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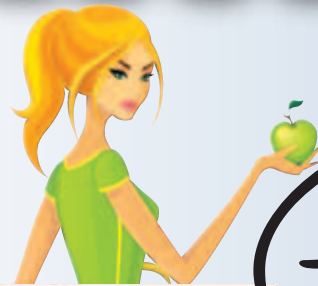


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In this issue we have some great articles for you to read as well as some fantastic sales from our wonderful advertisers so go grab your sweetie a great gift from one of them... maybe even a new motorcycle for this spring! No sweetie? Do what I am going to do and buy your own Valentine's Day present. You gotta love yourself right? Ha ha.

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Last month the Biker Friendly character was on page 19. See if you can find him this month (larger version found in the Biker Friendly Directory). Be sure to like Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan on Facebook as I randomly post contests to win prizes and you wouldn't want to miss that!

**Now for some "Mo" Advice:**

*Don't be one of those people that go through life waiting for things to happen. Make them happen! Don't let things determine your direction, your decisions, your destiny – You Determine Them! Set your mind up for success. What the mind can conceive it can achieve.*



*Jody Mohowitsch*



# READERS RIDES

## Sandy



Born To Ride....that is me but I didn't have a bike. Bill and I attended Daytona Bike Week for many years being "biker wannabes" before we bought our Harley Electra Glide. We both took the motorcycle class at IRESA in East Tawas but I dropped out. I became a back seat rider for a couple years until I just had to have my own throttle. I've always wanted to ride my own bike, but thought because I'm 57 years old "I'm too old" plus I was born with major leg problems and have had over eight surgeries including 2 total hip surgeries on my left leg. But I became determined to own my own bike.



So I started looking for a bike thinking a trike would best fit me. Looking on Craig's List I found a Harley Sportster in Traverse City. First I had a good high school friend of mine who lives in Traverse City take a look at it. He called me and told me it was perfect for me and to buy it. Off to Traverse we went and as soon as I saw her I fell in love. We bought the bike and it got parked in the garage for six months because I didn't know how to ride it, but I was determined to learn. I signed up for the Motorcycle Class again and I PASSED. Still a bit nervous my husband had an old 90 dirt bike in the garage that he got running. I practiced on that for a few months, slowly started riding my Sportster and off I went. I am now 59 years old and I'm a "Biker" no more "wannabe". Bill and I both take our bikes to Daytona Beach Bike Week every year. We enjoy riding all over the scenic areas of Tawas and Oscoda.



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### Inspiration

(From Forbes- Top 100 Inspirational Quotes)

*There is only one way to avoid criticism: do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing.* ~ Aristotle

*Ask and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you.* ~ Jesus

*The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.* ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

*Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.* ~ Henry David Thoreau

### Riddles

**A.** Most of you have two eyes. I only have one. Most of you have eyeballs. I do not. Your eyes aren't dangerous, neither are mine. But all together, I am extremely dangerous. You can see things with your eyes. I can't see anything, even though the air is clear where my eye is. What am I?

**B.** For some, I am used to get around. I never even touch the ground. Sometimes I fall and sometimes I float, if I'm in the air, then take note. What am I?

**C.** Lennie was cleaning up some old papers in his office and found a list with the following names: Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Hamilton, Jackson, Grant. The last name on the list was mostly worn away and he couldn't make it out. What was the last name and why?

(Answers below)

### Fun Facts

**N**utmeg is extremely poisonous if injected intravenously.

**P**laying cards were issued to British pilots in WWII. If captured, they could be soaked in water and unfolded to reveal a map for escape.

**T**he giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.

Answers: A.) The eye of a tornado or hurricane B.) A Boat C.) Franklin- It's a list of men on US currency

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## Agent Orange C-123s may hold risk years after Vietnam

Some U.S. Air Force reservists could have been put at risk from the residue left in planes that sprayed Agent Orange during the Vietnam War, the Institute of Medicine reported. Limited testing years later make it plausible that some reservists exceeded guidelines for exposure to the toxins in the defoliant.

