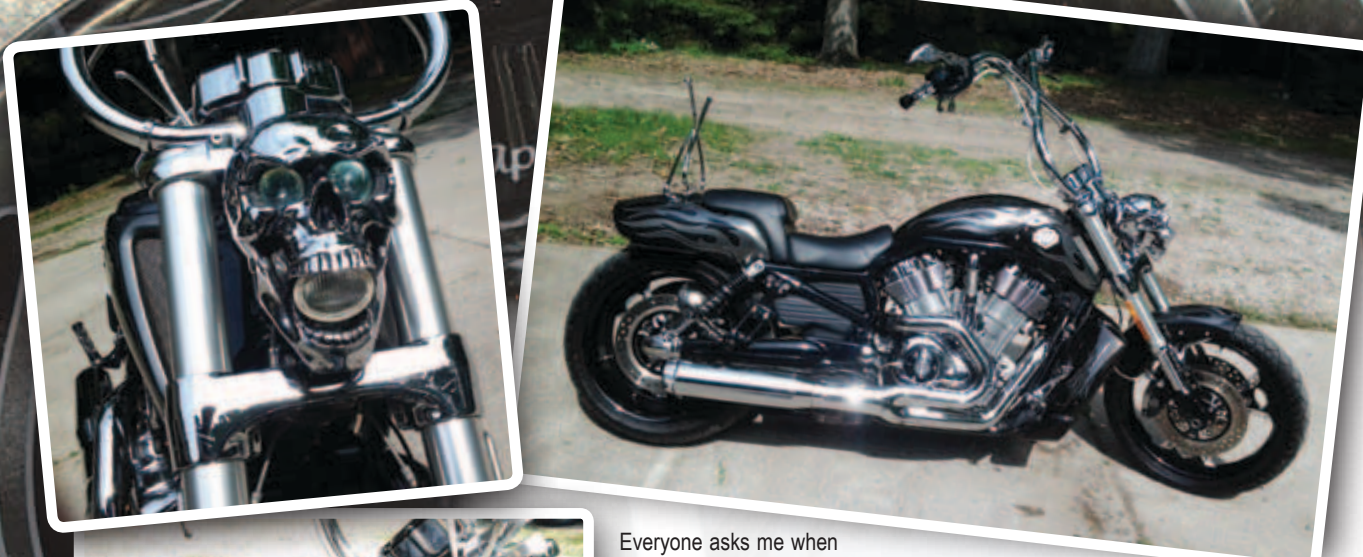


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"Bridging the gap between military service and civilian life is one way we are constantly striving to do better for our veterans and active duty members of the armed forces," Snyder said. "There are many areas in which military experience overlaps with education taught in college courses, and this new law will help ensure that credit is granted for that knowledge, allowing service members to receive their degree in a shorter period of time so they can embark on their new career."

The new law requires collaboration between the American Council on Education Registry of Credit Recommendations and the Department of Defense, identifying where military experience coincides with certain courses so that veterans can receive credit for those courses. The governor last year signed legislation applying these requirements to community colleges.

The bill also requires the schools to inform active duty or veteran applicants of their eligibility to receive the academic credits.

Veterans can take advantage of Fireworks-Free Fourth of July at 12 Michigan State Parks

For veterans looking for a quieter Fourth of July celebration, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is making 12 state parks fireworks free this year. "While fireworks are a traditional Fourth of July festivity, some veterans and others prefer a calmer celebration with a little less excitement," said DNR Parks and Recreation Division Chief Ron Olson. "We are pleased to honor our veterans and offer that opportunity in several of our beautiful state parks."

Taking place from July 3 through July 5, the Fireworks-Free Fourth of July is a partnership between the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency and the DNR. There is no guarantee no fireworks will be set off near the state parks, but officials hope the state parks are far enough away from urban areas that the mood will stay low-key. Aerial fireworks are banned in state parks.

The 12 state parks are:

Bewabic State Park in Iron County
Brighton Recreation Area-Bishop Lake Campground in Livingston County
Cheboygan State Park in Cheboygan County
Craig Lake State Park in Baraga County
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West Point barracks named for ostracized black cadet

Benjamin O. Davis Jr. entered West Point in 1932 as its only black cadet and spent the next four years shunned. He roomed alone, and no one befriended him. The future Tuskegee Airman and trailblazing Air Force general later said he was "an invisible man."

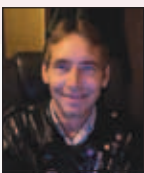
Now, more than a decade after his death, the academy that allowed Davis to be ostracized is honoring him. A new cadet barracks being constructed among the fortress-like buildings of the U.S. Military Academy will be named for Davis — a rare privilege previously granted to graduates with names like MacArthur and Eisenhower. Officials at the storied academy say Davis was a natural choice by dint of his career and character. It also gives the academy a chance to belatedly do right by Davis.

Davis was "silenced," a coordinated shunning usually reserved for cadets who violated the honor code. He roomed by himself, and fellow cadets spoke to him only as needed. Mess hall tables with empty places would be too full for him to sit at. Davis refused to buckle. He took long, solo runs through the surrounding hills, listened to his radio and wrote cheerful letters home. He graduated 35th in a class of 276.

In the end, his steely tenacity won respect from the very cadets who made his four years so difficult. His yearbook entry notes that he earned "the sincere admiration of his classmates."

Davis, who died in 2002 at age 89, has a history-soaked resume that includes commanding the all-black 332nd Fighter Group, known as the Red Tails, and becoming the first black general of the Air Force, which he joined in 1947. He retired as a three-star general in 1970 and was awarded a fourth star in 1998 by President Bill Clinton.

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July is Women's Motorcycle Month

While it's true women have been riding motorcycles since the beginning, but any rider today will tell you they've noticed more and more women who ride, especially over the last decade. Data from a recent Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) ownership survey supports this observation: as of 2012, about twelve per cent of motorcycle owners are women, and women make up about one quarter of all riders (including passengers). Nearly seven million women rode motorcycles in the United States in 2012; and, while I don't have any hard data to support this, my guess is that number has increased over the last three years.

One of the things I love about being The Motorcycle Lawyer, besides helping injured bikers, is hearing other motorcyclists' stories. Motorcyclists are a passionate bunch, and through my experience working with bikers from all walks of life, I've learned a lot about what motivates people to start riding. Earlier this year, I used social media and my monthly newsletter to ask women why they ride, and I thought I would share some of the reasons with you in honor of Women's Motorcycle Month.

After a few responses came in, I started noticing a few universal themes. Interestingly, these themes line up with a Kelton study commissioned by Harley-Davidson (H-D) in 2013 to try to understand what "drives" women motorcyclists. That study found that women who ride used words like "freedom", "adventure", "challenge", "control", "independence", and "community", among others, to describe their motivation for riding a motorcycle.

Several of the women I heard from talked about freedom. Some said riding is plain and simple "me time", when they didn't have to worry about their jobs or their families or any of the other day-to-day stressors, they can just ride and reconnect with themselves. Some women said riding is a way to get out of the house kid- and spouse-free. One woman said she likes riding because it makes her feel like she can rely on herself... that she doesn't have to depend on anyone or anything but her bike to get where she wants to go. Finally, I had a rider who said that she likes to ride out in the country early in the morning, when nobody else is around. "It's like flying," she said.

Some women said they liked the challenge of riding a motorcycle, while others talked about how controlling their bike helped them feel more in control of other aspects of their lives. The hands-on nature of riding a motorcycle versus riding in a car seems to inspire female riders. One biker told me she started riding because she hated being left behind all the time. "Growing up, my older brother had a bike, then my boyfriend, and then my husband. I got tired of having to either stay home or rely on him to take me around, so I stepped up and started riding on my own. I love it!"

One of the things I think every rider loves about motorcycling is the strong biker community; women riders are no exception. One thing that is guaranteed when you buy a motorcycle is that people are going to want to talk about it. Non-riders will want to give you advice; other riders will want to tell their best bike stories. A motorcycle

is a great conversation starter, and owning one is a great way to meet new people and make new friends. One woman who wrote me said exactly that. She rode motorcycles when she was younger, but stopped when her kids' father left and she had to raise them on her own. When the kids went off to college, she felt lost having so much time on her hands. "I wasn't sure what to do with myself, but I'd always wanted to get back on a motorcycle so I just didn't over-think it. I got a bike, joined a local club, and found myself with a bunch of new friends. It's been great."

That H-D study I mentioned earlier also found that motorcycling inspires happiness, confidence, and even sexiness, both on and off the motorcycle. Thirty-seven per cent of women who participated in the study reported feeling happy "always" (versus only sixteen per cent of non-riders). Thirty-five per cent of women stated they "always" felt confident (against only eighteen per cent of non-riders). And, twenty-seven percent of women riders reported "always" feeling sexy (compared to only seven per cent of non-riders). The study also found that nearly three-quarters of women riders believe that motorcycling has improved their lives.

Whatever the motivation, I think increasing numbers of motorcyclists is a good thing for the biker community as a whole. More bikers means more people to help spread the word that motorcycles are everywhere, and to encourage vehicle drivers to be motorcycle-aware.

