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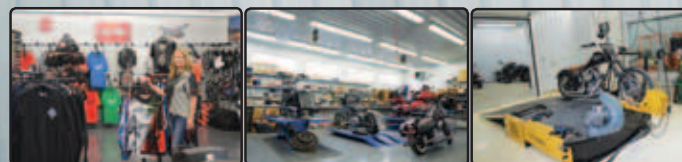
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IN THE SHOP WITH RON

By Ron Johnson

FALL

~ A Bitter Sweet Season

Fall in Michigan is no doubt my favorite season, the colors, cool crisp mornings, blue bird skies in the afternoon, unfortunately it's also time to get motorcycles ready for storage. Call it short term storage or winter storage or whatever you like there are many things to consider. In my opinion you don't want to come home from the last ride of the season park your bike in the garage and expect it will be ready to ride when the first warm days of spring finally do arrive. When prepping your motorcycle for storage one thing to consider is how long your bike will be stored. If you're the type that likes to take advantage of unseasonably warm weather and ride anytime the weather is decent and the roads are clear you don't want your bike so deep in storage that it takes an hour or two just to get it ready to ride if an opportunity presents itself. I normally put our bikes away late Oct. to early Nov. depending on weather conditions. Being avid outdoor enthusiasts, we have many other activities that keep us busy through the winter months and always have our bikes put away by mid Nov. at the latest. My personal rule is once the roads have been salted I don't ride again until after a couple of good spring rains to wash any remaining salt off the roads. If you do chose to take advantage of unseasonably warm weather in the winter months and ride, I strongly recommend thoroughly washing and completely drying your motorcycle before parking it for any length of time. The salt they use on the roads is highly corrosive and it draws moisture, which helps to further promote corrosion. The procedures I'm going to describe in this month's article in my opinion will apply, rather your storage facility is heated or not, or if you plan on short term (4-6wks.) or winter storage (6wks.-3 or 4 mos.). If for some reason, you need to store your bike for (4-5 mos.) or more there are other things to consider, for this article we're going to focus on short term and winter storage. In either situation, I don't recommend removing the spark plugs and pouring oil into, or fogging the

cylinders I just don't feel it's necessary. Fuel stabilizer is a good idea, use a quality product and follow the manufacturer's instructions for the proper amount based on the amount of fuel in the tank. I like to store with the tank full, less chance for condensation to form inside tank. Once the proper amount of stabilizer has been added, it's important to run the motorcycle for a few minutes or so to allow the stabilized fuel to get completely through the fuel delivery system. If your bike is carbureted shut off the fuel valve/petcock. I don't recommend turning off fuel valve (carbureted) or disconnecting fuel line (fuel injected) and running until fuel system runs dry. I feel it's better to have good quality fuel, properly stabilized in the system it protects the rubber seals and helps prevent condensation from forming in the fuel delivery system. I prefer to have the motorcycle clean and dry at this point. Dirt and debris on chrome, painted, powder coated, polished metal surfaces will attract moisture from the air and can cause corrosion. I don't fog or coat the exterior surfaces of the bike with any type of protective coating, but I do wax all surfaces and cover entire bike with a breathable fabric cover such as flannel sheets. Don't use plastic it will cause condensation. Next, is the battery- ALWAYS SAFETY FIRST when working with batteries. If your bike is going to be stored in an unheated area I recommend removing the battery from the motorcycle and moving it in somewhere where it's warm (not hot) and dry, like a basement heated workshop, etc. If your storage area is heated you can disconnect the negative cable and leave it in the bike. In either case, a battery charger /maintainer is a good idea. Once again a word of caution here, always have the charger unplugged when connecting or disconnecting the battery. Charging batteries produces hydrogen gas and it's highly explosive, so you don't want to create any sparks. Always charge in a well ventilated area, be sure to connect the charger correctly; negative to negative and positive to positive -don't cross. Leather is another consideration, I like to remove the seat, leather saddle bags, fork, handle bar bags, etc. and store inside. I use a good quality leather conditioner before storing.

