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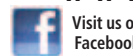
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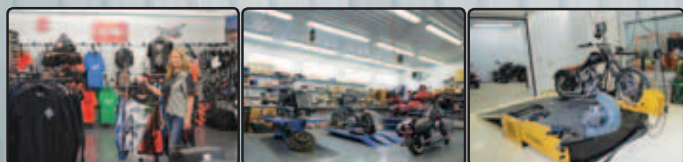
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Happy 4th of July!

Yep, it's that time of year again yayyy! Get the grills ready, buy some fireworks from our advertiser Phantom Fireworks and chill the beverages, because the 4th of July is coming up! I have to laugh, because I have told this story before, but it's worth telling again...apparently according to my parents...the fireworks were all for me, ha ha ha. As a kid with my birthday on the 4th of July that was what I was told by them, well, I believed them until I was about 10 years old. I remember being up to Wixom Lake at my grandparents cottage, (which was a family tradition for years growing up) and watching the fireworks, telling a cousin that, "isn't this so nice that they do the fireworks all for me"! Oh my, looking back it still cracks me up...aww to be a kid again. I hope you all enjoy this American Holiday by spending time with your family and friends and by taking a break from the everyday grind.

I have heard that we are supposed to be in for a HOT summer! I am so looking forward to that and we have already had some blistering days... so I hope this is true. It's time to enjoy the summer and get out and Ride! If you have not signed up for your FREE Ride Card yet, you better get to it! It doesn't expire; you can use it year after year and you have a chance to win FREE stuff. Each stop you check-in at you have a chance to win that prize! No catch here folks! Read all about the Ride n' Win contest in this issue. Be sure to check each month to see if you are a winner on the winner's page!

Make sure to check out all the events going on, bike nights and sales in this issue. Also, if you have not checked out the NEW Thunder Roads Michigan website lately, then go to www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com and take a look! Thanks to William "Bill" McKenzie our new Website Design Master it looks awesome! You can view all the Thunder Wear items available in our NEW Thunder Store (which BTW we have more colors and options now), you can list a free classified ad, you can view the map of all the Ride Stops for the Thunder Run Ride n' Win Contest, holy moly...you can view past issues, check out the calendar for upcoming events or bikes nights, even buy Amsoil and much more!

Last month the Biker Friendly character was on page 69. See if you can find him this month (larger version found in the BFD). Congrats to Sheila Meixner that won the contest in June!



Now for some "Mo" Advice:

Often we get so caught up in what we "have to do" we forget about what we "ought to do". This month; take time out for yourself, family and friends and also remember to thank a veteran and current active military for their service.



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VETERANS CORNER



Attorney general investigates Grand Rapids veterans home

Michigan's attorney general says his office is investigating allegations of mistreatment at a state-run nursing home for veterans and is encouraging potential victims or witnesses to come forward. Bill Schuette confirmed that his office's Health Care Fraud Division started the investigation in February after an audit uncovered problems at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

The audit said workers falsely claimed they were checking on patients, failed to properly investigate allegations of abuse and neglect, and took too long to fill prescriptions. Auditors also said the 415-resident facility provided insufficient care and had inadequate staffing levels.

Veterans Affairs Agency Director James Redford took over after the audit and promised improvements. He said things are moving in the "right direction" but staffing levels still need to be boosted.

Veterans, homeless move into \$6M Detroit housing

More than two dozen veterans, homeless individuals and people with disabilities have moved into a Detroit apartment building offering low-income rent and support services.

The building was renovated as part of a \$6.1 million project led by a local developer and Detroit Central City Community Mental Health.

Mayor Mike Duggan worked to shut down and seize the old property in 2003 when he was working as Wayne County prosecutor. The Detroit Free Press reports that he will tour the newly renovated apartments and meet with residents. The building opened to its 27 tenants in mid-March.

Veteran receives help with home repairs

A veteran in desperate need of home repairs is getting the help of some very generous volunteers. The Home Depot Foundation is giving the veteran a new ramp, ceiling, landscaping and minor fixes.

"This is the most amazing thing that I've ever had happen in my life," said John Banning, disabled veteran. He served his country for 11 years, but recently he has been down on his luck and hasn't had the money for much needed repairs on his Saginaw home. "Wheelchair ramp has needed repairs for probably 10 years now. My wife lost her job and financials just ain't what they used to be and I didn't have the funds to buy new stuff," Banning said.

The Home Depot and United Way teamed up to fix Banning's home. Volunteers said it's an honor to give him a helping hand. "It's great to be able to come out and help somebody out who is in need and for us to be able to work in this community, and other communities to be able to come out to make that difference is incredible," said Judy Custer, with the Home Depot Foundation.

Banning said he's extremely grateful for their kindness. "These people are fantastic, really really great people and I appreciate it so much," Banning said.

Veteran's World War II uniform discovered in attic, returned to widow

A homeowner in Arizona made a surprising discovery just before he renovated his house -- inside the attic was a bag holding a pristine-looking World War II uniform,

the buttons still shining. The man knew he had to track down the veteran's family. The soldier's name -- Thomas Wilson, Jr. -- was printed on the green bag. It also contained magazines from the era, Dutch wooden shoes, a photo and an old checkbook. Wilson died in 2012. Family members reportedly sold the home in Arcadia the next year, but in the complicated moving process, they left the bag behind.

It took a little time, but the unnamed homeowner and his realtor tracked down Wilson's surviving relatives, including his 96-year-old widow. "Big surprise... I knew what they were, but it had been so long since I had seen anything like that," the soldier's wife, Delma, responded.

Relatives say Wilson managed a team of black soldiers who drove ambulances rushing the wounded to hospitals. They said he wrote a memoir so future generations would know his story.

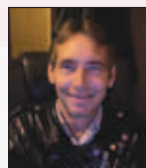
The veteran's family had owned the home for more than 50 years before selling it. "We were a little astounded to realize we had left something very important in that attic," his daughter, Leah Morse, said.

Couple buys Purple Heart at Goodwill for \$4.99, sends to hero's family

A husband and wife in Arizona spotted a deal when they uncovered a Purple Heart with a \$4.99 price tag at a Goodwill store, and had a duty to find the real hero who received the medal.

Hardy posted a photo on Facebook and the post made its way to a group called Veteran Buddy Finder. Eventually their search led them to the World War II veteran Eual H. Whiteman's former sister-in-law Phyllis Lawson in Missouri. "She wanted to repay me the \$4.99!" Hardy told a news station describing their phone call. "I said 'no, this is my good deed for the day.'"

