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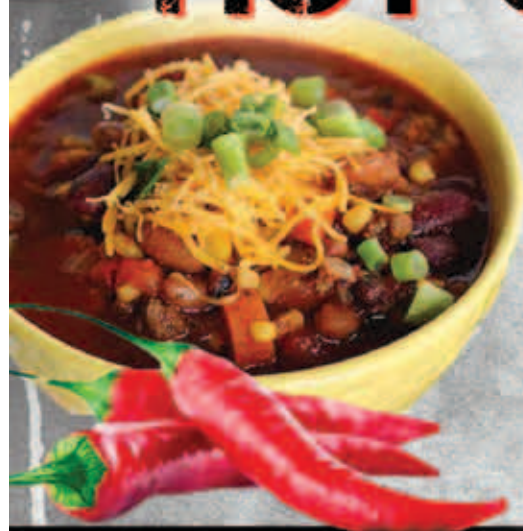
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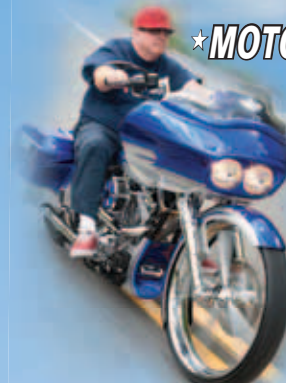
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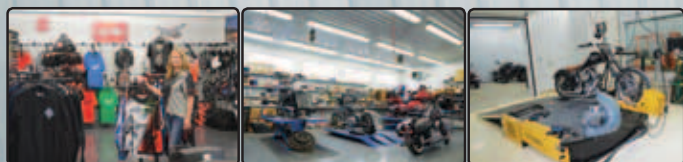
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Well it all started way back when... when I was a little boy, I saw Evel Knievel make a jump over some cars and from there I was hooked. I just knew I had to have a motorcycle. So my first bike was a huffy with a plastic gas tank; for a 9 yr. old that was cool back then. Then, it went to building my own mini-bikes with lawnmower motors. Finally, I got my first motorcycle; it was a 125cc Yamaha Enduro. Then life got in the way a little bit, but I still managed to have a bike or two just not what I really wanted. I really wanted the 1340cc Fatboy.

Finally, the day came I was able to afford my first Harley. So I walked into the shop and quickly realized I couldn't afford a new one. I was sad, but determined so I asked the salesman if he had anything within my price range. He showed me all of the pre-owned Harley's they had. I told him what I liked and wanted to do with the bike. Knowing my heart was set on getting a Fatboy, he still asked me to take a different bike for a ride instead. I figured he was just a salesman trying to get a sale on anything. So not really wanting to, I took it for a ride and when I got back the salesman came out and asked me what I thought of it? I took my helmet off to reveal the biggest perma-grin. I was hooked! I still like the Fatboy, but I love the Heritage Softail Classic. I had enough money and so I bought it right there on the spot.



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Happy Halloween ... Happy Fall Riding!

What a great summer we had and now it's already fall! Now is the time to plan those fall color tour rides and enjoy the beauty of autumn in Michigan. The Ride n' Win contest has come to an end for the year, but we'll kick it back off next year so hold onto your Ride Cards as they don't expire. Make sure to check this issue to see if you are a winner from the September stops. I hope everyone had fun with this. If you know a business that would make a great stop for next year please tell them to give me a call or email me so we can get them on the stops list.

I am pretty excited about our new website, thanks to Bill and hope everyone takes a moment to check it out! You can view past issues, the current issue, the events calendar and more. In this issue I have dedicated a full page to show you just some of the Thunderwear items available now! Many items are now on sale and we have new items and colors available as well...PLUS, for a LIMITED TIME ONLY we are offering...FREE SHIPPING! You can see our entire inventory online at www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com. It is very easy to navigate through, just click on Store, Thunder Store and select your items. Easy Peasy Japanezy! Also, we have a photo contest in which you can submit a photo of interest and it may be featured in an upcoming issue. I am always looking for great shots. It could be you with your bike, you and your friends reading Thunder Roads and having fun or a picture of your cool "man cave".

The holidays will quickly be upon us so make sure to pick up the next two issues as we will be providing a Holiday Gift Buying Guide in them. Thunderwear makes great gifts for him or her so be sure to take advantage of our FREE SHIPPING as it is only for a Limited Time! Also, we will be announcing the date and details for the 4th Annual Thunder Fun Night! You don't want to miss it. Please patronize our advertisers and tell them too, thank you for supporting Thunder Roads and making it the #1 Free Motorcycle Magazine in Michigan

Last month the Biker Friendly character was on vacation, but he's back so see if you can find him this month. See much larger version found in the Biker Friendly Directory (BFD).



Now for some "Mo" Advice:

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October 1
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October 2
32nd Peotone Motorcycle Show & Parts Expo (Indoor & Outdoor Event)
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October 2
Turkey Run
The Crump Fox Club, Linwood, MI. Regis 10 am- Noon, \$10 pp, coffee & donuts, chili, prizes, awards, proceeds to local charities. For more info call Mark 989-892-7866 or Bubba 989-697-5525

October 2
7th Annual Christian & Cruisers Swap Meet & Car Cruise
8700 Main St, Birch Run, MI. 8am- 2pm, \$2 pp, children 12 & under free. For more info call Jeff 810-767-4553

October 8
Chili Cook Off
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October 9
43rd Annual Kalamazoo Motorcycle Swap Meet
Wings Stadium, Kalamazoo, MI. 10-4, \$8 adult, 12 & under free, buy-sell-trade, bikes, parts leather, food, beer, live bands, celebrity appearance. For more info call 1-800-800-6034 or go to paragonspromotion.com (See ad this issue).

