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Heat Wave!

No complaints here, but my, oh my, it's been hot! I can't even remember the last time we had a summer like this one. That is our great state of Michigan for ya though; always surprising us with crazy weather. Speaking of crazy...if you haven't signed up for your FREE Ride Card yet, well you are missing out on winning free stuff with no catch. Read all about the Michigan Thunder Run Ride n' Win contest in this issue. Also, don't forget to check each issue to see if your Ride Card is listed as a winner!

Make sure to mark your calendars for Freedom Fest in Akron, MI. This is a very fun event if you haven't checked it out yet. It is a great ride there from anywhere in the state. Make sure to come by and say hi as I will be set-up with all the Thunder Wear Friday thru Sunday; see details on page 17. Make sure to check out all the events going on, bike nights and sales in this issue. Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan is #1 because of our awesome advertisers so please patronize them and let them know you saw their ad in Thunder Roads.

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Last month the Biker Friendly character was on page 25, on the Thunder Wear picture. See if you can find him this month (larger version found in the BFD).



Now for some "Mo" Advice:

Look for something positive in each day, even if it means you may have to look a little harder for it. By focusing on the good things in your life, it will bring more of them to you.

Jody Mohowitsch



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Lori Barton-Reinhart



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT Thomas, Raegan, Peyton & Tatum

I started riding in 2011. My starter bike was a Honda Shadow. I took my Riders Edge class at Biker Bob's H-D in Taylor. A year later, I bought my current bike; a 2012 Fat Boy Lo. I am a safety manager and must travel a lot for work so my riding time is sometimes limited. However, I have managed to get to Daytona Bike Week, Mammoth Cave and of course Hell, Mi. My favorite places to ride are ice cream store to ice cream store. I have ridden over 150 miles just to get an ice cream cone.

Lately you can find me riding with my girls from Women in the Wind Southeast Michigan. It's always nice to have a close knit group of friends to ride with. A riding club is the best way to meet other women with the same interests as you. No matter what time of day or what day of the week, you can always find someone interested in taking a ride.

I have 14 grandchildren, 5 of them are between 2-3 years old. I came across these motorcycles and just had to have them. On Mother's Day this year the kids gathered and I surprised them (unfortunately, one of my granddaughters couldn't make it (Chloe), but the rest are pictured. As you can tell, it was a big hit! "Nana" had to get hers out too (a 2012, Harley-Davidson Fat Boy Lo) and we all went for a ride. I recently joined an RC, Women in the Wind (Southeast Michigan). The kids have a vest just like mine and will be part of my "club" they say.



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A new resource in Isabella County offers a unique form of therapy for veterans. The VTF Serendipity Ranch is a free outlet for men and women to overcome trauma they experienced at war. The new Shepherd ranch aims to help veterans throughout Michigan. "It gives them a place to come to retreat, to heal, to rejuvenate and get their life back on track," says director Deborah Praay.

Some of the therapists at Serendipity Ranch are on four legs. They're rescued horses that can relate to our nation's heroes. "It's really rewarding just to watch the interaction between the person and the horse and you can see it. It's a very visible thing when they make that connection," says co-director Marilyn Bowen. That connection is designed to help with PTSD and other demons these veterans face after they return home.

"You get yourself climbed down so far you're contemplating that there's no way out. The suicide rate is way up amongst veterans and I feel that could be part of the reason because they don't have an outlet for their emotions or what's bothering them," says veteran Jerry Khloa. He and his wife own the property the ranch is on and donated it.

Jerry says working with horses saved his life. "I could stand there. I could talk to them. I could tell them what was bothering me. I would put my head on their neck. I would cry and it seemed help me when I walked out of that barn and felt better than a weight shifted off my shoulder," says Khloa.

Eventually the ranch wants to also help emergency responders -- and anyone else who's experienced trauma. "Those nightmares, they can stop and they can be stopped and be replaced with pleasant thoughts and that's our goal to help people get back on track," says Bowen.

If you're interested in learning more about the ranch you can visit their Facebook page.

Doctors reveal promising research for new PTSD treatment

Doctors are calling a new method an exciting step toward treating Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, a disorder that affects as many as eight million adults during a given year, according to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. An old pill with a new use is being tested in San Antonio.

In nine years, Mark Bratton was deployed five times. His symptoms first surfaced after he served during the surge in 2007. The symptoms kept growing as he was deployed two more times and then volunteered to go to Afghanistan. "All the combat and stress, and all the things that came with that deployment kind of pushed me over the edge," said Bratton.

"In this particular study, we were looking for patients who were either military or first responders," said Dr. Harry Croft. Dr. Croft works for the Clinical Trials of Texas that is a part of a nationwide study using an already approved muscle relaxant.

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"I noticed change within about a week. I feel better about myself. The anxiety started to subside," said Bratton.

Researchers are hoping it enters the next phase of testing by the end of the year.

Grand Rapids Home for Veterans complaints to get independent review

An ombudsman will be appointed to review and investigate complaints at two veterans' facilities in Michigan, including the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. The bill, signed by Gov. Rick Snyder, was sponsored by state Sen. Peter MacGregor, R-Rockford. It was patterned after a bill proposed by state Rep. Winnie Brinks, D-Grand Rapids.

The creation of the ombudsman's office will allow independent investigation of concerns raised by veterans, their families or legal guardians, or legislators. It follows a stinging audit at Grand Rapids Home for Veterans by the Michigan Auditor General.

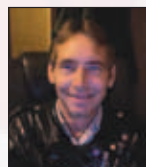
The audit documented improper patient care, false claims of checks on patients and failures to investigate allegations of abuse and neglect.

The ombudsman would look at complaints in Grand Rapids as well as the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette. The ombudsman will report to the Legislative Council.

"By creating this office, veterans and their families can have their concerns addressed," Snyder said in a statement, after signing the bill into law.

Former Kent County Circuit Judge James Redford has taken over the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency. Former director Jeff Barnes resigned after the troubling audit. Redford wants complaints addressed within 24 hours. Meanwhile, state Attorney General Bill Schuette is investigating possible physical abuse and crimes at the Grand Rapids home.

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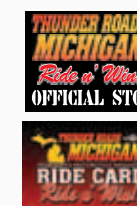


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SKIMPING ON MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE CAN COST YOU

As most loyal readers already know, these monthly articles are just one method my team and I use to pass along motorcycle-relevant information about the law, insurance, riding techniques, and maintenance; often, I am passing along information my team and I come across while fighting for injured motorcyclists and their families. And, while I have discussed insurance in previous articles, I wanted to talk about a specific aspect of insurance this month and explain a few of the ways that buying only the bare minimum in motorcycle insurance may save you money on the outset, but could cost you in the long run.

First, a little background: My client was injured by a negligent motorist who was driving without insurance on the vehicle ("the uninsured driver"). As I have explained in previous articles focusing on motorcycle insurance, you only need to carry the basic 20/40 bodily injury coverage in order to be legal here in Michigan. That coverage provides up to \$20,000 per person, or up to \$40,000 for any number of people the motorcyclist may injure by riding negligently... which is not what happened in this case, and not what this article is about. I mention it only because in previous insurance articles, I also recommend having at least \$100,000 in bodily injury coverage to protect yourself. (Keep in mind, this does not include the additional \$20,000 per person in medical coverage motorcyclists who wish to ride without a helmet are required to carry.)

