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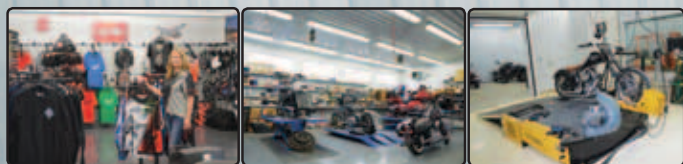
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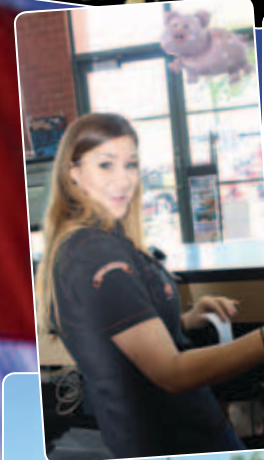


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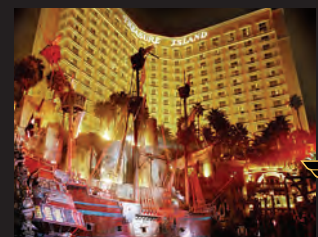
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Full Throttle...

I am going to do something I normally steer away from... I usually don't talk much about my day to day tasks, but I am feeling a slight nudge to share, just a bit anyways. Each month there are constants; I have my daughter (she's 10 yrs. old) every other week, I am a single mom so I have all the normal responsibilities of taking care of a home, such as mowing the lawn, dishes, cleaning, laundry, cooking, well you know the tasks. I spend the middle of each month planning, preparing and laying out the next month's issue; proofing articles, going through pictures, finding content, uploading ads or sometimes creating them for our awesome advertisers, proofing, then off to print (with many more details of course in this process) and then I prepare and package for distribution about 1000 subscriptions and mail outs each month (the reps get their own quantities each month and distribute to each of their customers themselves). Also, each month I handle invoicing, collections and general response for Thunder Roads Michigan or the Ride n' Win Contest as well. On top of that, I try to attend as many advertiser events as possible or visit them. I wish there was more hours in the day so I could attend even more and visit more! All the things I do are because anything you love is worth doing and worth doing the best you can. My father used to say, "Don't half ass it". Funny saying, but well said. Sometimes, I wonder how the heck I do it all; as I am sure many of you that live such busy lives ask yourself each day as well. I do it, because that's the only way I know, full throttle. I want to take this opportunity and say a special thank you to all the folks at the Red, White and Blue Boondox MS event (such incredible people there) that said such nice compliments to me about Thunder Roads MI. Thanks to all that have also taken the time in a phone call, email, Facebook or in person to compliment the Blood, Sweat and Tears that goes into making the #1 FREE motorcycle magazine each month! Thank you to the sales reps of Thunder Roads MI for all that you do; attending events, distributing mags, ad sales and more. Thunder Roads MI ask that YOU please patronize our advertisers and tell them too, thank you for supporting Thunder Roads. To everyone that works their asses off each day and gives each day their all- Good Job, now take a break and enjoy it a minute!!!

On to exciting September... hope to see everyone at Freedom Fest in Akron Labor Day weekend. I will be set-up there (see details on page 25- event stops) and also for Bikes on the Bricks the following weekend. These are both awesome events and if you haven't been to them yet, well you need to check them out! I will have all the Thunder Wear with me on hand too so you can finally get yourself that Thunder Roads T-shirt.

I hope everyone has been enjoying this awesome, HOT, "Florida like" summer we've been having! This is the last month to check-in at the Ride Stops with your Ride Card, so get out and Ride! We will kick this off again next year so hold on to your Ride Cards.

Last month the Biker Friendly character was on page 46, on the gun mailbox picture. See if you can find him this month (larger version found in the BFD).



Now for some "Mo" Advice:

Anything worth doing is worth doing it right. Give your All, have Pride, be Grateful and Smile- it just makes the journey better on the road to the destination.



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READERS RIDES

Big Al



Big Al & his 2006 Orange County Chopper Prototype Splitback ~ a Paul Sr. Creation

I am a true motorcycle owner and operator. Although this beauty is designed for show, I use it and have ridden many, many, miles on this bike. With that being said, a show custom built bike requires a lot of extra attention, but I consider it to be a labor of love; fine tuning, adjustments, changing and tweaking my scooter to personalize it and keep it running to my expectations. I recommend to all bike owners/operators to take the time to know their bike and not just their own bike. I am 31 plus years riding and still learning.

I am the second owner, the original traded it in on a Dodge Viper and I bought it at his trade in value! Something else that I received was a letter stating: It was named Chopper of the Year at the V-Twin Expo.