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WOMEN'S MOTORCYCLE MONTH: FIVE FACTS ABOUT FEMALE MOTORCYCLISTS

July is Women's Motorcycle Month... or is it May? It depends on who you ask. Several years ago, a coalition of organizations including the Motorcycle Hall of Fame declared July to be Women's Motorcycle Month, but the movement never really caught on. In 2009, Harley Davidson decided that May should be Women's Motorcycle Month, and began planning events around the world to celebrate women riders. The problem is, May is already Motorcycle Awareness Month around the globe, and many advocacy groups and riding clubs believe that women motorcyclists should be acknowledged and celebrated during their own special time. And so here we are today, divided.

Ultimately, having two different Women's Motorcycle Months is confusing, and has diluted the celebration of women riders. So, as part of our efforts to promote motorcycle awareness year-round, my team and I want to revive July as Women's Motorcycle Month, and acknowledge women riders everywhere. Here are some facts you may not have known about female motorcyclists.

FACT: We sent our Marketing Director, Debbie Parinello, to take part in this year's International Female Ride Day (IFRD) on May 7, 2016, and it was an amazing event! This was the 10th International Female Ride Day, organized by well-known Canadian motorcycle enthusiast Vicki Gray, founder of Motoress.com. Gray established IFRD in order to bring together women riders around the world and encourage them to be role models for women in motorcycling, while at the same time promoting motorcycle awareness and safety. Female Motorcyclists from around the world took part in this great event. You can see our pictures at Facebook.com/TheMotorcycleLawyer, or at MotorcycleLawyerMichigan.com.

FACT: Motorcycle ownership by women continues to climb. According to the latest Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) owners' survey, about 14% of motorcycle owners are now women. That might not seem like a huge number, but consider this: in 1998, only about 8% of motorcycle owners were women. That means ownership among female motorcyclists has almost doubled in less than twenty years! Younger women are buying motorcycles at an even higher rate than the so-called "baby boom" generation: Among "Gen-Y" owners (18-35), women make up almost 18% of motorcycle owners; in the "Gen-X" group (36-50), women account for about 17% of owners; and among the "Baby boomers" (51+), women make up 9% of motorcycle owners. If those numbers still seem low compared to what you're seeing on the roads, keep in mind that's the number of owners, not riders; in fact, women make up about a quarter (25%) of motorcyclists on the road today.

FACT: Female riders tend to be safety-conscious. The MIC survey data shows that 60% or more of women motorcyclists took a certified motorcycle safety course, compared to only 42% of their male counterparts. In some states, the survey found that women make up 30% or more of the motorcycle safety student population. Women motorcyclists were also killed in crashes significantly less often than male riders, according to a survey by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), though it depends on which seat they were on at the time of the crash. Sadly, 8% of motorcycle drivers killed in 2014 were women, while the other 92% were men. However, women made up over 93% of motorcycle passengers killed in crashes in 2014. Overall, two-thirds (66%) of women killed in motorcycle crashes that year were passengers. Female riders are also more likely than male riders to wear a helmet: according to a study by Wayne State University, almost 60% of women observed riding motorcycles in Michigan wore helmets, compared to 55% of male riders. There are two important things to keep in mind when looking at these sobering statistics: first, there is no proven link between taking

a motorcycle safety training course and avoiding or surviving a motorcycle crash. Second, male riders are statistically more likely to be injured or killed in a motorcycle crash because there are simply more of them; remember, 75% of motorcyclists are male.

FACT: Women want their bikes big and new. According to the MIC survey, 34% of women prefer cruisers over sport bikes (just 10% of women surveyed rode sport bikes). Women preferred buying new (57%) over used (43%). While the MIC survey doesn't give a reason for this preference, my assumption would be that women are buying new bikes because more and more manufacturers are designing motorcycles specifically for women. Generally speaking, women are shorter and lighter than men, so it would make sense for them to want a motorcycle designed to be more manageable (relatively) for their size.

FACT: Nearly half (49%) of women motorcyclists are married, according to the MIC study, and 50% of women interviewed in a Harley-Davidson commissioned study by Kelton rate themselves "extremely satisfied" with their relationship. This could be because more than half (53%) of women riders surveyed for the Harley-Davidson study say their motorcycle is a "key source" of their happiness, and almost three-quarters (74%) believe their lives have improved since they started riding. What I hear from women riders over and over again is that they ride because it makes them happy; this is reflected in countless research studies and polls about women motorcyclists. This shouldn't be a surprise... Most of the male riders I have spoken to over the years say the same thing: riding a motorcycle makes us happy.

Let's settle the debate once and for all: July is Women's Motorcycle Month, so take a minute to celebrate the women-riders in your life. While you're at it, take another minute to remind your family, friends, and co-workers to be motorcycle-aware, and to watch out for motorcyclists (female and male) when they drive.

We want to hear from you: We are looking for stories and pictures of feisty female motorcyclists from across the country. Share your pictures and stories with us at Facebook.com/TheMotorcycleLawyer, or email them to reception@lawyerforlife.com. We'll read everything you send, and may even share your story (with your permission) on our blog or Facebook page.

Source(s):
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When you stop to consider all the facts, it's the basic building block of the English language.

And remember, once you know your shit, you don't need to know anything else!!

You could pass this along, if you give a shit; or not do so if you don't give a shit!

Well, Shit, it's time for me to go. Just wanted you to know that I do give a shit and hope you had a nice day, without a bunch of shit. But, if you happened to catch a load of shit from some shit-head,

well.....Shit Happens!

A man and his wife, moved back home to their beloved Tennessee, from Minnesota.

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The husband was shocked and asked why it was so cheap here in Tennessee to insure it because it cost him \$2,000 in Minnesota?

The insurance agent turned his computer screen to the couple and said, "Well, here it is on the screen, it says: Any wooden structure, with a sprinkler system above it, is \$39. You just have to know how to describe your current situation. (*Hillbillies have a creativity all their own).

An elderly man really took care of his body. He lifted weights and jogged six miles every day.

One morning he looked into the mirror, admiring his body, and noticed that he was suntanned all over with the exception of his penis.

So he decided to do something about that.

He went to the beach, undressed completely and buried himself in the sand, except for his penis, which he left sticking out of the sand.

A bit later, two little old ladies came strolling along the beach, one using a cane to help her get along.