Having the basic 20/40 bodily injury coverage also entitles motorcyclists to no-fault benefits, but only if a motor vehicle is sufficiently "involved" in the crash. Michigan's no-fault system allows motorcyclists injured in a crash with a motor vehicle to get lifelong medical bill coverage for injuries related to the crash, as well as wage loss, household chores, and medical mileage reimbursement; again, this only applies if a motor vehicle is involved in the crash.

My client did not have uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage. This type of policy kicks in when the motorcyclist is hit by a negligent driver who has no insurance, or not enough, to cover the rider's injuries. Apparently, my client "heard from someone" (presumably not an insurance agent or an attorney) that he didn't need to purchase uninsured/underinsured coverage because the insurance policy on his car would cover him in that type of scenario. He was hoping to save a little money on his motorcycle insurance by avoiding what he thought would be redundant coverage.

In fact, my client's uninsured/underinsured policy for his car has a specific exclusion disallowing him from using his auto insurance policy to cover the injuries he received in his motorcycle crash. It is referred to as the "other owned vehicle exclusion", and it works like this: if you own two (or more) vehicles, you must insure each vehicle as fully as you would want to be covered in the event of a crash when driving that particular vehicle. In other words, you must purchase as much coverage as you want on a per-vehicle basis.

Now, I'm not usually one to side with insurance companies, but I actually believe this rule makes sense. After all, the insurance company wants to be sure that they have quoted and received payment for a premium consistent with the amount of risk they have assessed. Risk is assessed differently for each vehicle; if you have a Honda and a Ferrari, you can bet the insurance company will assess higher risk, and thus higher premiums, to the Ferrari. To put it another way, why would any insurance company allow someone to purchase uninsured/underinsured coverage for their minivan, at a premium of \$50, then have it cover their motorcycle, convertible, and teenage son's pickup truck? If each of his vehicles were assessed the same way, the policy holder should have paid at least \$200 for four policies for four vehicles, not \$50 for one policy for four vehicles. Insurance companies are not in the business of losing money, so it shouldn't come as a surprise to learn that they specifically exclude the policy holder (and often their family members) from coverage if the policy holder is operating or riding in another vehicle owned by the policy holder. Your Honda's policy does not

cover you in your Ferrari, and your motor vehicle insurance does not cover you on your motorcycle.

Writing about other owned vehicle exclusions got me thinking about other insurance questions we receive regularly; here is a list of four common questions we hear from clients:

1 - "Should I cancel my motorcycle insurance during the off-season?" I always recommend against this. Your homeowner's policy will not cover your motorcycle. If something happens - fire, flood, theft, rodent damage, you can't use your homeowner's policy to cover it. I've written about this a few times before; to read more, visit www.MotorcycleLawyerMichigan.com/80.html to learn more.

2 - "How do I get my motorcycle repaired after a crash?" To get your motorcycle fixed, you need collision coverage, which will cover the cost of repairs or pay a fair market value for a motorcycle that is totaled. However, this may only apply to stock parts; see 3 for information about custom work and accessories.

3 - "Will my insurance pay for custom work or accessories?" As usual, the answer here is "it depends". Collision Coverage normally only covers stock parts of the motorcycle; custom parts, paint, or accessories may be excluded. Check with your insurance agent; be very specific about what you want covered, and be sure to ask specifically if your policy or rider covers custom work.

4 - "Do I need special insurance to ride without a helmet?" If you are over 21 AND have had a motorcycle (CY) endorsement for at least two years OR passed a certified rider training program to get your endorsement, you can choose to ride without a helmet as long as you have at least \$20,000 of first-party medical benefits coverage; The same goes for any passengers on your motorcycle. In other words, to ride without a helmet, you need \$20,000 in first-party medical benefits for each person on the motorcycle; that coverage has to be separate from VA, Medicare, or other healthcare insurance you already have.

Insurance is complicated and full of exceptions and exclusions; that is why I always tell people that the answer to any question about a motorcycle wreck, liability, insurance coverage, the law, and so on is always "it depends": The facts of the crash, who owns the vehicle(s), where the crash occurred, what address is listed on the insurance policy, and a whole multitude of other factors come into play when assessing how the law applies to the crash and what insurance coverage is available to help the injured victim(s).

Nobody can explain every aspect or answer every question about insurance in a single article; if you have questions about motorcycle insurance, contact your insurance agent. If you have questions about Michigan's motorcycle laws, contact me. You can also follow me and my team on Facebook to get the latest information about Michigan's motorcycle laws, see upcoming motorcycle events in your area, and get access to motorcycle awareness information and materials: www.Facebook.com/TheMotorcycleLawyer.

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"Squiggy" and his wife, Joletta, are having hard financial times, so they decide she'll become a hooker. She's not quite sure what to do, so "Squig" says, "Stand in front of that bar and pick up a guy. Tell him a hundred bucks. If you've got a question, I'll be parked around the corner." She's not there five minutes when a guy pulls up and says, "How much? Joletta says, "A hundred dollars." Guy says "Dang, All I've got is thirty." She says, "Hold on." She runs back to Squiggy and says, "What can he get for thirty dollars?" Squig ponders and says, "A hand job". She runs back and tells the guy all he gets for thirty dollars is a hand job. He says okay, so she gets in the car, he unzips his pants, and out pops an astonishing HUGE pecker. Joletta stares at it for a minute, and then says, "I'll be right back." She runs back around the corner and says breathlessly, "Squig,, you reckon you can lend this guy seventy bucks?"

A little boy and a little girl attended the same school and became friends. Every day they would sit together to eat their lunch. They discovered that they both brought chicken sandwiches every day! This went on all through the fourth and fifth grades, until one day he noticed that her sandwich wasn't a chicken sandwich. He said, "Hey, how come you're not eating chicken, don't you like it anymore?" She said "I love it but I have to stop eating it." "Why?" he asked. She pointed to her lap and said "Cause I'm starting to grow little feathers down there!". "Let me see" he said. "Okay", and she pulled up her skirt. He looked and said, "That's right. You are! Better not eat any more chicken." He kept eating his chicken sandwiches until one day he brought peanut butter. He said to the little girl, "I have to stop eating chicken sandwiches, I'm starting to get feathers down there too!" She asked if she could look, so he pulled down his pants for her. She raised her eyebrow at him and said "Oh my, it's way too late for you! You've already got the neck and the gizzards."

The football coach noticed that his star tackle, "Boner", had so many women hanging around that he couldn't possibly handle all of them. So one day he asked Boner "Just what the hell is your secret, kid?" Boner replies, "Well, Coach, whenever I'm about to have sex, I always whip it out and bang it on the dresser like a hammer. That numbs it up, and I can screw 'em till they beg me to stop!" The coach went home early one day and went to the bedroom. He heard his wife in the shower. Seeing a window of opportunity, he tore off his clothes and started bangin' the hell out of his "wanker" on the dresser. His wife stuck her head out of the shower and yells out, "That you Boner,, baby?" Come on in sugar.....the water just feels divine.

This morning on Hwy. 12, I looked over to my left and there was a woman in a brand new Cadillac doing 65 mph with her face up next to her rear view mirror, putting on her eyeliner. I looked away for a couple seconds...to continue shaving; and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane, still working on that makeup. As a man, I don't scare easily, but she scared me so much; I dropped my electric shaver, which knocked the donut out of my other hand. In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car using my knees against the steering wheel, it knocked my cell phone away from my ear, which fell into the coffee between my legs! splashed and burned "Big Jim and the Twins", ruined the damn phone, soaked my trousers, and disconnected an important call. Damn women drivers!

Ma was in the kitchen fiddlin' around when she hollers out...."Pa! You need to go out and fix the outhouse!"