If you are a woman biker and you'd like to share your story, email writer@lawyerforlife.com or check us out on Facebook: [facebook.com/TheMotorcycleLawyer](https://www.facebook.com/TheMotorcycleLawyer)

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Late in the night, "Buzzard" finally regained consciousness. He was in the hospital, agonizing in pain. The last thing he remembered was going down on his bike and of course was wondering if "she" was alright. He found himself in the ICU with tubes in his nose, needles and IV drips in every arm, a breathing mask, wires monitoring every function and yet a gorgeous nurse hovering over him. Buzzard realized he was obviously in a life-threatening situation. He had heard the Nurses talking out at their station that there was a 50/50 percentage that he could have temporary paralysis from the waist down. The nurse entered his room, gave him a serious, deep look, straight into the eyes, and he heard her slowly say, "For now, you may not feel anything from the waist down." Somehow Buzzard managed to mumble in reply, "Can I feel your boobs, then?"

Two women in their early 50's pass away and meet up for the first time in Eternity. They hadn't seen each other for quite some time. SYLVIA: Hi! Wanda. WANDA: Hi! Sylvia. How'd you die? SYLVIA: I froze to death. WANDA: How horrible! SYLVIA: It wasn't so bad. After I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get warm & sleepy, and finally died a peaceful death. What about you? WANDA: I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected that my husband was cheating, so I came home early to catch him in the act. But instead, I found him all by himself in the den watching TV. SYLVIA: So, what happened? WANDA: I was so sure there was another woman there somewhere that I started running all over the house looking. I ran up into the attic and searched, and down into the basement. Then I went through every closet and checked under all the beds. I kept this up until I had looked everywhere, and finally I became so exhausted that I just keeled over with a heart attack and died. SYLVIA: Too bad you didn't look in the freezer -- we'd both still be alive.

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While she was waiting for the manager to finish serving a customer, her eye caught a beautiful bathroom faucet. When the manager was finished, Tilly asked him, "How much is that faucet?" The manager replied, "That's a gold plated faucet and the price is \$500.00." Tilly exclaimed, "My goodness, that's an expensive faucet and certainly out of my price range!" She then proceeded to describe the hinge that Charlie had sent her to buy. The manager said that he had them in stock and went into the storeroom to get one. From the storeroom the manager yelled, "Ma'am, you wanna' screw for that hinge? Tilly shouted back, "No, but I will for the faucet."

EATING IN THE 50's & 60's; A Simpler Time. Pasta was not eaten in Australia. Curry was a surname. A takeaway was a mathematical problem. A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower. All potato chips were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not. Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding for babies. Calamari was called Squid and we used it as fish bait. A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining. Brown bread was something only poor people ate. Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking. Tea was hot or cold, but never green. Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh, and Sweet Tea was the only thing you drank in the South (when not drinking liquor). Fish didn't have fingers in those days. Eating raw fish was called poverty, not Sushi. None of us had ever heard of yogurt. Healthy food consisted of anything edible. People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy. Cooking outside was called camping. Seaweed was not a recognized food. "Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food. Prunes were medicinal. Surprisingly, Muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed. Water came out of the tap. *If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock; now they're mega-rich. But the one thing that we never, ever, had on our table in the sixties was Elbows or Phones. Just sayin'as they now say.



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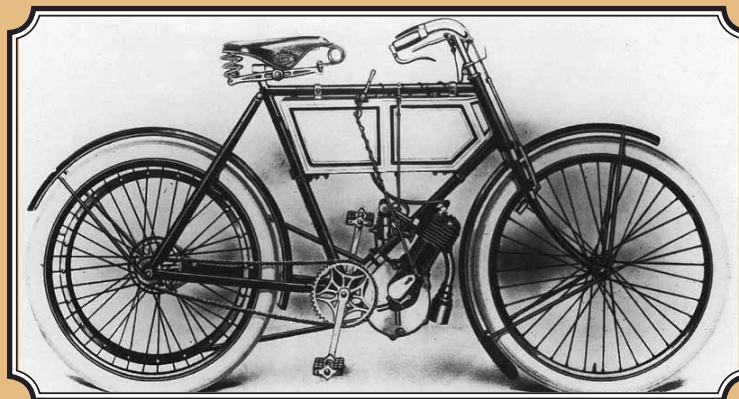
HISTORY OF MOTORCYCLES: *Production Begins*



In the earliest days of motorcycle production the biggest players in the industry remained the bicycle manufacturers. They began adapting their designs to accommodate the up and coming internal combustion engine. As engines became more powerful and designs began to outgrow their bicycle origins, the number of motorcycle producers increased. With so many people trying to succeed in the motorcycle industry, many of the 19th century inventors inevitably moved from motorcycle development to automobiles. Survival of the fittest at its finest, and at the turn of the century the first major mass production firms were established.

1894 marked the year of the first production motorcycle in Germany. Hildebrand and Wolfmüller developed the "Motorrad". They even patented the Motorrad engine, a revolutionary 1488 cc model, but only a few hundred bikes were ever completed. At the same time the term "motorcycle" was first used in the English language when it appeared in materials promoting machines developed by E J Pennington. Sadly, Pennington's designs never progressed past the prototype stage. In 1896 The Excelsior Motor Company began selling motorcycles to the public in Coventry, England. (Excelsior would also operate a company in the U.S. from 1905 – 1931) 1898 presented us with a U.S. development in the industry, when the Orient-Aster was built by Charles Metz at his factory in Waltham, Massachusetts.

At this point in the game, many names that have become household standards began to emerge. The first familiar name in motorcycles appeared out of the bicycle era in 1898...Triumph. Triumph extended its production focus to include the motorcycle, and by 1902 had successfully produced its first model for sale. The first Triumph was essentially a bicycle fitted with a Belgian built engine



that boasted a whopping 2.2 HP, and a short year later Triumph had emerged as the largest producer of motorcycles boasting an annual production of over 500 units. Clearly not considered "mass production" by today's standards, but in 1902?? Triumph was kicking some serious ass in the motorcycle revolution. By 1907 Triumph had perfected a new 450 cc 3.5 HP engine and was producing 1,000 units annually.

1901 was the birth year for the famed Indian Motorcycle Manufacturing Company. The love child of two former bicycle racers, Indian quickly became (and has remained) a beloved name in motorcycles. Their first design was the "diamond framed" Indian Single. Its engine was built by the Aurora Firm in Illinois per Indian's specifications. The Single was made available in one color...Deep Blue. Indian also increased its production to over 500 bikes by the close of 1902, making Indian a strong competitor for Triumph. Along the way, Indian pushed the evolution of the motorcycle in several ways...in 1902 Indian produced the first chain driven bike sold to the public, as well as released the first American V-Twin in 1906 (which remains the most popular motorcycle engine today). 1907 brought the first police unit to NYC (Indian bikes were chosen by all), and by 1914 Indian had created the "loop frame" positioned gas tank, swing arm and leaf spring suspension, and the world's first electric lights and starter. No more need for a flashlight, or parking your bike at dusk...diehards could now ride all damn night! Indian would continue to rise in the production game as well, up to 32,000 units per year (its best ever) in 1913.

1901 also brought an eager young man by the name of William S. Harley into the biking world. At the age of 21 he completed his first blueprint of a bicycle engine. In 1903, William and his partner Arthur Davidson produced their first motorcycle in their meager 10 by 15 foot factory. Henry Meyer of Milwaukee

Indian Single 1904



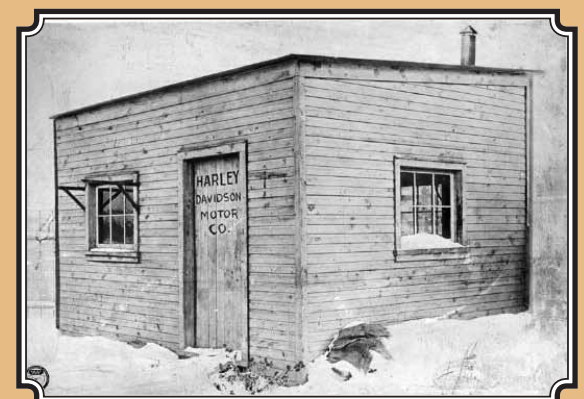
Hildebrand & Wolfmüller 1894



bought the original 1903 model directly from the founders...Meyer obviously had no idea what a lucky bastard he was! In 1904 the first Harley dealership was opened in Chicago, Illinois by C. H. Lang, where one of the first production models was sold. In 1907, Harley becomes a corporation and builds a new, larger factory. In 1908, the first HD motorcycle is delivered to the Detroit Michigan PD for Detroit's first motorcycle patrol unit. The following year, for the first time ever, spare parts for the HD V-twin were made available for sale...makes me wonder what the hell you did before that if your bike broke down?? By 1914 Harley had introduced the world to the renowned bar and shield logo, begun production of the "F-Head", and brought us sidecars...the beginning of the tag-along rider (insert apology here).

By this time, mass production was in full swing, and competition was in full force. Experimentation and innovation were taking over and being further driven by the growing sport of motorcycle racing. A powerful incentive to produce tougher, faster, more reliable machines was on the rise. While initiated for the racing world, these enhancements were to quickly infiltrate the public's machines as well. Remember that mention of the U.S. Excelsior Motor Company? Well those cats can be thanked for being a huge driving force behind why that bad ass bike parked in your driveway does more for you than just take you from point A to point B. We will delve into our need for speed next time...