October 13-16
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October 15
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October 15
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October 15
VIP Appreciation Breakfast
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October 15
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October 16
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October 16
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October 23
36th Annual Grand Rapids Motorcycle Swap Meet
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October 27
Harleyween Ladies Night
Great Lakes HD, Bay City, MI. 6 pm, fashion show, drinks & more. Space is limited, Rsvp at www.greatlakeshd.com (See ad this issue).

October 29
Boo Brunch
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October 29
Harley Halloween
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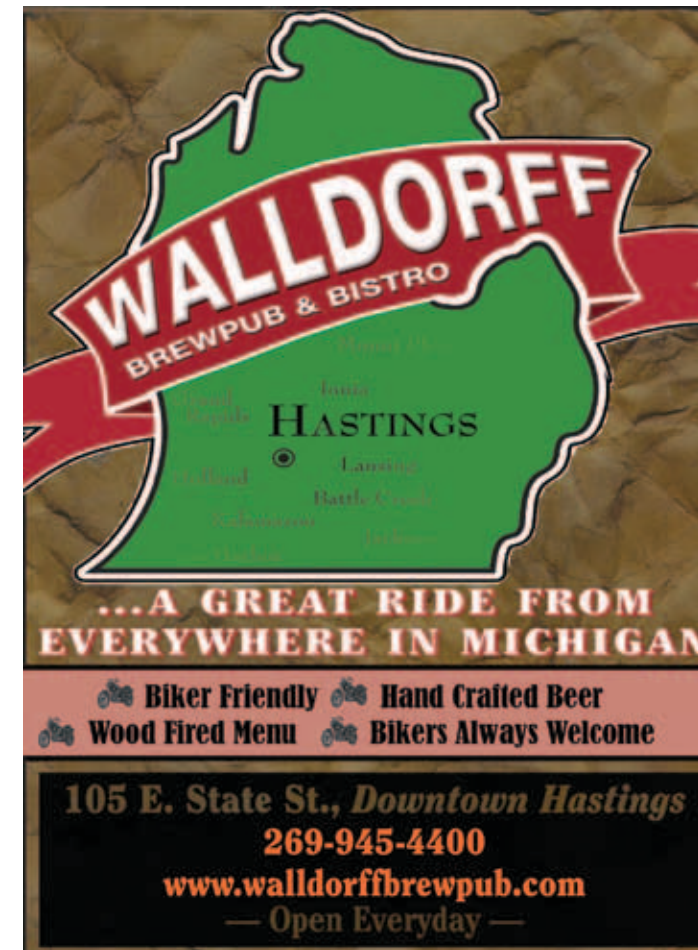
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Adam Heaphy says he searched the internet and learned that Fowler, a South Carolina native, was born in 1927 and killed in action in 1951.

Heaphy says he found the tags after successfully bidding on an abandoned storage locker at A-1 Affordable Storage in White Lake Township. He wants to return them to the owner, perhaps a member of Fowler's family.

Soldier's remains coming home after 66 years

A soldier's remains have been found after he was killed in North Korea during the Korean War. Curtis Wells, of Ubly, enlisted in the U.S. Army around 1950. He was sent to North Korea. Shortly after he arrived, his battalion was taken over by enemy forces.

Wells was nowhere to be found. He was listed as Missing In Action. As years passed, he was not accounted for as a Prisoner of War and was declared dead in 1953, but his remains were never located. That's until a few months ago when his family got the call they had always been waiting for. Through DNA and dental records, they matched remains excavated from a site in North Korea to those of Wells.

His oldest sister, Elizabeth Liedke, says it brings their family some much-needed closure. "It's going to be a relief, a big relief because we never thought after being so long that it could be true. We never figured we would hear or see anything about it," said Liedke.

His remains are currently in Hawaii and will be flown back home. Wells will finally be laid to rest in Harbor Beach later this month.

96-year-old veteran's home getting a facelift from East Jackson football team

Maynard Bunce, 96, doesn't get around as well as he'd like to these days. But that's OK, because his 81-year-old friend Jim Bayne is there to help. Bunce's vision and hearing have digressed, and he now uses a walker to get his legs going. But Bayne, a volunteer with Catholic Charities of Jackson, helps the World War II veteran by driving him to and from the next adventure.

"Jim is great," Bunce said. "I'm telling you, I am the most fortunate person in the world to get acquainted with him. I feel so ashamed that I did everything myself, but I can't now."

Bunce, a born and raised Jacksonian, lives on the south side in a little, one-story house. He's been there for 67 years and had his house built after purchasing the lot. The exterior paint is in rough

shape, though, which caught the eye of Bayne. He reached out to Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity to see what it could do, and the organization found a suitable solution.