Upon seeing the thing sticking out of the sand,

The lady with the cane began to move the penis around with her cane.

Remarking to the other little old lady, she said:

"There really is no justice in the world."

The other little old lady asked:

"What do you mean by that?"

The first little old lady replied:

"Look at that. When I was 20, I was curious about it."

"When I was 30, I enjoyed it."

"When I was 40, I asked for it."

"When I was 50, I paid for it."

"When I was 60, I prayed for it."

"When I was 70, I forgot about it."

"And now that I'm 80, the damned things are growing wild and I'm too old to squat."

Confucius DIDN'T Say

Man who wants pretty nurse, must be patient.

Passionate kiss, like spider web, leads to undoing of fly.

Man fight with wife all day get no piece at night.

It takes many nails to build a crib, but only one screw to fill it.

Lil' Johnny's mother tells him no breakfast until he does his chores.

Well, he's a little teed off, so he goes to feed the chickens, and he kicks a chicken. He goes to feed the cows, and he kicks a cow. He goes to feed the pigs, and he kicks a pig. He goes back in for breakfast and his mother gives him a bowl of dry cereal.

"How come I don't get any eggs and bacon?"

Why don't I have any milk in my cereal?" he asks.

"Well," his mother says, "I saw you kick a chicken, so you don't get any eggs for a month. I saw you kick the pig, so you don't get any bacon for a month either. I saw you kick the cow so for a month you aren't getting any milk."

Just then, his father comes down for breakfast and kicks the pussy cat halfway across the kitchen.

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The 3rd Annual

Michigan Thunder Run Ride n' Win Contest has Officially Started!



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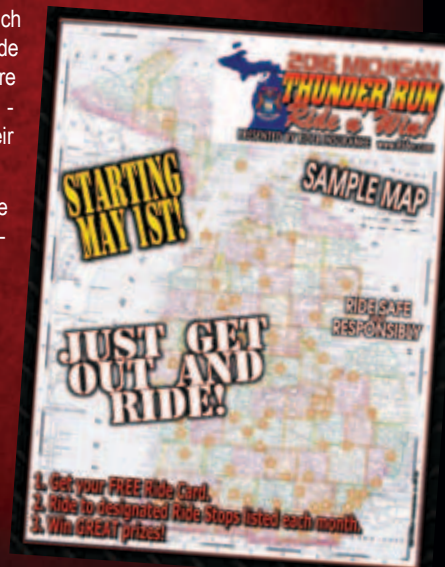
1. Go to any Registration stop listed on the map with a red star or on The Stops pages. If you already have your card from last year or the year before, you do not need to register again. The Ride Cards do not expire so hold on to it. The information that you provide when you sign-up for your FREE Ride Card only goes to me and will NOT be used for any other purpose than this contest. You will not have to provide any other personal information again after this. You will be handed your FREE Ride Card right then. It has a unique number on it- take note because that is YOURS and ONLY YOURS.
2. Once you have your Ride Card go to any or all of the stops listed this month and show them your card! Registration stops are also ride stops. There are also event stops each month. That stop will write your unique Ride Card number down. Let them know if you spend over \$10 there because your Ride Card number will get counted twice!
3. Check the following months issue to see if your Ride Card number is listed as a winner. You must check this each month as Thunder Roads staff will not contact you and let you know you won. If your Ride Card number is listed as a winner email MichiganThunderRun@gmail.com to claim your prize. In the email provide your name, address, phone number & Ride Card number. Again, the information only goes to us at Thunder Roads. Please note: You only have 45 days to claim your prize from the 1st the month it is listed in the magazine.

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



FEW FACTS

- Winners are randomly picked from each Registration/Ride Stop, Ride Stop & Event Stop each month.
- The more places you check-in the greater your chances are of winning a prize from that stop or one of our sponsors prizes!
- If you spend \$10 or more at any of the Registration/Ride Stops or Ride Stops your Ride Card number gets counted twice! Please note: The reason why this contest is FREE to you the rider is because our sponsors and stops. So we want to encourage everyone to support them in return. That is why we count your Ride Card number twice if you spend \$10 or more.
- You can check-in 1 time each week at each Registration/Ride Stop & Ride 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.
- Some prize drawings are specific to only check-ins for the particular month - while others prizes are drawn from check-in's season long.
- ALL CHECK-INS remain in the system for end of the season prizes!



2016 MICHIGAN THUNDER RUN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST



It's really that simple!

1. Get your Michigan Ride Card.
2. Get the list of stops each month from your Thunder Roads Michigan Magazine's website
3. Ride out to these stops and show them your card.
4. And then you win cool prizes, including cold hard CASH!



Thunder Roads Michigan will also be registering riders for Ride Cards at specific events throughout the year as we distribute magazines. Key events; such as Harley Fest, Bikes on the Bricks or Bike Nights will have 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.

RIDING OUT OF STATE? IF YOU RIDE TO PENNSYLVANIA, OHIO, INDIANA, DELAWARE, MARYLAND OR WASHINGTON DC MAKE SURE TO PICK UP A COPY OF THUNDER ROADS IN EACH STATE AND LOOK FOR A REGISTRATION STOP NEAR YOU TO REGISTER FOR THAT STATES RIDE CARD. THEN CHECK-IN AT ANY STOP LISTED IN THAT STATES ISSUE. YOU COULD WIN PRIZES IN EACH 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

LET'S RIDE!

As we mentioned, this is a dynamic event – intended to be tweaked and developed over time. If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns – please don't hesitate to let us know.

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JULY 2016 STOPS



EVENT STOPS



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JULY EVENT STOPS

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JULY 14TH-17TH MUSKEGON BIKE TIME

Check-in with Mike on Rebel Rd.

At the Rez, Muskegon, MI. Free entry to vendors & most entertainment, headline bands, beverage tents, stunt shows, on-site camping, blessing, stunt shows, national vendors, contests & more. For more info go to muskegonbiketime.com (See cover and full page ad this issue).

JULY 21ST-24TH Ogemaw Hills Bike Week

Check-in with Jody Mo in vendor area 11 am-6 pm Thurs thru Sat.

Ogemaw Co Fairgrounds, West Branch, MI. Biker games, AMA Pro Hillclimb, bike show, vintage bike show, live entertainment, camping, tattoo contest &

more. All motorcycles welcome. Week long camping available. Advanced tickets available at ogemawhillsbikeweek.com or Gildner's Hd, Bubba's Tri-City Cycle or Stevens' Cycle in Midland (See full page ad this issue).