If you have hard bags or leather and are planning on leaving them on the bike then go through them and make sure there is nothing in them that would be attractive to rodents. They will find it and they will find a way to get to it. While on the subject of rodents, I implement rodent control measures in the area where I store bikes as they can wreak havoc on wiring and other systems. I also cover the outlet of mufflers and exhaust pipes as I don't want a family of mice living in my exhaust system all winter, just remember to remove to covers before starting. I normally do fluid & filter changes and any other service or maintenance procedures in the spring when taking the bike out of storage. Temperature changes can cause condensation to form inside the cases and changing fluids in the spring helps remove this condensation. If you're within a few miles of needing an oil change you may want to do it before storing, oil breaks down over time and collects contaminates that may be harmful if left for extended periods of time. It's a personal choice based on specific riding conditions and style, also length of time to be stored and storage area conditions. Also, keep tires inflated to proper pressure and if possible out of contact with concrete. I like to store our bikes on a lift up off the floor, cold air settles near the floor and can allow condensation to form. At the very least a piece of 2x6 under the front and rear tire will help a lot. A simple box fan on low or medium will keep air moving and lessen the chance for condensation to form. So use your best judgement for your particular circumstances and conditions. It won't be long and spring will return.

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Thank you Veterans

November 11th is Veterans Day. It is because of them that we have the freedoms that we do. Freedom isn't free. So be sure to thank a veteran every opportunity that you have. In this issue you will find a special tribute to our veterans and Huey the helicopter. This month is also Thanksgiving, which is yet another time to take a step back and look at all that you have to be grateful for. Spend this month in a state of gratitude. Instead of focusing on what you do not have; focus on what you do have!

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It's hard to believe that it's already November...where did the year go!?!? Be sure to Mark Your Calendars for February 18, 2017...this is our 4TH ANNUAL THUNDER FUN NIGHT! See details in this issue on page 5. This is always a great time, so be sure to book your spot today! This year to make it even easier reserving your spot...you can go to the website ThunderRoadsMichigan.com and click on Store, then Thunder Store and check out via PayPal... you gotta love that! Plus, while you are there grab some Thunderwear...anyone wearing Thunderwear on Thunder Fun Night February 18th, will receive a special extra gift!!! We are planning on 3 full party buses, but they fill up fast so don't wait, reserve today!

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I'm just a work in progress... as we all are, but let's ask ourselves...Are You Your Best Self?



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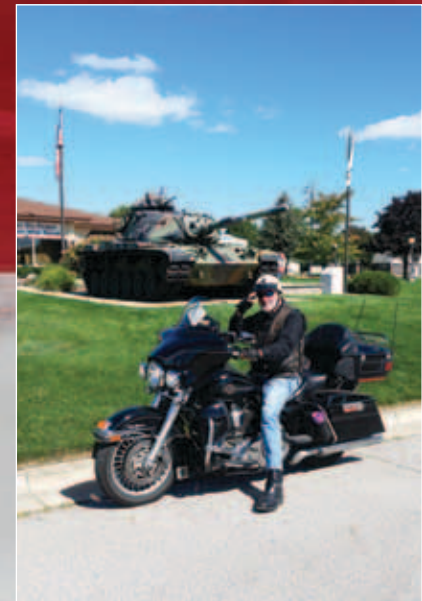
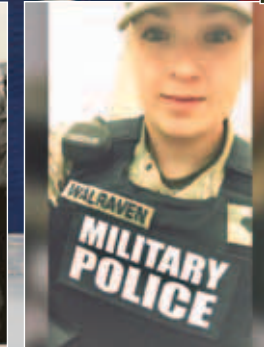
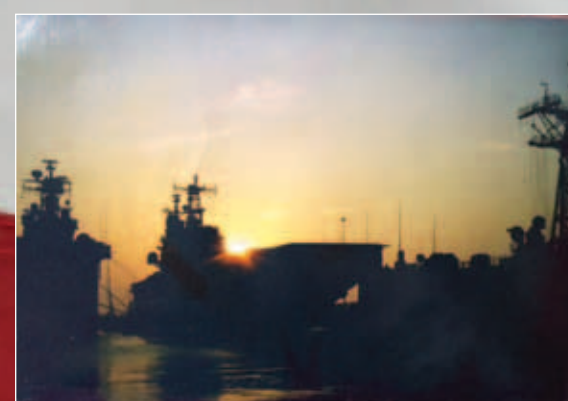
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born, Mi. What a sight of over a hundred motorcycles, along with the semi that carried Huey, it was amazing. The Michigan State Troopers of three, stopped traffic safely along the way, which most folks were happy to stop, so they could get out of their vehicles and take pictures, some even stood in salute as we passed.