Pa replies, "There ain't nuthin wrong with the outhouse." Ma yells back, "Yes there is, now git out there and fix it." So.....Pa mosies out to the outhouse, looks around and yells back, "Ma! There ain't nuthin wrong with the outhouse! " Ma replies, "Stick yur head in the hole!" Pa yells back, "I ain't stickin' my head in that hole!" Ma says, "Ya have to stick yur head in the hole to see what to fix." So with that, Pa sticks his head in the hole, looks around and yells back, "Ma! There ain't nuthin wrong with this outhouse!" Ma hollers back, "Now take your head out of the hole!" Pa proceeds to pull his head out of the hole, then starts yelling, "Ma! Help! My beard is stuck in the cracks in the toilet seat!" To which Ma replies, "Hurt's, don't it?"

A Georgia preacher said to his congregation, "Someone in this congregation has spread a rumor that I had belonged to the Ku Klux Klan. It is a horrible lie and one which a Christian community cannot tolerate. I am embarrassed and do not intend to accept this. Now, I want the party who did this to stand and ask forgiveness from God and this Christian Family." No one moved. The preacher continued, "Do you not have the nerve to face me and admit this is a falsehood? Remember, you will be forgiven, and in your heart you will feel glory. Now stand and confess your transgression." Again all was quiet. Then slowly, a drop-dead gorgeous redhead with a body that would stop traffic rose from the third pew. Her head was bowed and her voice quivered as she spoke.

"Reverend, there has been a terrible misunderstanding. I never said you were a member of the Ku Klux Klan. I simply told a couple of my friends that you were an absolute Wizard under the sheets."

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August



Charlie

Charlie

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Dodge

Hey there, Dodge here. I was picked up as a stray and no one came for me. I'm a shepherd mix boy that loves everyone. I'll make a wonderful family companion and have a lot of tail wags and wet kisses waiting for you.



Dodge



Enya

Enya

Hellooo my name is Enya. I'm an adorable little girl that has a lot of years ahead that I can devote to you. What do you say? Need some adorable in your life?

Jax

Hello my name is Jax and my best friend died. The family didn't want me around anymore so they put me in a shelter. I was so scared. Now I'm with a wonderful foster mom but what I really want is a best friend to spend the rest of my years with. Even though I'm 11 there is still a lot of love in me to give.



Jax



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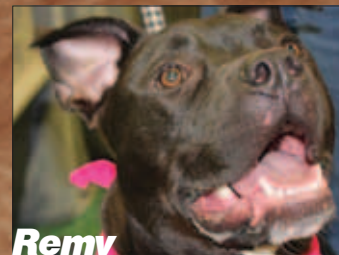
Justice here, I don't know what is taking you so long to find me! I'm a beautiful girl with a lot of puppy in me that would make any active family a great companion. Look at me! How can you resist my face? I'll be here waiting.

Nina

My name is Nina and I'm a young Chi/Fox Terrier mix girl. Are you looking for a pint-sized playmate and friend? Then I'm your girl. I'll be waiting for you.



Nina



Remy

Remy

Once again I'm here asking, pleading that someone will see me for the wonderful girl that I am and take me home. I've been waiting ever so long. Sure get overly excited when meeting new people, but a little time and training will help that. In return what you get is a face full of kisses, and lots of cuddles.

Quinn

I'm Quinn and my littermates and I were rescued from a pretty bad situation. If someone had not come along I shudder to think where I would be today. I'm a little skittish, but I'm learning and once you have me in your arms I'm happy to receive some ear scratches and petting.



Quinn



Yash, Yaron, Ypsi & Yani

Litter

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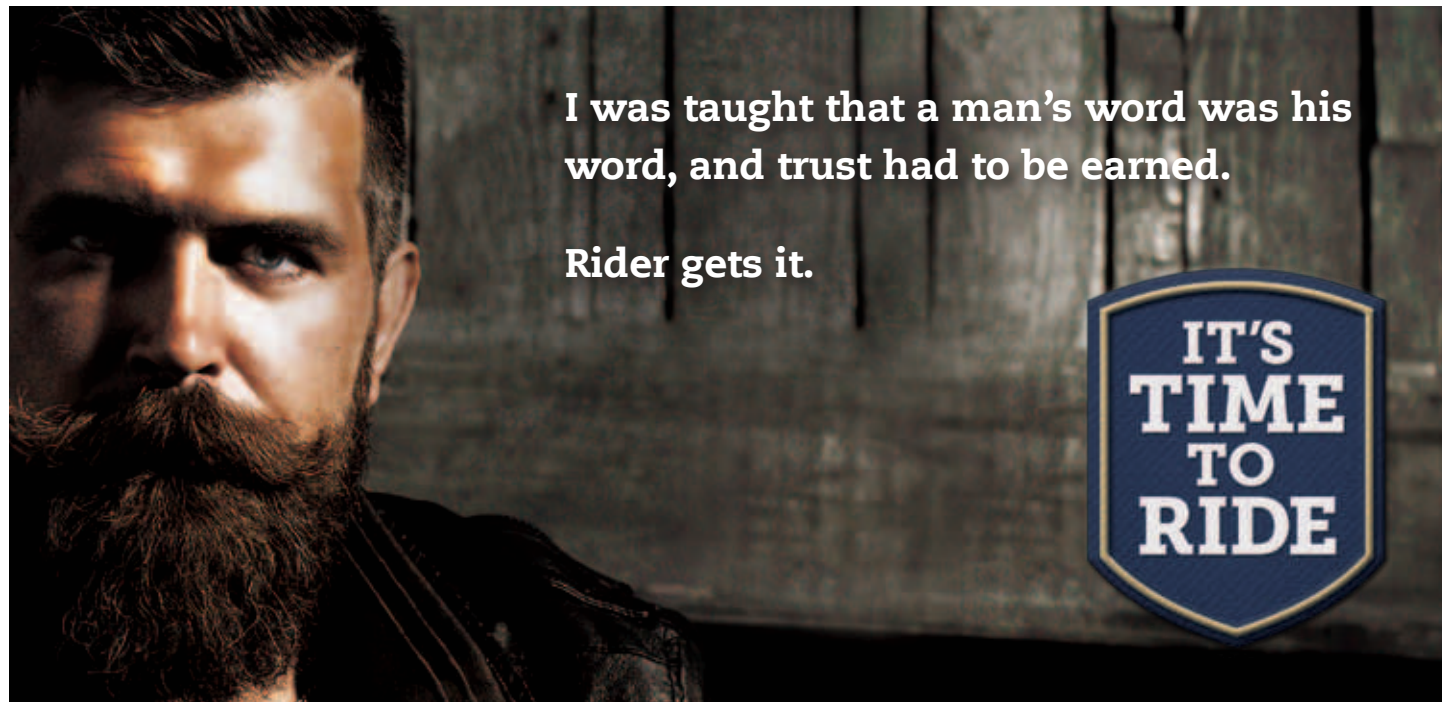
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2. Once you have your Ride Card go to any or all of the stops listed this month and show them your card! Registration stops are also ride stops. There are also event stops each month. That stop will write your unique Ride Card number down. Let them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

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

FEW FACTS

- Winners are randomly picked from each Registration/Ride Stop, Ride Stop & Event Stop each month.
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- You can check-in 1 time each week at each Registration/Ride Stop & Ride Stops. Riders are able to win multiple prizes - based upon the drawing of their check-in.
- Riders are able to win multiple prizes - based upon the drawing of their check-in.
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Thunder Roads Michigan will also be registering riders for Ride Cards at specific events throughout the year as we distribute magazines. Key events; such as Harley Fest, Bikes on the Bricks or Bike Nights will have special booth for Ride Card registrations. We will list these events each month on the Event Stops page in the magazine. In most cases, we will be offering special incentives to those checking in with their previously issued Ride Card at these stops.