JULY 24TH

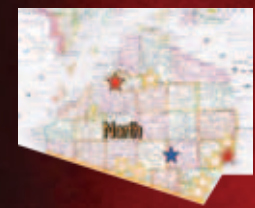
Midwest Police Motorcycle Training Challenge & Safety Seminar

Check-in with Debra 11 am- 1 pm Sunday.

Wolverine HD, Clinton Twp, MI. Starts 8 am on 22nd, \$50 regis fee, rain or shine, open to both police & civilian riders, register today or come & watch. For more info & to register call 586-463-7700 (See full page ad this issue).

THE STOPS

For the month of July check-in at any of these stops and you could win the prize at that stop. Don't have a Ride card? You can sign-up for your FREE Ride Card at any of the stops listed with a Ride Card next to it (Ride Cards from last year are still good as they do not expire). Then check-in at any stop with your Ride Card to win that prize. Make sure to pick up the 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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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IF YOU SEE YOUR RIDE CARD LISTED BELOW AND THERE IS NOT A LOCATION BY IT THEN YOU NEED TO EMAIL

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YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR RIDE CARD NUMBER, NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER SO I CAN LET YOU KNOW WHAT YOU WON!



WINNERS



WINNING RIDE CARD #	JUNE STOPS	WINNING RIDE CARD #	JUNE STOPS
NO CHECK-INS	BS & Co Bar & Grill	11522	Ray C's Harley-Davidson
05435	Maxwell Brothers Cycle Shop LLC	09151	River Rock Bar & Grill
05167	Museum of Moses @ Vogel Store	11093	Shiawassee Harley-Davidson
09080	Mr. Jack's Sports Bar & Grill	12463	A.W.O.L. Custom Tattooing LLC
10993	Trail's End Pub	06703	Boondox Motorsports
12008	Twisted Twinz Emporium	05109	Champs Bar & Grill
05944	ABC Harley-Davidson	05142	Duck Inn Waddle Out
05992 & 06012	A.M. Leather	NO CHECK-INS	Effin Bar & Grill
08653	Capitol Harley-Davidson	07068	Hot Rod Harley-Davidson
08710	Cornwell's	NO CHECK-INS	Jet's Pizza Calendonia
05941	Excell Cycles Inc	NO CHECK-INS	Jet's Pizza Wyoming
09261	Hunt's Hog Shop	12486	JR Gun Sales
09999	Indian Motorcycle Motorcity	07933	Leaders RPM
05349	McNastys Saloon	NO CHECK-INS	Mr. Vaper
05697	Motor City Harley-Davidson	NO CHECK-INS	Red's Sports Bar & Grill
05732	Stingers Bar & Grill	06828	Remus Tavern
NO CHECK-INS	Total Firearms	06829	Rum Runners
06182	Wolverine Harley-Davidson	12277	Skeetown Tavern
06493	Bay Cycle	08419	The Dock at Bayview
07595	C & K Corner Store LLC	05684	CALL OR EMAIL TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE!
06940	Caro Motorsports	09177	CALL OR EMAIL TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE!
11268	Castaways	08671	CALL OR EMAIL TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE!
09188	CreekSide Bar & Grill	05974	CALL OR EMAIL TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE!
11275	Great Lakes Harley-Davidson	06205	CALL OR EMAIL TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE!
07628	Holeshot Harley-Davidson	07580	CALL OR EMAIL TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE!
07456	Iron Horse Bar & Grill	12507	CALL OR EMAIL TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE!
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(From Forbes- Top 100 Inspirational Quotes)

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You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try. ~ Beverly Sills

Remember no one can make you feel inferior without your consent. ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

Life is what we make it, always has been, always will be. ~ Grandma Moses

Biker Sayings

Grab life by the handlebars.

Riding a motorcycle is 10% hands and feet and 90% mind and eyes.

Ride hard, you can rest when you die.

If you want to be happy for a day, drink. If you want to be happy for a year, marry. If you want to be happy for a lifetime, ride a motorcycle.

Fun Facts

In England, in the 1880's, the word pants was considered a dirty word.

Michael Jordan makes more money from Nike annually than all the Nike factory workers in Malaysia combined.

The elephant is the only mammal that can't jump.

Women's hearts beat faster than men's.

The Race is On

WITH LINDSEY ERICKSON ~ LIGHTENING SPRINT CAR DRIVER & GARRETT SMITHLEY ~ NASCAR DRIVER

Lindsey Erickson ~

When we have a chance to get away, racing seems to be the perfect outlet. I spent two seasons watching my husband run at the local dirt track, and I realized that I really wanted to try it myself. I wanted to be a part of it, I wanted to stick it in the corner and fly down the back stretch like he was. So when he mentioned he was putting together a spare car I jumped at the chance to try it, and now I am starting my third season racing.

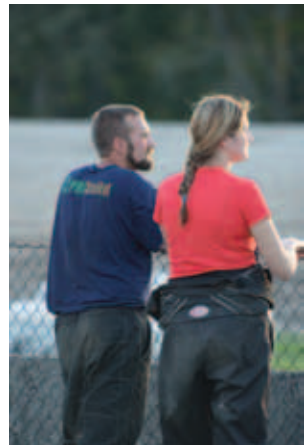
We race lightning sprint cars. They have 1000cc Japanese born motors inside of the upright chassis. They can average speeds up to 92 mph around a 3/8 mile dirt track.

Mack and I have a hardworking lifestyle, not to mention, 4 kids, a farm, and it seems like we are busy all the time.

My favorite part of the entire experience has been the family support. My kids are excited about learning, and have even begun to participate. They are learning simply by watching and as a mom, I can't imagine a better reward than to watch them grow in different ways. Our oldest daughter, Bella, and our son, Jake, will begin their first season of mini wedge racing in 2016. How exciting to have your kids involved in the same hobbies as you... this is the meaning of family to us.

Thunder Roads Magazine Of Michigan is proud to be a sponsor of Lindsey Erickson and her family.

The lightning sprints will be racing at Merritt Speedway in Lake City, MI on July 15th & 16th for the 28th Annual Ed VanDuinen Wood Tic Weekend Race. All Bikers Welcome



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Biker Preacher's Corner

Greetings brothers and sisters! This month, we celebrate our Independence Day, or the Fourth of July as we know it. This is the day we honor and remember the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th 1776, in which we declared our independence from tyranny and oppression. Another historical fact is that our Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights (the basis of our law and nation) are founded on The Bible. Now, I understand that there are some that think this isn't truth, or at least don't want this to be true. But, the historical facts still remain; we are and have been the greatest nation in the world because of our foundation on God and His Word – the Bible.