This particular chopper was used by Metzler tire co. in a national ad campaign, which was featured in all the national motorcycle magazines as well as, several other companies have featured it for various charity organizations. It was entered in the Michigan Custom Motorcycle Show in Birch Run and won best in its class.



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- 10am - 5pm: Harley-Davidson Demo Rides
- 10am - 7pm: T-shirt & Saturday ride registration sales
- 4pm - 10pm: Beer Tent
- 4pm: Globe of Death
- 5pm: Reverend Right Time playing in the Beer Tent
- 5pm - 8pm: Mini Bike races presented by the Damned Wheel Club
- 5pm - 10pm: Wall of Death
- 6pm: Globe of Death

SATURDAY

**DOWNTOWN STREETS CLOSED OFF
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- 8am: T-shirt & Saturday ride registration sales
- 8am - 10am: Police Officer training on Flat Lot
- 8am - 11am: Ride registration at Vehicle City Harley-Davidson
- 10am - 5pm: Harley-Davidson Demo Rides
- 10:30am - 11am: CHiPs Icon Erik Estrada at Vehicle City Harley-Davidson
- 10am - 10pm: Beer Tent
- 11am: Police escorted ride leaves Vehicle City Harley-Davidson
- Noon - ? : Wall of Death
- 1pm Approx: Police ride arrives in Downtown Flint
- 1pm - 1:45pm: CHiPs Icon Erik Estrada on Main Stage/Autographs
- 1:30pm: Globe of Death
- 2pm: Rockabilly Pin-Up Girl Contest with Judge Erik Estrada on Main Stage
- 2pm - 5pm: Police Officer training
- 2pm - 3:30pm: Police Last Man Standing Preliminaries on Flat Lot
- 4pm - 4:45pm: CHiPs Icon Erik Estrada on Main Stage/Autographs
- 4pm: Globe of Death
- 5pm: Billy Mack & Juke Joint Johnnies playing in the Beer Tent
- 7pm: Globe of Death

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- 10am: Opening ceremony
- 10am - 1pm: Motorcycle show registration (Must enter at S. Saginaw & 4th St.)
- 10am - 3pm: H-D Demo Rides
- 10am - 5pm: T-shirt sales
- 10:30am: Law enforcement skills competition
- 11am: Globe of Death
- Noon - 5pm: Beer Tent
- Noon: Genesee Ramblers playing in the Beer Tent
- Noon - 4pm: Wall of Death
- 1pm: Globe of Death
- 1pm - 1:45pm: CHiPs Icon Erik Estrada on Main Stage/Autographs
- 1pm - 2pm: Police Last Man Standing Finals
- 1pm - 3pm: Motorcycle Show Judging
- 3pm: Globe of Death
- 3pm Approx: Awards ceremony for law enforcement competition on Flat Lot
- 3:30pm: Motorcycle Show Awards on Main Stage
- 4pm - 4:45pm: CHiPs Icon Erik Estrada on Main Stage/Autographs

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VETERANS CORNER



Program gives homeless veterans second chance at life

SPRINGFIELD, Mich. — for many veterans, the impact of battle doesn't end when they return home. Oftentimes, veterans deal With Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), substance abuse and even homelessness. But one group in West Michigan is working to help get those homeless veterans back on their feet.

Michael Hager, an Army veteran, has been struggling with homelessness on and off for three years. "I never thought this would happen to me," Hager said. "I never imagined myself being like this." Struggling with the aftermath of a failed marriage and PTSD, he said he turned to drugs and alcohol.

"The past three years have been hell, to be honest, but now I'm properly cared for by the VA and I'm grateful to them," Hager said. "I'm in a good place now and I don't feel anything like I did before."

Hager is now staying at the Haven of Rest Men's Shelter in Battle Creek and he's a member of the Veterans in Progress, or V.I.P. program.

"A lot of veterans feel like they've been thrown away," said Todd Artis, manager of the Haven of Rest Shelter and a co-coordinator for the V.I.P. program. They are helping veterans get back on their feet by giving them food and shelter, but also taking them out into their communities.

"They gave a lot for us, we owe it to them," said Ken Nierman, president of the Iron Horse Riders Group Motorcycle Club. The Iron Horse Riders Group has partnered with the Veterans in Progress program by taking the veterans out to baseball games, throwing them Christmas parties and on Sunday, having a cookout while fishing on the lake. "They've given so much for the country that it's such a little thing that we're giving back to them, but at least we are a group that's doing something," Nierman said. "It makes us feel human again," Hager said. "It makes us feel like we're a part of the community and makes us happy. It helps us forget about for a little while some of the things we've been through."