Thunder Roads Michigan will also be working with charities and various non-profit events to include them in the Run schedule as well. This will be an easy means of encouraging participation and attracting riders from outside the local communities. In many cases, we will have specific prize drawings for those at these events.

The Ride Cards will allow participants to easily and safely check in at all stops. Some Thunder Roads Michigan Sponsors will also be offering discounts to readers that present the cards. Thunder Roads will be listing special discounts and offers in the magazine throughout the year as an added value to readers and means of encouraging our partners to offer these extra savings.

PLEASE NOTE: Once you have received your MICHIGAN RIDE CARD, you will not be asked to provide personal information or emails at any location for check-in. You simply enter your ride card number!

This is not simply a "Chinese fire drill" or mad-dash across the state. This is a Ride program. It is meant to be a means for readers to discover new riding destinations and enjoy the ride there. In fact, we have designed the program to encourage folks to break out of their local routes and trek to the furthest corners of the state.

Just Get Out and RIDE!

We want to keep things exciting for you – the readers and riders on the run. We're bikers and it's all about the ride. We want to help create fun experiences for you and share some cool spots in our state. We have designed this run to entertain and challenge our readers – as well as promote our partners. If your business would like to be a stop or be a sponsor, please email us at MichiganThunderRunRide@gmail.com



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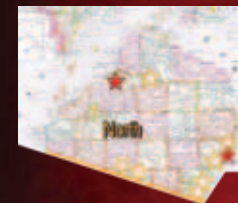


For the month of August check-in at any of these stops and you could win the prize at that stop. Don't have a Ride card? You can sign-up for your FREE Ride Card at any of the stops listed with a Ride Card



next to it (Ride Cards from last year are still good as they do not expire). Then check-in at any stop with your Ride Card to win that prize. Make sure to pick up the next month's issue (or view the magazine online at www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com) to see if your Ride Card number is listed as a winner from this month's stops. Sponsor prizes are randomly picked from event stops and stops listed below.

Special Inside Tip... some stops get many check-in's and some stops only get a couple of people that check-in each month, which means you have an excellent chance of winning! Still go to your favorite Ride Stops as well regardless, but also...My secret hint is try some place new that you haven't been to, they will be biker friendly, just show your Ride Card and just get out and Ride!



NORTH

BS & Co Bar & Grill

12946 S. Straits Hwy, Wolverine, MI 49799. (231) 525-8737 Hours: Open Every Day 7 am- 10pm. 1 person wins gift certificate for a large pizza each month. Stop in anytime!
Bike Night Saturdays 6pm-9pm, fun, friends & foolishness.

Hilltop Bar & Grill

431 W. Mill St, Oscoda, MI 48750. (989) 739-0344 Hours: Everyday 11 am- midnight or later. 1 person wins a \$25 gift certificate.
Biker friendly, specials daily, a great ride destination.

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 person wins choice of hat, shirt, hoodie, vest or helmet each month.
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 person wins 2 choices of hat, shirt, coozie, patch, misc. each month.
Awesome collection of vintage Harley's, hot food & drinks.

Mr. Jack's Sports Bar & Grill

105 W. Westover St, East Tawas, MI 48730. (989) 305-6506 Hours: Open Every day 11 am-1 am. 1 person wins a Mr. Jack's hat each month. *Check out our oven roasted sandwiches. Patio entertainment every Thursday night.*

Saganing Eagles Landing Casino (*Special Daily Check-In Option)

2690 Worth Rd, Standish, MI 48658. (989) 775-5912 Hours: 24 hours/7 days a week. EVERY RIDER (WITH RIDE CARD) MAY COME IN DAILY & FOR EVERY 300 POINTS EARNED THEY WILL RECEIVE \$10 IN PREMIUM PLAY (1 TIME EACH DAY MAXIMUM, GO TO THE PLAYERS CLUB TO RECEIVE PREMIUM PLAY).
Fun, exciting, great people.

Sporty's Wing Shack & Smokehouse

4502 N. Huron Rd, Pinconning, MI 48650. (989) 879-6050 Hours: Everyday 11 am- 11 pm. 2 winners chosen each month; will receive a free dinner & drink.
Biker friendly, incredible food, weekly specials.

Trail's End Pub

10141 N. Finley Lake Ave, Harrison, MI 48625. (989) 539-9644 Hours: 10am-Midnight Every day. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month.
Bike Nights Thursday with 20 oz. Steak specials, Tiki Bar, Special Bike Parking

Twisted Twinz Emporium

1131 West Lake St (Hwy 23), Tawas City, MI 48763. (989) 984-5200 Hours: M-Sat 10 am-7 pm, Sun Noon-5 pm. 1 person wins Twisted Twinz Logo Mechanic Shirt (\$50 value). Roll in on 2 wheels & get 10 % off your purchase Everyday!
Biker friendly, rocker friendly, awesome people friendly.



SOUTH

ABC Harley-Davidson

4405 Highland Rd, Waterford, MI 48328. (248) 674-3175 Hours: M-F 9-6, Sat 9-5, Sun 11-3. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month.
An inviting, fun, fair & honest place to visit.

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SOUTH

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A.M. Leather

30739 Eureka Rd, Romulus, MI 48174. (734) 946-4663
Hours: Tues- Sat 10 am- 6 pm. 1 person wins choice of a DOT half shell helmet from Daytona or 2 biker rings each month. 1 person also wins a rain suit or pair of gloves sponsored by Brooks Leather each month. *Large selection of quality leather products & biker merchandise & we are fun to be around!!*

Capitol Harley-Davidson

9550 Woodlane Dr, Dimondale, MI 48821. (517) 646-2345
Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-3, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. *Lots of events, great scenic ride in the local area.*

CB's Bar

200 State St, Charlotte, MI 48813. (517) 543-4445
Hours: M-Sat 9-2:30 am, Sun Noon-Midnight. 1 person wins a bucket of beer each month. Fun, friendly biker atmosphere with great prices.

Cornwell's

18935 1½ Mile Rd, Marshall, MI 49068. (269) 781-4293
Hours: 11-8 Every Day. 1 person wins choice of t-shirt or \$10 gift card each month. *Bike Nights Wednesday*

Excell Cycles Inc

10092 Colonial Industrial Dr, South Lyon, MI 48178. (248) 677-6413
Hours: M-F 10-7, Sat 10-3, Sun closed. 1 person wins a complete bike detail. *Stop by to see your new service shop.*

Hunt's Hog Shop

3030 S. Cedar St, Lansing, MI 48910. (517) 394-7840
Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-4, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. *We have been here for 28 years, honest & dependable.*

Indian Motorcycle Motorcity

1765 S. Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. (248) 920-2000
Hours: M, T, W, F, Sat 9-6, Th 9-8. 1 person wins a t-shirt & hat each month. *Come see our large selection of Indian Motorcycles & Victory Motorcycles & accessories.*

McNastys Saloon

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

Motor City Harley-Davidson

34900 Grand River Ave, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. (248) 473-7433
Hours: M-F 10-7, Sat & Sun 10-5. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. *A Detroit Original.*

Stingers Bar & Grill

49110 Grand River, Wixom, MI 48393. (248) 449-9667
Hours: M 11am-2am, T-Sun 9am-2am. 1 person wins a \$30 gift card each month. *Bike Nights Thursdays, hot girlz, cool beer, great food.*

