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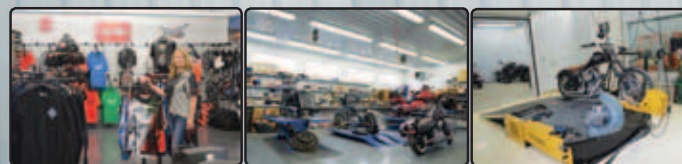
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You really do have to love our state that can go from a 70 degree day, to hail, to 50 degrees, to snow and back to the 60 or 70 degree temps. Now that we are in June I think we should be seeing some warmer temps, thankfully! With the temps warming up I sure hope you get out and Ride and if you don't have your FREE Ride Card yet, well you better get yours! You are missing out if you don't, there's nothing to lose and a lot of prizes to gain...just ask card # 05109- I think he has claimed almost 10 prizes!! Congrats to him, so very proud as he is doing it right! Read all about the Ride n' Win contest in this issue. Remember once you get a Ride Card you are good to go each year, just check-in with YOUR unique and only your Ride Card #. Be sure to check each month to see if you are a winner on the winners page!

So, I met up with the very awesome Ogemaw Hills Bike Week volunteer committee at Juicy Bones, which by the way is now a Ride Stop too, anyways, we discussed the cover and I was able to ask them some questions about the rally that I think you will find interesting. Read all about that in this issue too!

There are so many events going on it's hard to figure out which ones to go to as they are all so great and fun- thank you to the advertisers for advertising your events in Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan! Team Thunder can't possibly make every event, but we sure get to a lot of them as a team effort- thank you to the very hard working sales representatives for all that you do!

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Last month the Biker Friendly character was on page 28. See if you can find him this month (larger version found in the BFD). This month I will offer again to 1 person a Thunder Roads t-shirt as a prize if you find him. Please email me at Jody@ThunderRoadsMichigan.com (please put BFD Character in the subject line) and one person will win! Congrats to Bob Meixner our winner for May!

The last thing I usually do each month after MANY hours of putting each issue together, is my Mo advice; I love sharing deep thoughts before I send each baby off to print.

Now for some "Mo" Advice:

Do what's right, not what's easier. Be honest with yourself, then you can be real to others. The one's left standing in Your corner will Always have your back!



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2. Can you explain the "what the cost goes for" to attend Bike Week?

A First, one the biggest is towards the rental of the property itself. Ogemaw Hills Bike Week (OHBW) actually rents the fairgrounds during the rally so this goes towards that rent. Plus, OHBW on top of the rent, pay the fairgrounds for the electric bill during the rally, which they have to pay after the rally is over. In addition, OHBW has to pay for insurance policies for the rally, races and hill climb (3 separate HUGE policies). OHBW pays for security, entertainment, porta potty's, bathroom & shower maintenance- to keep them clean during the event & stocked, tent rentals, sound equipment, insect & dust (for the roads) control, and all sorts of other items that all add up. We also donate to numerous charitable organizations. Such as, Wertz Warriors/ Special Olympics, Bikers 4 Kids (Arenac County), Ogemaw County Food Pantry, Ogemaw County Humane Society, 50/50 winnings towards injured motorcyclists and cancer survivors, etc. The list really goes on and on.

3. It does not seem to be a week-long anymore, can you explain?

A The original rally started as a 2 day event, but over the years it grew and as attendance grew and grew more days were added. When OHBW took over from the MI HD Dealers Association, which is when the event grew to a 7 day event with added races. Since we are an ALL VOLUNTEER event it is very hard to find enough staff when attendance is down, so we are squeezing all the same events into 3 days. If attendance goes up this year then next year we will add more days accordingly.

4. Why do you think attendance has gone down?

A When this event started over 30 years ago, there was not as many other events going on. Now, there's more people riding and more events going on and the economy has changed. Since back then, Michigan has lost over a million jobs. In its early years the rally was hosted by the MI HD dealers assn. and it was much larger than now. The dealers (still our biggest sponsor) had the benefit of their big financial support and bringing all their HOG chapters. We've lost that connection and unfortunately can't seem to get MI HOG chapters back on board.

5. How much does it normally cost to go camping when the rally is not there?

A Ogemaw Co. fairgrounds charges \$20 for electric & water a night, \$15 for rustic per night and campground sites are based on a first come first serve basis.

6. Are advanced ticket deals available?

A Yes, if you come before Thursday then Ogemaw Co. fairgrounds (regular rates apply for the campground) is who you pay from whenever you arrive until the rally starts Thursday, then you pay for the rally when that begins, you do not double pay you are simply paying each party involved.

7. Why is there an additional fee for camper's trailers, besides the rally ticket?

A Because the state of Michigan charges an additional fee, there is a fee levied on the property by the state to have a camper on the fairgrounds vs. a tent. Also, because you are hooking up to electric, this is based on first come first serve.

8. Why should someone come to Ogemaw Hills Bike Week this year?

A Because it's fun! The roads are mostly paved and the fairgrounds are large enough that you can ride around and it's like its own small community within the fairgrounds. Ogemaw Co. Fairgrounds is rated one of the top county fairgrounds in the state. It is a motorcycle rally, it's about bikers getting together, and all bikes are welcome. And the camaraderie that we all share. This rally is a tradition, the tradition continues because you feel this rally. There is so much to do, so many wonderful places to ride in the area or stay in the campground and watch someone get on a bull and ride it, listen to music, watch races, the hill climbs, biker games and so much more. You need to come to experience it, come back to remember it and let it become your tradition too.

9. How many people attended the rally last year?

A Just over 2,000 in attendance.

10. Do you allow kids? What age(s) can attend?

A Yes, we allow kids to observe the Flat Track Race. We strongly encourage kids and families to attend the races, which is Thursday, July 21 at 6:00pm at the Ogemaw County Fairgrounds. We also have the AMA Pro Hill Climb Saturday, July 23 at 4:00pm at Bunting's Sand and Gravel, which is also a family event, open to the public. Otherwise, you MUST be 18+ years old to attend the rally.

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11. What vendors, including food, will be available?

A We will have a variety of vendors available; including, biker apparel, motorcycle parts and accessories, jewelry, and numerous food vendors.

12. What events are going on throughout the rally this year?

A Ride for the Prize, Badass Campsite, Flat Track Race, AMA Pro Hill Climb, Entertainment Tent with LIVE bands every night, mechanical bull, bike parade, biker field events, Downtown West Branch Fabulous Friday's bike show, ABATE region 22 bike run, OHBW Scholarship ride, vintage bike show, Boxers and Briefs contest, wet t-shirt contest, Vietnam Veterans Lapel Pinning, Bubba's Bike show, Tattoo contest, Nester Creek's (McGregor's) free breakfast, etc.