It was a proud escort and many riders/veterans bowed their heads as they stood by Huey remembering the past with this amazing machine. Thank You to all the Riders, Michigan State Troopers, Connelly Crane, and Henry Ford Staff.

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Diva



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Quince



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Remy

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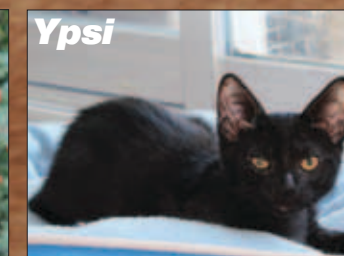
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VETERANS CORNER



House approves bill to make it easier to fire at VA

The House approved a bill aimed at making it easier for the Department of Veterans Affairs to fire employees for misconduct or poor performance — a source of ongoing tension with the Obama administration. The bill was approved, 310-116. Sixty-nine Democrats and 241 Republicans voted for the bill.

It would shorten the time employees are given to respond to proposed discipline or firing and would eliminate a provision that allows senior executives to appeal disciplinary actions to an independent review board. GOP lawmakers have been urging the VA to fire more workers as a key step to improving the scandal-plagued agency. House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Jeff Miller said a “pervasive lack of accountability among employees at all levels” is “the biggest obstacle standing in the way of VA reform.”

The House bill is the latest in a series of efforts by lawmakers to respond to a two-year-old scandal over chronic delays for veterans seeking medical care, and falsified records covering up the long waits. Veterans on secret waiting lists faced scheduling delays of up to a year, and as many as 40 veterans died while awaiting care at the Phoenix VA hospital in Arizona, according to an investigation by the VA’s inspector general.

Similar problems were soon discovered at VA medical centers nationwide, affecting thousands of veterans and prompting an outcry in Congress.

Miller, R-Fla., said reform efforts “are doomed to fail” until the problem of employee accountability is fixed.

The accountability bill he sponsored “gets rid of loopholes” that have “protected deadwood employees for years,”

Miller’s bill would shorten the time for an independent appeals board to decide on most cases involving VA employees. Senior executives — who typically earn well above \$100,000 a year — could appeal only to an internal VA review board. Rulings in favor of the employee could be overturned by the VA secretary.

VA Secretary Bob McDonald said that the department favors a less punitive bill approved by the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. The bipartisan bill also would streamline removal of rank-and-file employee based on performance or misconduct and would ensure that employees do not receive pay or benefits while they appeal a removal decision.

The Senate bill would grant the VA secretary greater authority to discipline senior executives, while requiring appeals to be decided within 90 days.

Disabled Michigan veteran wins silver medal at Paralympic Games in Rio

Scot Severn, a U.S. Paralympian from Caro, Michigan, will bring home a silver medal in shot put from this year’s Paralympic Games

in Brazil. He took home a bronze medal from the 2012 games, earned his medal on Wednesday, Sept. 14, with an 8.41-meter toss on the last of his six throws.