Army veteran Jeffery Whitehead is graduating from the program next month and moving into his own place. "I went through a substance abuse program and other programs that the VA offered because at one time I was doing through things in my life and I didn't want to think about it or deal with it, so I turned to drugs," Whitehead said. "I knew I was making a mistake because I never did that before and all the drugs did was make my situation worse. I've now been clean for four months."

It's a small gesture, but it's one that means the world to the men and women willing to give their lives for their country. "Veterans are an elite group of people and they've been through a lot," Artis said. "Just for them serving our country is a great honor right there."

"It's good to give back," Nierman said. It's the only way I can do it." The Veterans in Progress program is one of several offered through the Haven of Rest men's shelter. For more information, go to <http://www.thehavenbc.org>

Vietnam Veteran from Michigan to receive Medal of Honor

Nearly five decades after helping rescue dozens of American soldiers pinned down by enemy fire, a Vietnam War veteran received the nation's highest military honor for valor.

President Barack Obama awarded the Medal of Honor to retired Lt. Col. Charles Kettles of Michigan during a ceremony at the White House.

Kettles led helicopter flights carrying reinforcements to U.S. soldiers and evacuated the wounded after they were ambushed in combat operations near Duc Pho.

Kettles repeatedly returned to a landing zone under heavy fire. He is credited with helping to save 40 soldiers and four members of his unit.

He received the Distinguished Service Cross, but the Pentagon determined his actions also merited the Medal of Honor. Congress passed legislation waiving a time limitation for the award.

Money stolen from veterans at Clare fair

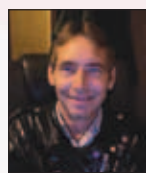
Police are looking for the person or people who stole money from a veteran's donation jar at the Clare County Fairgrounds in Harrison.

Veterans collecting money for baseball caps that were on display reported to police that roughly \$50 was missing from the donation jar, Clare County Sheriff John Wilson.

The larceny happened sometime in the evening hours the previous night, Wilson said. Sheriff's detectives are investigating the larceny and are asking that anyone with information call the department at 989-539-7166, Ext. 4242.

On a positive note, Wilson said, another veteran, who wants to remain anonymous, donated amount of money that was stolen, Wilson said.

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BACK TO SCHOOL: MICHIGAN MOTORCYCLE LAWS 101

It's "back to school" season this month, the perfect time to provide a bit of education about Michigan's motorcycle laws. As many readers know, I like to try to stay on top of new or changing laws that affect Michigan's motorcyclists, and usually these laws are about what a driver can or cannot do on the road. This month, I've compiled a list of ten motorcycle-related laws you may not have known, many of which are rules about how your bike can, and cannot, be put together.

ONE: Do you even ride a motorcycle? Sometimes, there is confusion about the legal difference between a motorcycle and a moped. A motorcycle is defined as "every motor vehicle having a saddle or seat for the use of the rider and designated to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground..." (MCL 257.31). A moped is a 2- or 3-wheeled vehicle that meets the following three criteria: the motor does not exceed 100 cubic centimeters piston displacement; the motor cannot propel the vehicle faster than 30 mph; and, "the power drive system does not require the operator to shift gears (MCL 257.32b).

TWO: Believe it or not, there is no minimum age requirement for a motorcycle passenger. Instead, the law mandates that "a passenger shall not ride on a motorcycle unless his or her feet can rest on the foot rests or pegs," [MCL 257.658a(1)]. In other words, as long as a passenger is tall enough that their feet can rest on the foot rests or pegs, they are good to go. The same statute specifies that motorcycles "shall be equipped with adequate seats and securely attached foot rests or pegs for each designated seating position."

THREE: You may be able to carry a passenger on your bike, but you cannot carry a package when you ride in Michigan! "A moped or motorcycle operator shall not carry any package, bundle, or article that prevents the driver from keeping both hands upon the handlebars of the vehicle," (MCL 257.661). Rules for cell phone use vary from city to city, so your best bet is to put your phone away until you get to your destination.

FOUR: Though helmets are optional as long as certain criteria are met, eye protection is not. A motorcyclist traveling more than 35mph must wear "goggles with transparent lenses, eyeglasses, or a transparent face shield," if the motorcycle doesn't have a windshield. Eye protection must be shatter-resistant and big enough to protect the rider's eyes against "airborne materials and other road debris," (MCL 257.708a).

FIVE: Want to feel the wind in your hair? Motorcyclists can choose not to wear a helmet in Michigan, as long as they meet the following criteria: the rider must have had their CY endorsement for at least two years, or passed a certified rider training program; the rider must be 21 years of age or older; and, the rider must have a minimum of \$20,000 in first-party medical benefits insurance [MCL 257.658(5)]. Passengers who wish to ride without a helmet must meet the last two criteria listed above. Finally, all moped riders 19 years or younger must wear a helmet [MCL 257.658(4)].