13. What is new this year?

A OHBW is proud to announce the first Vietnam Veterans Lapel Pinning by Senator Mike Kowall (a fellow biker).

14. Are you offering any special discounts?

A Active Military get into the rally for FREE, must show active military ID. We also offer \$5 off for all veterans, must show military ID.

15. Why must I show identification to enter the rally?

A According to Michigan law, you must carry a valid form of identification on your person at all times.

16. Can businesses still sign up to be vendors at OHBW?

A Yes, you can find our vendor application form on our website at www.ogemawhillsbikeweek.com, or by contacting Jan Weiler at zoie_103@hotmail.com.

17. Do you allow golf carts at OHBW, if so, why?

A Yes we do. After many years of requests we have allowed folks to bring golf carts to get around. The fairgrounds property is huge and in some cases, it makes it easier and in some cases; safer to get groups of people around verses riding their bikes. There have been some complaints by some that they are there allowed. To those I ask; how is that golf cart affecting you at all? Everyone is free to ride their bikes or whatever to get around, it shouldn't be an issue. To those who say "it's a motorcycle rally, not a golf cart rally" I say, "we offer more actual MOTORCYCLE activities than ANY other bike rally in the Midwest" How much more motorcycle can we get lol? Anyways, all carts MUST have lights, look like a golf cart and not be operated recklessly. There is a \$50 one-time fee to bring them in. Last but not least, THIS IS AN ALL VOLUNTEER HOSTED EVENT. The organizers invest literally hundreds of hours of time to bring this event to everyone. No one is making a killing, it's priced as reasonable as possible and yet still brings the best event possible. If you've been coming for years or are just coming for the first time and want to see this rally continue; it takes people through the gate so get your tickets ordered and bring your friends and lets have one of the best OHBW's yet - were all in this together!

18. What happens when the rally is over?

A The entire fairgrounds has to be completely cleaned and picked up (leave no trace). Fire rings, garbage cans and picnic tables must be returned to their proper storage places.

19. How can I get involved with OHBW?

A You can volunteer by getting ahold of Kerry Klug, (989)312-1312 or any board member. You may also stop into Gildner's Harley Davidson in West Branch or Bubba's Tri-City Cycle in Linwood to leave your contact information.

20. With all of the work that is involved, why do you continue to do this?

A Because the tradition continues, and we don't want to lose this amazing rally!

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"It's a way to give back to those that gave or are giving so much for us," said kennel director Kasey Murphy.

Those eligible for the Corps Companions program include:

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For more information about Corps Companions, contact the Van Buren animal control shelter at 269-621-4624.

Wyandotte chiropractor offers free care to veterans

For a long time chiropractor Mike Cameron has offered free care to police and firefighters, now he's hoping to help another kind of hero — military veterans.

Cameron, who owns Wyandotte Chiropractic Clinic, said he decided to offer free care for veterans for a variety of reasons, including the difficulty of working with veterans' insurance.

"I have patients coming to me with Agent Orange and injuries from IEDs," Cameron said regarding the severity of some cases. "This is my compromise so that they can still receive care they need, and everyone wins."

Under the new policy at the clinic, veterans will be able to receive free care twice a month for life. Cameron said he has been working with Don Howard, the commander of the Wyandotte American Legion, to spread the word, but he hopes word catches on that his clinic is offering free care. "I'm in the position where I can give back to the community, so I try whenever I can," he said.

With chiropractic care, Cameron said, veterans will have a chance to not only take pressure off nerves but also talk through their issues. "The army or the navy basically beats them up for four years — if they're lucky — and then they send them back and most are on pain pills," Cameron said. "This kind of care can help them not be addicted to pain medication."

Wyandotte Chiropractic is open 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3:30 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 3:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 734-284-0100 or visit www.wyandottechiro.com

DEA approves PTSD marijuana study

The Drug Enforcement Administration has given its blessing to a study on the effect of medical marijuana on post-traumatic stress disorder, the first randomized, controlled research in the U.S. for PTSD that will use the actual plant instead of oils or synthesized cannabis. According to the research's nonprofit sponsor, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, or MAPS, the DEA's approval gives researchers the go-ahead to buy the marijuana for the study from the National Institute of Drug Abuse.

Once the marijuana has been secured, the group will begin recruiting and enrolling participants, perhaps as early as June, MAPS spokesman Brad Burge said.

"The contract with the state of Colorado was signed on April 20 — an unofficial national holiday in some circles — meaning the funds are in route to MAPS. We are now preparing to place the order for the marijuana for the study,"

Participants will include 76 veterans who have treatment-resistant PTSD. The study will use marijuana of various strains and potency for comparison purposes.

The use of medical marijuana to treat PTSD remains controversial because while some veterans say the plant eases their symptoms and has allowed them to stop using prescription medications; very little scientific research supports these claims.

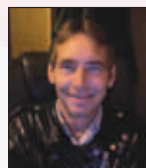
Advocates say the research will fill a much-needed gap in medical literature. "This is a critical step in moving our botanical drug development program forward at the federal level to gather information on the dosing, risks, and benefits of smoked marijuana for PTSD symptoms," said Amy Emerson, director of clinical research for the MAPS Public Benefit Corporation.

Traverse City Veterans Therapy Program With Horses Expands

Veterans with PTSD can now get more help in Northern Michigan at a very peaceful place. The Veterans Health Administration expanded their partnership with PEACE Ranch in Traverse City to double the hours. The two partner for a therapy program that uses rescue horses on the ranch to help veterans with PTSD. For the past three years a licensed mental health professional has worked with veterans at the ranch for eight hours a week.

Executive Director of PEACE Ranch, Jackie Kaschel, says, "More time for PEACE Ranch means that more veterans will successfully be able to deal with the PTSD that is confining them in their lives and basically coming out here gives them new life." The program helps more than 170 veterans a year and expansion will double that number.

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EVERY MONTH SHOULD BE MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH: THREE SIMPLE WAYS TO KEEP IT GOING

The "official" Motorcycle Awareness Month has come and gone and I want to commend and thank those of you who were able to get out and participate in an awareness event. As always, my team had a presence at Secretary of State Ruth Johnson's annual Motorcycle Awareness Ride and press conference, and we also got out to various events and swap meets around the State to show our support.

As most of my regular readers already know, I'm deeply committed to promoting motorcycle awareness and giving back to the biker community, and I have often asked myself why we as motorcyclists don't act as though every month were Motorcycle Awareness Month. There are so many simple ways to keep motorcycle awareness in the news and in the minds of motor vehicle drivers; I thought I'd share a few in this month's article.