Total Firearms

1380 N. Cedar St, Mason, MI 48854. (517) 699-0597
Hours: M-F 9-7, Sat 9-6, Sun 9-4. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. *Indoor pistol range, largest gun inventory in Lansing, private lake out back, rental boats all summer.*

Wolverine Harley-Davidson

44660 N. Gratiot Ave, Clinton Twp., MI 48036. (586) 463-7700
Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-4, Sun 11-3. Service Hours: M-F 9-6, Sat 9-4, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. *Bikes, friends & good times- Michigan must see.*



EAST

Bay Cycle

3800 S. Huron Rd, Bay City, MI 48706. (989) 684-0754
Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 9-3, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. *A friendly place to shop, great prices on helmets, chaps, jackets & more. We cater to every biker!*

C & K Corner Store LLC

8892 Van Cleve Rd, Vassar, MI 48768. (989) 871-3120
Hours: Sun-Th 5am-10pm, Fri & Sat 5am-11pm. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. *Great food, cold beer, biker friendly, gift shop & Hersey hand-dip ice cream.*

Caro Motorsports

1660 E. Caro Rd, Caro, MI 48723. (855) 672-8500
Hours: M-F 9-6, Sat 9-4, Sun closed. 1 person wins a Caro MS hoodie & Wizards Mist-n-Shine each month. *A one stop speed shop with service, machining, accessories, parts, apparel & more.*

Castaways

3940 Boy Scout, Bay City, MI 48706. (989) 686-3558
Hours: M-Th 11am-12am, Fri & Sat 11am-2am, Sun 12pm-12am. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. *Bike night Tuesdays, great food on the water with outside deck.*

CreekSide Bar & Grill

9387 Gratiot Rd, Saginaw, MI 48609. (989) 781-0050
Hours: M-W 3-11, Th 11-11, Fri & Sat 11-1, Sun Noon-10. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. *Bike Nights Thursday with special biker outdoor area, weekly buffet special, music & drinks outside.*

Great Lakes Harley-Davidson

3850 S. Huron Rd (M-13), Bay City, MI 48706. (989) 686-0400
Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-3, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. *Great selection of new/used bikes & accessories- located in the heart of the tri-cities.*

Holeshot Harley-Davidson

4741 E. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. (989) 772-5513
Hours: M-W & F 9-6, Th 9-7, Sat 9-4, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. *Central Michigan's newest H-D dealer, under new ownership. New & Used bikes, parts, accessories, dyno & H-D certified techs.*

Iron Horse Bar & Grill

3592 Main St, Akron, MI 48701. (989) 691-5761
Hours: Everyday 11am-2am. 1 person wins all you can eat wings each month. *Bike Night Wednesdays- specials, happy hour, thumbs largest biker bar.*

Juicy Bone Neighborhood Bar & Grill

1476 Dale Rd, Beaverton, MI 48612. (989) 435-3287
Hours: M-Sat 11 am- 2am, Sun Noon-Midnight. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. *Real homemade food- not "bar food". A great ride destination that's on the water. Thursday's come watch the volleyball players.*

My Alibi Bar & Grill

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

Ray C's Harley-Davidson

1491 S. Lapeer Rd (M24-I69), Lapeer, MI 48446. (810) 664-9261
Hours: M-Th 10 -6, F 10-7, Sat 10-4, Sun 11-4 (store). 1 person wins a \$100 gift card each month. *29,000 sq. ft. new location with easy on/off exit, great selection & award winning service.*

River Rock Bar & Grill

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

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Shiawassee Harley-Davidson

11901 N. Beyer Rd, Birch Run, MI 48415. (989) 624-4400
Hours: M-F 9-6, Sat 9-4, Sun 10-3. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. *Bike Nights 2nd Friday of each month, easy on/off I-75 Birch Run exit.*



WEST

A.W.O.I. Custom Tattooing LLC

1780 W. Sherman Blvd, Muskegon, MI 49441. (231) 755-9900
Hours: M-Sat 10 am-10 pm, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$40 gift certificate each month. *5,000 sq. ft. experience, tattoo & piercing artist with over 20 yrs. experience.*

Boondox Motorsports

99952 Cherry Valley Ave SE, Caledonia, MI 49316. (616) 891-9900
Hours: M & W 9-8, T, Th & F 9-6, Sat 10-4, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. *Wide variety of pre-owned motorcycles, cars, trucks, suv's, apparel & accessories, friendly people & free root beer.*

Champs Bar & Grill

116 E. Main St, Middleville, MI 49333. (269) 795-3573
Hours: M-Sat 11 am- 1am, Sun Noon-midnight. 1 person wins a t-shirt & \$25 gift card. *Sunday Bike Nights, live music, 2 decker, food & drink specials.*

Duck Inn Waddle Out

3214 Brookfield Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49048. (269) 342-4447
Hours: M-Sat 11am-2am, Sun noon-2 am. 1 person wins a t-shirt or sweatshirt each month. *Bike Nights Thursday, full bar & menu. Plus, where else can you Duck Inn & Waddle Out?!*

Effin Bar & Grill

5837 Holton Rd, Twin Lake, MI 49457. (231) 828-4735
Hours: 7 days a week. 1 person wins a special prize TBD. *Bike Night every Wednesday night, great food, live music Sat, always a great time!*

Hot Rod Harley-Davidson

149 Shoreline Dr, Muskegon, MI 49440. (231) 722-0000
Hours: M- W & F 9-6, Th 9-7, Sat 9-4, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. *40,000 sq. ft. facility along the lakeshore, new & used bikes, parts & accessories, service dept. with dyno & H-D certified techs.*

Jet's Pizza

9371 Cherry Valley Ave SE, Caledonia, MI 49316. (616) 891-8800
Hours: Every day 11 am- 10 pm. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. *Specializing in Detroit style deep dish pizza. Dine-in available.*

Jet's Pizza

952 28th St SW, Wyoming, MI 49509. (616) 261-5387
Hours: Every day 11 am- 10 pm. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. *Specializing in Detroit style deep dish pizza. Dine-in available.*

JR Gun Sales

1260 S. Getty St, Muskegon, MI 49442. (231) 571-9690
Hours: Tues-Sat 9:30- 5 pm, closed Sun & Mon. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card. *Special wholesale discounts to active duty soldiers, specials to veterans.*

Leaders RPM

8500 West Main St (M-43), Kalamazoo, MI 49009. (269) 544-2628
Hours: M, T, Th, F 9-6, W 9-8, Sat 9-4, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$50 gift certificate good for apparel, parts or accessories. *Huge inventory of motorcycles, boats, PWC's, ATV's, ORV's & snowmobiles. Full- service dealership with a respectful, friendly team.*

Mibar

2389 W. Sherman, Norton Shores, MI 49441. (231) 755-1583
Hours: Mon & Tues 11 am-2am, W, Th & F 7 am-2 am, Sat & Sun 9 am-2 am. Prize TBD. *Biker Friendly, live music, outdoor tiki bar, short ride along Lake MI from Rebel Rd.*

Mr. Vaper

1887 Holton Rd, Suite G, Muskegon, MI 49445. (231) 766-8316
Hours: M-F 10-7, Sat 10-5, Sun closed. 1 person wins a 100 ml of Mr. Vaper E-liquid (customer's choice). *Largest selection of premium & house juices, great prices, vape the difference!*

Pat's Roadhouse

157 S. Getty St, Muskegon, MI 49442. (231) 726-5041
Hours: M-Sat 11 am- 2 am, Sun Noon- 2 am. Prize TBD. *One of biggest outdoor patios in Michigan, live music, great bike parking, Keno, pull-tabs & more.*