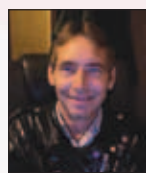
The East Jackson High School football team is coming to paint Bunce's house. Bayne is buying the paint and Billy White Roofing and Habitat are providing the supplies. A skilled painter is coming to lead the football players. "I got the legs of a football player," Bunce said. "I love football. If they paint my house and make it look halfway decent that will be a fine job," Bunce said.

The generosity of Bayne, East Jackson's football team and community groups comes at a time in Bunce's life when it really matters. Not only is he living on public assistance, but two recent burglaries left his pockets \$2,300 cheaper, literally. "One guy pushed me down and stole money right out of my pockets," Bunce said. That happened about three weeks ago, he said, when his TV and radio also went missing. It was the second burglary.

The first happened a month ago, when envelopes with his emergency funds were stolen. Bayne said he filed police reports, but he really just doesn't understand how somebody could do that. "People are coming in here, knocking him down, taking his money, how can you justify that?" Bayne said. Bunce doesn't know if the person stealing from him is a relative, stranger or acquaintance. But he said he's learned the most important thing in life is to be honest.

"Very few people live up to 96 years old," Bunce said. "Most of my friends are gone. But the most important things are to be honest and to have good friends. Of course, none of us have more than one or two honest to goodness true friends."

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JASON WAECHTER ANNOUNCES NOMINATIONS

Summer is officially over, and as the days get shorter it's hard not to start thinking about the end of the riding season. This time of year, it seems like many things are winding down, so it was nice to find out my team and I have something to celebrate: I am honored to announce that I have been named to the 2016 Michigan Super Lawyers list, as well as the Best Lawyers in America list!

If you're not familiar with Super Lawyers, they rate attorneys across the country from over 70 areas of practice. These lawyers - made up of only the top five percent of attorneys in each state - are widely recognized by their peers and have reached a high level of professional achievement. After being nominated by a peer (another lawyer in the same field of practice), a panel of experts researches and evaluates each candidate in order to ensure that the Super Lawyers list is comprehensive, diverse, and populated with only the most exceptional lawyers in each state.

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Neither Super Lawyers nor Best Lawyers will divulge any specifics about their patented and confidential vetting processes, nor will they reveal the identity of who nominates an attorney. So, below is a list of the top three reasons I think I have been selected for these prestigious lists.

ONE: Plain and simple, I get my clients what they need and deserve. My clients have received millions of dollars in settlements and verdicts. One client, whose case was called "unwinnable" by other lawyers, said, "Jason was ready for a fight. Everything the defense came up with, he had researched and prepared in advance. He shut them down on every argument." I wrote about that case in my May article: my client was struck by a negligent minivan driver who turned into him on a straight country road. The negligent driver hired a team of four defense attorneys, who believed they could convince a jury that my client, who was badly and permanently injured by the crash, was more than 50% at fault for the accident, mainly because he wasn't wearing a helmet.

I was ready for them: my team and I had outworked and outreached the negligent driver's attorneys, and ultimately secured a verdict of more than half a million dollars for my client... his case wasn't "unwinnable", he just needed an experienced attorney who works almost exclusively with motorcycle accident injury victims and who would know how to use the law to blow the defense out of the water.

TWO: The feedback I have received is that attorneys, judges, and insurance companies know me... Some fear me, others revere me, but they all respect me. Most of the attorneys I have faced across the courtroom know that I make it a point to be the most prepared person in the room, and that I am a fierce fighter for my clients. They have seen that I don't do anything half way, especially when it comes to fighting and winning for clients.

Michigan's motorcycle laws are so complex and nuanced, with no two cases being the same. Defense attorneys know that I have seen over 1,000 motorcycle accident injury cases. Knowing the laws inside and out, and my determination to ensure my clients get what they deserve, makes me a force to be reckoned with in the courtroom.

On the other hand, many accident injury attorneys know and respect how committed I am to my clients, the law, and the community. They have seen me work tirelessly to champion accident injury victims' rights, and to promote better awareness and safety for motorcycles. In fact, many attorneys like and respect me so much that they have been added to my nationwide database of top accident attorneys across the country. This network, which I have been building for over two decades, includes attorneys who have winning verdicts, won awards, teach or speak at seminars and conferences, and most importantly have a proven winning track record.

I have heard that if you want to be the best at something, you should surround yourself with the best people. My hope is that by associating with top attorneys across the country, I can help motorcycle accident injury victims and their families to get justice, no matter where their accident happened.

THREE: I'm committed to giving back to the community. Regular readers will know how much time and effort my team and I put in to promoting motorcycle awareness. We make the rounds at summer swap meets and motorcycle shows, handing out bumper stickers and our Biker Card while providing information about motorcycle laws in Michigan. We created "Watch for Motorcycles" billboards and bumper stickers to remind freeway drivers to be on the lookout; so far we've given out more than 25,000 stickers, all free. I provide meeting space, for free, so that an accident scene management class can take place, teaching motorcyclists and others what steps to take if they are first on the scene of a crash. I host an annual scholarship program for medical and legal students, and I even donated one of my own motorcycles to MSF's safety training program at Schoolcraft College, among other community-oriented activities.