#3: Everybody loves swag, so why not create some? There are a number of websites you can use to create custom t-shirts, stickers, magnets, and other items for very little money. Get your crew together and get some custom shirts made for group riding. Even better, many of these design websites will allow you to create a custom shirt and use it to raise funds, paying for the cost of the shirts and potentially donating the extra cash to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, or your local ABATE chapter, or any other advocacy group. Finally, if you're part of a summer sports league, add a Motorcycle Awareness message to your team shirts. If you don't want to make your own, visit MotorcycleLawyerMichigan.com to request a free "Motorcycles Are Everywhere" bumper sticker, and display it proudly for other drivers to see.

#2: Add Motorcycle Awareness to your other summer activities. For example, if you're having a yard sale, be sure to display a motorcycle awareness lawn sign prominently, and talk to visitors about watching for motorcycles. If your child is hosting a lemonade stand, print stickers with "Watch for Motorcycles" to stick to each customer's cup. Print our Motorcycle Awareness Tip sheet and bring copies with you to the events you attend this summer. You can get it by emailing reception@lawyerforlife.com or from our photos at [Facebook.com/TheMotorcycleLawyer](https://www.facebook.com/TheMotorcycleLawyer).

#1: Get engaged. Join up with a local motorcycle club or advocacy group, and stay in the loop about motorcycle laws, activities, and news in your area. Post regularly about how important motorcycle awareness is on social media, and share other peoples' posts as well. Get creative in how you spread the word; the more you are thinking about it and talking about it, the better the chances a driver will hear you and remember to be extra watchful for motorcycles. Share your ideas: if you have a creative way to keep motorcycle awareness on the minds of drivers beyond Motorcycle Awareness Month, tell us about it!

Speaking of staying in the loop, I wanted to let readers know about two Bills that have now been signed into law; I mentioned them in my February 2016 article. House Bill 4853 (HB 4853) has been signed into law by Governor Snyder and took effect May 23. The new law allows an increase in the cost of motorcycle safety training, from "up to \$25" to now "up to \$50". Effectively, public agencies

offering these courses, like colleges and universities, school districts, law enforcement agencies or other government entities within the state can now charge up to \$50 for their motorcycle safety training course. Because of when the new law took effect, it's unlikely most of these agencies will increase their prices until 2017. As I said in February, any fee increase is usually seen as a bad thing, but in this case the fees hadn't changed since the 1980s even though costs have increased significantly, so it really is about time. Realistically, paying \$50 for a rider training course shouldn't deter anybody, especially given the other Bill recently signed into law: House Bill 4854.

House Bill 4854 (HB 4854) has also been signed into law by Governor Snyder, and also took effect May 23. This bill allows the Secretary of State to waive the required written test, road sign test, and driving skills test for any motorcyclist applying for an original motorcycle endorsement (CY), provided they have taken and passed a certified motorcycle safety course. The course has to be SOS-approved, and you must pass both practical and written exams as part of the course, but once you've done that you are now allowed to apply directly for your CY endorsement. You can look at it this way: consider the increased cost of the motorcycle safety course a "convenience fee" for not having to take the written, road sign, and riding test with the Secretary of State.

Now that you're up to date, spread the word! Let us know how you are keeping Motorcycle Awareness alive past the month of May by following us on Facebook, or send us your ideas by email. My team and I are working hard to keep readers up to date on motorcycle awareness activities and motorcycle-relevant laws here in Michigan. If you have questions, or you think we're missing something, email reception@lawyerforlife.com to get in touch. If you've been hurt in a motorcycle crash, call me at 1-877-BIKER-LAW to discuss your situation right away.

July is Women's Motorcycle Month! If you are a female rider, we want to hear from you: Tell us how riding a motorcycle has changed your life. My team and I will read everything you send us, and we may even share some of your stories in July's Thunder Roads article or on Facebook! If you know a woman rider who is making a significant contribution to Motorcycle Awareness, let us know.

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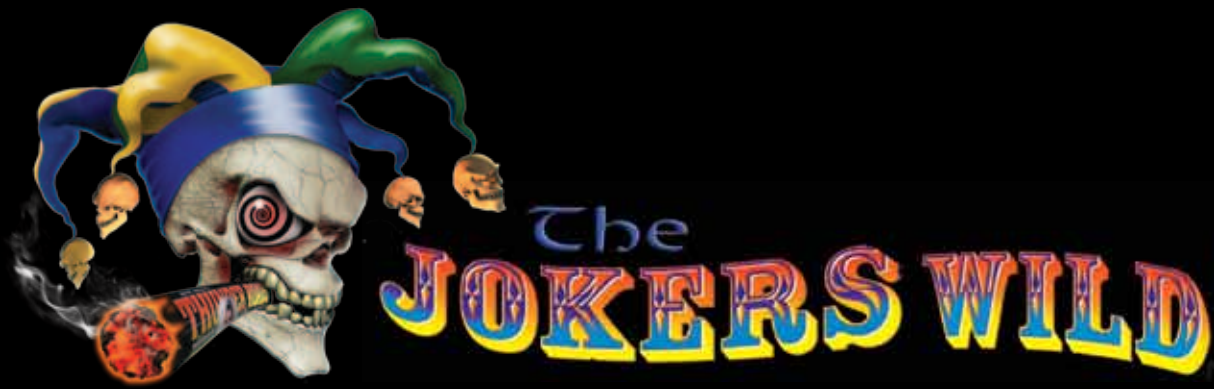
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"Rhino" woke up to go to the toilet in the middle of the night and noticed a confirmed sexual predator living in the neighborhood sneaking through his next door neighbor's garden.

Suddenly his neighbor came out from nowhere and smacked him over the head with a shovel, killing him instantly. He then began to dig a grave with the shovel. He went back to bed contemplating what he was going to do about this. His wife said, "honey you're shaking, what's wrong?"

Totally astonished Rhino said 'You'll never believe what I've just seen' that bastard next door doing.....he still has my f***ing shovel!"

Dezi was outside pulling weeds on a hot summer day when her husband; Lanny, walked up and asked her what they were having for supper.

Irritated by the thought of him sitting in the air-conditioned house while she labored away on the weeds, Dezi answered, "I can't believe you're asking me about supper right now! Pretend I'm out of town, go inside and make supper yourself!"

So Lanny went back in the house and fixed himself a big steak, potatoes, garlic bread, and a tall beer.

Dezi walked in just about the time he was finishing up and asked, "Where's my dinner?"

"Wth? I thought you were out of town."

A father told his 3 sons when he sent them to the university. "I feel it's my duty to provide you with the best possible education. You do not owe me anything for that. However, I want you to appreciate it. As a gesture of appreciation, please each put \$1,000 into my coffin when I die."

And so it happened. His sons became a doctor, a lawyer and a financial planner, each very successful financially. When their father's time had come and they saw their father in the coffin, they remembered his wish.

First, it was the doctor who put ten \$100 bills onto the chest of the deceased.

Then, came the financial planner, who also placed \$1,000 there.