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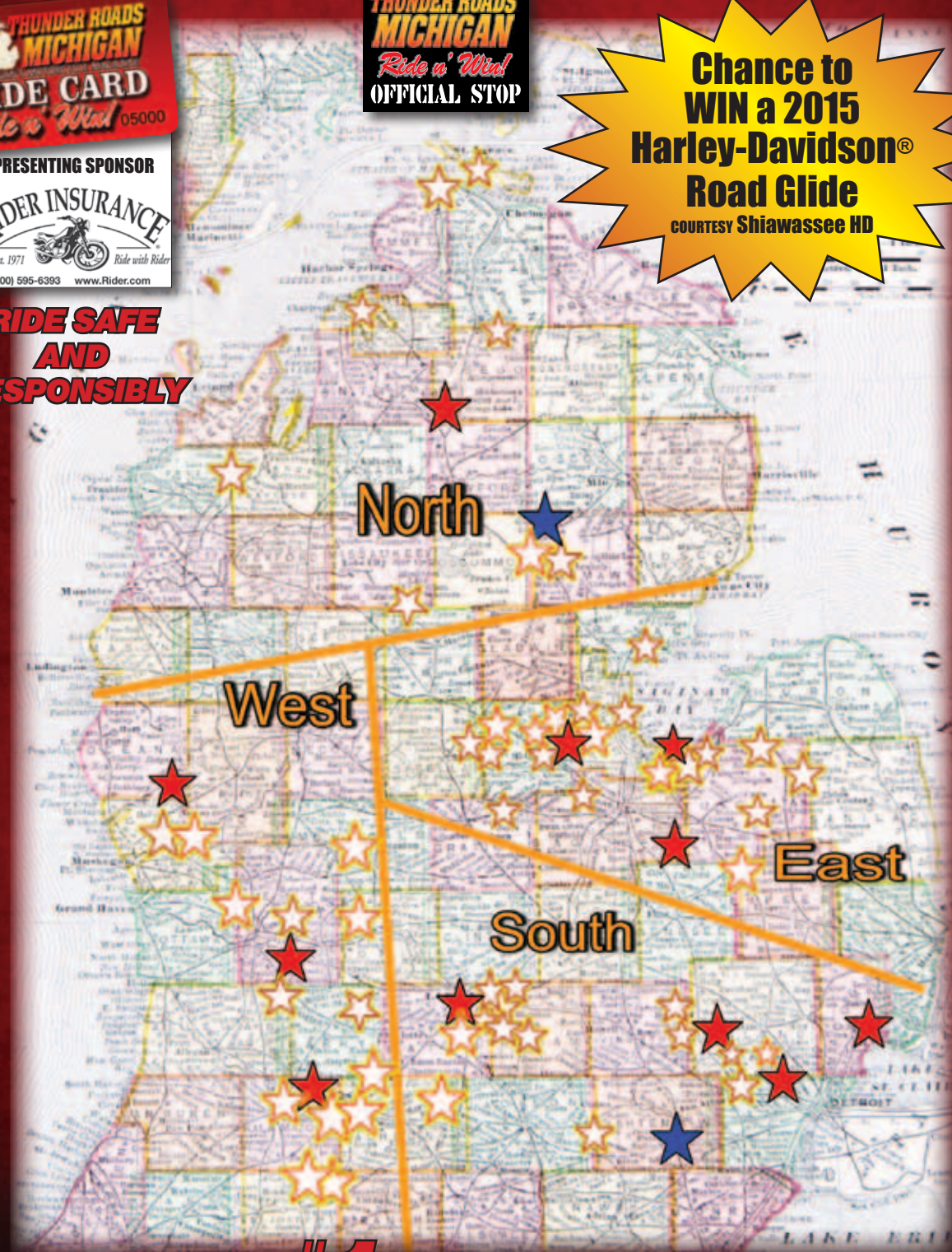
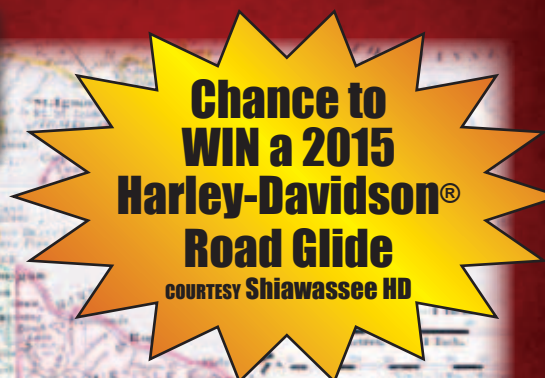
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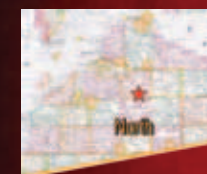
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For the month of July check-in at any of these stops and you could win the prize at that stop. Don't have a Ride card? You can sign-up for your FREE Ride Card at any of the stops listed with a Ride Card next to it (Ride Cards from last year are still 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 August 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.

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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.

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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.
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Bike Night Wednesdays

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Bike Night Thursdays.

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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.

Duel Bar

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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.

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Low Rider Café

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.
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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.
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2292 Eastman Rd, Midland, MI 48642. (989) 631-1104 Hours: M-F 9:30-8, Sat 9:30-5, Sun 12-5. 1 lucky person wins a \$25 gift card.
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5626	6986	5191	8702	6128
6200	7056	7497	6114	8438
5109	7894	6542	5844	8808
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Inspiration
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Happiness is not something readymade. It comes from your own actions. ~ Dalai Lama

If you're offered a seat on a rocket ship, don't ask what seat! Just get on. ~ Sheryl Sandberg

First, have a definite, clear practical ideal; a goal, an objective. Second, have the necessary means to achieve your ends; wisdom, money, materials, and methods. Third, adjust all your means to that end. ~ Aristotle

If the wind will not serve, take to the oars. ~ Latin Proverb

Biker Poem
~ BY TWO WHEELS FRED

My bike sets silent, I'm sad and won't hide it
I got on it to ride, not to watch it sit
I heard it fart, but it just would not start.
It hurts my heart that my bike sets silent.

Fun Facts

The strongest muscle in proportion to its size in the human body is the tongue.

The United States has never lost a war in which mules were used.

The praying mantis is the only insect that can turn its head.

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America now has some new liquor options available; drinks that are as smooth as the glass they are poured into. Where does it come from? What's its name?

You've seen the TV show and, if you have been to Sturgis, I bet you have stopped in for a drink at the Full Throttle Saloon. That's right, a place where a real biker can go to for a most certain good time.

I received a call from our owner/managing editor, Shelly asking me to write the cover story this month. "Yeah, sure, I'll do it for you" I responded.

I was completely unprepared for what was about to come next. I was put in contact with Eric "Senior" Soluri is Director of Security Operations for the Full Throttle



Saloon. He is also one of the main characters on the hit cable TV show about the bar during Sturgis Motorcycle Week. A 23-year retired Chief Master Sergeant for the United States Air Force; "Senior" is now director of sales for Jesse James American Outlaw Bourbon Whiskey and Full Throttle S'loonshine.

He wanted to talk to us about the new bourbon and moonshine coming out of the Full Throttle Saloon in Sturgis. Eric came over to our house (mine & Pig's) carrying a box of samples for us to try. My first thought was "Oh shit tomorrow is going to be a long day!" Pig asked, "If we drink too much will we go blind?"

Senior wasted no time as he laid out eight jars of S'loonshine for us to try and three different bottles of Jesse James Outlaw Bourbon. I pulled out the shot glasses. Pig sat there with one very big grin on his face. Senior began with his announcement that distribution and release to the public had finally begun. And it's starting in Texas. The official launch was in Dallas in April, with Austin, San Antonio, and Houston in May.

Having never been to Sturgis yet, or to the Full Throttle Saloon, it has been my dream and desire to make it to both; and also to try Michael and Jesse's liquors. Tonight, two out of four dreams would be fulfilled. Senior began to fill me in on the background of the different liquors.

The Jesse James American Outlaw Bourbons are intended for the American working man who busts his butt 40-50-60 hours a week. Those we call the real Americans who make this country so great! Made in the spirit of America's true one and only outlaw, Jesse James, this Jesse calls it "Liquid America". It is reasonably priced for the American worker.

"Yeah, but is it any good?" Pig asked. Senior wasted no time, pouring each of us a shot of the honey bourbon. Pig shot his down fast. I choose to take in the aroma first. Oh yeah, this is gonna be good. I did my shot slow; I wanted to taste it. The shot went down smooth, flavorful, without the nasty burn or choking. Yes Ma'am that is truly a very fine bourbon. Senior looked over and asked us what we thought about it.



Pig and I both just smiled back at him. We both said, "It is some damn good bourbon."

Next we each did a shot of the spiced and the straight Bourbons; both just as good as the honey flavor. "Where did Jesse come up with the recipe for this bourbon?" I asked.

"I don't know" Senior replied, "Why don't we just ask him?" Yeah right, let's get drunk and start calling up the rock stars. Next thing I knew, Senior had Jesse James Dupree on his cell phone. "WTF," I'm thinking to myself, "That's Jesse James Dupree! What do I say to him?" Then I heard him say. "Hey Rainman, how's it going tonight?"