Whatever prompted my nomination for the 2016 Michigan Super Lawyers list, as well as the 2016 Best Lawyers list, I know I wouldn't be where I am today without the support of a great team. I am continually impressed by my staff's commitment to our clients and their dedication to helping injured people. I believe that hiring the best people is the best I can do for my clients, and I am very fortunate to have their support in our work and community activities.

If you'd like to learn more about anything you've read above, visit my website at www.MotorcycleLawyerMichigan.com. You can also follow us to get all the latest news about our firm, Michigan's motorcycle laws, and motorcycle awareness activities and events in your area: [Facebook.com/TheMotorcycleLawyer](https://www.facebook.com/TheMotorcycleLawyer).

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Ratchet and his wife are watching t.v. when a Slim Fast commercial comes on and he being a natural born smart-ass says, "hey, why don't we try washing your clothes in Slim Fast and see if that takes some pounds off".
 Now, Lucy is nobody's fool, so she did a little midnight magic.
 Next morning when Ratchet gets up, has coffee and grabs a fresh pair of underwear to put on after his shower, he notices as he pulls from drawer that all this white stuff is puffing up in the air. "Lucy, why in the hell did you put talcum powder in my damn underwear?"
 Lucy casually screams out; "It's not talcum powder, it's Miracle Grow".

Two guys grow up together but after college one moves to NY, the other to California. Every ten years they agree to meet in Chicago and play golf. They finish their round at age 30 and go to lunch. "Where you wanna' go?"
 "Hooters."
 "Why?"
 "Well, you know, they got the chicks with the big boobs, and the tight shorts, cute butts and smooth tan legs."
 "OK."
 Ten years later at 40 they play. "Where you wanna' go?"
 "Hooters."
 "Why?"
 "Well, you know, they got cold beer and the big screen TVs and everybody has a little action on the games."
 "OK."

Ten years later at 50. "Where you wanna' go?"
 "Hooters."
 "Why?"
 "The food is good and there is plenty of parking."
 "OK."
 At 60 - "Where you wanna' go?"
 "Hooters."
 "Why?"
 "Wings are half price."
 "OK"
 At 70 - "Where you wanna' go?"
 "Hooters."
 "Why?"
 "They have 6 handicapped spaces right by the door."
 "OK."

At 80 - "Where you wanna' go?"
 "Hooters."
 "Why?"
 "We've never been there before."
 "OK."

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs.

Why do they call it an asteroid when it's outside the hemisphere, but call it a hemorrhoid when it's in your butt?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a really long beard like ZZ Top after all those years in the jungle?

Many years ago, after "Rooster" was married, he was playing golf when he accidentally overturned his golf cart.

Isabella, a very attractive and keen golfer, who lived in a villa on the golf course, heard the noise and called out: "Are you okay, what's your name?"

"They just call me Rooster, and I'm okay thanks," he replied as he pulled himself out of the twisted cart.

"Rooster", she said, (firm loose breasts undulating beneath her white silky robe) "forget your troubles. Come to my villa, rest a while and I'll get my help to get your cart up later."

"That's mighty nice of you," Rooster answered, "but I don't think my wife would like it."

"Oh, come on now", Isabella insisted.

She was so very pretty, truly very sexy and very persuasive.

He was weak. "Well okay," He finally agreed but thought to himself, "my wife won't like this."

After a couple of restorative Bourbon and waters, he thanked Isabella. "Rooster confessed, "I feel a lot better now, but I know my wife is going to be really upset. So I'd best go now."

"Don't be silly!" Isabella said with a smile, letting her silky robe fall open quite a bit. "She won't know anything. By the way, where is she?" Rooster replied, "Still under the cart, I guess".

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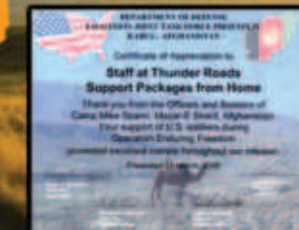
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2016 Ogemaw Hills Bike Week

ALIVE AND KICKIN'!



By Billy D

Nothing beats jumping on your scooter and jamming the gears up to northern Michigan in the summertime. The experience only gets better when you throw in camping, music, dancing, and a couple hundred fellow bikers to party with! Well, if that sounds like your kind of thing, I'll bet my bottom dollar I must have seen you in July for the Ogemaw Hill Bike Week Rally. For the past 31 years riders have been making the annual pilgrimage to the West Branch area to thunder through those beautiful hills and celebrate with fellow enthusiasts.

Ogemaw Hills is a classic rally that harkens back to the days of pup tents, sleeping bags, and cases of beer strapped to the rear fender. With a bunch of mega toy haulers, motor homes, and just about anything else that will pass for shelter thrown in for good measure. Once you enter the gate and get settled in the good times are guaranteed as the party begins. Each night the organizers have live bands performing down by the corral until late in the night. This is accompanied by mechanical bull riding, beauty contests (with really wet shirts) where folks can strut their stuff, or basically just strut. The days in Ogemaw are

filled with bike shows, races, cruising, and biker games. This year the sand corral was opened back up for the nightly tradition of riding flat out in and sometimes into the fenced corral... Always a blast to watch!