Finally, it was the heartbroken lawyer's turn. He dipped into his pocket, took out his check book, wrote a check for \$3,000, put it into his father's coffin, and took the \$2,000 cash.

He later went on to become a politician.

The wife suggested I get myself one of those penis enlargers, so I did. She's 27, and her name's KiKi.

So far, so good. Solid suggestion.

This is the story of the young female student flying in a two seated airplane with just the pilot.

He has a heart attack and dies.

She, frantic, grabs the mike and calls out a frantic May Day.

"May Day! May Day! Help me! Help me! The pilot has had a heart attack and is dead and I don't know how to fly.

Someone help me! Please help me!"

She then hears a voice on the radio saying: "This is Air Traffic Control and I have you loud and clear. I will talk you through this and get you back on the ground. I've had a lot of experience with this kind of problem. Now, just take a deep breath, stay calm and everything will be fine! Now give me your height and position."

She then says: "I'm 5'4" and I support Brad Pitt for President"

"O.K." says the voice on the radio, Repeat after me:

"Our Father, Who art in Heaven"

Two young boys; R.J. and M.B. walked into a pharmacy one day, picked out a box of tampons and proceeded to the checkout counter.

Mr. Empson, the owner & Pharmacist, asked the older boy, "Son, how old are you?" "Eight," R.J. proudly replied.

Mr. Empson continued, "Do you know what these are used for?"

R.J. replied, "not exactly, but they aren't for me. They're for him. He's my brother, M.B., he's four. We saw on TV that if you use these you would be able to swim and ride a bike. Right now, he can't do either one."

A woman and a man are involved in a car accident. It's a bad one. Both of their cars are totally demolished, but amazingly neither of them is hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the man is yelling about women drivers. The woman says, "Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but we're unhurt. This must be a sign that we should become close friends. Flattered, the man replies, 'Oh yes, I agree completely, this must be a sign. But you're still at fault...women shouldn't be allowed to drive. 'The woman continues, 'And look at this, my car is completely demolished but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely it's our destiny to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune. The man nods his head in agreement, opens it and drinks half the bottle and then hands it back to the woman.

The woman takes the bottle, puts the cap back on and hands it back to the man. The man asks, 'Aren't you having any?'

The woman replies, 'No. I think I'll just wait for the police...'

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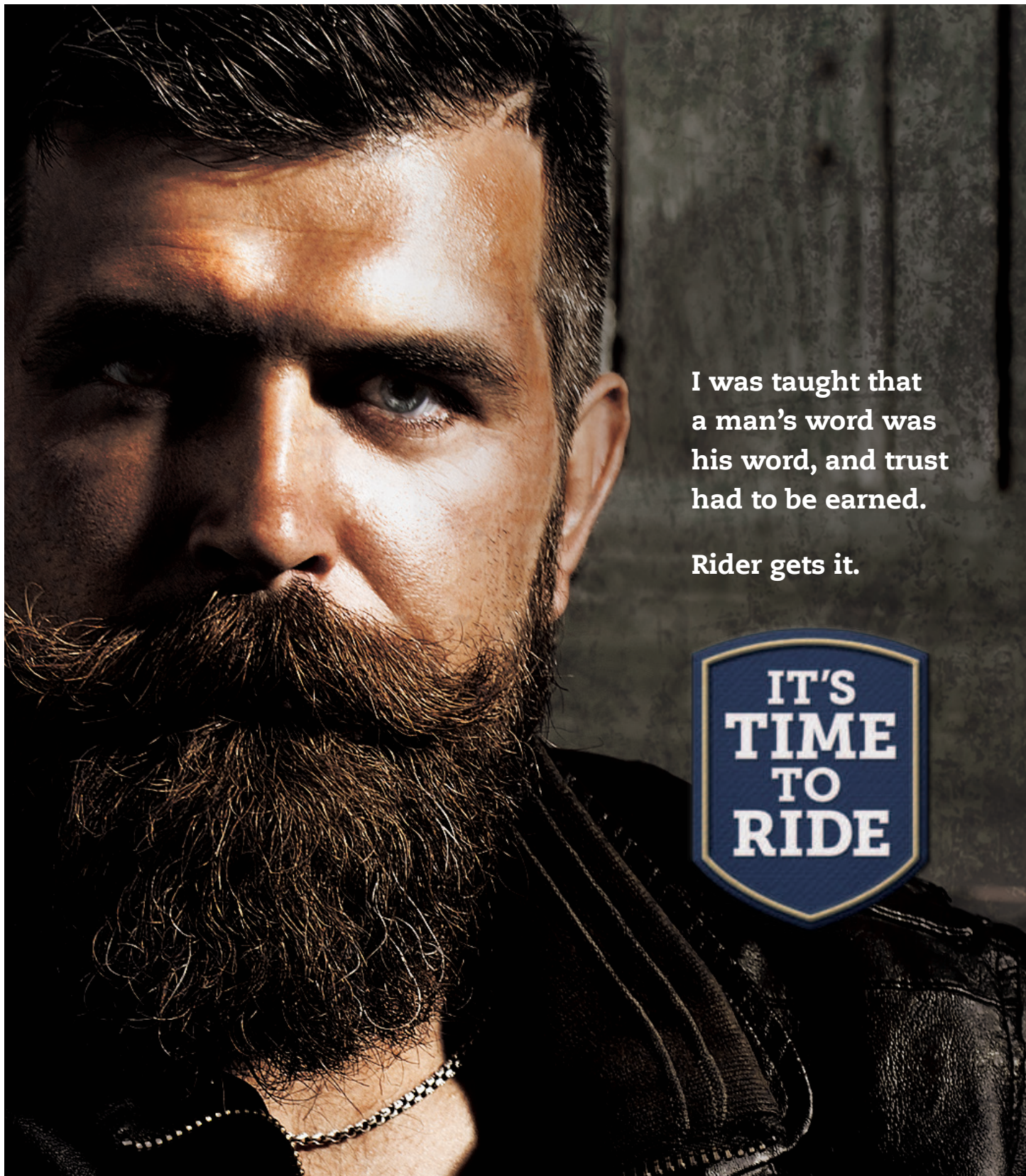
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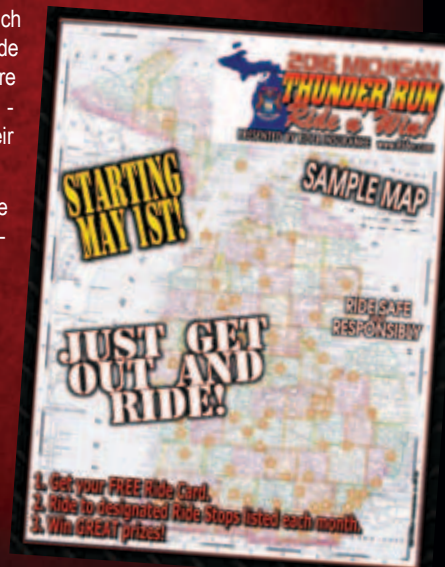
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Thunder Roads Michigan will also be working with charities and various non-profit events to include them in the Run schedule as well. This will be an easy means of encouraging participation and attracting riders from outside the local communities. 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.