At issue are 24 C-123 planes that, after the military stopped spraying Agent Orange, went on to be used by Air Force reserve units for such things as medical and cargo transport. About 1,500 to 2,100 personnel trained and worked on them between 1972 and 1982. Later, some reservists blamed cancer and other illnesses on residues left in the planes, but they were denied disability claims if they did not serve in Vietnam.

Examined were the results of some air and surface tests taken for dioxin and herbicides in the planes between 1979 and 2009. The report stressed that there's little data, and little information about the reservists' activities on the planes.

But because chemical residues were found on interior surfaces, the reservists had some exposure, the committee decided, rejecting assertions that the dried material couldn't have spread.

## Pentagon sets up new POW-MIA office

The Pentagon took initial steps to set up a new agency that will direct the troubled effort to search for America's missing war dead, two years after an internal report found the current program was mismanaged and wasteful. Defense officials said that in the coming months they will merge two existing agencies into one POW-MIA office that will be more streamlined and effective. The new organization will be up and running early next year.

The decision comes in Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel's final weeks on the job. Last March, after a long study, Hagel announced he would create a new office to deal with POW-MIA issues that would have more focused authority and innovative approaches.

Hagel's plan combines the functions of the two leading agencies in this field -- the Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command, based in Hawaii, and the Defense POW-MIA Office, based in the Pentagon. Those two organizations will disappear, and the new agency will be based in Washington for now.

Officials had no details on what changes they may make, although they expect there will be a greater effort to reach out to private groups and universities to help with the search for and identification of American war remains that are scattered around the world. Combining the offices and staff will likely bring cost savings and other efficiencies, but it was not clear whether staff would be cut.

The Pentagon also has not yet named the new agency, preferring to let families and veterans groups participate in that decision.

Congress in 2009 set a requirement that the Pentagon identify at least 200 sets of remains a year by 2015 -- a number it has not come close to achieving in recent years. Officials have said that the 200 figure is attainable with a budget of about \$100 million a year, which is about the current level. In 2013, there were 60 sets

of remains identified. The head of the Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command, Maj. Gen. Kelly McKeague, told Congress that a realistic goal would be to identify 125 remains per year by 2018.

## Opiates handed out like candy to 'doped-up' veterans at Wisconsin VA

Doctors at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Tomah hand out so many narcotic painkillers that some veterans have taken to calling the place "Candy Land." They call the hospital's chief of staff, psychiatrist David Houlihan, the "Candy Man."

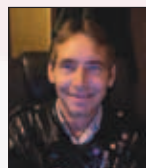
Current and former hospital staff members describe patients who show up to appointments stoned on painkillers and muscle relaxants, doze off and drool during therapy sessions, and burn themselves with cigarettes. They told The Center for Investigative Reporting that Houlihan himself "doped up" or "zombified" their patients and that workers who raised questions have been punished.

The problem at this rural medical center underscore the difficulty the VA is having maintaining standards of quality patient care. The exponential growth in the use of narcotics transformed the Tomah VA from a conservative prescriber of painkillers to one typical of runaway opiate prescription practices throughout the VA health care system.

During the same period, the number of pills handed out skyrocketed. In 2004, the Tomah VA dispensed about 50,000 oxycodone pills to roughly 25,000 veterans. By 2012, that number had grown to 712,000, the data shows.

Independent experts who reviewed CIR's findings said it was disturbing that the top prescriber of painkillers was a psychiatrist, charged with treating mental, rather than physical, ailments.

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## Making the Most of the Off-Season

Welcome to the deep freeze, the worst time of year for Michigan motorcycle enthusiasts. Most of our bikes are safely tucked away for the winter, and we're left dreaming of the first day back on the road.

I recently asked our social media followers to tell me what they do to beat the winter blahs. Of course, a few people suggested leaving Michigan for a warmer climate over the winter months; not a viable option for most of us. Some people had some interesting suggestions for how to make the most of the off-season, and I thought I would share them with you.