He said he was disappointed to take second place in the competition, coming just short of the throw from Greece’s Jon Fernandes, who took the gold medal. “Everything happened in the fairy tale except the ending,” Severn said. “I guess silver is nothing to be ashamed of, but three centimeters is a little tough to swallow right now.”

Severn was serving with the U.S. Army Reserves at Northern Michigan’s Camp Grayling military base on Aug. 14, 1989, when he was struck by lightning. The direct strike threw him 40 feet and resulted in both internal and external injuries, leaving him an incomplete quadriplegic who uses a wheelchair for daily activities.

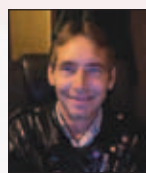
Following the lightning strike, Severn took a 14-year hiatus from sports before finding a passion for wheelchair rugby and, later, for track and field.

Severn said he tried going for the Paralympics in wheelchair rugby years ago, but didn’t quite make it, and made the switch to field throwing. “It was one of those cases where the sport chose me,” he said. “I chose rugby, but field chose me and it turns out that’s what I was best at and sometimes that’s what you have to take if you want to take it to a higher level.”

A 1994 Saginaw Valley State University graduate, he serves as sports director for the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Severn was also inducted in 2007 into the Michigan Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame as Athlete of the Year.

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JASON'S HIGHLIGHTS FROM A LONG RIDE TO THE U.P.

There is one certainty for those who live and ride in Michigan: when it comes to the weather, you never know what you're going to get. After the scorching hot summer we had this year, it was easy to imagine a long, warm autumn that would help extend the riding season. Mother Nature, however, seems to have other plans. Another certainty for Michiganders: if you don't like the weather, wait five minutes... it'll change. So maybe the riding season isn't over quite yet...

Whatever the case, I wanted to use this article to share a few highlights from an amazing road trip I took to Michigan's Upper Peninsula (UP) this past summer. There's nothing I like more than riding the two-lane highways and winding roads along the coast of the UP. Of course, as The Motorcycle Lawyer, I also want to pass along some important safety information for motorcyclists travelling in the UP; my hope is that promoting motorcycle awareness and safety messages could help prevent motorcycle crashes.

Where to begin when describing some of the highlights of my recent trip to Michigan's UP? Why not start in Munising, riding along Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore along M28 into Marquette. The UP's most populated city, Marquette started out as an iron mining town and shipping port. Today, Marquette is known for its natural beauty and hometown feel, and has been named one of America's Most Livable Communities and received the All-American City award, among others. Personally, when I roll into Marquette I like to stop at Third Street Bagel, near the campus of Northern Michigan University. If you're there, be sure to check out the Superior Dome, the site of several Olympic training centers and just a generally great sports complex. I am always impressed with the world-class facilities available right here in Michigan.

Once I get my fill of Marquette, I like to take the scenic route along Lake Superior up to Houghton, Michigan. Readers may know Houghton as the "Gateway to the Keweenaw"; it was named after geologist and physician Douglass Houghton, who is well-known for his exploration of the Keweenaw Peninsula. These days, Houghton is better known as the home of the Michigan Technological University (Michigan Tech) Huskies. Two of my nephews attend Michigan Tech, and I try to make a point of visiting them on campus whenever I am riding in the UP. While you're in Houghton, grab a bite at Keweenaw Brewing Company or Joey's Seafood and Grill, you won't be sorry you stopped in.

Next, I recommend exploring up Big Bay Road before heading back to M41 to Copper Harbor. There are so many great hiking trails on the Keweenaw Peninsula; some with waterfalls, others that offer great views of Lake Superior. If you get the opportunity, you must check out the sunset here for sure.

There's something special about riding throughout the Upper Peninsula; whether you come in from Wisconsin or over the Mackinac Bridge, there are great rides across the entire UP.

Of course, it's important to be aware of crash and safety information when traveling by motorcycle in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. According to the Accident Data Center, Marquette County and Delta County have the greatest number of serious injury or death accidents involving motorcycles and motor vehicles in the UP.