I always meet amazing people at this rally and usually overindulge, but that is really what it's all about isn't it? Good times and good folks never really get's old and the days up in Ogemaw always pass to quickly for me! When you make the trip to this rally, you get to see the new, the old, and just about everything in between. Toss in great vendors offering bike accessories, clothing, jewelry, weapons of mass destruction, and tasty food. Well..... you just can't go wrong now can ya? I hope you all enjoy the rest of the riding season and if you haven't been to Ogemaw or---haven't been back in a while (you know who you are). Do yourself a favor next year, get your motor running, twist that throttle and git your ass up to Ogemaw Hills man!



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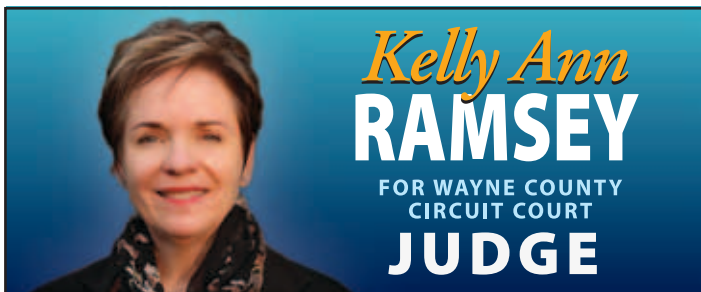
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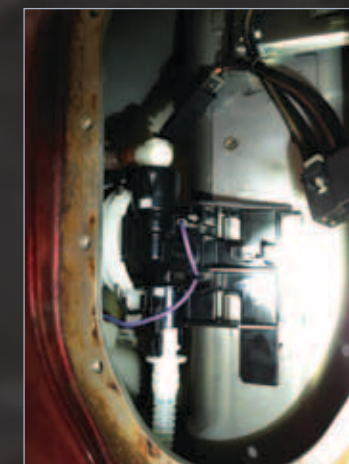
In the shop this month we're going to do a fuel filter and supply line replacement on a 2004 Dyna. This is a maintenance issue that I believe is often overlooked, due to the fact that these components are located inside the fuel tank. Out of sight, out of mind so to speak. The fuel filter should be part of your regular maintenance/ service schedule, but it's not based on time or mileage alone, riding conditions and style must be considered and also, quality of fuel available. The supply line, we're replacing, because it's beginning to leak. The fuel injected bikes have a quick disconnect fuel line and they will develop a leak sometimes. You may disconnect and reconnect the coupler several times with no problems and then for no apparent reason, it will start to leak. That's why we're getting into this, because of the leak and since we're already there, it's time to replace the fuel filter also.

Before we get started, I can't stress SAFETY enough. We will be working around gasoline. Gasoline is extremely flammable, be very careful and work in a well ventilated area, no open flames and no smoking. If you're doing this in a heated shop, be aware of outside sources of ignition, such as the pilot light of a furnace coming on. If you're just servicing the filter and it's possible, try to plan the service when there is less than half a tank of fuel in the motorcycle. In this case, the coupler is leaking (and of course the tank if full), so we'll have to drain the tank. I'm not going to go into detail here, but be very careful!

The first thing we need to do is locate the fuel pump fuse and remove it. With the fuse removed, start the motorcycle and let it stall (run out of fuel). This will release any pressure in the fuel pump, next either remove the main fuse or disconnect the battery. Safety once again. There are wires to unplug near and inside the gas tank. Make sure there is no chance of a spark. With the motorcycle prepped: fuel pressure relieved, battery disconnected, seat removed, our next step is to remove the dash. On this model there is a bolt at the base, one on either side about in the middle of the dash and around the fuel cap trim ring.

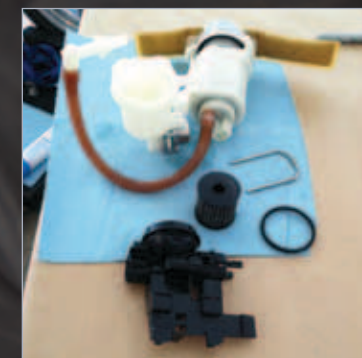


Carefully lift the dash away from tank and unplug wire harness. Now, remove the bolts around the fuel filler/fuel gauge assembly and remove it. There is a seal on the gauge assembly, it can be reused if it's in good condition. If there is any question, replace it, it's not terribly expensive. Unplug the wires to the fuel gauge and set the assembly aside.



Looking inside tank; this is the fuel pump/filter assembly. Gently lift black the tab on the rear of the housing and slide the assembly forward and free of the bracket. At this point, it requires a little careful maneuvering/wiggling to be able to disconnect the fuel line and wiring. Remember, this is a fragile unit, patience and finesse, not force. With the line and wiring disconnected; it takes a lifting and slight twist to remove unit from tank. Be careful of painted surfaces. It's a good practice to tape paper towels around the opening to protect the paint.

With the fuel pump/filter assembly on the bench, we can disconnect the line from the fuel pump to the filter. Slide the silver horse-shoe clip out and remove the black cover from the white filter housing and then remove the fuel filter and sealing O-ring.