My question is why have so many foolishly sided with tyranny and any ideology that is tyrannical, anti-God and anti-freedom? Like, socialism, communism, Marxism and any other form of government that is evil and never ever works!

Listen, if you're not suffering from cranial-rectal insertion syndrome you've probably noticed that the foundation of our country has been eroding away, by evil anti-American socialist forces that have manipulated their way into positions of power. Our liberties and freedoms are being stolen right out from underneath us and many times we don't know how we got here or what to do about it. To the point now there are those who have come into our country illegally and are now demanding rights, gobbling up resources and rioting against those who will get America back on the tracks.

There is a reason for this though; we as a nation have been turning our backs on God for more than 50 years. Our national sin continues to separate us from the Lord and all of His blessings that we have taken for granted.

The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 3:17 "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." We have been the greatest nation in all the history of the world because of our faith and foundation in Christ Jesus. But over the years we have told The Lord, in effect, we don't need you. So, like the perfect gentleman that He is... His Spirit has lifted and now we are paying the price for our own choices.

But, here is the good news - There is the fix for this issue! 2 Chronicles 7:14 says "and [if] 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."

If we as Americans would humble ourselves, repent for our mistakes and turn back to God, He will forgive us and restore us. 1 John 1:9 says "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

This 4th of July, I encourage all my brothers and sisters to remember from where we have fallen, turn back to God and watch Him bring the healing, liberty and freedom that we ALL want.

There is no substitute for the real thing – Jesus!

Much love and respect,

Apostle Brian "BMAN" McKay
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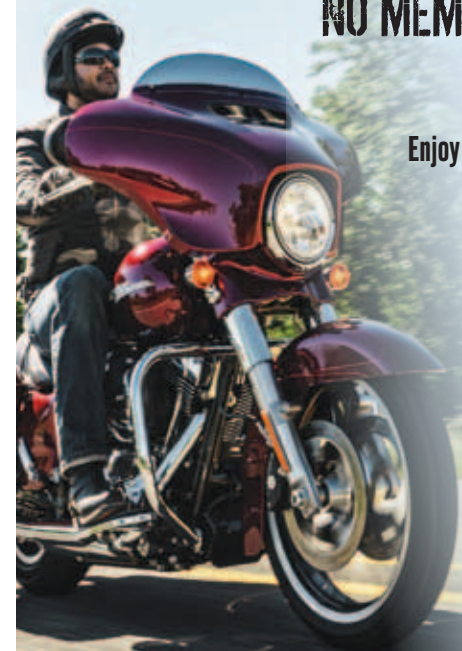
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The Thursday before Memorial Day my mom (aka Mama Mo) and I went to visit some of the veterans staying at the Aleda E. Lutz VA Hospital in Saginaw. A couple of years ago on Memorial Day we did this as well and really enjoyed spending the day talking to the brave individuals that have served our country and thus protecting our freedoms as Americans. They risked their lives to defend our country and protect us and as a thank you to just a handful of those many heroes I wanted to be able to say "Thank you for your service". Many folks may go camping or have a cookout Memorial Day weekend, but I like to make sure to do something more patriotic to pay a special tribute to those that have served.

So mom and I rode our motorcycles and met up with Jason the Chief of Voluntary Services at the hospital for a special day spent visiting with some of the veterans staying there. It was so nice spending time with each of them and hearing their stories. To our surprise, one of the veterans staying there was my mom's half-brother, which was nice to see him and catch up. I brought along a few Thunder Roads goodies as well as magazines and the hospital passed out special homemade cards and gifts to the veterans.

I was most surprised and honored that Jason presented me with a 50th Anniversary of The Vietnam War medallion in honor of my father that passed away 11 years ago, but whom served 2 tours in The Vietnam War. I wish my father could have been alive to receive this special tribute, but was so touched to be able to accept it on his behalf.

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I just want to say once again to all the special veterans that we met that day; Thank You for your service, Thank You for spending time talking with us and we appreciate each and every one of you!

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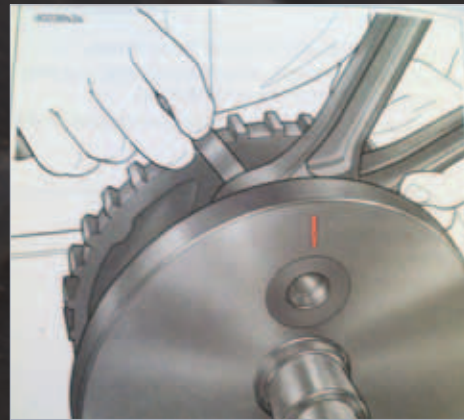
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Hey everybody, great to have you back in the shop, we have a lot of information to cover this month. So we're going to get right to it.

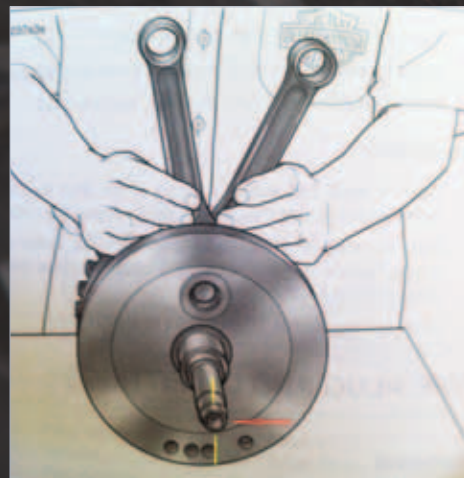
Last month we did a cam chain tensioner inspection on a 2004 Twin Cam 88 and determined replacement was necessary. Just like any repair or upgrade there are many options to consider, which I will try to briefly explain.

Option 1 would be to replace the mechanical cam chain tensioners with the same O.E. (original equipment) style tensioners. There's no question that this is the least expensive way to go, but depending on your riding style and conditioner you may want to consider other options. I want to be clear the O.E. style mechanical cam chain tensioners work well and if you don't ride hard (not heavy on the throttle, dumping the clutch at every stoplight) and keep your oil changed with good quality oil, you can expect 20,000 to 40,000 miles out of a O.E. style set of tensioners. Something else to consider is a normal air temperature when you ride. The T/C 88 is an air cooled motor, the hotter the air temperature, the hotter the motor temperature, the hotter the motor temperature more wear is incurred. {>air temp=>motor temp=>wear factor} So it's very important to carefully consider your personal riding style and conditions before making any decision on any type of upgrade.