Houghton County and Dickinson county are next highest, having the most car accident injuries or wrongful death accidents involving all kinds of vehicles -- cars, trucks, vans, SUVs, and yes, motorcycles.

The following information is based on traffic crash data (2015) for Marquette County, provided by Michigan's Office of Highway Safety Planning. The study looked into vehicle crashes including motorcycles and passenger vehicles as well as cargo vehicles like semi- and delivery trucks. In 2015, there were 1,772 crashes: two involved fatalities, 295 involved injuries, 1,475 involved vehicle or property damage. The report also lists fourteen motorcycle crashes with two wrongful death motorcycle crashes, both of which occurred outside of city limits.

Alcohol was a factor in 68 of all the vehicle - motorcycle crashes studied. In some cases there may be a different "target defendant" from which the victim can seek compensation, besides the obviously and absolutely negligent drunk driver; the bar that over-served a visibly intoxicated driver can sometimes be held liable and responsible for damages in a crash. No matter where a crash occurred, my team and I are here to help; if you or someone you care about has been injured in a crash while riding in Michigan's UP, call me at 1-877-BIKER LAW to discuss your case.

As the motorcycle season comes to an end, it is nice to reminisce about my favorite summer road trip to Michigan's UP. I am always looking for recommendations; tell me about your favorite route or best motorcycle road trip, or how you get through the off-season: facebook.com/TheMotorcycleLawyer.

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One day a father gets out of work and on his way home he suddenly remembers that it's his daughter's birthday. He pulls over to a Toy Shop and asks the sales person, "How much for one of those Barbie's in the display window?" The salesperson answers, "Which one do you mean, sir? We have: Work Out Barbie for \$19.95, Shopping Barbie for \$19.95, Beach Barbie for \$19.95, Disco Barbie for \$19.95, Ballerina Barbie for \$19.95, Astronaut Barbie for \$19.95, Skater Barbie for \$19.95, and the most popular; Divorced Barbie for \$299.95". The amazed father yells: "It's how much?! Why is the Divorced Barbie \$299.95 and the others only \$19.95?" The annoyed salesperson rolls her eyes, sighs, and answers: "Sir..., Divorced Barbie comes with: Ken's Audi A-8, Ken's Malibu Beach house, Ken's Danzi Z33 Race Boat, Ken's Designer Furniture, Ken's Screamin'-Meanie Platinum Computer, one of Ken's Best-Looking Friends, and a custom key chain made with Ken's Balls."

So I finally landed a job as a Smart-Mart greeter, which is a good find for many retirees, unfortunately I lasted less than a day. About two hours into my first day on the job a very loud, unattractive, mean-acting woman walked into the store with her two kids, yelling obscenities at them all the way through the entrance. Per my greeter training manual I said pleasantly, "Good morning and welcome to Smart-Mart." "Nice children you have there. Are they twins?" The hateful woman stopped yelling long enough to say, "Hell no, they aint twins. The oldest one is 9, and the other one is 7. Why the hell would you think they're twins? Do you need glasses, or are you just plain stupid?" So I replied, "I'm neither in need of glasses nor stupid, madam. I just literally could not believe someone actually slept with you twice. Have a good day and thank you for shopping at Smart-Mart." My Supervisor said I probably wasn't cut out for this line of work.

Letter to a Men's Helpline...
Hi Bob:

I really need your advice on a serious problem: I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs: if the phone rings and I answer, the caller hangs up; she goes out with the girls a lot. I try to stay awake to look out for her when she comes home but I usually fall asleep. Anyways, last night about midnight I hid in the shed next to my Harley. When she came home she got out of someone's car buttoning her blouse, then she took her panties out of her purse and slipped them on. It was at that moment crouched behind the Harley that I noticed a hairline crack in the swing arm. Is that something I can weld or do I need to replace the whole swing arm?