After exchanging pleasantries with Jesse, I asked him about the recipe for the bourbon. He said it is a standard recipe, created back in 1882. The difference in flavor and appeal comes from the aging process and the blending of the bourbon. He mixes a ten-year aged with a three-year aged to create a smooth, full flavored whiskey. Jesse is very proud of his "all American" bourbon.

After we hung up the phone with Jesse it was time to try the moonshine, Michael Ballard's Full Throttle S'loonshine. Today there are a lot of legal moonshines out on the market, easily available to the public in most liquor stores and finer drinking establishments. What makes one any better than another comes down to taste.

Personally when I think of moonshine I think of rough drinking, bad burning, and fighting whiskey. I was proven completely wrong with the Full Throttle S'loonshine as Senior once again lined up the shots. We tried the one flavor bikers have a strong liking for... apple pie. I have to say it is a premium shine that goes down smooth as silk. As with the bourbon, it's flavorful without the nasty after burn. Senior told me how Logan's Roadhouse (located in many central US states) serves S'loonshine and uses the apple pie flavor to make "Apple Pie Moonshine Roadhouse Tea". We just might have to go to Logan's and try that drink. We continued on with other flavors like Vanilla and Blackberry. Each one in a class of its own, WOW!

Did you ever have a Dreamsicle when you were a kid? Try mixing the vanilla flavor with orange soda. Now that is what I call an adult Dreamsicle! They even have a coffee flavored shine called Cafe' Shine. I have to say coffee never jumped started my day ohh soo goooddd as this stuff can.

I think Senior saved the best flavor for last on purpose. It's called Throttle Fusion, better known as STFU (Shut The Fu** Up). It is a mixture of the apple, strawberry, and blackberry shines, mixed with cranberry juice with a splash of Sprite. It has zero alcohol taste but it packs a powerful punch as it will knock you clean off your feet. It took Pig ten whole minutes just to get up off the floor after he had a couple of shots of that great stuff!

Now it was time to get Michael on the phone. I wasn't sure what I wanted to ask him. I could only think of one question for him, I asked him to tell me what he thought Liquid America was?

Michael Ballard defines Liquid America as: "When Prohibition hit America it spurred a whole new enterprise, the illegal distilling and sale of white whiskey AKA



moonshine. Prohibition only made people want to drink more. It exploded in Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. Them good ol' boys made the best moonshine in America and everybody wanted some of it. It was obvious after a few years that prohibition was not going to work and that the United States was losing millions of dollars in tax revenue; the US would always be Liquid America! I like to think of Liquid America as the same guys that used to bootleg moonshine; blue collar, hard-working, entrepreneurs that when an opportunity presented itself they jumped right in the middle of it."

That is the kind of thinking that I like in Michael Ballard; a real entrepreneur that saw a need and works his butt off providing it for us. His products are some of the best I have ever tasted. He was right... them good ol' boys up there in Tennessee know how to make the best shine.

Before Michael got off the phone, Pig spoke up and asked him if he thought his moonshine had the capability to solve the world's problems by sharing a jar? I could hear him laugh a little and smile as he said, "I do not think S'loonshine could solve the world's problems. However it would damn sure make them happier as they try to figure it out!"

I wouldn't be surprised if Pig didn't start thinking of his next article based on that quote from Michael.

The next time you are in a liquor store or bar ask for any of these fine spirits by name. Trust me, it is that good!

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Biker Preacher's Corner

Greetings my brothers and sisters!! I pray you're enjoying your riding season so far this year!

I know we've all heard of and are watching closely the events that have transpired in Waco, TX a few months back. What we know is that this gathering of bikers was not illegal nor violent; in fact it was their Texas Confederation of Clubs (TCOC) bi-monthly meeting, just like what we have here in Michigan. The clubs and motorcycle ministries came together to build unity and peace and to discuss issues that affect all bikers on a local, state and national level.

But, what the bikers in Waco were met with was a hail storm of police issued surprised rifle and small arms fire.

Don't get me wrong, I love our police and am grateful for their service to our communities. They do have a very hard job to do and need our love and support! Yet, this issue in Waco points to a higher level problem within the federal government which has classified everyone who wears any kind of patch as a domestic terrorist. They also say to non-riders "If you want to know about motorcyclists, watch Sons of Anarchy" What a load of crap! I, for one, am nothing like SOA and most of the bikers I know and love are not either!

I've been working for years to build unity and respect between clubs and motorcycle ministries. But, the major problem I see right now is that the Federal Government is bringing a unity that may have dire consequences.

So what is the proper course of action? Pray!! The Bible tells us in 1 Timothy 2:1-2 "First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, 2 for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity."

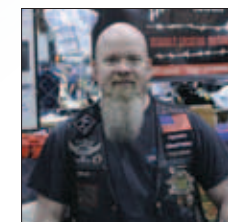
Listen, we must be the ones to pray and show the world that we are not at all what Hollywood and the loony left say about us bikers. We have to take the high-road here and pray for those in local government, national government, law enforcement and judges alike, so that we all can live and lead a quiet peaceful life.

See, there is an element in our society that would want to force us to take sides and respond to the evil that was done to our brethren in Waco in a violent way so that they can say "SEE WE TOLD YOU THEY WERE ALL THAT WAY!" We must side with The Lord in prayer!


To the Waco PD and other agencies that played part in the Waco incident. Repent, make right, disclose all truth, make reparations and take responsibility. This is the only way to bring peace and for heaven's sake, STOP PROFILING AND DISCRIMINATING AGAINST BIKERS!

Much love and respect,

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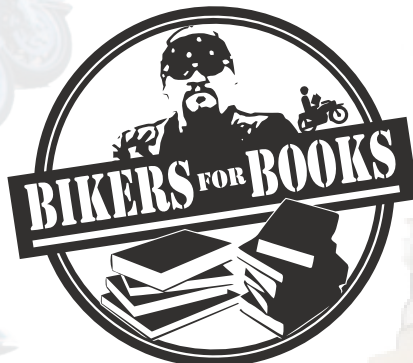
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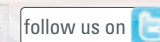
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This month we had an opportunity to present the lovely Chasidy, the 2014 Miss Inked 216 Winner, as our Iron & Ink Cover Model – and the exciting new Harley-Davidson Street 750 seemed like the perfect partner for her.

Harley introduced the new Street 750 in Austin, Texas while the X Games were in town – and that pretty much says it all right there. This is not your dad’s Harley – nor is it intended to be. This is a totally new bike meant to appeal to a whole new generation of riders that might not be interested in the rumble, size, or “tradition” of a big v-twin.

The Street 750 is a true modern motorcycle designed to compete worldwide against the sea of metric bikes that traditional Harleys have never really stacked up well against for anyone looking for something lightweight, practical, and value priced.

That’s not to say that this is a kid’s bike or even an “entry level” bike. It’s a lightweight, practical bike that’s fun to ride. I have a 900 pound Road

Glide Ultra that I wouldn’t hesitate to ride across the country on. It’s a beast that I love and they start at well over \$20,000 new. The Street 750 weighs in around 450 pounds and has a list price of approximately \$7,500. These are different bikes with different purposes. Whenever we talk about these on Facebook I always get a slew of howls from the Harley die hards that wake up in a cold sweat from nightmares of EFI Dyna’s and water cooled Electra Glides. Relax folks – this bike doesn’t represent a threat to the V-Twin monsters that rule the roads across America.

I loved riding this bike – there I said it. It was a blast to ride, but it certainly didn’t remind me of my Road Glide or even the trusted Softail that I rode for 15 years. It did, however, remind me of the old 85’ Honda Shadow 700 that I rode in college. It was smooth shifting and responded quickly to the twist of the throttle. I’m a 6’, 250lb guy – and it was a comfortable ride for me. I would probably want a different seat – something with more support – for

a longer ride; but for dashing around town – it’s a perfect ride.

I’ve always thought that Harley had a whole in its lineup when compared to their BIG 4 world competitors (H-Y-K-S). While their competition has never been shy about going toe to toe with their reincarnations of the V-Twin spirit – Harley has not created something that really compares to the seemingly endless variety of inexpensive smaller displacement sport and lightweight cruisers. And even though the V-Rod was water cooled – it certainly isn’t lightweight or a bike for entry level riders.

The Street 750 – and its smaller sibling Street 500 – fills that gap. It goes head to head with the smaller metric bikes and might just win the hearts and riding passion of a whole new generation of riders. Maybe those riders will evolve into V-twin riders down the road as their interests change and their budgets increase. Or maybe not, maybe they will just remain content with this practical, fun, new style of Harley’s.



SPECIFICATIONS

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ENGINE TYPE	Liquid-cooled 749cc 60-degree V-twin
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INDUCTION	Mikuni EFI 38mm
COMPRESSION RATIO	10.5:1
VALVE TRAIN	Four valves per cylinder, sohc
TRANSMISSION	Six-speed manual
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FRONT SUSPENSION	Fork
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FRONT TIRE	100/80R-17
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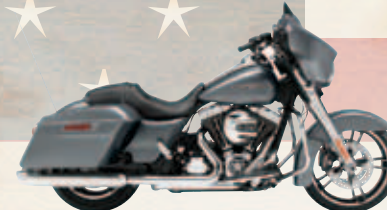
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Tech Tips By Steve

GETTING THE BELT

Ever look at your Harley FLH drive belt and wonder what it takes to change it?