SIX: Thinking of going from three wheels to two? According to the law, a motorcycle endorsement (CY) issued for the operation of a 3-wheeled motorcycle, "is restricted to that operation and does not permit operation of a 2-wheeled motorcycle," [MCL 257.312b(3)]. In other words, if you rode a 3-wheeled motorcycle to pass your CY endorsement road test, or to take and pass a certified rider training program, your endorsement is specific to 3-wheeled bikes only. If, however, you did your road test and/or certified rider training program on a 2-wheeled

motorcycle, and you decide you want to ride a 3-wheeled bike instead, your CY endorsement is fine; you do not need to get a new one. If you're not sure about which endorsement you need, contact your local Secretary of State office.

SEVEN: Got ape hangers? Don't stretch too far! Handlebars on motorcycles or mopeds on Michigan's roads must not be higher than 15 inches "from the lowest point of the undepressed saddle to the highest point of the handle grips," (MCL 257.661a).

EIGHT: It's no big surprise that motorcycles are required to have two brakes - one front, one rear - that can be operated by hand or foot (MCL 257.705). But, did you know that motorcycles operating on Michigan's highways must be equipped with a working horn? It must be "capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 200 feet," but it cannot be unreasonably loud or harsh, and it cannot whistle (MCL 257.706).

NINE: Can a motorcycle ever be too loud, really? Yes, at least according to Michigan's laws. Since 1978, motor vehicles have been required to meet specific noise limitations, and may not exceed the following limits: If the speed limit is 35mph or higher, the noise limit is 86 DBA*; if the speed limit is 35mph or lower, the noise limit is 82 DBA; or, "95 DBA under stationary run-up test at 75 inches," (MCL 257.707c).

TEN: There are several mentions of lights and reflectors in Michigan's laws. For example, motorcycles and mopeds are "required to have one rear stop lamp," (MCL 257.697b). And, motorcycles and mopeds must have at least one, and not more than two, head lamps, which must be between 24 and 54 inches above the ground on which the bike is standing, and meet several other criteria (for more information, see MCL 257.685). Reflectors on the front or front sides of a motorcycle must be amber colored; those on the rear or rear sides must be red; and the light lighting up your license plate must be white (MCL 257.689).

Remember, a single article could never cover every Michigan law that applies to motorcycles or motorcyclists; this article provides a snapshot of some of the laws currently on the books. Every case is different, so if you've been hurt in a crash or if you have questions about a Michigan motorcycle law, call me at 1-877-BIKER-LAW, or email clerk@lawyerforlife.com. You can also connect with my team and me at [Facebook.com/TheMotorcycleLawyer](https://www.facebook.com/TheMotorcycleLawyer).

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Aint is an actual word and essentially means "no way in hell".

A possum is a flat animal that sleeps in the middle of the road.

There are 5,000 types of snakes and spiders and 4,998 of them live in the South.

If it grows, it'll stick ya. If it crawls, it'll bite cha.

Onced and Twiced are words.

For is pronounced fer.

It is not a shopping cart, it is a buggy!

Jawl-P? Means, Did you all go to the bathroom?

People actually grow, eat and like okra.

Fixinto is one word. It means I'm going to do that.

There is no such thing as lunch. There is only dinner and then there's supper.

Iced tea is appropriate for all meals and you start drinking it when you're two.

When a Southern woman says "well, bless your heart, sugar", she either really means it or she's literally telling you that you're a dumb-ass twit.

"There's a story there" means someone has a really juicy past.

The word jeet is actually a question meaning, 'Did you eat?'

You don't have to wear a watch, because it doesn't matter what time it is, you work until you're done or it's too dark to see.

We fly the American flag alongside the Southern flag with equal pride.

You don't Push buttons, you Mash em'.

Ya'll is singular. All ya'll is plural.

All the festivals across the state are named after a fruit, vegetable, grain, insect, or animal.

You only own seven spices: salt, pepper, garlic powder, mustard, hot sauce and ketchup.

The local papers cover national and international news on one page, but require 6 pages for local high school sports, the motor sports, and gossip.

You believe that the first day of deer season is a national holiday.

You know what a hissyfit is and if the young-uns throw one in a store, they'll know the meaning of

"wear the hide off your tail".

Fried catfish is the other white meat.

We don't need no dang Driver's Ed. If our Mama says we can drive, we can drive!