Two bikers; Buster and Bodie rode into a gas station in Kentucky for a fill-up because they heard about a contest being offered by the station to patrons who purchased a full tank of gas. When they went inside to pay, the guys asked the attendant about the contest.

"If you win, you're entitled to free sex" said the attendant. "How do we enter?" asked Buster.

"Well, I'm thinking of a number between 1 and 10, if you guess right, you win free sex." "OK. I guess 7," said Bodie. "Sorry, I was thinking of 8," replied the attendant.

The next week, the two buddies go back to the same station to get gas. When they went inside to pay, Buster asked the attendant if the contest was still going on.

"Sure," replied the attendant. "I'm thinking of a number between 1 and 10, if you guess right you win free sex." "2" said Buster.

"Sorry, I was thinking of 3," replied the attendant. "Y'all come back soon and try again."

As they walked back to their bikes, Bodie said to Buster, "You know, I'm beginning to think this contest is rigged."

"No way," replied Buster. "My wife won three times last week."

A biker's greatest achievement was his brood of six kids. He was so proud that he continually called his wife: "Mother of Six", which pissed her off to no end. But he kept referring to her as "Mother of Six" no matter where they went.

At end of a poker run, he shouted across the bar, "Hey, "Mother of Six", you ready to go home?"

His irritated wife screamed back: "Anytime you're ready, "Father of Four!"

I will never hear church bells ringing again without smiling. Upon hearing that her elderly grandfather had just passed away, Katie went straight to her grandparent's house to visit with her 95-year-old grandmother and comfort her. When she asked how her grandfather had passed away, her grandmother replied in her sweet, soft voice, "He had a heart attack while we were making love on Sunday morning, dear".

Horrified, Katie told her grandmother that 2 people nearly 100 years old having sex would surely be asking for trouble.

"Oh, no, my dear", replied granny. Many years ago, realizing our advanced age, we figured out the best time to make love was when the church bells would start to ring. It was the perfect rhythm. Nice and slow and even. Nothing too strenuous....simply in on the ding and out on the dong.

She paused to wipe away a tear and looked up at Katie, "He'd still be alive if that f***ing ice cream truck hadn't come along!"

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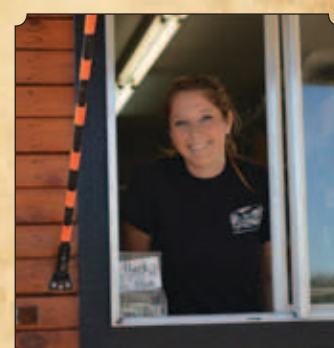
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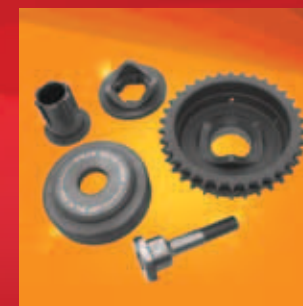
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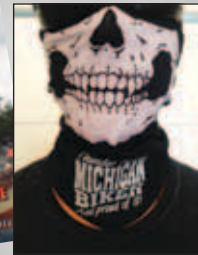


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SUB-CULTURE

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I think things started to change around the time the Evolution motor was built and released by Harley-Davidson. A guy could ride all day, pull into his garage and park it, and do it again and again without turning a wrench, checking oil, or swapping out a plug. Hell your jeans would be almost as clean as when you started out that day.

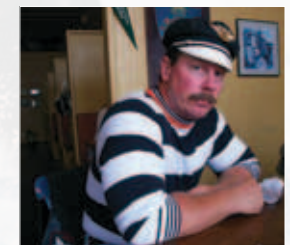
Was that a good thing or not? Who knows, but it has changed the face and image of a biker a ton. I remember the first time I saw a dude ride up on a new Electra glide with all the bells and whistles, get off the bike, pop the trunk open, grab a cell phone and call someone. This dude was replete in clean, top shelf duds, boots, shades, and made to order doo rag. I was just not sure what to think. That was 30 years ago.