Some readers suggested taking a safety course. Many of the practical courses, like those offered by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, won't start up again until spring, but registering early should guarantee you a spot once they get rolling. There are also some indoor options: for example, you could take the Bystander Assistance Course offered by Accident Scene Management, Inc. (ASM). This course teaches motorcyclists what to do if someone goes down in a crash, including basic First Aid, how to properly lift a motorcycle off an injured biker, how to manage a crash scene, and other potentially life-saving skills. While our office does not have any affiliation or partnership with Accident Scene Management, Inc., I do provide space for the Bystander Assistance Course in our Southfield headquarters several times a year. I also assisted our very own Marketing Specialist, Debbie Parinello, to become a certified EMT so that she can teach the ASM courses. If you are interested in taking the Bystander Assistance Course offered by Accident Scene Management, Inc., contact Debbie by calling our office.

Other readers use the off-season to tune-up or even upgrade their rides. Many of our readers like to do their own tinkering, and winter gives them all the time they need to get their bikes into tip-top shape for spring. Of course, not everyone is handy, and many rely on licensed professionals to get their bikes tuned, upgraded, and customized to their liking. One follower talked about getting a custom paint job done during the off-season; another, about adding "everything chrome". One reader suggested taking some time to learn how to work on her own bike. What a great idea! Even just learning the basics would be a valuable investment for any motorcyclist. If you're not ready to do the work, you can certainly do some research. Anything you can think of doing to a bike, you can find a forum and discussion about it online. YouTube and Pinterest are chock full of ideas, inspiration, tutorials, and how-to's. There are also planning tools and apps you can download to plan, save for, and get started on just about any motorcycle project or purchase for the coming year.

Speaking of purchases, the off-season is a great time to take a look at your motorcycle insurance policy. Do you have the right coverage for your bike? Do you have enough coverage? What about special riders for custom work? In case you missed back in the fall, I always advise people to keep their motorcycles fully covered with comprehensive, and collision, and bodily injury coverage year-round. Why?

First, because your homeowner's policy doesn't cover your bike! If something happens, like a flood, a fire, a tree falling on your garage, or even a break-in, and you've cancelled your comprehensive coverage, your damage or loss will not be covered. Second, if you cancel your collision coverage but end up taking your bike out for a "quick ride" and something happens, you're going to be stuck paying the full cost of the damage. Finally, you're legally required to have bodily injury coverage to ride on the road. If you cancel it and take your bike out, you could end up in a mess of trouble; doesn't seem worth it to me. Take some time this off-season to research your insurance requirements and make sure your policy is the best one for you; if you have questions, talk to an insurance professional.

Finally, one of our readers suggested getting involved in a local motorcycle club during the off season. Certain motorcycle clubs have a bad reputation, but for the most part, clubs are made up of like-minded people who share a passion for the open road. Most clubs hold events year-round, and many of these are geared towards fundraising for local charities. Joining a club is a great way to meet fellow bikers and really "give back" to the community. Motorcycle clubs also do a lot to promote motorcycle awareness and safety campaigns, which are extremely important for all riders; I encourage everyone to get involved and spread the word that "motorcycles are everywhere", whether they're part of a motorcycle club or not.

Even though this is a tough time of year for motorcyclists in Michigan, the good news is the cold won't last forever, and the riding season will be here before we know it. Take advantage of the off-season to brush up on your skills, upgrade your ride, overhaul your insurance policy, or get involved in a motorcycle awareness campaign in your area.

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

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

With nothing to lose, and having always wanted to go to Italy, the young woman accepted. From then on, every night he would bring her sandwiches and a bottle of red wine and he would make love to her for hours.

A week later, the captain discovered her during a routine inspection. "What are you doing here?" he asked.

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

"I see," said the captain.

Her conscience got the better of her and she added, "Plus, he's screwing me."

"He certainly is," replied the captain. "This is the Staten Island Ferry."

Biker after a bad crash! It was late in the night when he regained consciousness. He found himself in agonizing pain in the hospital's ICU, with tubes up his nose, wires monitoring every function and a gorgeous nurse hovering over him.

In only a few moments, he realized he'd obviously been in a serious traffic accident.

The lovely nurse gave him a deep look straight into his eyes and he heard her slowly say, "Temporarily, you may not feel anything from the waist down."

Somehow he managed to mumble in reply;

"Well...just let me feel your boobs, then?"