Note the color of the filter. The new one is white; this one is overdue for replacement. If you're only servicing the fuel filter, reassembly is the opposite of disassembly. A couple of things to be aware of when reassembling; it doesn't show up well in the picture, but there is an allocation in the center of the fuel filter housing that fits in a hole in filter. It's a tight fit. I like to use a little lube here and on the sealing O-ring also. This helps ease reassembly. Make sure the O-ring stays in place when re-installing the filter housing cover. On this project, we also replaced the fuel supply line from the filter to the quick coupler on the outside of the tank. It's a fairly straight forward procedure; 5/8" socket, unscrew the fitting from the tank (already drained) and install a new one.



It takes a little maneuvering, because you have to twist the entire line. Do not over tighten the fitting on the fuel tank. Pay close attention to the O-ring when disconnecting and reconnecting the lines. If they appear damaged at all, replace. Make sure they stay in place during reassembly. Once reassembly is complete, start the motorcycle and check for leaks.

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On Monday, September 12th a genuine was taken away from us. At around 5:30PM,

defender of Michigan motorcyclist's rights while on a motorcycle ride, Rep. Pettalia ran broadside into a pick-up truck driven by a 59 year old woman who turned left right in front of him.

If you have read the news, you will surely be aware that he was wearing a helmet, and also that he was a sponsor and champion of our helmet modification bill, which allows us to decide for ourselves about wearing a helmet. But, there was so much more than just being a sponsor to the helmet law change that Rep. Pettalia was intricately involved in that pertains to our lives as bikers.

You can thank him for not seeing an additional \$100 dollars added on to your motorcycle registrations every year. As chair of the transportation committee, he ensured we were not taken advantage of. He also was the sponsor of the TIP bill, which ABATE pushed for in order to limit temporary rider's permits with the intention of getting people trained and endorsed. Also, the Nathans Law/Nathan Bower Act was sponsored by Rep. Pettalia. This is the law that made motorcycle awareness training mandatory in all Drivers Training classes.

Any and all legislation involving motorcycle licensing and education was a closely held interest to Rep. Pettalia. ABATE President Vince Consiglio, as well as, Legislative Officer Jim Rhoades, had a regular and close relationship with the Representative. He was always very welcoming to bikers in Lansing and he was a regular speaker at our yearly Freedom Rally. He often enjoyed riding his motorcycle to the Capitol to work.

It is with tremendous sympathy to his family and friends that we offer our condolences. We have lost a great ally and a champion of freedom and liberty. We will not let his support, friendship, and advocacy go forgotten! It is our hope to see issues that might have played a part in helping to prevent his untimely passing gain relevance in new legislation that addresses the sheer negligence that takes place far too often. "I did not see him" is not going to cut it, when "I did not look" is the truth!

Ride in peace, brother.

From all of us old bikers.

~ Rusty



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Biker Preacher's Corner

WOW! Here it is October already!! While looking back at this year and my odometer I've had a busy year and noticed that I've put a lot of miles on and there's still more ride!!

Last month I preached a message which I called "Stuck Like Chuck". The message is about how so many people think and feel that they are so stuck with all kinds of things in their lives and they just can't seem to get unstuck, on their own. Some people are always angry, some are addicted to drugs, alcohol and other vices just to cover up their pain, and some people are stuck in destructive relationships with the whirlwind cycles of euphoria, bliss, sex, abuse, crying and breakup... then on to another bad relationship.

2 Timothy 2:26 says "Then they may come to their senses and escape the Devil's trap, having been captured by him to do his will."

Ya see, many of the things that keep us 'stuck like Chuck' are temptations from the Devil, a byproduct of our sinful nature. Their purpose is to captivate, deceive, control and destroy you. But, Jesus came to save that which was lost and set us free from the control of sin and lead us into a victorious life that He (Jesus) bought for us with His own blood.

Let me ask you a question - How many times have you felt you were a slave to behaviors and addictions that controlled your every thought and action and that you just can't break free from?

In John 8:36 Jesus said "Therefore, if the Son sets you free, you really will be free."

Listen, the truth is you don't have to be 'stuck like Chuck' anymore!! Ya see, when we allow Jesus into your life He forgives you and makes you free thereby getting us unstuck from the issues of life (Jesus is the only one that can do this). I'm not saying that your life will be totally free of problems and pain. But, what I am saying is that with Jesus the issues that we all face in life turn into our good because we love God.

So, if we are made free from sin, bondage and death by the Son of God, Christ Jesus... we are free indeed and no longer a servant to sin, which brings death. Praise God!!!

Today, if you'll take to heart what I'm saying, you can break free and declare your Victory in Christ Jesus!

Romans 5:8 says "But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!"

So, God has done His part - now the choice is yours to make. To be 'Stuck Like Chuck' or receive forgiveness and restoration from the only One that can give it, Christ Jesus. He truly is the only one that has laid His life down and picked it up again, so that you and I can be free.

Ask Jesus to be your Lord and savior today, you'll be glad you did!