There's unique names to designate town areas; "Screeching Cat's Holler", "Squirrel Tail

Ridge", "Dogs Humpin' Cliff", "Shotgun Waterin' Hole" or "Bucksnot Hill". Even if you aint from the South, when you visit us, you dang sure will be talkin' like us by the time you git on down the road back yonder to home.

Bye Bye now; y'all come back real soon, ya' hear?

My dog sleeps about 20 hours a day.

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He visits the Dr. once a year for his checkup and again during the year, if any medical needs arise. For this he pays nothing, and nothing is required of him.

He lives in a nice neighborhood in a house that is much larger than he needs, but he is not required to do any upkeep.

If he makes a mess, someone else cleans it up.

He has his choice of luxurious places to sleep,

He receives these accommodations absolutely free.

He is living like a king and has absolutely no expenses whatsoever.

All of his costs are picked up by others who earn a living.

I was just thinking about all this, and suddenly it hit me like a ton of bricks ~

My dog is a damn Congressman!

A circus owner runs an ad for a lion tamer and two people show up.

One is a biker in his mid-forties, and the other is a gorgeous blond in her mid-twenties.

The circus owner tells them, "I'm not going to sugar coat it. This is one ferocious lion. He ate my last tamer so you two had better be good or you're history."

"Here's your equipment --chair, whip and a gun."

"Who wants to try out first?" The girl says, "I'll go first."

She walks past the chair, the whip and the gun and steps right into the lion's cage.

The lion starts to snarl and pant and begins to charge her.

About halfway there, she throws open her coat revealing her beautiful naked body.

The lion stops dead in his tracks, sheepishly crawls up to her and starts licking her feet and ankles. He continues to lick her entire body for several minutes and then rests his head at her feet.

The circus owner's jaw is on the floor. "I've never seen a display like that in my life." - He turns to the biker and asks, "Can you top that?"

The biker says, "Hell yeah; just get that lion outta' there."

Yesterday afternoon I went to our local gun shop to get a small handgun for personal protection.

When I was ready to pay for the pistol and ammo, the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me."

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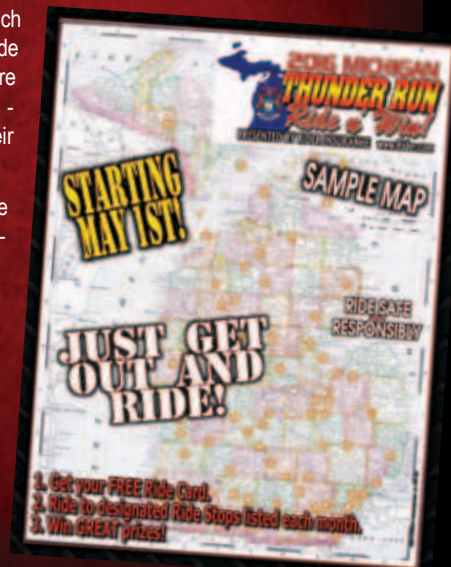
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Make sure to pick-up your copy each month of Thunder Roads to see that month's Ride Stops and also to see if your Ride Card is listed as a winner!



FEW FACTS

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

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

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

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

Just Get Out and RIDE!

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



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SEPTEMBER 2016 STOPS



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THE STOPS

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

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



NORTH

Museum of Moses @ Vogel Store

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THE 2016 Ray C's RODEO



by Billy D

Editor's Note: Last month's issue featured photos and an article on Ray C's Rodeo, but the article itself was on last year's event. Below is the correct article on this year's Ray C's 12th Annual Rodeo. We apologize for the confusion.



Jim Chaddock - Horsepower Shootout winner!



Each year as the official start to summer arrives in Michigan, Ray C's Harley-Davidson kicks off the riding season right with their annual Rodeo. Just in case you were not paying attention last year, Ray moved his dealership to a new location in Lapeer and what a great destination it is! The Rodeo runs all weekend long and features bands, a horsepower shootout and lots of BBQ.



This year marked the 12th anniversary of the Rodeo and since its inception the event has been growing steadily. Ray is all about family and this Rodeo is a very family friendly event that even has a bounce house for the kids. As always, the main draw is the motorcycles and the people who love to ride them. But, music plays a huge role and the Rodeo as well; with live music being played each day of the weekend party. Friday night was kicked into gear by the Houston Coyote Ugly band and on Saturday the kids from the 3rd Degree Burns band had the parking lot rocking all afternoon. This band is made up of local high school students and they sure can ROCK! Mary Moore & the Midnight Blues Band hit the stage on Sunday to wrap up the weekend. Sunday also featured a poker run, a horsepower shootout (with a \$1500 purse), and awards for the best bikes at the Rodeo. Congratulations to Jim Chaddock aka "Jimbo" that won the horsepower shootout! With great weather all weekend, good friends and lots of hot machines to check out, I would have to say that this year's Rodeo was one of the best ones yet!