All that being said, it does not mean I am saying anything one way or the other as to the state of existence of anyone. But, I do feel like maybe I am now a part of a sub-culture within a sub-culture. There's a bunch of us out there that still don't fit in or even care too. And we were rebels back then and still are. We attended helmet rallies, and raised hell with government any time we thought they were encroaching too much upon us. And we still do. Most of us have cell phones and newer bike models, but we are inherently different from the masses of bikers who swarm the big bike rallies, and spend a ton of money at the HD shop and the swap meets that mostly consist of vendors with new "stuff" anymore. We are the old bikers from the old days, many of us still riding old bikes, and sporting greasy jeans, and dirty fingernails. And that's all right. It is what it is, and it makes no difference to us. We will keep fighting for our rights. We have most of our lives.

We are not exclusive though. We welcome all and will ride with about anyone that wants to ride with us. In fact, we could use some help with the legislative fights. The more the merrier. It would really be nice to see some younger faces taking a lead. I know that may be a pipe dream, but we would embrace young activists wanting to get involved.

So whether you're greasy or not, old or young, and voting left, right, or center, be safe out there. The deer take too many of us every year. Get some color touring in, and as bow season kicks off tomorrow, I'll do my best to make the deer dangers a little bit lower. -

~ Rusty



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Listen, this day, Nov 8th, is a momentous day, a historic day and a day that we, as a nation, will either vote righteously to the healing of our nation or vote for the status quo to our utter destruction.

So, let me say it this way, God has anointed and appointed a man for this job, President of the United States of America; He has given this man the wisdom, the knowledge and the understanding to lead this country back to righteousness and greatness. God has given this man the internal fortitude to fire those who need to be fired, to run off those that need to be run off and the will to undue all the damage that this current administration has done to our nation, our freedom and our greatness!

Now, some of you may not like what I'm writing about here, and to that, I would say GET OVER IT! We the American people will no longer allow evil to run ramped in our country any longer. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!

Some may say, "How could God use a man like that?" If you read your Bible you would see that God will use an ass every now and again (Numbers 22:28) and can even cause the rocks to cry out. (Luke 19:40)

Listen, the last two election cycles, God gave us other men to vote for, but this nation didn't go vote and too many voted for the wrong guy and now we are watching the continued erosion of our nation. Race riots, attacks on life, liberty and righteousness by evil, foolish people in high places that think they know more than God Himself. We've gotten what we deserve folks, but now we have a very clear choice. God has made it so simple for us not to miss it. Yet, there are so many that have drunk the poisoned cool-aid of lies that the liberal, socialist elites in American (Libtards) have filled our media with.

Proverbs 29:2 says "When the righteous flourish, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, people groan." And the wicked have been ruling for almost 8 years straight. Bad choice America!!

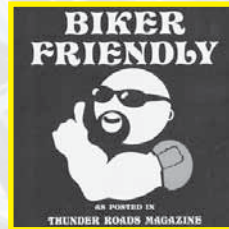
In reality, a vote for God's man will bring about peace where a vote for the unjust woman who seems to get away with every evil thing done will only bring us, as a nation, to an end... destruction.

If you love America; for God's sake, vote for God's man. If you don't love America... then kindly leave! Wake up America!! Let's make America great again!

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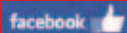
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BY RICK WYATT



By the time you are reading this we will be within two weeks of the regular firearms deer season. Now I know that the DNR has created a whole slew of special "deer seasons" in an attempt, I suspect, to sell more licenses to avid hunters, because license fees have been driven sky high to raise revenues for projects that are not hunting (or fishing) related. Still, there is a certain reverence about the traditional hunt from November 15th through November 30th. Face it, there's something special about the notion of deer camp, and buck poles, and swapping lies in the local coffee shops for those hunters who take a mid-day break. And for many young hunters it was a right of passage to skip school opening day to spend some "special time" with dad and/or grandpa, often times learning life lessons that will never come from a text book.