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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



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!



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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JUNE 2016 STOPS



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JUNE EVENT STOPS

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JUNE 4TH

2ND ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BIKER

Check-in with Debra 10 am-11:30 am
Northville Christian Church, 41355 6 Mile Rd, Northville, MI 48168. Event is 11am-3pm, bike show, bike giveaway, blessing, free family event.
For more info go to dw3c.org or call 248-387-9541

JUNE 5TH

Blessed in Hell Blessing of the Bikes

Check-in with Debra at vendor spot
Hell Creek Ranch, 10866 Cedar Lake Rd, Pinckney, MI 48169. Gates open at 10:30am Sharp! Show starts 11:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-2:30, \$10 per bike.
Ride in bike show/over 20 vendors, food vendors & live music.
For more info go to Hellcreekranch.com

JUNE 9TH

8th Annual Wheels & Heels Ride in Bike Show

Check-in with Jody Mo 5 pm-7pm
Bavarian Inn, 1 Covered Bridge Lane, Frankenmuth, MI 48734.
Regis 5pm-7pm, 8pm trophies, everyone welcome, ladies only in show, 50/50, \$10 donation.

JUNE 9TH-11TH

28th Annual Sandy Corley Memorial Run

Check-in with Ron at vendor spot
The Double JJ Resort, 5900 Water Rd, Rothbury, MI 49452.
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Primitive camping, vendors, bike raffle & more. For more info or vendor info go to sandysharley-davidson.com (See ad this issue).

JUNE 11TH

Harley Fest

Check-in with Jody Mo at vendor spot
Freedom Hill County Park, 14900 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights, MI 48312. For more info go to harleyfest.net

JUNE 12TH

Biker Sunday

Check-in with Jody Mo at vendor spot
Midland Nazarene, 5700 Jefferson Ave, Midland, MI 48640. 10:45am service with guest speaker Glenn Smith, free, hog roast, music, biker games, blessing, bike show-cash prizes, all bikes welcome, everyone welcome.
For more info go to midlandnaz.org (See full page ad this issue).

THE STOPS

For the month of June 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 July 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!**



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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!
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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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NOTE: We didn't have a lot of check-ins this month as you can see some stops didn't get any...prizes that could have been yours! If you checked in after May 10th then you will be counted for June stops. Without boring you with all the details of when the magazine is created and sent to print each month I can just say that the first 10 days specifically was a slow start.

We had some crazy weather in the month of May and I am sure that is why it got off to a slower start! We have a bunch more stops listed this month for you to check out. My advice, get out and ride, check-in to as many stops as you can (like ride card # 05109 did and won 3 times) and



HAVE FUN!



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05186	Trail's End Pub	05109	River Rock Bar & Grill
09920	ABC Harley-Davidson	11090	Shiawassee Harley-Davidson
07798	Capitol Harley-Davidson	09256	Boondox Motorsports
05109	Cornwell's	08365	Duck Inn Waddle Out
07770	Hunt's Hog Shop	06879	Hot Rod Harley-Davidson
09914	Indian Motorcycle Motorcity	05109	Remus Tavern
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05414	Motor City Harley-Davidson	08426	The Dock at Bayview
05732	Stingers Bar & Grill	05575	CALL OR EMAIL TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE!
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07567	C & K Corner Store LLC	08671	CALL OR EMAIL TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE!
NO CHECK-INS BY 10TH	Caro Motorsports	11254	CALL OR EMAIL TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE!
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(From Forbes- Top 100 Inspirational Quotes)

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter. ~ Martin Luther King Jr.

Do what you can, where you are, with what you have.
~ Teddy Roosevelt

If you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always gotten. ~ Tony Robbins

Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning. ~ Gloria Steinem

Biker Sayings

I hate being sexy, but I'm a biker so I can't help it.

Riding a bike doesn't make me a bad person. Just like going to church doesn't make you a good person.

Never twist the throttle with your ego.

Keep the shiny side up & the rubber side down.

Fun Facts

Armadillos have four babies at a time and they are always the same sex.

Einstein couldn't speak fluently when he was nine. His parents thought that he might be retarded.

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12 Motorcycle Hand Signals You Should Know

LIFESTYLE BY CHARNITA FANCE

If you're a new motorcyclist or often find yourself driving behind one, you may wonder about the different hand signals used and want to know what they mean. For new motorcyclists or those traveling in groups, it's important to know what these hand signals mean so that you can communicate properly while driving.

How do you signal a left turn? How do you let someone know that you're about to stop? How do you tell your motorcycle group that they need to get in single file? All of those motorcycle hand signals and more can be found on this chart. All motorcycles are supposed to be equipped with a lamp-type turn signal system, but just like with a car or truck these lights can go out. In a situation like this, these hand signals are even more important.

If you drive any other type of automobile, it's still important to know some of these motorcycle hand signals. If you're driving behind a motorcyclist without working lights, you should know if they're signaling a left or right turn. Even signals like "hazard in roadway," "turn signal on," and "cops ahead" can really be helpful.

Motorcycle Hand Signals Chart | Michael Padway & Associates

MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS



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Sunday July 10
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Biker Preacher's Corner

Sunday June 19th is father's day this year. But, before I talk to the dads out there...let me give all the biker mama's out there a VERY heartfelt – however belated at this point in time – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

The Bible says in Ephesians 6:2-3 **"Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise, 3 so that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life in the land."** (HCSB)

So, to you mom's and dad's – I honor you, not just these specific days of the year, but every day! GOD BLESS YOU!

A week ago we had a memorial service for my father-in-law which got me thinking about my own Mom & Dad and what they mean to me...long story short – They are my heroes!! Specifically, dad was a very quiet man while I was growing up, he taught me so much about what it means to be a hard worker, to be loyal and honorable in everything I do. But, even more importantly, he taught me what it means to be a man of God and to be a good husband to my wife and father to my sons. Thank you Mom and Dad for your love and godly example in my life.

Now, my wife and I are raising our sons to be men after God's own heart and to be wonderful husbands for their wives in the future.

Listen, to you awesome fathers and grandfathers out there - you are so important to your children and grandchildren. Just as important as their mothers and grandmothers are!! It's our job, as fathers, to **"Teach a youth [children] about the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."** Proverbs 22:6

I am also thankful for my father; he taught me so many things. Things like faithfulness, kindness, self-control, how to hunt and fish and most importantly to know God.

So, let me encourage you with a few final thoughts... God is the ultimate father, the best of the best. He created you; He loves you and wants to spend time with you in a personal relationship that is truly made in Heaven.