An attorney arrived home late, after a very tough day trying to get a stay of execution.

His last minute plea for clemency to the governor had failed and he was feeling worn out and depressed...

As soon as he walked through the door at home, his wife started on him about, 'What time of night to be getting home is this? Where have you been? 'Dinner is cold and I'm not reheating it.'

And on and on and on.

Too shattered to play his usual role in this familiar ritual, he poured himself a shot of whiskey and headed off for a long hot soak in the bathtub, pursued by the predictable sarcastic remarks as he dragged himself up the stairs. While he was in the bath, the phone rang.

The wife answered and was told that her husband's client, James Wright, had been granted a stay of execution after all.

Wright would not be hanged tonight.

Finally realizing what a terrible day he must have had and feeling bad for nagging on him the second he came through the door, she decided to go upstairs and give him the good news.

As she opened the bathroom door, she was greeted by the sight of her husband, bent over naked, drying his legs and feet.

'They're not hanging Wright tonight,' she said.

He whirled around and screamed at his wife;

'For the love of God woman, don't you ever stop complaining!?'

During her physical examination, a doctor asked a middle-aged woman about her physical activity level.

The woman said she spent 3 days a week, every week in the outdoors. Doc asked her to elaborate.

"Well, yesterday afternoon was typical; I took a five hour walk about 7 miles through some pretty rough terrain. I waded along the edge of a lake.

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I got sand in my shoes and my eyes. I barely avoided stepping on a snake. I climbed several rocky hills.

I went to the bathroom behind some big trees.

I ran away from an irate mother bear and then ran away from one angry Bull Elk. The mental stress of it all left me shattered. At the end of it all I drank a scotch and three glasses of wine.

Amazed by the story, the doctor said, "You must be one hell of an outdoor woman!" "No," the woman replied, "I'm just a really, really lame-ass golfer".

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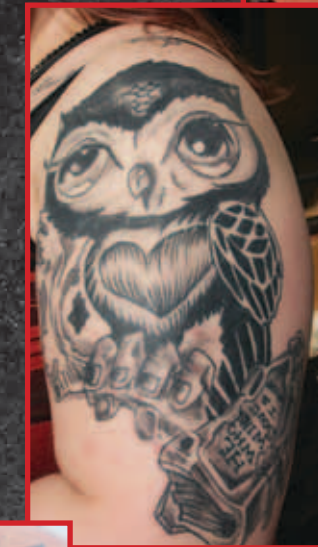
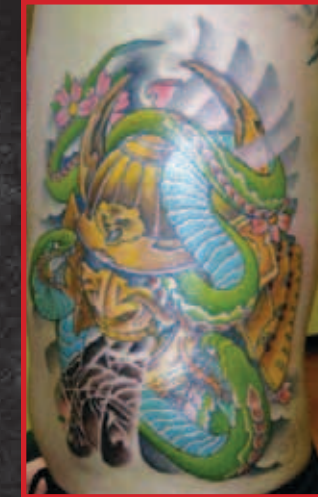
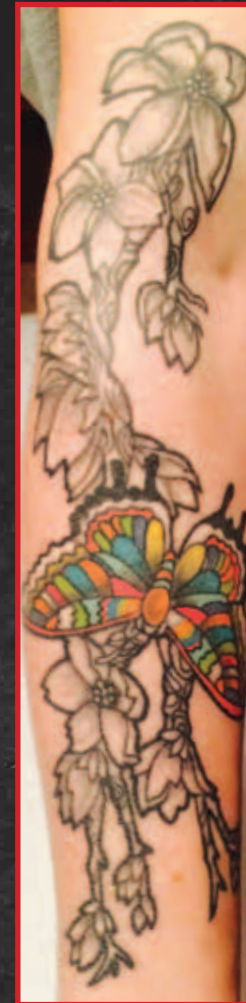
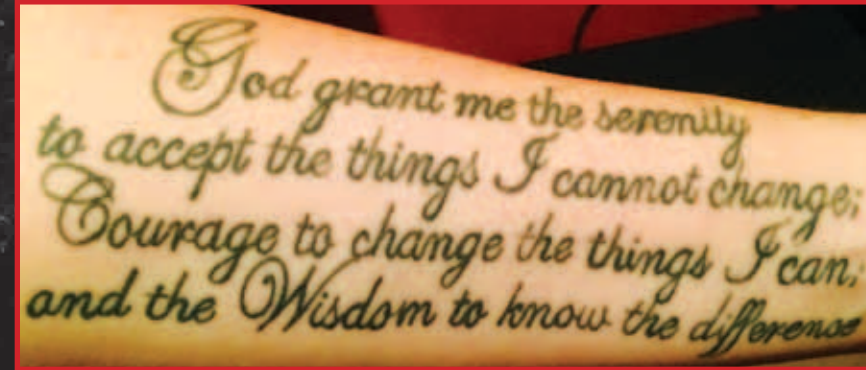