Option 2 would be to upgrade to gear driven cams. This is normally the next in line as far as expense is considered. This option allows you to get rid of the cam chain tensioner, but you have to replace the cams and bearings, etc. If you consider a cam upgrade, this might be the way you want to go. The down side to this option is; there will be a noticeable increase in noise on the cam side of the motor. The noise can be as subtle as a mild whirring or whining sound to a metallic clattering sound. The most important factor to consider with this option is the crank shaft. Another weak spot in the Harley motor (my opinion but shared by many others). Harley crankshafts are 2 pieces pressed together and held in place by a steel pin. Over time the flywheels can move out of sync with each other which will cause runout on the end of the crankshaft.



Excessive runout on the cam side of the crank shaft will cause mayor issues with gear driven cams. Runout is when the crank shaft is rotating in a circular motion; the end of the crank shaft actually has some up and down movement.



Although this movement is not visible to the naked eye, when you have gears that mesh together, any up and down movement of the crank will affect the gears and how they mesh together. Too much runout and something is going to give. To briefly explain runout, think in terms of your going to play a game of pool with a friend. You grab a cue and can roll it across the top of the pool table and the tip of the cue moves up and down off the surface of the table. That's runout loosely defined. The procedure to overcome this issue is quite costly. It requires the motor be removed from the motorcycle, completely disassembled and the lower end sent to a machine shop where they can true the crankshaft and weld the pin so the flywheels can't move out of sync with each other. Than the crankshaft is shaved to remove excess weight and balanced. There is also extensive machining required on the lower cases. Unless you have or are planning on doing extensive lower end upgrades, I wouldn't recommend this option.

By Ron Johnson

Another option is to upgrade to a Hi Flow Oil Pump and Hydraulic chain tensioner. In 2006, Harley started using hydraulic cam chain tensioners in the T/C motor. Although this is probably a bit more expensive than the other options described, this is the option I prefer. What makes this option more expensive is the need to replace cam support plate, oil pump and the tensioners. Since the outer cam bearings are press fit into the cam support place, reusing them would make little to no sense to me. So it's a good idea to replace outer bearings and if you're going to replace outer bearings, you might as well replace inner bearings also. Which brings into question the cam gears and chains. I don't feel it absolutely necessary to replace the gears and chains but if budget will allow, it's probably a good idea.

If that's not enough to consider, one other area that needs to be addressed (no matter which of these 3 options chosen) is the pushrods. The pushrod is basically the link between the cam chest and the rocker box and needs to be removed in order to service the cam assembly. There are two ways to accomplish this. Harley's come from the factory with a one piece non-adjustable pushrod. If you plan on reusing the original pushrods you have to remove the gas tank, remove the rocker boxes and then you can remove the pushrods. Another option is to carefully cut the original one piece pushrod with bolt cutters and replace with aftermarket adjustable pushrods. This is probably the most common option. It allows you to leave the gas tank and rocker box intact. There is the cost of new pushrods to consider.

Having said all of that, for this project, we decided after considering all factors to go with the third option described. Upgrade to hydraulic cam chain tensioners. We're also going to replace inner and outer bearings, inner and outer cam chains and outer cam & crank shaft sprocket.

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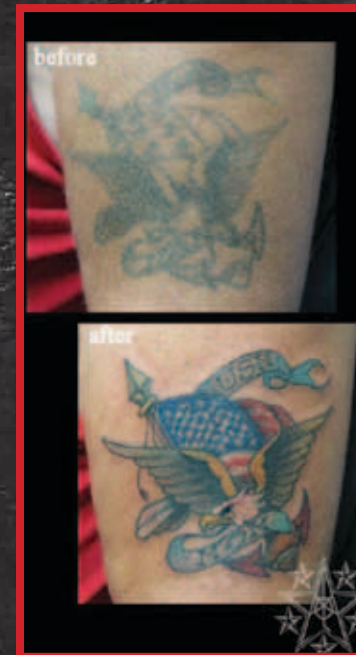
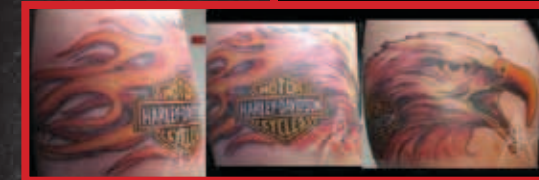
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I have chosen this name for our monthly recipe page, as that was what my mother, rest her soul, always used to say when I would assist her in the kitchen. Mom was an avid supporter of the K.I.S.S. (KEEP IT SIMPLE SWEETIE) method of cooking. I now, more than ever, truly appreciate her philosophy of always taking shortcuts where you can, as long as your ultimate outcome is that of down home, labor of love cooking.

* WHAT'S NEW @ THE MARKET?

You can now purchase pre-marinated baby-back ribs at your local big chain grocery (yes; Wally World) and they have the perfect seasoning blend, marinated (lots of slurping sauce) and then vacuum packed. Hello! You cook in oven for 2 hours and then throw them on the grill. Totally qualifies for a K.I.S.S. endorsement. And the best part...they come in Kansas City style, Cajun style, North Carolina style, Texas style. We've had these like (4) times now and turn out perfect every single time. Ya' gotta' try them!

E-Z MUFFIN TIN EGGS BENEDICT W/ E-Z-EST HOLLANDAISE SAUCE

(Patricia Heaton's recipe from The Chew; slightly revised)

- 1 Tube of Buttermilk Grands
- 6 Slices of Applewood Maple Bacon; rough chop
- 12 Cage Free Eggs; room temperature
- Nonstick cooking spray
- Salt & Pepper to Taste

HOLLANDAISE SAUCE:

- 3 Large Egg Yolks
- 3 tsps. White Vinegar
- 1-1/2 Pinch of Cayenne Pepper
- 2 Sticks of Unsalted Real Butter; melted
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- 1 Rounded tsp. of Chives

Get oven preheated to 350 degrees.
Spray a 12 cup nonstick muffin tin very generously w/nonstick spray. Cut each Grand biscuit in half horizontally, and then press it out thin (use rolling pin or if don't have one use a glass) until it's an approx. a 5-6 inch circle. Press each circle firmly in the bottom and going up the sides of each muffin cup. Divide the bacon evenly among all the muffin cups.
Top each w/ an egg and sprinkle w/ salt & pepper. Bake until the eggs are just set; approx. 15-20 mins. For the Hollandaise Sauce; In a blender, add the yolks, vinegar & cayenne. Pulse a few times to

blend. With the blender running, gradually add the melted butter to make a smooth, creamy sauce. If the sauce seems too thick, add a tsp. of warm water to loosen. Be sure and season w/ your salt & pepper. Run a thin knife around the edge of each muffin cup & gently pop out of muffin tin to plate up. Serve piping hot, topped w/ Hollandaise sauce & sprinkled chives. These are so simple and taste amazing.