Pub One Eleven

111 W. Colby St, Whitehall, MI 49461. (231) 894-8269
Hours: M-Th 11:30 am- 2 am, Sun Noon-8 pm. 1 person wins choice of burger meal. *Fri & Sat live entertainment, just blocks from White Lake, full menu; angus burgers, lake perch.*

Red's Sports Bar & Grill

661 S. Broadway, Middleville, MI 49333. (269) 205-2727
Hours: M-F 11 am-midnight, Sat & Sun 8 am-2 am. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card & hat each month. *Great food, cold beer, made to order breakfast on Sat & Sun, Live music Sat Sat, Sun rides at noon.*

Remus Tavern

118 W. Wheatland Ave, Remus, MI 49340. (989) 967-8304
Hours: Every Day 9 am-10 pm. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. *Full menu with great food; burritos, burgers, lake perch, daily drink specials, & breakfast.*

Rum Runners

12058 E. Apple Ave, Ravenna, MI 49451. (231) 853-2223
Hours: Wed-Sun open at 11 am. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card & t-shirt each month. *Bike Nights Wednesday with live band, full service kitchen, outdoor bar, special bike parking, horseshoes, & 5600 sq. ft. of tropical fun!*

Sketown Tavern

1308 W. Sherman Blvd, Muskegon, MI 49441. (231) 755-6818
Hours: M 3-10, T & W 11 am-10, Th-Sat 11 am-2 am. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. *Great American, Mexican & Cajun dishes, live entertainment Fri & Sat.*

The Dock at Bayview

12504 E. D Ave, Richland, MI 49083. (269) 731-4911
Hours: M-Sat 11 am- 2am, Sun noon-midnight. 1 person wins either t-shirt or food voucher each month. *Bike Nights Thursday, entertainment, drink & food specials every day.*

Make sure to check the SEPTEMBER issue to see if you won at any of the stops you checked in at this month!

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CLAIM YOUR PRIZE

BELOW IF YOU SEE YOUR RIDE CARD NUMBER LISTED NEXT TO A LOCATION THEN GO TO THAT LOCATION WITH THIS THUNDER ROADS MAGAZINE & YOUR RIDE CARD AND CLAIM YOUR PRIZE THERE! YOU HAVE ONLY 45 DAYS FROM THE 1ST OF THIS MONTH TO

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WINNERS



WINNING RIDE CARD #	JULY STOPS	WINNING RIDE CARD #	JULY STOPS
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07060	Museum of Moses @ Vogel Store	07483	Shiawassee Harley-Davidson
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06173	ABC Harley-Davidson	12306	Effin Bar & Grill
05901 & 05640	A.M. Leather	07198	Hot Rod Harley-Davidson
10003	Capitol Harley-Davidson	05109	Jet's Pizza Calendonina
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Inspiration

(From Forbes- Top 100 Inspirational Quotes)

The question isn't who is going to let me; it's who is going to stop me. ~ Ayn Rand

When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it. ~ Henry Ford

It's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years. ~ Abraham Lincoln

Change your thoughts and you change your world. ~ Norman Vincent Peale

Biker Sayings

Only a biker understands why dogs like to stick their heads out of car windows.

If she loves what you love, she's a keeper.

I may need men for some things, but riding a motorcycle is not one of them.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

Fun Facts

In the last 4000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

Lincoln Logs were invented by Frank Lloyd Wright's son.

Q is the only letter in the alphabet that does not appear in the name of any of the United States.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.



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RIDE WITH US (GLBC) Paw Paw ESCORT THE KIDS (GLBC) Wings Stadium MEMORIAL RIDE Museum of Moses SUNDAY RIDE Biker Bob's HD					GRILL & CHILL Perry HD	OPEN HOUSE Indian Motorcycle Motorcity
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
			FREEDOM FEST Iron Horse, Akron AUGUST 31- SEPTEMBER 4			

THUNDER ROADS

RAY C'S 12TH ANNUAL RODEO

by Billy D



Jim Chaddock - Horsepower Shootout winner!



For the 11th time the Ray C's Rodeo was held this past June in Lapeer, Michigan. So as the saying goes it was not Ray's first Rodeo, but it was the first the first time the event was held at the new location on M-24 just south of I-69. It was just a few months ago that Ray C's Harley-Davidson held a ribbon cutting Grand Opening celebration. Harley-Davidson corporate representatives attended, the local HOG Chapter, Ray C's family, and many customers.



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

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



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





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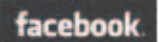
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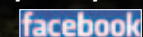
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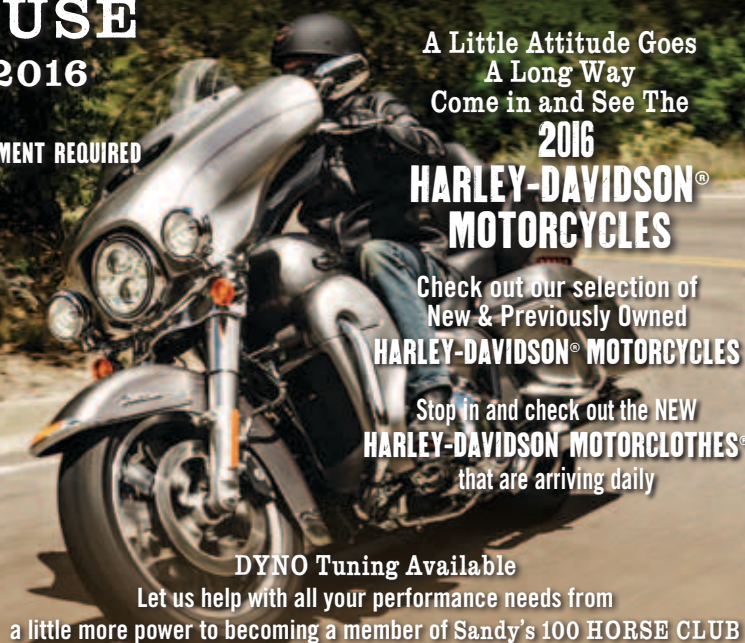
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Jesus said in John 10:10 says 'A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy. I [Jesus] have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.'

Let me break this verse in to two parts. The thief (Satan) comes to steal, kill and destroy and this is what is going on in our country, right now. Satan, in evil people, have been strategically placed in places of high power to steal our rights and freedoms, to kill our liberty, destroy our country from the foundation out and force us to do and believe what is not morally right.

So we know from what Jesus said in John 10:10 that the destructions that are going on in America are a result of what we as a country have allowed the evil one to do; in us and through us. Yet, the fix for America is to return to Jesus, because he has "come so that we may have life and have it in abundance."

Listen, my brothers and sisters. God has made the choice for us so simple... one presidential candidate has a record of incompetence, fraud, lying, and treason and so on. The other candidate may not be what most are looking for, but is solid and actually has a plan to revive America. But, most importantly this candidate has God's anointing to undo the damage that has been done to us over the last 8 years, and beyond, and to lead us back in to a place of victory and healing.

2 Chronicles 7:14 says "and My people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."

My intent here is not to frustrate people, but to speak truth, to help us see truth, even when there are so many lies in the wind right now and help us all to return to our national foundation which is Christ Jesus and His word, the Bible.

Let's prepare our hearts and minds to vote Biblically correct and not politically correct.

God bless you and God bless America!