My dad wasn't much of a hunter so as a kid all I knew about deer season was that it was the week my aunt bitched about my uncle taking off work to go up to deer camp. Then in the autumn of my tenth year, I went to a scout jamboree where the guest speaker was none other than Fred Bear and after being enraptured by his presentation of over three hours of films taken during his hunts I was hooked! And while I was never a great hunter, I cherish the time I was able to spend in the woods, especially the times I was able to hunt (and fish) with my son and the special times we shared.

In the late 70's, there was a resurgence in what was called "traditional firearms" hunting, muzzle loaders. Prompted by the new found popularity, and pressure by adherents, the DNR created a season dedicated to black powder hunting and as they say, the rest is history. Early in the resurgence the vast majority of the firearms used were based on time tested designs such as the Kentucky Long Rifle, or the Hawken Rifle and companies like Thompson Center and CVA offered both completed firearms and kits to build your own. I own an old kit gun myself, a 54 cal. T/C Hawken that I assembled, finished and used for many years, preferring it over rifled slugs and smooth bore shotguns, because it was inherently more accurate and the 300 grain mini ball hit like a ton of bricks!

But, the old "smoke poles" inherently had a couple of problems; the first was that after hunting with it loaded all day long; you either had to leave it outside for the night or shoot it before you took it inside at the end of the day. This was because the powder charge inside the cold firearm could draw enough moisture from indoor humidity that it may not fire when needed. And the second drawback was the fact that the traditional style guns were an absolute pain in the ass to clean, because the primary cleaning agent was hot soapy water suctioned up and down the length of the bore that was a mess to deal with and left the odor of burnt sulfur wafting throughout the house.

Modern versions of "black powder" guns and propellant are head and shoulders above and ahead of what hunters used in the seventies. The good ones use a 'speed breach' system that allows you to unload the firearm without discharging it and greatly simplifies the cleaning process. Another advantage of the speed breach is that it allows the shooter to easily brush and swab the barrel after each shot when you are sighting the gun, in which greatly improves accuracy in the field. Gone are the days of nipples and tiny primers, having

been replaced with breach plugs that accept 209 primers (primarily used in magnum shotgun ammo) which provide a hotter and more consistent ignition of propellant. The arms of this new generation weigh less than just the barrel of my old Hawken, and when you consider that you no longer have to carry a powder flask, powder measure, patches, patch knife and maxi/mini balls, black powder hunting has gotten much less complicated. Preformed powder pellets, Sabots projectiles and larger (and easier to deal with) 209 primers make loading fast and sure even with gloved hands.



Now, back to longer being better; what I like about black powder season is that the pressure has been off the deer herd for a month before season opens and the deer are much less skittish. I also find that the weather is usually better, nothing

is worse than coming in soaked from an all too common November driving rain storm. If you hunt in the north (Upper Peninsula), deer you didn't even know existed, begin to move to the low ground browsing areas as soon as the temperature drops to around 20 degrees. And probably best of all – it is not uncommon to find that you have the woods all to yourself!

If you are thinking of trying black powder or looking to upgrade your older thunder stick I suggest you take a long serious look at the Traditions Firearms Company line.



All of their guns are well built and, compared to some brands, extremely cost effective. Their "Buck Stalker" model starts around \$250, and they have models up through the thumb whole version pictured for under \$600. The biggest complaint I hear is that they are not built to take a 150gr charge, but this comes primarily from people looking to justify spending a couple hundred dollars more on a Thompson Center. But, unless you are hunting 'griz in the great northwest, fantasizing, about hunting with one of T/C's paid celebrity hunters, or just looking for bragging rights the point is mute and they are more than adequate for Michigan white tails. By the way, they are also a great primary gun choice for those who live south of M57.

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