If you haven't stopped by Ray C's Harley-Davidson in Lapeer, do yourself a favor and mark it on your to do list. Ray has created a dealership that not only caters to all your needs as a rider, but he's got a dealership that was built for riders, by riders. If ya know what I mean.

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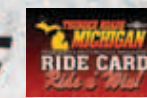
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~ Audrey Hepburn

The only way to do great work is to love what you do.
~ Steve Jobs

If you can dream it, you can achieve it. ~ Zig Ziglar

Biker Sayings

Bikes are like wives; if it ain't yours don't touch.

It's hard not to smile, when you're putting on miles.

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I know I ride like a girl...so try to keep up!

Fun Facts

Cat's urine glows under a black light.

Kotex was first manufactured as bandages, during WWI.

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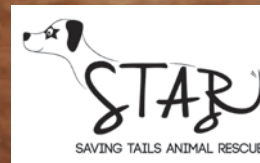
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Chloe



Hutch

Jax

This poor senior guy has been looking for a long time. He was surrendered to the shelter and was so scared. That is no place to live out your years. Can anyone please provide him a good loving home?



Jax



Kirby

Nina

Is a doxi/chi mix girl only about 6 months old. She is sweet, loving, playful, well we just can't list all the good qualities of this adorable girl. What she doesn't have is a forever home.



Nina



Quinn

Thor

Is a very gentle and sweet guy. He is around a year old and gets along with other dogs. Well, no small dogs please and best no cats if you don't mind. He is a very chill dude looking for a forever home.



Thor



Tina

Titus

Is as sweet as he is adorable. He is a bit shy and would like to have a new guardian that will provide him patience and training to build up his confidence. The reward will be an amazing loving, and loyal companion.



Titus



Litter

Hutch

Is one of two little guys. They look like they are some kind of terrier low rider mix? Whatever they are, they are playful, cute boys that will be looking for a long term relationship.

Kirby

Is another boy that has been waiting ever so long for a forever home. He is a great little guy; he just needs someone to notice him. You will not be disappointed if you make this guy part of your family.

Quinn

Two kittens available. They are both around 14 weeks old, have been fixed, tested, had their shots and are very cute. One Tuxedo and One Black kitten left out of the litter of three. Adopt them together for only \$75.

Tina

Is one of 3 from this litter, ALL adorable. They are believed to be some kind of lab mix, maybe hound, maybe shepherd. They around 12 weeks old and are looking for a forever home.

Litter

There are 4 cute as they come black kittens available. They will probably be med-long hair. All are socialized, sweet and have been around other kittens, cats and dogs. Adopt (2) kittens together and get them for one adoption fee.

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Biker Preacher's Corner

As I sit down to write this article I had the thought of letting everyone know all the good stuff that is going on at Victory Biker Church International, as we continue to impact our local communities and world with God's love and the good news of Christ Jesus the Lord!

Many of you know we have out grown our current location that we have been at for about 6 years. Late December, while in prayer, I got orders from headquarters (Heaven) the Lord lead us to an empty elementary school in Lennon - the Doyle Knight Elementary School. In January 2016, I called the superintendent of Schools and started a conversation with him. They were just getting ready to sell this building and another one in the school district. By the end of January, we submitted the Lord's bid for this building and over the next several months we went to many school board meetings until April 18th when the school board officially accepted our (the Lords' bid). Since then, we've been doing fundraising and other negotiations with the School District. We've been working hard and are ready to move in. We're just waiting on the lawyers now to draw up the legal paperwork and then close on our new home. We're hoping to be in by October 1st.

Also, we have just launched another Victory Biker Church in Van Wert County, Ohio. On August 7th 2016, we held the Grand Opening Service for Victory Biker Church of Van Wert County (VBCVWC) where Pastor Todd "Cowboy" Colley, many of you know him, was officially installed as their Senior Pastor. He and his wife, Michelle, have relocated to Van Wert County and are already serving their new community with the love and power of God.

Pastor Cowboy has served here at VBCI for many years... as VBC's Road Captain, Vice President and Associate Pastor for several years. It is a complete honor for me to promote him to be Senior Pastor of a new VBC. He truly has shown himself approved, humble and ready to serve. I'm so proud of him.

Jesus said in John 12:32 "As for Me, if I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all people to Myself."

Ya see, it's God's love in Christ Jesus that we focus on. Not religion, not religious programs... Only Jesus!! Victory Biker Church in all of our locations lifts Jesus high and in doing so; God will draw everyone to Himself!