Have you had one changed and get a little flush after paying the bill? Here is a quick description of what it takes do change a belt on a 2005 Road King to help you understand this grand undertaking. You awesome Sportster people don't live this pain ... lucky you!



(Fig 1) Poor ole Roadking broke a belt on the road ... easy fix RIGHT?

Always start by unhooking the negative battery cable, then since our bike is cold first thing we do is start getting the primary fluid to drain so we can get as much as I can into the drain pan and not on our lift. If this was a service I would have the fluids hot and they would drain quickly and completely, however because this was pick up with our service truck and trailer on the side of the road and not worked on until the next day the fluids are cold and will drain slowly. Take the drain plug out of the bottom of the primary case (see Fig 2). The old style of drain plug in the picture is a bit of a bugger and a lot of people really make a mess of this plug then put it back in anyway ... please stop doing that it drives your mechanic nuts! We use a 1/4" hammer driver and an the appropriate bit (allen or torx) and give the drain plug a light hit to get it broke loose, we have never have one strip on us if we do it this way. My advice is to have a new drain plug ready for install because they messed up all the time, if that plug shows even the slightest wear just replace it so you have no issues next service. The newer style plugs are much better and take a 5/8" socket.



(Fig 2) Primary case drain plug (old but not ancient style).

While we are waiting on that fluid to drain next we will take the rear tire off, yes I too always fight that rear brake... dumb.

Next take the front and rear floorboards off the left side, then the shifter levers and derby cover. Loosen the clutch cable at the adjuster on the clutch cable itself then loosen the clutch adjusting locknut and adjuster bolt inside the clutch

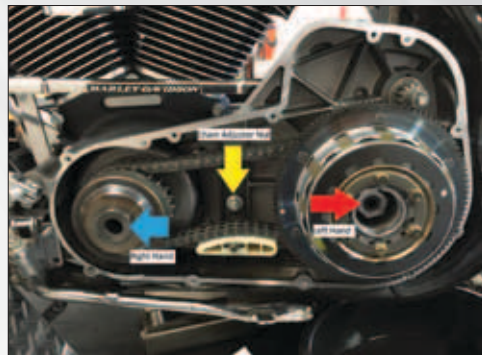
basket in the middle of the derby cover, next remove the clutch adjuster inside the clutch hub by removing the snap (figure 3). Then off comes the primary cover. Watch out for a bit more fluid to drip out and make a mess. Clean the inside of the primary cover and set it aside.



(Fig 3) Clutch adjuster

Now loosen up the primary chain adjuster and take the nut off the crankshaft (right handed thread) and clutch basket (left handed thread) and slowly wiggle the entire assembly off at the same time (Fig 4).

(Figure 4) Primary chain case exposed and clutch adjuster removed. The

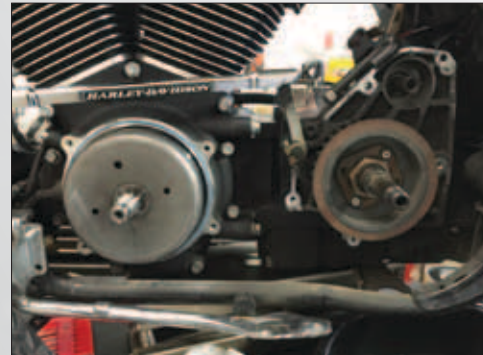


nut on the crankshaft is right handed and the nut inside the clutch basket is left handed.

We are are getting somewhere now but there is lots more to go. Next remove the 2 starter bolts and leave the starter just lay there, remove the starter drive bolt by first carefully bending the lock tab back and remove bolt and drive, if you are lucky you can reuse this once otherwise just plan on putting a new locking washer on (Fig 5) Remove all the bolts holding the inner primary cover on and wiggle it back and forth till it comes loose from the inner primary bearing, now it will look like figure 6.

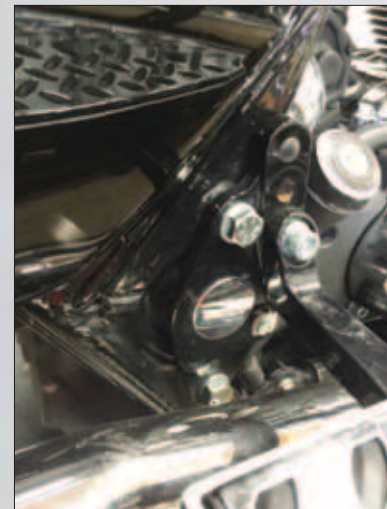


(Fig 5) Starter drive



(Fig 6) Everything removed and we have access to the drive pulley, but wait there is more fun!

We get to remove the swing arm next! Oh yes the adventure continues! To do this you take the left and right side swing arm pivot shaft nut chrome covers off (Fig 7) and remove the left side pivot shaft nut, then support the transmission, take the left side pivot shaft mount and bushing off and remove the pivot shaft, now the swingarm will fall out of the way and you can slide on the new belt (Fig 8)



(Fig 7) Right side pivot shaft chrome cover



(Fig 8) Swingarm pivot shaft removed new belt on!

Unless you are like one of my customers in 2010 with a brand new 2010 ultra that had the misfortune of getting a stone in the belt and tearing his brand new belt up you probably want to consider some of these things: Replace the inner primary race, bearing and seal, if you want a stiffer swing arm possibly get new polyurethane bushings. Take a look at your transmission mainshaft area (behind

your front pulley), is it wet with oil? You may have a mainshaft seal going bad. 2007 and newer models (2006 Dyna), if you have been hearing a lot of noise from your primary side your transmission mainshaft bearing or compensator may be bad. Also on those 2007 and newer you need to throw away your stock self-adjuster and get a new one from Baker Drivetrain (those stock adjusters can tear up your mainshaft bearing) and you may want to change out your compensator sprocket with a new one from Baker or BDL.

This was a quick down a dirty explanation of what it takes to replace your drive belt to give you an idea how much labor is involved ... Reassembly is the reverse of disassembly but remember to Loctite appropriate fastener and make sure you anti-seize the pivot shaft, that sucker can get locked up inside that transmission so bad you have to remove the trans out of the bike to remove it! One more note, Amsoil has a cool new primary oil you may want to check out on you next primary oil change.

Before I leave I want to take a minute to tell you about a new project we have going on through the inspiration of a friend Steve Parker who contacted me in hopes of building a bike for a veteran. We hope some of you would be willing to donate to this project. We are building a Harley for a Veteran named Bob Body who had his left leg amputated above the knee after sustaining injuries in an attack in Iraq. Please take a minute to look at his story on the web <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nw6GtCeCyhk&sns=em> We have our first AMAZING donation from Ken Boyd (Pictured next to his donated bike) I have served with Ken in the 1071st, he is an great Army National Guard veteran and has also served in Iraq. He donated his 2004 Softail ... WOW what an amazing gift! All donations will receive tax credit through our non-profit organization. Please contact the shop for ways to help us get this bike fully customized to meet Bobs specific riding needs and get this great man on the road!

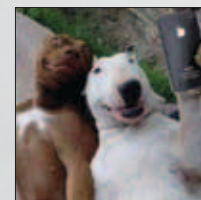


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Thanks everyone and have a great ride this month! Happy Independence Day!!!

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Bike Nights listed **ONLY** on ads in each issue.

JULY

July 4
Thunder on the Lakeshore
Lake Street, Cadillac, MI. Noon-3:30pm, live music, beer tent, raffles & more. For more info go to www.cadillacmichigan.com

July 10-12
14th Annual Niles Burn Run
Riverfront Park, Niles, MI. Fri car & bike show 3pm- 10pm, Sat Riverfront Park 10am-10pm, bike show, food, live bands, vendors, Sun police, fire & EMS escorted ride, regis 9am, leaves at 11am, \$20 bike / \$30 with rider if pre-registered by July 1. For more info go to www.nilesburnrun.com (See full page ad this issue).

July 10-11
6th Annual Thunder in Color presented by Thunder on the Grand
Lake O Dessa Fairgrounds, Lake Odessa, MI. \$20 wkend pass, \$10 day pass, kids welcome, camping \$20, bands, jello wrestling, games & more. For more info go to www.thunderonthegrand.com or call 517-282-9846

July 11
Freedom Run
Hot Rod HD, Muskegon, MI. Details to come. For more info call 231-722-0000

July 11
9th Annual Injured Soldier Lyon Ride & Picnic in the Park
James Atchison Park, New Hudson, MI. Regis 11am, police escorted ride leaves at noon, \$20 rider or passenger for ride, luncheon, t-shirt & entertainment. For more info call 248-437-1144

July 11
Wild Game Summer Cookout
Brighton HD, Brighton, MI. For more info go to www.brightonhd.com (See full page ad inside front cover).

July 11
74th Anniversary Party
Detroit Iron Mustangs, 16015 Plymouth Rd, Detroit, MI. 5pm, \$10 donation, fresh booze, prizes, music. For more info go to www.ironmustangsdetroit.com

June 13
Street Party
Great Lakes HD, Bay City, MI. 10am-5:30pm. For more info call 989-686-0400

July 14-15
Indian Demo Tour
Motorcity Motorcycles, Bloomfield Hills, MI. 9 am-6 pm, demo rides. For more info go to www.motorcity-motorcycles.com (See ad this issue).