Whether, you had an awesome dad like I do or not. Know this that God is our heavenly Father. He loves you unconditionally and is the best dad ever. He will never let you down, throw you under the bus or leave you to the wolves. **GOD LOVES YOU!!**

To all the fathers out there – from myself and all at Victory Biker Church - HAPPY Father's day!
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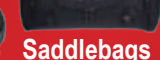
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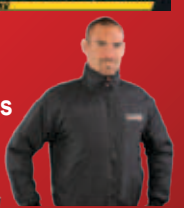
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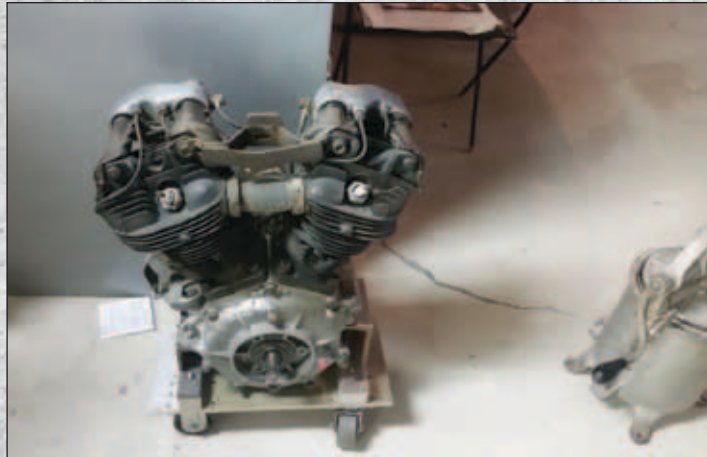
A Story... Years In The Making

Emil A. Hass Jr. born 10/27/1929 in Detroit, Michigan ~ 1949 Panhead Harley-Davidson®

In 1945, at the age of 16, he hung up the Wizard bicycle, to purchase his first used car, a 1935 Pontiac. By the time he was 18, he purchased his first Harley, a 1941 Knucklehead. Unfortunately, he was in a severe accident and totaled the bike, but still was able to salvage the motor.



In 1949 at the age of 20, he purchased a 1949 Harley-Davidson Panhead with a blown motor. Not having the money to repair it, he knew he had that salvaged 1941 Knucklehead motor still sitting around, so he swapped it out. He drove that bike with that motor for many years.



In 1954, he started working part-time at his buddy's car wash. He went there every morning before his full-time other job as tool & die maker (which ended up being his career for 43 years). Then one day, a lady that caught his eye came in and a year later she became his wife. They started a family and the bike was then only brought out occasionally to give the kids a ride around the block. Many years later in 1992, when he happened to stop in a Harley Dealership to take a look at the new Heritage bikes he noticed they had a lot of resemblance to his 1949 still in his garage. This got him thinking and after being told what his 1949 was most likely worth now, he decided that he would restore it. He disassembled it in his garage.



He had the bike repainted to resemble the 1992 Heritage he had seen that day in the show room. He also had some chrome repolished and a few other things done, but things got put on hold, when one day after returning from his cabin in the Upper Peninsula to a phone call from his daughter to come out to Howell to look at 12 acre parcel. He ended up purchasing it and began to build his retirement home, the bikes reassembly and restoration project was put on hold. Throughout the years he would work on little things here and there, but mostly the bike just sat on the stand for many years until he retired. Then he had to time to finish the rebuild and that's exactly what he did.



Then unfortunately in 2009, he lost his son to cancer and then in 2015, he lost his wife of 60 years. His wife had always told him that bike should be shown and kept in the basement.

Family and friends that knew about the bike in the basement encouraged Emil to get the bike into a show. So with help from his grandson Austin and Austin's girlfriend's father, Chris Page, they entered it into its first show. It was at the Gibraltar Trade Center, On March 20th 2016. The now, 67 year old 1949 Harley-Davidson won its first trophy (3 of them, to be exact). Emil, who is 87 years young, is so happy to finally be able to share this with other motorcycle enthusiasts and fulfill his dreams at last.



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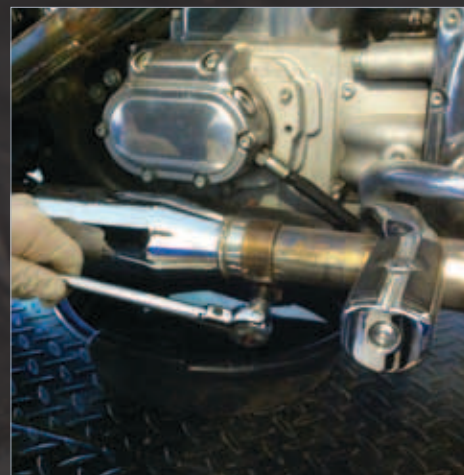
Hope everyone's getting some riding in. Mother Nature has been a bit fickle so far this spring. This month in the shop we're going to start a four part series: Stage II upgrade on a 2004 Twin Cam 88. The project will include: Part I – Inspection of cam chain tensioners. The mechanical cam chain tensioners on the 99-06 T/C Harley motors has been a weak link (pardon the pun) in the cam chain drive system. The mechanical tensioners have a composite shoe that is held against the cam chain by fairly strong spring tension. This causes constant wear on the composite shoe. There are a couple of different recommendations for when to replace the tensioners. Some models it is recommended to replace tensioners if there have sustained .090 wear from original thickness. On other models it is recommended to change if more than 50% (1/2) of the tensioner is worn away. If you own a 99-06 T/C Harley with 10,000 to 15,000 or more miles on it and you haven't inspected the cam chain tensioners, it's time. The inspection easily considered a DIY project, the replacement requires a slightly higher skill level and more importantly, several specialty tools. Once determined the tensioners need to be replaced there are several options, you can replace with, O.E. H-D style mechanical tensioners, upgrade to Hi Flo oil pump & hydraulic tensioners, upgrade to gear drive cams, etc.

I can't stress enough how important it is to inspect the tensioners. If they fail, it just gets ugly. All kinds of issues can result, serious damage inside the cam chest, sever lower end damage, etc.... and that translates into Big \$\$\$\$. If you are not comfortable doing the inspection yourself, seek the services of a qualified professional. The cost of inspection is not terribly expensive. Especially when compared to the cost to repair after failure.

So let's get to it. With the motorcycle up on the lift and secured, the first thing I like to do is drain crankcase oil. While the oil is draining, we need to remove the exhaust system. To accomplish this, with the heat shields removed, slightly loosen the bolts holding pipe to cylinder.



Now loosen the support brackets usually about midway on right side of motorcycle.