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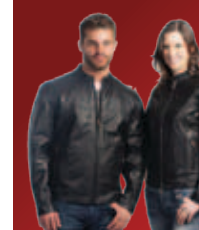
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This year's Poker Run marked our 6th Annual Ride for Project Red, White & Blue and we are thankful for all of you who came out to support and sponsor our event. Project Red, White & Blue is a local non-profit organization that exists to thank and support the everyday American Hero, whether they choose to give of themselves through Military Services, Emergency Services, or Law Enforcement. The one thing all these Heroes have in common is their desire to improve our country through their voluntary actions, and we feel they deserve our thanks and support!

This year's run was dedicated to our Local Police, Fire, Military and EMT's.

We started early at Boondox Motorsports getting everyone registered and drawing their first cards for what was sure to be a winning hand of Poker! With a shotgun start, we rode to Hickory Corners American Legion Post 484 and Dorr American Legion Post 127, where we were able to relax, mingle a bit, meet some new friends and of course, grab more cards on the quest for the winning Poker hand!

Once we were revitalized we took back to the road for some more of that gorgeous sunshine and perfect riding weather, enjoying every moment until we reached our final destination at the Caledonia American Legion Post 305 where we closed it out with a tasty pulled pork dinner, silent auctions, raffles and pictures with Jody Mo!

We couldn't have been more blessed this year, we had a great turnout, gorgeous riding weather and were able to raise some funds to help out some of our local American Heroes. We also want to send out a BIG thank you to all of our hard working volunteers and sponsors; we could not do this without you!

Project Red, White & Blue hosts an annual run each year which started as a motorcycle ride and has since opened to include anyone that wishes to join. We run year-round and if you should feel compelled to make a donation of any size, please contact us at 616-891-9900. We look forward to next year's ride and hope to see you there!



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MY CAMPAIGN SPEECH

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I applied to run for two political positions for my county. I am a Libertarian and tend to agree with some of the lefts positions and some of the rights positions, and neither of the parties actions. So in light of that, I would seemingly be easily defeated by just about any contender that was a faithful, 100% all in party loyalist. Right?

Well, I ran as a Republican because, well, there were no options available for other than the R's. or D's. Anyway in my precinct there are 4 spots for precinct delegates, only two people ran. That was an easy win. And in my County I ran for township commissioner. Again, there was no Democrat contender, and I was the only one running on the Republican ticket. That was an easy win.

So, now please tell me, how soooooo many people walk around cussing up the Democrats or cussing up the Republicans, ranting and raving about how badly one side or the other needs to win, and yet NONE of them care enough to participate? Or even learn enough about who they vote for at an election to even know if that person is TRULY loyal to their cause?

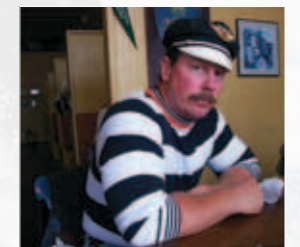
The voters at the primary have given me A LOT of power over their votes regarding many ISSUES that will affect their lives. And that's just on the county level! I will go to the State convention as a delegate, and possibly the national convention and be a representative voting on behalf of literally thousands of you!

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Get active and dig in my brothers and sisters. Let's get the party of the PEOPLE kicking, and kick the people of the party crap to the curb.

~ Rusty



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September 24
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SO MANY OPTIONS Part III The Final Chapter ~ New Direction

I would like to start this month by offering a sincere apology, with the limited amount of space available each month; it's very difficult to do justice to a project that is this in depth and technical. When the opportunity to write this article presented itself, this was the project I was working on at that time. With this being the last chapter for this project, it's also going to lead us in a New Direction. Future articles will be geared more towards DIY projects. One project, one article, service and maintenance things, that most with average skills and tools can do yourself in your own garage. As we approach winter then we will touch on custom body work, painting and accessorizing both custom and aftermarket bolt on. So once again, I apologize for the long windedness/incompleteness of these first articles and hopefully you will keep reading. Having said all of that, let's get to it!



When we left off last month we were basically ready to reassemble the cam compartment and install aftermarket 2 into 1 exhaust. After removing and replacing inner cam bearings (requires specialty tool), we replaced the outer cam bearings, pressed the inner race, spacer, and 'O' ring on rear camshaft. Press the outer cam bearings into the support plate first (specialty tool), put the inner cam chain around the camshafts and make sure the timing marks are lined up. Check, double check and check a couple of more times to be absolutely sure the marks are lined up correctly. If timing marks are not lined up correctly and you put it together, the motorcycle probably won't start. And if it does, you will more than likely wish it wouldn't have! Being too far out of time can cause a valve to hit the piston. So once again, be absolutely sure timing marks are lined up. With inner chain on cams and timing marks