July 16
Ride from Motor City Harley-Davidson to Freedom Hill to see BOSTON, Kickstands up at 6:30 PM- Show starts at 8:00 PM. For more info go to www.motorcityharley.com (See full page ad this issue).

July 16-19
Muskegon Bike Time
Muskegon, MI. Concerts, stunt shows, motorcross, live entertainment daily, rides, vendors, beer tents, contests & more. For more go to www.muskegonbiketime.com (See cover & full page ad this issue).

July 17
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).

July 17-18
Indian Motorcycle Demo Truck
Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles, Livonia, MI. Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 11am-4pm, demo rides, live music & more. For more info call 877-388-9508 (See ad this issue).

July 17-18
39th Annual Survivors MC Party
\$20 admission includes camping, live entertainment, field events, cold beer, fireworks, hog roast, swimming pond. No minors, dogs or golfcarts. For more info call Tank 517-749-6572

July 18
Bike Run BBQ
Farmers Home Tavern, Hemlock, MI. \$15 bike, \$10 passenger incl chicken bbq, prizes, poker run, last bike out noon, starts & returns here. For more info call 989-642-2546

July 18
Blood Drive & Salsa Showdown
Capitol HD, Dimondale, MI. 9am-2pm. For more info call 517-646-2345

July 18
Demo Event
Brighton HD, Brighton, MI. Demo latest HD's for free. For more info go to www.brightonhd.com (See full page ad inside front cover).

July 18
Pre-Sturgis Bash
Motor City HD, Farmington Hills, 2:00 pm, \$2 Beers, Live Music by 50 AMP FUSE, Ride in people's choice Bike Show, Register to win a 2015

Softtail. For more info go to www.motorcityharley.com (See full page ad this issue).

July 18
Great Lakes Burn Camp Fundraiser
Axeman Detroit Clubhouse, Detroit, MI. 6pm, \$15 donation, live music. For more info call Brendt 313-461-7840 (See full page ad this issue).

July 18
Drag Specialties Truck Event
Wolverine HD, Clinton Twp, MI. For more info go to www.wolverinehd.com (See full page ad this issue).

July 19
Michigan Vietnam Memorial Wall
New Life Christian Fellowship, Saginaw, MI. 9:30-11am, traveling to Dynamic Corvette 11am-noon, then Motorfest event; Hamilton St, Old Town Saginaw, MI. Crafts, food, vendors, classic cars & bikes. For more info call 989-792-1369

July 19
Outdoor Swap Meet
Cash 4 Motorcycles, Milan, MI. 10am-5pm, \$5 adults, children 15 & younger free, vendor spaces starting at \$10. For more info call 734-957-6404 or email Kristi@cash4motorcycles.com

July 19
Riding for Babies & Bears
Ray C's Extreme Store, Lapeer, MI. Regis 9am, 11am kickstands up, \$25 rider, \$35 with passengers in advance, \$5 more day of event. Non-Profit Charity ride benefiting March of Dimes & Molly Bears. For more info go to admin@ridingforbabiesandbears.org or call 248-444-5609

TRMM EVENTS CALENDAR 2015

July 19-26
Ogemaw Hills Bike Week
Ogemaw Co Fairgrounds, West Branch, MI. Biker games, bike show, vintage bike show, Jack Pine museum, contests, AMA Pro hillclimb, live entertainment, all motorcycles welcome & more. For more info go to www.ogemawhillsbikeweek.com (See Cover and full page ad this issue).

July 22
AVTT Traveling Wall Motorcycle Escort
Gateway Park, Tawas, MI. Line up 2pm. KSU 3pm. Law Enforcement assisted Wall Escort from Tawas to Wurtsmith Air Museum in Oscoda. The AVTT Traveling Wall is an 80% Replica of the Actual Vietnam Wall in DC. No cost for escort. Contact Joe Brinn 989-906-2155

July 22
Police & Fire Appreciation Event
Perry HD, Portage, MI. 5:30-7pm. For more info go to www.perry-harley-davidson.com (See ad this issue).

July 23
Boom Audio Workshop and VIP Shopping Event
Motor-City HD, Farmington Hills 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM. For more info go to www.motorcityharley.com (See full page ad this issue).

July 23-26
AVTT Traveling Vietnam Wall Display
Oscoda, MI. Adjacent to Wurtsmith Air Museum. Wall will be set up and free to the public 24/7. Opening ceremony 6pm Thu with World Renown Bagpiper Don Ross and Guest speakers. FREE to the public concert by the 35 member 126th MI Army National Guard Band Fri at 6pm. Displays included War Dog Memorial, Vietnam Helicopter display, Replica of Uncle Meat War Truck and other military vehicles, Vietnam artifacts and memorabilia displays and more. Contact Joe Brinn 989-906-2155

July 24-25
Concours d'Elegance of America at the Inn
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more info go to www.motorcityharley.com (See full page ad this issue).

July 24-26
Michigan Road Warrior Weekend Rally
Registration at Jackson Eagles, Jackson, MI. Everyone welcome. For more info call 517-782-5622 or email jacksoneagles612@gmail.com (See ad this issue).

July 25
Thunder Through the Northwoods
Caberfae Peaks Ski & Golf Resort, Cadillac, MI. Regis 9:30, kickstands up at noon, \$20pp, 100+mile ride, dinner, cash bar, silent auction, live music. Proceeds to Munson Hospice South. For more info email cadillacbikeshow@gmail.com (See ad this issue).

July 25
Annual Ride for Hospitalized Veterans
Wolverine HD, Clinton Township, MI. Lineup 10am, depart noon, must donate paper bag full of travel-size toiletries for men & women veterans or \$10 donation. For more info call Pat 586-246-0876 (See full page ad this issue).

July 25
Anne's Drive-in Detailing Clinic
Brighton HD, Brighton, MI. Must ride bike to dealership. For more info go to www.brightonhd.com (See full page ad inside front cover).

July 25
15th Annual Bike Show
Shiawassee HD, Birch Run, MI. Regis 9a-Noon, Judging at 2p, Awarding Stock, Custom, Vintage & People's Choice at 3:30. Free Dyno Shootouts 10-2p, awards at 4p. Must be present to win - \$1000's in awards & prizes! Beer, food & bev. available all day 10-8p. Proceeds will benefit MID-MI AMBUCS. For more info call Brianna at 989-624-4400 x316 (See ad this issue).

July 25
Bikers for Books Fundraiser / Tattoo Benefit
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July 25
Ride 4 Owen
Time Out Lounge, Galesburg, MI. Regis 1-2 pm, kickstands up at 2:15 pm, \$15 rider, \$5 passenger. Benefits 13 yr old Owen, ride ends at Galesburg Speedway with free admin to race. For more info call Paul 269-491-0729

July 25-26
AMRA All Harley Drags
Motor Sports Park, US 131, Martin, MI. 1 day pass \$15, weekend \$35, race or watch, biker build-off, bike rodeo, swap meet, live bands, drag racing & more. For track info call 269-672-7800 & for race info call 989-561-2500 (See ad this issue).

July 26
15th Annual Mystery Ride
Shiawassee HD, Birch Run, MI. Regis 10am-noon, \$15pp, incl scenic 100 mile self-guided ride, excellent buffet dinner, door prizes, awards, 50/50 drawing, drawing for a new 2015 Street Glide. Proceeds will benefit The Junction of Hope non-profit Restaurant. For more info call Judy at 810-965-6664 or Fritz at 989-323-0607

July 28
New BH-D Family Member Night
Brighton HD, Brighton, MI. For more info go to www.brightonhd.com (See full page ad inside front cover).

July 31-August 2
Bruce's Pig Roast
2718 School Rd. Alger, MI. Pig roast, all free incl free camping, just bring dish to pass & your own drinks. For more info call Terry Bruce 989-343-1644

AUGUST

August 1
5th Annual Bikers Against Breast Cancer Headlight Run
Grand Rapids Garage Bar & Grill, Grand Rapids, MI. 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 (See ad this issue).

August 2
Kevin "Moses" Memorial Ride
Vogel Store, 9979 S. 8 Mile Rd, McBain (Vogel Center), MI. 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

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 8
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

August 8
Ride to Wings Stadium
Paw Paw Car Pool, exit 60 & I-94, regis 9:45, leaves 10:30-11am, ends up at K-wings. For more info call Tom 269-254-7241 (See full page ad this issue).

August 8
Escort the Kids to Great Lakes Burn Camp
Wings Stadium, Kalamazoo, MI. Regis 10 am- 12:30pm, ride leaves 1pm, prizes, food, 50/50. For more info call Bill 517-206-1115 (See full page ad this issue).

TRM EVENTS CALENDAR 2015

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

August 8
LUV Ride for Kids with Cancer Midland Eagles, Midland, MI. Regis 9:30am with free coffee & donuts, 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 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).

August 14-16
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 (See 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).