* BACON TIP: Take your pound of bacon and cut it straight down the middle in half. It makes it so much easier to work with and you actually end up being able to fit more into a skillet.

COOL, CREAMY CUCUMBER SALAD

* Perfect side-dish for any grilled meat.

- 4 Ozs. Sour Cream
- 1 Tbl. White Wine Vinegar or Apple Cider Vinegar
- 3 Tbls. Dill (dry spice is fine)
- 1 Cucumber sliced approx. 1/8 thick, approx. 2 cups
- 1/3 Cup of Purple (it's not red; it's purple!) onion, sliced very thin and soaked in ice water)

Salt & Pepper to taste & refrigerate at least 1 hour.
Mix everything together; drain your purple onion and add either in rings or cut straight across to add as halves. I just put mine right on top of my grilled meat and it is so creamy and cold and great contrast to hot meat right off the grill (remember to rest meat or the only juicy bite will be the first one).

JULY 4TH WATERMELON SUNRISE

- 2 Cups Seedless Watermelon cut into big chunks
- 4 ozs. of Rum or Vodka, 2 ounces simple syrup (simple syrup is just 1/2 cup sugar & 1/2 cup water mixed well). Add watermelon cubes to blender; puree & strain. In a large glass pitcher add puree, rum or vodka, simple syrup and juice of 1 lime. Stir to combine well. Pour over crushed ice and baby, you're in Summer Heaven. Slurp!

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I was in the State Capitol the day the Legislation was considered and voted for on the Helmet repeal law. I endured the minute by minute chaos, which turned into hours that took place on the Senate floor that day. Making phone calls, finding information, and getting it to those who needed it, and even the Lt. Governor who presided over the chamber that day.

That ship which had been built with a fine toothed comb and was considered seaworthy and fully capable to set sail, capsized and sank several times in the first hour of session, much to the shock and dismay of everyone involved. A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments captained that craft and weathered the storm, bailed out the water, repaired damage, and saw it off into a calm and sunny sunset.

I have a sense of what the founders felt I think. My best friends and I celebrated the following morning, after word reached us of the Governor signing the bill into law, with an early and long ride. Free. Free of the heavy hand of unwarranted and unwanted rule. I succor that victory in my soul, and never fail to appreciate it every time I throw a leg over a motorcycle seat.

But, like our Declaration of Independence, the calm seas do not last. The storms come again, and again, in the form of corporate lobbyists, money grubbers, nosy neighbors, and their push for heavy handed government encroachment with it ceaseless reach to spread its grasp around every aspect of our lives.

Eternal Vigilance was the advice of the signers of the Declaration. Take nothing for granted. For motorcyclists, ABATE is the militia. If you ride, you should decide, on every issue that pertains to your pursuit of happiness.

Happy Independence Day, Ride Free!

~ Rusty



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Ajax



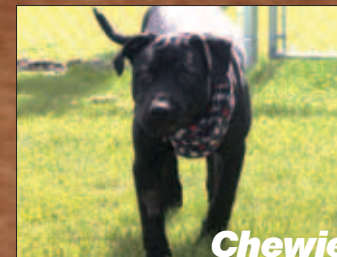
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Buffy

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Chewie



Josie

Josie

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Kirby

My name is Kirby and I don't know why no one has wanted to have me as their own. I'm a good guy; I just shouldn't be around small children. I love to snuggle and be held. If you are looking for a snuggle buddy I'm your guy.



Kirby



Quashi

Quashi

My name is Quashi and I'm an 8-9 week old kitten. My mom was feral and STAR took her in so we could be born safely. Now I'm ready to make you the purrfect pet.

Remy

My name is Remy and I haven't had a lot of interest in someone making me part of their family. Ok I admit I was a little scrawny when I would younger, but I've turned into a beautiful swan. Now I need someone to give kisses to and maybe go for a jog or run.



Remy



Ria

Ria

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Saoirse

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HISTORY OF MOTORCYCLES:

Part 11

The 1980's brought many changes to American pop culture. The birth of Pac-Man and Microsoft Windows paved the way for technology to supersede human interaction, and the assassination of John Lennon ushered in the downfall of music as we knew it. By the end of the decade we saw the Berlin Wall fall and inflation rise to record levels. What impact did this have on the motorcycle world? Well let's just say that Japan was doing far more than selling the first compact disc players the world had ever seen. Japanese bikes were quickly becoming hotter than an 80's teen girl wearing Love's Baby Soft.

Though motorcycling had been popular for years, it became more accessible to some riders due in part to the many low-priced and easy to ride Japanese models on the market. To capitalize on the growing market the Japanese began to leave behind the designs that had originally helped them explode onto the motorcycle scene in America. Some developments that emerged earlier in motorcycle history quickly became standards in the 80's...water cooling, shaft drives as opposed to chains, and virtually any modification that could boost performance and speed. An interesting aspect of many 80's bikes was the plethora of modern high-technology additions including electronic instruments with basic computers and LCD displays, 6 speed transmissions, and triple disk brakes.

Some noteworthy Japanese bikes of the 80's include the Honda V45 and V65 Magna. Introduced in 1982, it was one of the original 80's cruisers with a 750. In 1983 the V65 was released as an 1100. Many saw this as Honda challenging Harley-Davidson by indicating engine size in cubic inches (Harley's standard measurement) versus cc's. The Magna would evolve through the decade into the Super Mag-



na, but would never gain as much respect on the American market as the Honda Shadow. American buyers preferred the more "Harley-esque" appearance and performance provided by the Shadow.

Prior to the split between performance bikes and cruisers became as prominent as we see today, Kawasaki decided to take the engine from their legendary "Ninja" and equip a low slung cruiser frame with it. What they produced was the Eliminator...a 900 cc (later a 1000 cc) water cooled inline-four with a 6 speed transmission that produced over 100 HP in a sleeker and lighter model than Honda's Magna.