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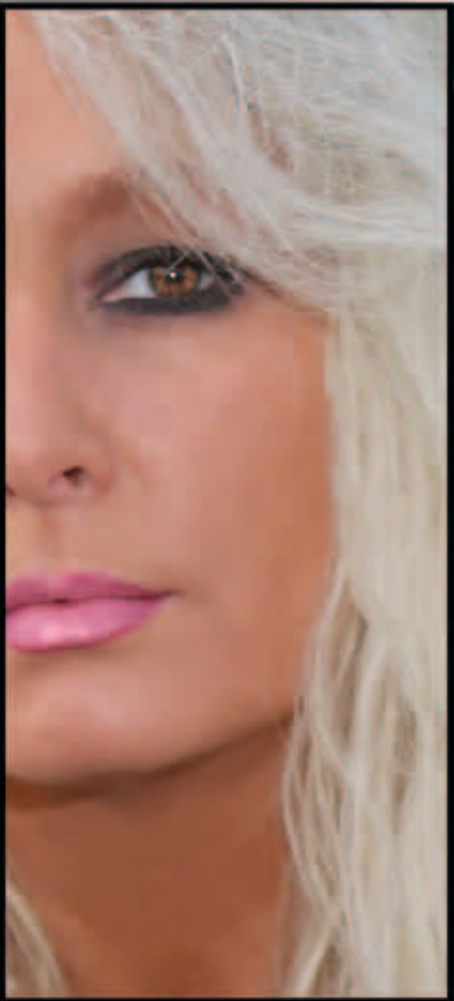
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HISTORY OF MOTORCYCLES:

Part 13

At the close of the 90's we had reached a point in our journey where Harley Davidson was still coming on strong, Japanese bikes were twisting the throttle and climbing the ranks, and Indian was creeping back onto the scene with some solid bikes. The 2000's wouldn't slow manufacturers down either.

Harley Davidson brings the fuel injected V-Rod to the table in 2002. The V-Rod also combined overhead cams and liquid cooling and delivered an ass kicking 115 horsepower. The Sportster line of bikes received updates to its seating positions, frames, and engine mountings, as well as the addition of the XL Forty-Eight in 2010. The touring editions at Harley also had some work done; improving transmissions and creating a new frame that provided a longer wheelbase to improve seating position and maneuverability. 2006 brought us the all-new FLHX/I Street Glide to the touring family as well. The biggest change for Harley this decade was quite possibly the addition of the 2009 FLHTCUTG Tri Glide Ultra Classic. Harley's first three-wheeler for public purchase.

Harley Davidson wasn't the only company hard at it during this time. After purchasing Indian Motorcycle Company from a London based private equity firm (Stellican), Polaris Industries Inc. took over production and relocated from Kings Mountain, N.C. to our very own Spirit Lake, Iowa. While a modest number of Indian Chiefs had been produced in North Carolina, the resources of Polaris and the move to Iowa proved to be stellar for Indian. Indian not only began production again, but they



introduced the powerful new Thunder Stroke 111 V-Twin in 2013 at Daytona Bike Week. In 2014 Indian unveiled the Indian Chief Classic, Indian Chief Vintage, and Indian Chieftain all equipped with the powerful Thunder Stroke engine as well. The Indian Roadmaster would soon follow, and then the Indian Scout, and the Chief Dark Horse. Indian came back with a vengeance...and with the mind-blowing power behind these new bikes that has even the most expeditious riders shaking their heads.



So the industry just keeps chugging along, perfecting the objects of our affection at every turn... and we all thank you for that, but what do these guys have up their sleeves for us in the future? Over the years concept bikes have emerged that look to the consumer to be straight out of the mind of H.G. Wells. But what ever happened to these bikes? Well, just

as in the early years, development stages didn't always progress past the prototype stage. Many of these concepts proved to be nothing more than cool ideas... ideas that appear feasible on paper, but lack the ability to actually function on the road. Despite this fact, some of them are still worth a look.



The Nuclear Fusion Motorbike 2050 is a concept designed by Romain Herment. This concept bike uses nuclear energy as a power source. Herment calls it the Motorbike 2050 Version 2....makes me wonder what kind of explosion

Version 1 ended in. This futuristic bike uses two inexhaustible natural elements (deuterium and tritium) to allow for a sustainable ride should dark days come to the fuel industries.



The Lamborbiker is a tribute to Nicolas Tesla and Ferruccio Lamborghini. This bike takes its name from invention and design...and with good reason. The Lamborbiker has hubless wheels and smooth clean lines, but is far from the prototype stage, as all design has been done via computer, and even the engine design has only gone as far as 3-D imaging thanks to specialized software.

The Fallout is a concept bike that was conceived as a tribute to the classic chopper. The Fallout, sports a single sided swing arm that meshes with the Bimota sourced frame in order to create a completely unique "Hub-Centered" steering motorcycle. It has short bobber style handle bars, chopped exhaust, and a long tank to bring out chopper aesthetics that bikers know and love. Combined with a bit of futuristic body styling, this becomes old school biker meets hover craft.

With all of these potential avenues for the motorcycle industry to take, how do we even know what is feasible, and what is imagination running rampant onto paper? Well we know this for sure...times are definitely changing, and those changes affect us all in one way or another. The most likely adaptation the motorcycle community will see in the near future is hybrid bikes. The concept of an electric bike may not be your cup of tea (or bottle of beer as it may be), but it is none the less, part of our future. As we look at hybrids today, many of the electric cars actually get better gas mileage than your two-wheeler. Pretty crazy to imagine, but true. There are positives and negatives to the idea of hybridization of motorcycles. The internal combustion engine has been around for more than 100 years, and we have done pretty much everything to perfect its original design. Bringing up the old adage, "If it ain't broke..." Also, oil companies really don't want everyone plug-

ging in versus filling up...big oil doesn't know how to be poor, nor do they want to be! Also, your bike makes noise...good noise...noise that makes the cage drivers pay attention when you're out on the road. Hybrids are clean, therefore good for our planet that we are slowly destroying. Electric engines have total linear power availability...electric bikes can go from 0-100 mph in one gear if you want to. The choice will soon be yours to make.