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

August 16
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 Eaton Co, Mulliken, MI. Beer tent, live music, bike, car, custom bicycle show, vendors, food, games & more. For more info go to www.hotrodsandharleysmullikenmi.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

August 22
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 23
Motorcycle Poker Run to Benefit O.A.T.S.(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.oatshr.org/

August 28-30
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
7th Annual Bryce Rides for St. Jude Cycle & Car Run Fraternal Order of Eagles, Capital Ave NE, Battle Creek, MI. Start & end location, rain or shine. Regis 10am-11:30am, \$25 pp donation meal included (sausage, biscuits and gravy breakfast, bbq chicken & pulled pork dinner, door prizes, 50/50, charity auction, Non profit benefit, proceeds to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For more info text, call or email Cindy Plane 269-317-8017 or cburke464@gmail.com

August 29
18th Annual Motorcycle Run (Benefit Multiple Sclerosis Society) The Bow, Sparta, MI. Regis 10:30, blessing 11:30, noon start, \$15pp, or \$25 couple, includes dinner, 100% goes to MS society. For more info call Kim 616-550-1777

SEPTEMBER

September 3-7
Chillicothe- Easyriders Rodeo Tour Ross County Fairgrounds, Chillicothe, OH. All tickets sold at gate, anyone under 18 is 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).

September 7
2 Million Bikers to DC Leaving to Washington D.C. Cabela's 110 Cabelas Blvd. East, Dundee, MI 48131. Kickstands up 11am. Event Page Facebook: 2 Million Bikers to DC MI. For more info call David Fortier 989-418-6169 State Coordinator

September 12
Paw Paw Area Rotary Club Ride to Grape & Wine Festival Sea Land Air Travel Service, Paw Paw, MI. Regis 9:30, leaves 11am, \$25 per bike. For more info call Tom 269-254-7241 (See full page ad this issue).

September 12
8th Annual Red Knights Firefighters Poker Run Lenox Township Park, Gratiot Ave (between 29 & 30 Mile Rd). Regis 11am-noon, kickstands up at noon, \$25 pp, includes steak dinner, all bikes welcome. For more info call Chris 586-557-0892 (See full page ad this issue).

September 13
Noah's Project Poker Run BooYahs, Mukegon, MI. Poker run, taco bar, raffles, live music. Proceeds to help care of homeless animals. For more info Facebook Booyahs Sports Bar (See ad this issue).

September 18
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).

September 26
9th Annual Pink Ribbon Run Hamilton HD, Sturgis, MI. Noon, event for Breast Cancer. For more info go to www.hamiltonharley-davidson.com

September 27
Tri-city Travelers M/C Motorcycle Road Poker Run Crump Conservation Club, Crump, MI. Regis 9am- noon, \$15 pp, first bike out 10 am, check-in 4:30 sharp. For more info call Joe 989-501-0911

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The First Amendment guarantees every Americans freedom of expression. Being the” first” Amendment I guess it was at the top of the list in importance. And it is important for a nation of sovereign individuals. We each have a right to be who we are, and express who we are as we see fit, and our Constitution protects that right from infringement.

Recently there has been conjecture in the courts and within law enforcement circles that the wearing of certain patches may be subject to regulation, or loss of individual rights, and even guilt. In Waco, Texas, at a Confederation of Clubs meeting attended by individuals from numerous clubs ranging from 1% Clubs to Military Clubs, to Religious Clubs, as well as Lone Wolf participants, a melee broke out in which 9 bikers were shot dead. The details of how, when, and why it started change from day to day and person to person. But one thing is clear; If you were one of the several hundred attendee’s, and were wearing a patch, regardless of club or affiliation, you got arrested and lodged with a 1 million dollar bond. Somehow a patch was deemed as evidence of guilt by association, even if not the same patch. It has become clear the majority of those arrested had nothing to do with the shootings in any way, and the effects on many of the arrested personally and financially have been tremendous.

No one should feel a requirement to qualify or define the basis of, or intent of a patch they wear on their clothing to anyone, especially the government. And certainly no one should be detained, arrested, or found guilty of anything because of the presence of a patch. How could this be made any clearer than by the First Amendment? And where does it stop once it has begun? Would a patch symbolic of a certain motorcycle brand condemn you to a loss of your liberty? At some point just riding a motorcycle could be seen as aiding and abetting someone accused of a crime.

Motorcyclists are individualists, and we wear all manner of patches, whether indicative of a club we belong to, an organization we are in, or simply as a personal expression of something we want to share or proclaim to the world. We bikers have a long history of customs, unspoken but acknowledged rites of respect, and pride of who we are. As a whole we are leaders in the areas of honesty, caring for our own, and generosity. Brothers and Sisters is not just slogan, we live it. I personally do not know a single Meth dealing, Murder plotting, Gun running Hardcore Criminal biker, despite knowing a whole bunch of bikers from all over the country. (Thanks a lot SOA) This does not mean they do not exist but I know they are pretty rare if they do. One thing is for sure, they cannot be identified by a patch.

There may be few things as American as patches. They not only represent who we are, they represent the freedom we have to feel unconcerned about what anyone thinks, likes, or dislikes about them. It is an expression of all Americans liberty. We cannot allow the government to make us targets of suspicion, guilt, or crime because of our patches. This is tyranny defined. It is discrimination. It is profiling. It is unconstitutional. And it is wrong! It is time to step up on this issue. Not because it is about patches. We need to step up because it is about the First Amendment. Everyone’s First Amendment. Both Abate of Michigan and the Confederation of Clubs Michigan are working on this issue and need all of our support.

~ Rusty

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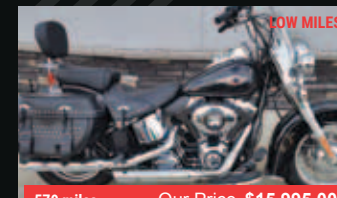
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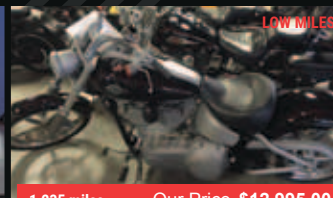
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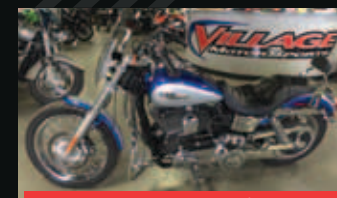


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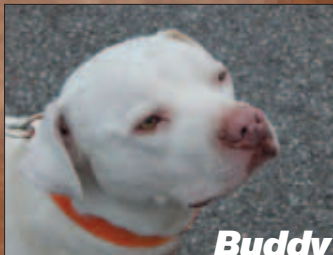
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Buddy



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Callie

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Cupid



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Irene



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Pebbles

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Sabrina



Taylor

Taylor

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Thistle



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Tucker

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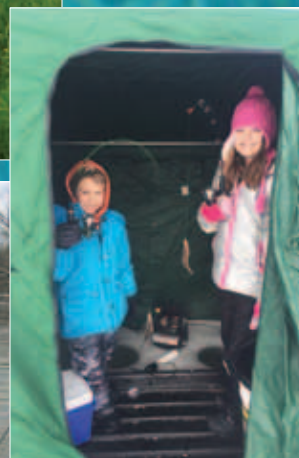
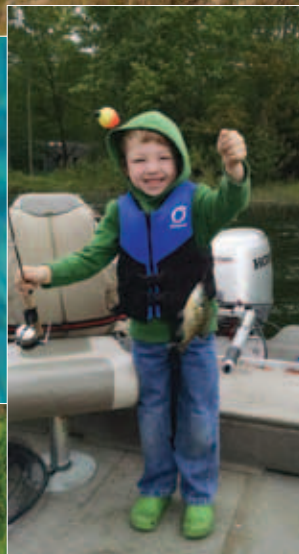
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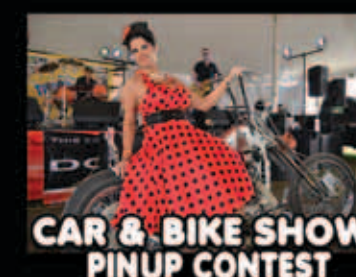
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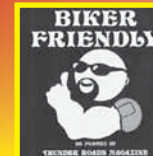
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PET PEEVES OF THE GUN WORLD

Each of us have our own pet peeves, but in some industries, like the firearms industry, there are shared ones. We laugh about them, most of the time, but sometimes they inadvertently cause a little (or a lot of!) trouble. Many people don't understand why they matter, so this month, I'm going to talk about a few of the gun world's shared pet peeves.

MAGAZINE VS CLIP



These are magazines. They entirely enclose and protect the ammunition and have moving parts. A slang term for magazine is mag. Each magazine consists of a body, a base plate, a spring, and a follower. Some magazines will indicate how many rounds have been loaded by the use of small holes on the back or side of the body of the magazine. Some compact handguns come with extended magazines, which add to the overall grip length, sometimes by use of an extension plate and sleeve, or with simply an extended base plate.



These are examples of clips. They do not enclose nor protect the ammunition. They simply hold it, which makes storage more convenient, and are used with different types of firearms. A full moon clip, as seen in photo, is designed for revolvers that shoot semi-automatic rimless ammunition. In order for the rimless ammo to be able to be shot out of a revolver, a full moon clip must be used. A stripper clip, as seen as seen in photo, is used for (traditionally military) rifles with internal magazines. Not only does it keep the ammunition bundled nicely for carrying, but it also serves as a loading device for such rifles. The picture shows both of these styles of clip with ammunition. Everyone will understand you if you ask for a clip for your hand gun, but there really are major differences between the two.