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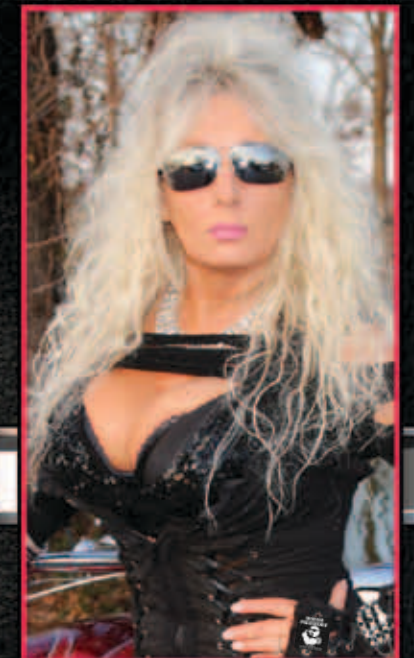
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AR platform rifles have become all the rage in recent years, and it's easy to understand why. They are extremely versatile, completely customizable, semi-automatic rifles that are just plain fun to shoot. Whether you're looking for a new hunting gun, a plinker in .22 long rifle, a varmint gun, or just something to shoot at the range, an AR rifle can meet your needs. With all the manufacturers that exist, however, it can be challenging to decide which rifle is the best for you, while still fitting your budget.

Several prominent manufacturers boast less expensive rifles. One fancy frill that none of these rifles have is a chrome lined barrel, which is a coating they use to additionally protect against corrosion while out in the field for military use. Rest assured, most firearms do not have chrome lined barrels, and as long as you use quality ammunition and perform routine maintenance on your rifle, it is not something you will ever miss.

Smith & Wesson® makes the M&P 15 Sport, which is a baseline version of their AR platform. Whereas the standard M&P 15 ranks in at \$1,249.00 MSRP, the M&P 15 Sport boasts a mere \$739.00 MSRP. The standard M&P 15 has all the bells and whistles, including a chrome lined barrel, and adjustable front and rear sights with removable carry handle. The Sport is lacking the carry handle with adjustable rear sight, forward assist, and dust cover. As long as you won't miss the carry handle, the forward assist and dust cover are typically deemed unnecessary for general range conditions.

Ruger® has recently come out with their own version of an entry level AR platform rifle – the AR 556. While the SR 556 is a dual piston driven system hitting the books at \$2049.00 MSRP, its little brother is gas operated, and will cost you a mere \$749.00 MSRP. While a piston driven AR is a dream to shoot and smooth as butter, the truth is that a gas block system is what many people choose to purchase, and when chambered in 5.56mm, does not have much perceived recoil at all. An added perk – this beauty comes equipped with a dust cover and forward assist. While this model is still new, it is already high in demand, as Ruger makes quality firearms.

Bushmaster® has long had in production the Carbon-15 model, but has recently made some changes, which ultimately has produced a higher quality rifle. At the top of this price comparison, the Carbon-15 runs \$865.86 MSRP, and many of their other AR platform rifles are tagged \$1200-1300.00 MSRP. The Carbon-15 gives you the choice of two models at that price point, the M4 Quad Rail or the ORC with Red Dot Sight. This versatility allows you to choose the sight option that works best for you, without having to compromise to reach a lower price point. Both models sport the composite receiver and aluminum upper that were the claim to fame for the Carbon-15, making it incredibly lightweight.