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I see a lot of people riding their motorcycles without wearing helmets these days. I mean a whole lot of them. The interesting thing about freedom is that it is easy to take for granted. "I don't have to wear a helmet so I am not going to." All the while not caring how it came to be that you are not being forced to wear one, not knowing the effort that was made for 40 years to have the right to choose returned, and never dropping one red cent on behalf of those who got it done.

I wonder how many of you out there that take advantage of the return of your right to decide would be outraged should the law return mandating that your choice is meaningless. That you will be forced to wear a helmet every single time you ride or suffer the consequences of being stopped by law enforcement, ticketed, and fined for not obeying the law?

It's being attempted. There has been a bill sponsored the last two years to reintroduce a mandatory helmet law. Most of you have seen the recent news articles with the cherry picked statistics put together by the Insurance industry to make it appear that fatalities and injuries have increased since the law was modified for choice. There are organizations well funded by those with financial interests at heart that are lobbying regularly to have our legislators put their interests over our rights. The exact opposite of what our government's fundamental duties are according to our Constitutional Republic, in which individual rights trump all else in importance.

ABATE has steadily headed off those bills. ABATE has responded in the media to those insurance industry claims. ABATE has ensured that the truth regarding there being no change in fatalities or injuries since the law was modified is available. ABATE has focused on the real issues that will lower fatalities and injuries, by focusing on decreasing crashes. ABATE is a constant presence in Lansing, and a regular visitor to Washington D.C.

So, how much would you pay to keep your right to decide to wear that helmet or not? 25 bucks a year? That's the cost of ABATE membership.

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~ Rusty



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HISTORY OF MOTORCYCLES:

Part 12

By the time America reached the decade of the World Wide Web we had seen the rise of Hip-Hop and the thawing of the Cold War. We would also have the misfortune of witnessing firsthand an increase in terroristic acts in our nation, with the World Trade Center and Oklahoma City bombings...Anyway, all that aside, the motorcycle continued to forge ahead. As I mentioned before, during the 1990's we saw the motorcycle industry turn its focus towards improving upon the two-wheeled beauties that we had grown to love so much. And these improvements helped to further entrench the motorcycle and the lifestyle surrounding it into mainstream America.

The Japanese manufacturers were able to grow by leaps and bounds during the 90's due in part to the growing interest in the racing scene. Honda continued to enchant riders both in search of technologically advanced bikes, as well as riders who just HAD to go fast.

In 1990 Honda released the VFR750R (aka RC30) in America. This was a genuine race bike for the street, and sold at a staggering price that was twice the cost of a stock Interceptor. In 1992, 200 units of the legendary NR were produced for sale in the U.S. This was a totally street legal version of the ill-fated NR500 Grand Prix Racer, which sold for a whopping \$60,000. No, that's not a typo...it was seriously 60 grand...at that's 90's bread, not today's low-carb version of the dollar. The NR was loaded, and way beyond its time. It featured carbon fiber body work, a digital dash, under seat exhaust, and fuel injection. In spite of its sumptuous use of carbon and light alloy, it weighed in at nearly 500 pounds. 1993 was another lucrative year for Honda with the



release of the CBR900RR (Fireblade). This model combined the power of an open class motorcycle with the weight and handling of a 600, and proceeded to stun the sport bike world. Finally, Honda introduced the radical EXP-2 in 1995. This bike was a two-stroke 400 cc model that became "proof-of-concept" for company that a cleaner burning and more powerful two-stroke engine was attainable.



Yamaha didn't slow down during the 90's either. 1991 brought about the release of the FJ1200A, it came standard with anti-lock brakes, and it set the standard for sports-touring bikes during the decade. In 1993, Yamaha introduced us to the striking GTS100...this machine featured electronic



fuel injection and hub centered steering, but consumers scoffed about the price and failed to bite on the bikes innovation. 1996 was a stellar year for the company when they released the original Star model, sporting a 1300 cc engine it was named the V-4 Royal Star. In the final 2 years of the decade Yamaha graced the American public with the YZ400F (It became the first mass produced 4 stroke motocross bike, and was to become the eventual downfall of the two-stroke 250's.), the YZF-R1, and the YZF-R6. Motocross style bikes were becoming more main-stream by the minute at this point in history.



Suzuki was not to be outdone by its Japanese competitors, and also produced progenies faster than Octomom. 1990 brought us the 779 cc DR-BIG which amounted to the largest single cylinder

engine in living memory. Followed by the GSX-R750 in '91 which switched from oil cooling to water cooling and packed on a few pounds. 1995 was a better year for the company, when the beloved Bandit 1200...a 16 valve 1156 cc oil/water cooled model appeared on the motorcycle scene. But Suzuki didn't stop there, in 1996 they released the all new GSX-R750 which was coined the "turning point model" thanks to its twin - spar frame instead of the older double cradle frame. The engine was also redesigned and featured 3 piece crank cases, chrome plated cylinders, and a side-mount cam chain, as well as the Suzuki Ram Air Direct (SRAD) system. The company's first sport bike with a V-twin engine came in the form of the TL1000S in 1997, followed by the legendary SV650 "Hayabusa" in 1999. The Hayabusa sported an aluminum frame and a liquid cooled 90 degree V-twin DOHC 4 valve engine. Suzuki called this bike the "ultimate aerodynamic sport bike"...and they were right, as it soon became the favorite of land speed racers.

So it's pretty clear that the Japanese were hard at work during the 90's, but what were our local boys up to at the time? While I have to admit, there was plenty to focus on at the time....Y2K was creeping in on us, and the Spice Girls were incessantly asking everyone to tell them "what you really really want", but despite the staggering amount of diversions, Harley-Davidson managed to focus on the tasks at hand and had themselves one hell of a decade as well.



already had to offer. 1995 was yet another year for firsts in the H-D family, with the addition of the Ultra Classic Electra Glide. This bike would become the first in Harley history to be a production bike with sequential port electronic fuel injection. The next three years Harley-Davidson would spend expanding its ever evolving corporation by opening new factories in Milwaukee, Menomonee Falls, Kansas City, and even Mahaus, Brazil...which just happened to be the first operations to ever take place outside of the U.S. for the Harley-Davidson Motor Company. Harley rounded out the decade by sprucing up the "Dyna" and "Touring" motorcycle families by upgrading them to include the new twin cam 88 engines.



To kick off the '90's Harley introduced us to the FLSTF Fat Boy.... as we all know; this bike almost instantly became a modern legend of motorcycle design. 1991 brought us the "Dyna" line of bikes, starting with the FXDB Dyna Glide Sturgis. It wasn't until 1994 that Harley-Davidson would enter the world of Super bike racing, but it did so elegantly with the release of the VR1000 and its powerful dual overhead cam and liquid cooled engine. The same year brought us the classically styled FLHR Road King to the growing family of touring bikes Harley

Seems pretty cut and dry...except for a long lost friend in the industry...or maybe that's long lost foe, seems to be attempting a bit of a comeback towards the close of the era. 1998 brings about the revival of brand exclusive production for a former competitor in the American motorcycle market. A merger of 9 companies ultimately formed the Indian Motorcycle Company of America (IMCA), and they opened a production facility in Gilroy, California starting with production of Scout, Chief, and Spirit models powered by engines acquired from S & S Cycle Inc.

So where does this leave us now? Well to be honest it leaves me pretty exhausted. Between crossing my fingers that my student loans were going to disappear in a worldwide computer crash and wondering why anyone would voluntarily put a cigar...never mind, I digress. The '90's brought us a lot of bigger, faster, and more loved two-wheeled beauties than one could have imagined possible. Next time we will conclude the series on motorcycle history by looking at today, tomorrow, and just how far we have come since Roper's crazy bicycle.