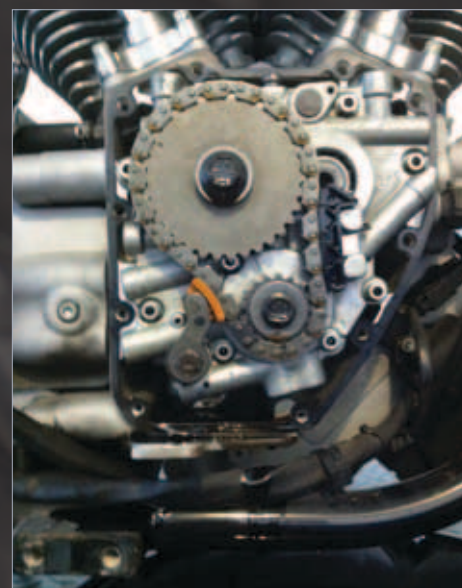


Once loose, finish removing bolts to cylinder and then finish removing support bracket bolts and remove exhaust pipe and carefully set aside.

Next, we need to remove the right foot peg/ rear brake pedal assembly. I prefer to remove the bolts holding assembly to the frame and just move it out of the way without disconnecting the brake pedal linkage or the hydraulic line. Just be careful not to put any unnecessary force or strain on linkage or line.



Now, we can remove the cam chest cover, to do this loosen the bolts slightly in a cross pattern to avoid putting any uneven pressure on cover to avoid warping it. With the cover removed, you can easily see the outer tensioner.



There is also an inner tensioner, which you can see only by using a flashlight

and a dental inspection mirror. It is common practice to judge the tensioners based on the condition of the outer one. i.e. if outer needs to be replaced, replace inner at same time.

On this motorcycle, it's clear that the tensioner needs to be replaced.



Watch for next month's issue when we will discuss replacement options and the pros and cons of each option. And then we will proceed with the chosen option for this particular project.

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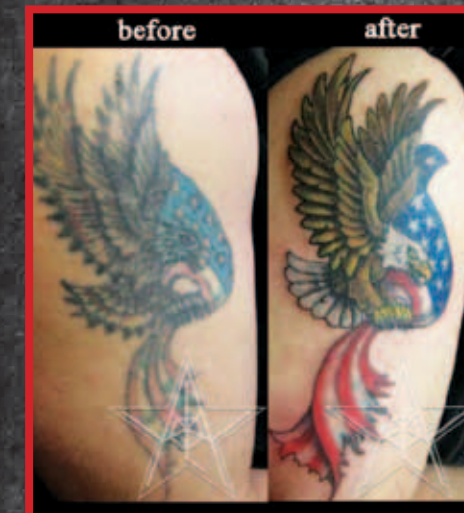
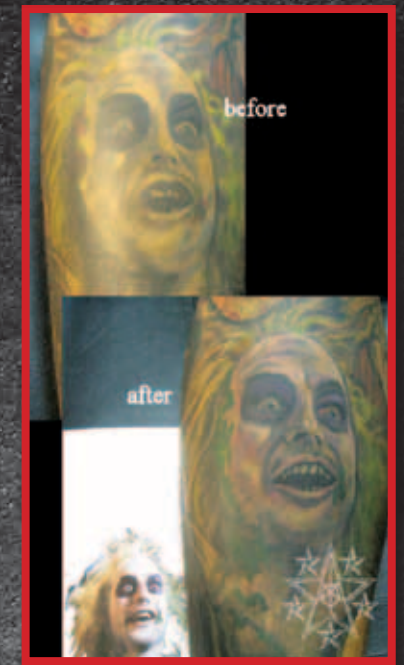
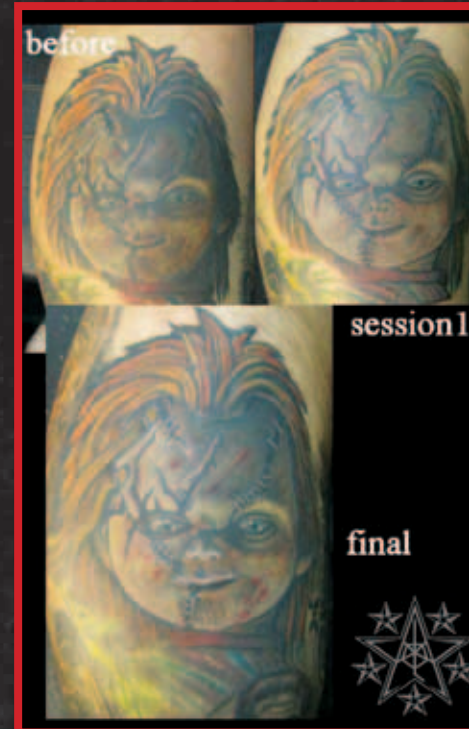


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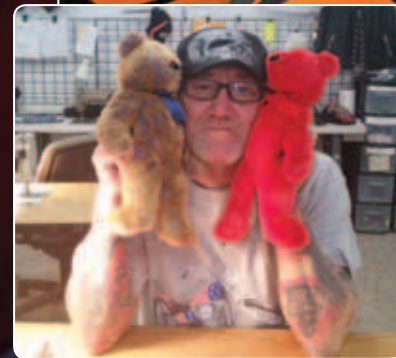
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Tattoo Party
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June 4

Open House
Gildner's HD, West Branch, MI. Noon-4pm, live band-Moonshine Mavericks, doorprizes, food, games, sales & more. For more info go to gildnershd.com

June 4

2nd Annual Blessing of the Biker
Northville Christian Church, Northville, MI. 11am-3pm, bike show, bike giveaway, blessing, free family event. For more info go to dw3c.org or call 248-387-9541 (See Event Stops listed in Ride n' Win article).

June 4

Open House
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June 4

Ride for the Heart Poker Run & Raffle
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June 4

Toni & Trish House Memorial Run
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June 4

Michigan Riders Memorial Wall Fundraiser Party
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June 5

Blessed in Hell Blessing of The Bikes
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June 5

Biker Blessing & Group Ride lead by Christian Motorcyclists Association
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June 5

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June 9

8th Annual Wheels & Heels Ride in Bike Show
Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth, MI. Regis 5pm-7pm, 8pm trophies, everyone welcome, ladies only in show, 50/50, \$10 donation. (See Event Stops listed in Ride n' Win article).

June 9-11

28th Annual Sandy Corley Memorial Run
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June 11

Harley Fest
Freedom Hill County Park. For more info go to harleyfest.net (See Event Stops listed in Ride n' Win article).

June 11

2nd Annual Blessing of the Bikes & Poker Run
Moose Bay City Lodge, Bay City, MI. \$15 rider, \$5 passenger, regis 9am, blessing 10am, kickstands up 10:30am, 100 mile ride, 3pm return, food, beer tent, live bands-special guest Larry McCray, 50/50. (See ad this issue).