Del-Ton® is a little known company here in Michigan, but they are gaining in popularity day by day. Their model is the DT Sport, and \$707.00 is the MSRP on this rifle. Offering the same perks as the majority of the other rifles, this lightweight model has a dust cover and forward assist, and is only lacking a rear sight, so you will have to purchase one that suits you. This gun can boast something that the others cannot, however: Both the upper and lower receivers are mil-spec. Additionally, this company offers something that none of the others do – a complete online breakdown of the different types of metals that go into all the different parts.

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# Biker Preacher's Corner

**Happy February Everyone!!!** It has been a weird winter, so far, hasn't it? A bunch of snow early on, then a warm up, then bitter cold and snow. Ya know what they say about Michigan? If you don't like the weather, just stick around for a few minutes... it will change!

As of Valentine's Day (February 14th) we have 36 days until the first day of spring!! The days are starting to slowly get longer and I know I'm getting the itch to ride!

Thinking about Valentine's Day – we immediately start thinking of gifts for our loved ones like chocolates, roses and diamonds, don't we? That's because of the over commercialization of our holidays, which causes some to feel that if they're not buying and giving expensive gifts then they really don't love. What a lie!!

My beef with commercializing holidays, especially holidays that have their roots in the Christian faith, is that so many in our society are foolishly trying to overwrite and do away with Christ, His word and His Church. To those that are working that angle I say, as humbly as possible, too bad! God and His word aren't going anywhere and neither are we!

Getting back on track here - The Bible tells us what Love really is, *1 Corinthians 13:4-8 says 4 Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not conceited, 5 does not act improperly, is not selfish, is not provoked, and does not keep a record of wrongs. 6 Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends...*

So it's not the dollar amount spent on the gift, it's the quality of the gift. A great example is the Love of God which motivated Him to come down here to the planet earth to pay the one and only price that could be paid - for our sin. The most perfect Valentine's gift of all time – Jesus! All to bring us back into a saving relationship that He had with us, mankind, at the very beginning.

I pray that the Love of God, our Heavenly Father, would shine upon your hearts and minds this season and New Year. That you, too, would know this Love that I speak of each and every month. The Love that your hearts truly yearn for – God is so good – His Mercy and Love endure forever and are new every day!!

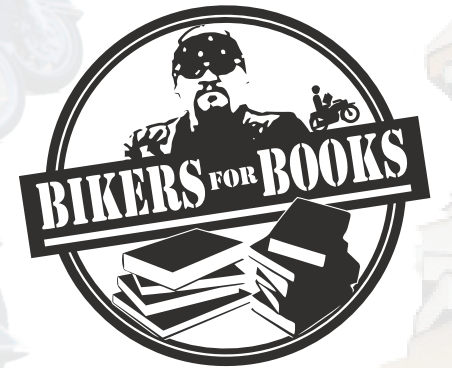
On a personal note – I'd like to wish the love of my life, my wife Diane, a very Happy Valentine's Day again this year. I love you baby – I praise God for you each and every day!!

Have a very blessed and Happy Valentine's Day to you and your beloved!

Much Love & Respect,

Apostle Brian "BMAN" McKay

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"T." COLLIER, Publisher/Owner of Thunder Roads® Oklahoma/Arkansas is so extremely hands on with her magazine and every single aspect of it (not to say all of the Thunder Roads® Publishers are any less), but just watching "T." evolve over the years and the quality of her National and regional articles and how readily she shares with all the other Publishers, her enthusiasm, her rock-solid integrity, Team-Player attitude, her compassion (she works 2 weeks annually for Special Olympics) and has for many years, her totally never back down, never give up, and if you can't go around it or over it, go through it attitude, combined with one of the most positive and Faith-filled personalities, is what makes "T." so special; thus translating into her magazine being just as special. We are so very proud, and it is so incredibly deserved to award this honor to our little firecracker; "T." Collier. We are so proud to have you as a key and primary individual in TEAM THUNDER!



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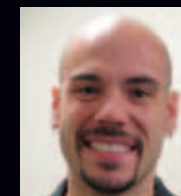
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