BULLETS VS AMMUNITION



These are bullets. They are the projectile component of loaded ammunition. Ammunition, also called ammo for short, is comprised of several components – the bullet, the case (often made of brass and can be called brass, shell, shell casing, etc.), the primer, and smokeless powder (also called just powder for short). The difference actually really does matter. There are many people who choose to reload their own ammunition, and so when someone comes into the store asking for bullets, we lead them to the reloading section. Often, people who call ammo, "bullets" become frustrated with us, because they expect us to understand that they were looking for the entire cartridge, not just the projectile. In many stores, this may not be an issue, but we sell lots of reloading supplies, so someone asking us for just the projectile (as well as powder and primers) is actually very common. Please understand we're not being intentionally obtuse, but rather, that proper terminology is important.

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This is not only a pet peeve, but it is also a safety issue. Now, this may seem like common sense, but I assure you, in a gun shop, we have to tell a lot of people that firearms in a holster or case must stay there. No one can tell, simply by looking at this gun, whether or not it is loaded. Most often, this rule is broken by those who are looking for a holster, or who want a gunsmith to take a closer look at their firearm. Please, ALWAYS ask the employee behind the counter how they would like you to present your firearm to them. They will have specific procedures to follow, so just ask!



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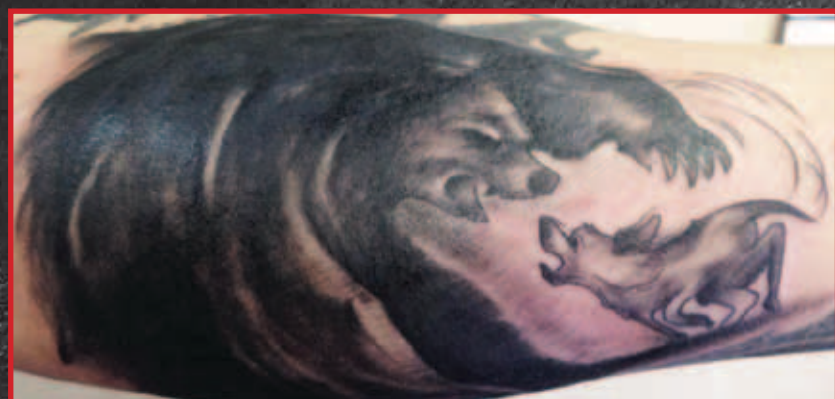
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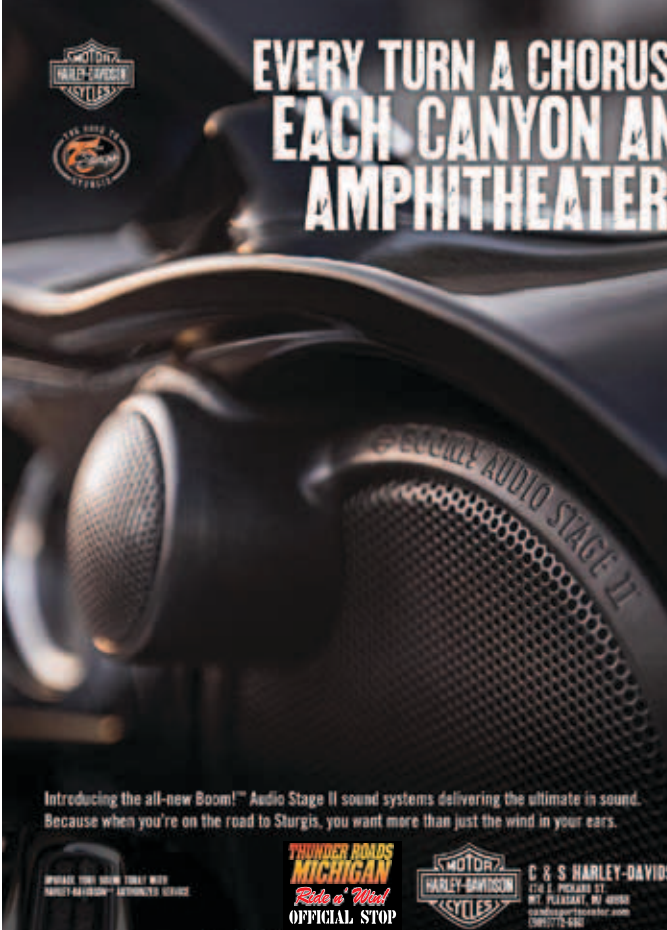
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I thought since this will be the big Independence Day 4th of July issue, y'all will probably have your meat or meats of preference already picked out. So, I'm just doing drinks, sauces, dessert and tips.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAY & PLEASE REMEMBER WHAT IT'S TRULY ABOUT. God Bless You Bikers. Love you.

MINT LIMEADE WITH RUM FLOATER

- 1 Glass Gallon Pitcher
- 1 Cup of Regular Sugar (or Splenda)
- 5 Cups of Ice Water; Divided
- 1 Packed Cup of Mint Leaves; roughly chopped
- 2 Cups of Fresh Squeezed Lime Juice
- 2 Cups of Quality White Rum
- 4 Sprigs of Mint

In a saucepan combine the sugar and water. Bring to a boil and gently whisk till sugar dissolves. This is called a "simple syrup". Remove from heat & add the mint leaves. Let the simple syrup cool completely; 30 mins. Strain out the mint. To glass pitcher, add the lime juice and stir in simple syrup, remaining 4 cups of ice water and quality Rum. Stir completely. Add the mint sprigs and it's ready to drink ASAP! Serve over cubed ice. We had these on the Island and they are SO refreshing! And everyone uses limes as there's virtually thousands of lime trees everywhere. This will end up being your "go-to" summer drink.

THE 3 CLASSIC BBQ SAUCES

THE CLASSIC

- 1 Cup Ketchup
- 1/2 Cup Plus 2 Tbls. Water
- 1/4 Cup, Plus 1 Tbls. Apple Cider Vinegar
- 1/4 Cup Plus 1 Tbls. White Vinegar
- 1/4 Tbls. Plus 1-1/2 tsp. Brown Sugar
- 2 Tbls. Plus 1-1/2 tsp. Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 Tbls. Chili Powder
- 1 Tbls. Ground Cumin
- 1-1/2 tsp. Kosher Salt
- 1-1/2 tsp. Coarse Black Pepper
- 1/2 Cup of Honey (optional) for good ole' stickiness

Combine all ingredients in a pot and warm gently over medium heat w/o bringing mix to an actual boil; stirring occasionally, about 5 minutes. Pour into Mason jars and let cool before capping.

This cooking method will apply to this and next sauce. Keep it Simple, baby. That's how we roll, right?

SPICY VINEGAR BBQ SAUCE

- 1 Cup White Vinegar
- 1 Cup Apple Cider Vinegar
- 1 Cup Ketchup
- 1 Tbls. Brown Sugar
- 2 Tbls. Brown Sugar
- 2 Tbls. Hot Sauce
- Dash of Worcestershire Sauce
- 2 tsp. Smoked Paprika
- 1 tsp. Kosher Salt
- 1/2 tsp. Coarse Black Pepper

VERY SPICY MUSTARD BBQ SAUCE

- 2 Cups Apple Cider Vinegar
- 1 Small Purple Onion; peeled & quartered
- 1 Large Garlic Clove; peeled & smashed
- 1 Chipotle in Adobo; plus 1 Tbls. of it pureed
- 3 Tbls. Quality Bourbon
- 1 tsp. Roasted Coriander
- 1/2 tsp. Paprika
- 1 Cup Spicy Brown Mustard
- 1/2 Cup Yellow Mustard

In medium saucepan, combine vinegar, purple onion, garlic, chipotle pepper, bourbon, coriander and smoked paprika. Bring mix to a hard boil, then reduce to a simmer. Simmer for 10 mins. & strain into a medium bowl and then pour into a Mason jar.

CORN TIP: Take a whole ear of corn, husk on, & put in micro 3 mins for S-M, 4 mins for L-XL. Remove. Slice off top tip and get ahold of bottom and shake, shake, shake till ear drops out. It will be totally silk free, piping hot and ready to butter it up. Perfection!

PINEAPPLE TIP: Put on garden gloves if you're a wimp (lol) and get up under crown top, pull up while twisting and top comes right off. Slice off 1/2 inch for a clean cut and turn upside down and place in bowl and just let it sit in fridge this way until ready to cut. Pineapples are cut and stored on their bottom their whole life so this way all the juices are redistributed back through the entire fruit. Who knew?

STUPID EASY, GRAHAM CRACKER CRUST STRAWBERRY & CRÈME' CHEESE SPLENDOR

In 13x9 glass bake dish layer 1 solid layer of graham crackers then another layer going other way. Mix up 2 cups Cool-Whip, 1 pkg. Philly Whipped Crème' Cheese & 1 cup sugar. Mix up 2 pkgs. strawberry gelatin, 2 cups boiling water, 2 pkgs. frozen sweetened sliced strawberries; thawed. Put filling over graham crackers, then Cool Whip mix. Chill for 5 hours. Sprinkle with crushed graham crackers. Phenom



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