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BY RICK WYATT

I think it's time for a serious discussion about the biggest enemies of your firearms. Calm down, I'm not going political so this is not about Barak Obama, Hillary Clinton, or any of the other liberal anti-gun ideologues who delight in finding creative way to blame legally owned firearms for all of our societal ills. Rather I want to hit on a more practical concern for serious firearm owners, dealing with moisture and crud.

Mark Twain once observed that nobody is completely useless, even the worst of us can always be used as an example. Case in point was the guy who came into the store a few months back complaining that he could not open the slide on his pistol. He then produced a small stainless steel semi-auto from his pocket that was so badly fouled with pocket lint I thought we were going to have to break out a razor and shave it before tearing it down for repair. As it turned out, the only real problem with the gun was an accumulation of pocket crud, coupled with perspiration and over lubrication that had worked in between the frame and slide (yes it was a turd rack gun) causing a functional impingement that only took a few minutes to clear once identified. I doubt that this problem would have made the firearm unsafe to shoot, but poorly functioning guns are always accidents waiting to happen!

Problems such as this are easy to avoid. First, don't carry a firearm in your pocket unless you are using some type of pocket holster. Pocket holsters protect your gun from both moisture and dirt, keep it in an upright position, protect the trigger/trigger guard, and reduce the obvious print of a firearm through your clothing. Second, every evening when you take the firearm out of your pocket take the time to work the slide, do a quick inspection and wipe it down with a silicone cleaning rag. Third, at least monthly take the gun to the range and fire it to ensure functionality, and then break it down for a proper cleaning.

On the subject of cleaning, remember that the use of too much lubricant on your gun can be as bad as not cleaning it in the first place. Over lubrication is a crud magnet, especially around the bolt face and breach. If you are getting powder residue hard baked on in these areas, then it's a result of too much lube, or poor quality ammo, or a combination of the two; and left unchecked it may lead to failure to go to battery and a non-functioning firearm! A fairly new product that will help maintain your firearms are "RAMRODZ", caliber specific tightly wound cotton swabs on wooden stems.



Dip the swab into the solvent and run the bore before using the brush, then use a clean swab to remove residue after brushing, it's so much quicker and simpler than running patch after patch. Then, before you throw them away, fashion the blunt end to a scraper with a knife and use the wooden edge to scrape away the gunk in the tight areas on the bolt and around the breach without scratching your finish. How do you keep from over lubricating in the first place? Try using a moly based grease instead of liquid or spray lubricants and apply only the amount you can put on the end of a toothpick to your slide rails and around your barrel bushing. If this is done properly, there will be a noticeable reduction in residue buildup.

As far as moisture goes; this is Michigan and we reside in the state of humidity, we contend with often sudden precipitation (got my 6 soaked to the bone on my way home from work tonight), and moisture levels of many of our homes and workplaces are way too high and metal surfaces pay the price for it! Everybody knows that moisture causes oxidation (rust) quickest on blued finishes and given enough time, it will also discolor stainless. Fingerprints are moisture on steroids, because of the salt content of perspiration and can cause the onset of rust almost overnight. The best defense against all oxidation is not exposing your guns to moisture in the first place, but that is not practical if you are going to carry a firearm. The next best choice is to wipe your firearm (s) down daily with a silicone impregnated gun rag like those sold by Remington, Hoppes and Outers; or make your own by spraying a fine silicone lubricant lightly on an a clean rag made from an old t-shirt (old t-shirts are the best gun cleaning rags in the world and very cost effective). Then wipe your gun with the rag, rather than spraying the firearm directly and then trying to wipe off the excess, which takes us back to over lubrication. And if your gun does get drenched, the way my Glock 43 did tonight, dry it off the best you can with dry rags and blow it out with compressed air (if available) then wrap it in the silicone rag or silicone gun sock overnight, because one of the properties of silicone is that it draws moisture away from metal surfaces.

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SO MANY OPTIONS Part II

By Ron Johnson

Before we cut the pushrod, we need to get it to a point where it has the least amount of pressure. With the rear tire raised slightly off the lift and the motorcycle in fifth gear (spark plugs removed) rotate the rear wheel in the normal direction while watching the pushrods. One will go up than come down, then the other one will do the same. When there both at the lowest point is how we want them when we cut. It's important to be extremely careful not to damage any other part of the motor while making the cut. Once this cut is made, remove the bottom part of the pushrod and remove the top part and the cover and set aside.



Hope everyone is getting an opportunity to enjoy this beautiful riding weather we've been having. I just want to give a quick recap of the last couple of articles in case anyone just tuned in, so to speak. We took a 2004 Dyna Twin Cam 88 and tore it down to do an inspection of the mechanical cam chain tensioners. The inspection revealed the tensioners needed to be replaced and after considering all the options, we decided to upgrade to hydraulic cam chain tensioners and Hi Flow oil pump.

With the bike on the lift and prepped for this service, (battery, exhaust, air cleaner and spark plugs removed, right foot peg/brake pedal disconnected and set out of the way) The first step is to remove the stock one piece push rod. We choose to replace the stock pushrods with aftermarket adjustable pushrods so we are going to cut the originals with bolt cutters. Work on one cylinder at a time.

Slide down slightly the center of the pushrod cover and remove the upper retainer (the short piece with a raised tab).



Slide the bottom part of the cover up towards the rocker box. This will expose about 1 1/2 inches of the pushrod just above the lifter block covers. This is where we will make our cut.



Once all the pushrods and covers are removed, loosen the four bolts on each of the two lifter block covers and remove the covers. When disassembling, it's a good idea to mark position and location/orientation of all parts even if you're not going to reuse them. You may need to reference them during reassembly. Remove the lifter retaining dowel and the lifters. Now we can remove the cam cover, take out the bolt that holds outer cam gear to cam and do the same thing with outer gear on crank shaft and remove both gears and outer chain as an assembly and set aside.

Now we can access the four bolts that hold the oil pump to cam support plate and the six bolts that hold cam support plate to crank case. With both removed, get a good hold on the support plate and wiggle/rock back and forth to free from case. Support plate, cams, and inner chain will come out as an assembly.



When you pull the support plate away from engine case, usually part of oil pump will stay with cam support plate. Pay close attention to how things come apart. Make sure nothing ends up in cam compartment that isn't supposed to be there. Now we can remove the rest of the oil pump assembly. At this point with the option we chose, tear down is complete and we can start reassembly.

For reassembly, the first step is to remove and replace inner cam bearings and press new outer bearings and cams into new support plate. Both of these operations require a fair level of mechanical experience and a couple of different specialty tools. If you're not sure, don't hesitate to ask for help or advice. If you don't have the correct tools, sometimes you can rent them from a local repair shop. As I mentioned at the beginning of this series of articles, this service requires a bit more than average skill level. But it's not rocket science either. If you have decent mechanical ability, fair amount of tools and you're not too proud to ask for help, it's not impossible. Unfortunately, space doesn't allow me to get into great detail. But if anyone has any questions, feel free to contact me. I will be happy to help anyway I can.

Another good source of information is a shop service manual specific to the year and model of motorcycle you're working on. The service manual will have detailed disassembly and reassembly instructions, plus all necessary torque specifications.

Reassembly is basically the reverse of disassembly. Any gaskets or 'O' rings that have been disturbed must be replaced. The cam shafts must be timed to each other before being pressed into cam support plate.

All bolts should be thoroughly cleaned and a small amount of Loctite used. I prefer to replace the bolts that hold the outer cam chain gears to the crankshaft and cam shaft.

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