June 11

20th Annual Street Party
Great Lakes HD, Bay City, MI. Noon- 6 pm, adult drinks, bike show, live music. For more info go to greatlakeshd.com (See ad this issue).

June 11

Bands & Bags
Chatters Lounge, Westland, MI. 1 pm-2am, Cave Radio broadcasting live, 14 bands, \$20 cornhole tournament with cash prize, raffles, silent auction, vendors & more.

June 11

We Love Our Troops Annual Poker Ride
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June 12

Biker Sunday
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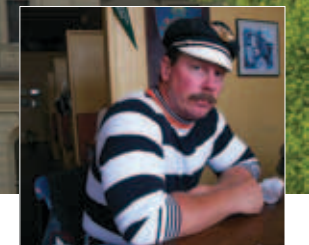
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As always its on a Wednesday. This is because the House and Senate will be in session and all the Legislators will be there. The idea is for them to see who the couple of ABATE knucklehead bikers that have been bugging them all year represent. Seriously though, if you appreciate ABATE being in Lansing pretty much every week talking to the legislators about any and everything that effects motorcycles and bikers in Michigan, come stand and be counted! When Jim Rhoades or Herb Rials walk into a Representative, Senator, or the Governors office they are speaking on your behalf. It is important that they know that it's not just a handful of people these guys represent. Please, if you do not do anything else do your best to show up and be seen!

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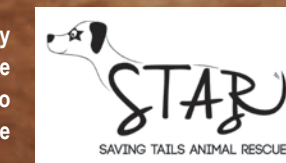


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Ajax



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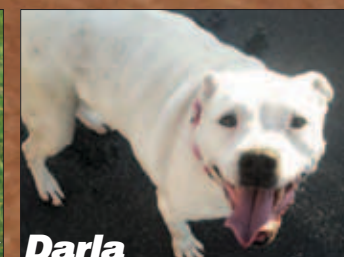
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Colby

Yo, my name is Colby and I came to STAR as a small puppy. They discovered that I was very sick, so I had to wait to get better. Now I'm feeling good, and I'm ready to start my new life with my new forever family. Could you use some adorable in your life?



Colby



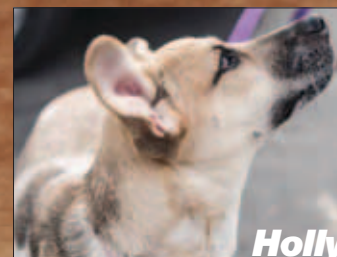
Darla

Darla

My name is Darla and one day someone took me to the dog pound. I don't know what I did because I'm very calm, sweet and loving. Someone adopted me, but they brought me back when they found out I was heartworm positive. I'm being treated and will be ready for my new life, is that with you? Oh, just no cats please.

Holly

Hello my name is Holly and I don't know why it's taken so long for my family to find me. I've a sweet loving girl, I really am. I do need a home with a fence because of my wandering spirit. I have years of love, affection and companionship to share can I share it with you?



Holly



Isaac

Isaac

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Lizzy

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Lizzy



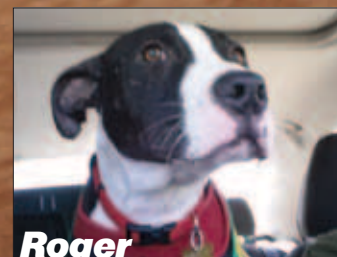
Remy

Remy

Hello there, I don't know what I have to do to get someone to see me. I'm friendly, loving, and cuddle ready. I have some puppy energy but that just means I'd make a great running or jogging partner. Please give me a chance.

Roger

My name is Roger and my start to life wasn't too good. I was kept in a crate and didn't get a lot of loving. Then I went to a shelter where they were going to make me go to sleep forever. I'm really a very nice guy; I just need someone that will have patience with me as I adjust to life in a home. I have plenty of kisses to give in return.



Roger



Wilson

Wilson

Howdy, I've been waiting a very long time for my family to come. I almost had my chance but the other dog didn't like me. I'm a hound sure, but I am also low-key, friendly and will keep you company on that couch. What do you say? Can you give a home to a guy like me?

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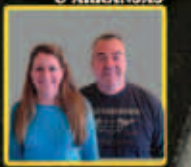
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BY RICK WYATT



The bike is filthy, my ass aches, got a throbbing case of 'throttle thumb', my face is toasted with an extra crispy nose, but the sky is blue and the rain is three states off my 6; it doesn't get much better than this! Hello from Santa Rosa, NM. The spirit of adventure must be in the DNA of most bikers, because deep down inside we all have a yearning to make the ultimate road trip and this year mine is a 7K odyssey to Washington DC via California. Most of you recognize that such a trip requires some planning, and part of my planning included finding out which states I will be visiting have reciprocity with Michigan's CPL even though I possess an 'exempt' license (retired law enforcement), because I don't need a confrontation with "Buford T. Justice" on the road. There are twelve states that apparently have not received the updated version of the US Constitution, you know the one with the Bill of Rights, and a local LEO (out to make a name) can ruin your whole trip even when you are in the right.

I realize some of you think that an extended road trip borders insanity, but no more so than the V-twin cultists that make the annual pilgrimage to motorcycle Mecca – Sturgis, South Dakota. Every year thousands of bikers descend on an otherwise quiet prairie town to celebrate the "face in the wind freedom" most people will never know. Everybody needs to do it at least once, but don't go off chasing the horizon without doing some homework first.

If you are going to Sturgis and you are going to carry your firearm, then here are a few things you need to know. Most importantly, your gun (and permit) is not really welcome in Illinois. A great resource for permit holders planning to travel outside Michigan in the U.S. Concealed Carry Association (usconcealedcarry.com).

This website breaks down the individual state laws and what you have to do to safely and legally transport across their jurisdictions. If you have to do things your way, and get caught, it is liable to get very expensive and you may find yourself intimately familiar with 'Bubba' before it's over. It's so much easier to do it right in the first place.

Here is the skinny, so listen up; in the state of Illinois your CPL is not recognized for conceal carry purposes, but you are allowed to carry loaded firearm inside your car as long as it is secured out of sight whenever you leave the vehicle. You may transport a loaded firearm on your motorcycle as long as it is secured in a locked saddlebag or trunk on the bike at all times. The intent is that you do not have immediate access to it, especially as you pass through Chicago; the unofficial murder capital of the nation.



Not everyone has locking saddlebags though, so pictured I have a couple of alternatives you might consider. First, is the Bulldog locking cable vault, which has a steel cable you can wrap around a shock absorber and drop into a standard saddlebag. These start at about \$30. The other alternative is a simple \$10 soft case that is padlock ready and a \$2 lock will satisfy the intent of the law.

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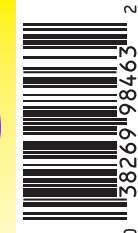
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