From the infancy of the motorcycle to the possibilities of what the future may hold for our two-wheeled friends; the motorcycle has come a long way. Motorcycles vary considerably depending on the task for which they were designed, such as long distance travel, navigating urban traffic, cruising, sport and racing, or off road conditions. No longer must riders endure back breaking rides that can heat the nether regions upwards of 300 degrees. Not to mention, we can travel hundreds of miles before succumbing to the magnetism of a gas station. Today motorcycles are the most common type of motor vehicle in the world...200 million motorcycles (33 bikes per 1,000 people) to be exact. Not bad for the idea that stemmed from Roper's twisted imagination and a shitty bicycle so many years ago. Bikes today are affordable, trustworthy, comfortable, and above all still the coolest thing since sliced bread.

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IS IT TOO MUCH TO ASK?

BY RICK WYATT



Back in the spring I promised myself that I would not wander too far off into the weeds during this political silly season. Granted, I have demonstrated that I am opinionated from time to time and that my bubble tends to fall to the right side of plumb; but I hope that you (the readers) recognize that my passion is for our shared freedom and liberties first established by the founders. Central to our founding is the Constitution, which is a blueprint, designed to limit the reach of government and hold it subservient to the will of the people. I can't help but wonder, what the founders would think if they saw the fiasco that passes for government and its lack of respect for constitutional boundaries.

My muse stems from the insinuation made by the "progressive" ticket that anybody that does not believe in lock step with their views has to be a bigot! Needless to say, that one hit a 10.0 on my "pissed off -o- meter," because the ambiance of the America I grew up in was the melding ideas, customs and opinions that, while not making us perfect, set this nation apart as unique among the nations of the world. The natural stirring of the societal pot by changes in social attitude and opinion has never been easy; it has led to duels, assassinations, secessions, a civil war, separated friends, alienated parents and completely destroyed families etc., etc., etc. But, when fundamental change of prevailing norms is forced upon a population of free people, well the results are predictable according the Saul Alinsky's "Rules for Radicals"; which teaches young communist revolutionaries that they can seize control of a nation through the creation of mass chaos. Guess who was a student of (and had her picture taken with on numerous occasions) the chaos master himself; that's right, the same b---- who believes we are all bigots, because we choose to think and believe for ourselves. I know she walks on water and all, but is it too much to ask that this person be held to the same media scrutiny as her opponent?

Men and women who work in law enforcement are exposed to bugs, germs and diseases by the criminal element they have to deal with, it's an occupational hazard. HIPA laws preclude police officers, correctional staff, and first responders in general from being warned about individuals who are known to have communicable medical conditions, even though it is not uncommon for some disruptive offenders to throw urine, feces or spit on responding staff. But, this HIPA wall does not exist anymore between the VA and the BATFE, subsequently over a quarter million veterans have been denied their second amendment rights to own a firearm. According to Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) veterans are all mentally ill anyway. Is it too much to ask that we all be treated with the same respect as members of the criminal element?

The fourteenth amendment guarantees that citizens be secure in life, liberty and property, but there is a mechanism, eminent domain, by which property can be taken for the public good as long as the owners are fairly compensated. What happened to the rights of the Hammond family who had their ranch seized under eminent domain for the purpose of mining uranium? With the stroke of a pen a family (and many of their neighbors) lost their homes and livelihood to an overreaching federal bureaucracy; and the compelling governmental interest, the mineral rights were sold to the Russians in a deal negotiated through the Clinton Global Initiative. Is it too much to ask that if you are going to steal from hard working Americans, that all Americans (not just the Bill, Hillary and Chelsea) reap the benefit?

Speaking of land scandals, what about the way the Bureau of Land Management changes the terms of land leases with farmers and ranchers to run them off pieces of property that are suddenly attractive to land speculators? Does the name Cliven Bundy ring a bell? He grazed his cattle on a piece of property for years, maintaining it the same way he did his own and BLM rewarded him by cutting the number of cattle he could graze per acre to the point where he could not make a profit and he fought them every step of the way. Then when he does a controlled burn of the brush land, the way all ranchers are proactive in preventing wild fires, the government had him prosecuted. The sale agent for the interested speculators, Sen. Harry Reid's son who has become a millionaire selling government land, that doesn't seem to ever get listed on sale listings available to the public. Is it too much to ask that governmental officials, elected and non-elected, be held to at least as high of an ethical standard as governmental licensed sales agents?

Tens of thousands of Americans are unemployed or under employed. There are thousands of military veterans unemployed, homeless, and/or dealing with battle related injuries and nobody is getting the assistance they need or deserve. Is it too much to ask that before another refugee, or illegal border crosses, or visa over stayers be considered for legal status or get another cent in public benefit that we take care of our own first?

Come to think of it, if believing that using government to abuse and bully taxpayers while you line your own pockets makes me a bigot, then I proudly wear that title!



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