Suzuki produced the Madura 700 and 1200, and the models certainly combined power and style. Another example of an 80's v-4 cruiser, but was quickly abandoned by Suzuki after only two years of production...a fact that makes them somewhat of a rarity, though the body styling appears quite dated to most. Probably the best thing to come out of Suzuki in the 80's was the Katana. The Katana integrated style and function and added modern aerodynamics without simply covering the bike in cheap plastic panels. Its release did however lead in part to the start of "plastic" motorcycles, when other manufacturers began following the futuristic design of the Katana.

Yamaha made its own contributions to the technological advancement of motorcycles in the 80's. The FZR 400RR SP burst on to the scene as one of the first aluminum beam frames and housed a 399 cc inline-four. The SP enhanced that simple rightness with a tapered aluminum swingarm, a single seat, and a faired-in headlight. But perhaps Yamaha's greatest accomplishment of the 80's was the V-Max. The V-Max is the



only "80's bike" that remains in production today. And interestingly, they hold their resale value better than any other Japanese model... similar to the value retention of a Harley.

Speaking of Harley-Davidson...what were they up to during the decade of Space Invaders and now iconic "Brat Pack" movies? In 1980 Harley is still owned by AMF, but they released a historical bike anyway...the FXB Sturgis model in honor of the iconic Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The Sturgis model was equipped with a belt drive, black chrome appointments, and an 80 cubic inch engine. 1981 rolled around and a letter of intent was signed by thirteen H-D executives to buy back Harley-Davidson Motor Company from AMF. The year carried on, and then June 15th happened...it wasn't just the day my baby brother entered the world and removed me from my youngest child throne...Harley-Davidson was officially no longer owned by AMF. Harley was back, and with a new commitment to quality, they would cruise through the remainder of the decade releasing the FXR/FXR Super Glide II with its rubber-isolated, five speed powertrain and the welded and stamped frame for the new Sportster models. In 1983 Harley responds to the stockpiling of Japanese motorcycle inventory in the United States by petitioning the International Trade Commission for tariff relief...and it is granted. Perhaps the greatest achievement of the 80's for Harley was the release of the 1340 cc Evolution engine on five models, including the all-new Softail in 1985. The Evolution motor was the result of seven years of development, and designed to produce more power at every speed, run cooler and cleaner, and was oil tight. The end of the decade showed

that Harley-Davidson was again on top of its game when the company requested the International Trade Commission terminate their earlier granted tariff. A monumental move in American business history that demonstrated confidence in Harley's ability to compete in the marketplace. They then released the Heritage Softail model, began using the Evolution motor in Sportster models, and bought the Holiday Rambler Corporation. The 80's was rounded out with the return of the springer front end on the FXSTS Springer Softail and the introduction of the Sportster 1200 to mark the 85th Anniversary of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company.

The 80's was a turbulent decade for many, but the motorcycle industry continued to forge ahead as always. The 1990's was no exception. After perfecting the basics in the two-wheel industry there is only one thing left to do...and that's improve. Next time we will look at what advancements the industry made, and motorcycling became mainstream.



Melanie Schwarte
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BY RICK WYATT



Growing up in the 50's and 60's (for those of you struggling with the math, that makes me the same age as indigenous soil deposits in the great lakes basin) I was surrounded by the men who fought the war to end all wars and the then the two wars that followed. I vividly remember Memorial Day and Independence Day parades, and how as the colors approached the common men who had faced down the world's greatest evils would grow quiet, put their cigarettes down, stand a little taller, with their eyes riveted on the flag as it passed. The generations that raised my generation had a profound understanding of what America was (is), and the profound cost liberty can exact. These were men who endured the brutality of trench warfare; ravaged by mustard gas, losing fingers and toes to frost bite, often teetering on starvation and dehydration from dysentery they beat the Kaiser's armies into submission before returning home to raise a generation of Americans who would suffer even more horrifically the ravages of war.

Our fathers, and grandfathers and uncles, and the fathers and grandfathers and uncles of our friends were the survivors of Pearl Harbor, and the Bataan death march, they stormed the beaches of Normandy, liberated North Africa, and all of Western Europe. Young men with everything to live for ferreted out an entrenched enemy on the islands across the Pacific, wading ashore through the bodies of fallen GI's, they charged headlong into artillery and machine gun fire that cut them down by the hundreds and at times thousands; then loaded back onto troop transports to be taken to the next island for another headlong suicide charge. And the ship board lull between battles was spent on high alert because of enemy submarine activity and the ever present threat of kamikaze attack. And as bad as the warfare was, it was further punctuated by the depravity found in the enemies POW and concentration camps. Damn straight those generations had a profound respect for the flag and all that it stands for, they lived it!

I'll be honest; I miss the days of behemoth sedans with gigantic loud speakers on the roof driving from town to town touting local Fourth of July celebrations.

Many communities lost some of their charm when their citizens became too busy to celebrate the freedom that no other county in the world has ever known. I wish that young people today could be exposed to the unconditional love of country given by the men and women who paid a horrific price for the liberty we enjoy daily. Most of all, I would like to see a return to the principals of honor and respect for the symbols and principals of our founding and enduring freedom instead of scenes like the tourists wading and playing in the fountain that makes up the center of the World War II memorial I witnessed over this last Memorial weekend. Desecrating the flag is considered a "free speech" issue and protected under law, but if I express my disgust over such conduct it is called hate speech for which I can be civilly and/or criminally liable. Such displays of disrespect coupled with obvious dispirit application of law only serves to erode the self-respect we need to survive as a nation.

Maybe the good old days are no more, or maybe they never were more than something seen through the eyes of a child. I don't think so - I have seen glimmers of the ideals I remember in small towns across America. I have traveled streets and roads lined by flag waving youngsters and oldsters who are not willing to give up on this great nation. I have seen love of country in the heart of the Navajo nation, atop a mountain in New Mexico, along a winding West Virginia two lane road, and from the top of bridges and buildings and fire department ladder trucks. I have met people who have literally lost everything to an over controlling and uncaring government, but still express undying love for a nation in which they still have unshakable faith. And where does such faith come from? From people who know the price of freedom because generations of their ancestors have been willing to pay it. I don't know about the rest of you, but when my flag passes by during the 4th of July parade I will be on my feet with my hand over my heart because I am proud to be a believer!

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