aligned, press front camshaft into front bearing (specialty tool) that is already pressed in cam support plate. An extra set of hands is very helpful at this point. Now we can install the inner bearing retainer and inner cam chain tensioner. A quick note here; for this project we are using hydraulic cam chain tensioners. If you are going to reuse or replace with the original O.E.M. style mechanical type it must be installed before installing the cam shafts and chain. Now we can install oil pump and cam support plate. Pay close attention to manufactures installation instructions, some require you to mount oil pump on crankshaft first making sure to replace all "O" rings. Some require the use of alignment screws, (specialty tool) this application instructed us to mount the oil pump to cam support plate finger tight and install cams, inner chain, oil pump as an assembly, start cam support plate bolts finger tight and roll the engine over by hand a few times to allow everything to mesh together. Then final torque the cam support plate to engine case bolts first, and then oil pump to cam support plate bolts.

Next, install crankshaft drive gear and cam shaft drive gear to outer chain making sure timing marks are aligned. (Outer gears have timing marks also). Install chain and gear assembly on cam and crank using new bolts.

Service manual recommends using new bolts for outer cam and crankshaft gears. They're not very expensive and you don't want them coming loose. (TRUST ME!!!) At this point I prefer to re-install cam compartment cover. Some like to finish installing lifters and pushrods first, but I like to close up the cam chest now to keep from getting any debris or contaminants in cam compartment. Next, we can install lifters, lifter block covers, pushrod covers (with new "O" rings) and pushrods. We are using adjustable pushrods so once again, follow manufactures installation instructions for installation and adjustment. When using adjustable pushrods, the lifters must be pumped up full of oil before adjusting. Do one cylinder at a time, both pushrods and let it rest for 15 minutes or so then do the other cylinder. Slide pushrod covers in place, make sure "O" rings stay in place, and install retainers.

Now, on to the exhaust; when installing a custom exhaust, it's best to lay out all the parts and read the instructions before beginning with the actual installation process. Our old exhaust is already removed. So remove old exhaust gasket from cylinder ports and replace with new. For this system we will reuse our original flanges and circlips.



The rest of installation is pretty straight forward. Step by step follow manufactures instructions. On this particular application, install front heat shield on front head pipe and gently rock exhaust head pipe assembly into place. Install flanges and flange nuts finger tight. Attach to any support brackets and install muffler. Install everything finger tight first. Then from front to back, gradually snug everything up a little at a time until everything is firmed up. In the process of snugging everything up, make sure to watch for clearance issues between the pipes and anything they get close to. Then torque to manufactures specification. With a new exhaust system, I like to heat cycle it a few times to allow the coating; whatever it may be, chrome, black, ceramic, etc. to get up to full operating temperature gradually. After a few heat cycles, (3 maybe 4) let everything cool down and then re-check tightness of all hardware.



That's all for this month, but stay tuned in the future we plan to do an article discussing EFI fuel management systems specifically.

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Many years ago I had a friend who, as it turns out, may have been truly wise beyond his years. In Bob's world, Michigan only had two seasons; deer season, and the rest of the year. He started hunting with his father and uncles at the family deer camp in the western U.P. in the days when hunters waited hours going both directions for the ferry at the straits of Mackinac. The camp had a cabin constructed of rough sawn cedar vertical over horizontal ship lap siding, ship lapped interior walls, and plank flooring. The windows and doors were re-purposed from other structures, light was provided by Coleman lanterns and flashlights, heat was a small parlor wood stove, and running water meant grabbing a bucket and running to the hand pump just outside the back door. And yes, there was indoor plumbing, it was just in a separate building about 30 yards from the cabin and the heat of a lantern made it reasonably comfortable to use when the cold set in. To Bob and the men in his family, deer camp was Valhalla and it wasn't unreasonable to spend the other fifty two weeks of the year doing all the little things that ensure a successful hunt.

As I write this in the first week of August, I realize that deer season is still weeks away, but at the same time I also know that this is probably the best time to start getting ready for November 15th. A couple of years ago, we had a customer come in the store the afternoon before opening day looking for a new bolt for his Remington 700 to replace the one he didn't realize he had lost until that morning when he opened his gun case (for the first time since the previous season). He was already in a bit of a panic, because his buddies were waiting for him in the parking lot so they could drive north to their camp, but he nearly came unglued when we told him that you don't just slap a new bolt into a rifle, especially a high power deer rifle, and expect it to work properly. If he had taken time in August or September to start getting ready for his hunt he would have had time to get his rifle to a gunsmith for repair. Now, while this may seem like an extreme example the truth, fact is that most shops are overrun with hunters ten days to two weeks before deer season who suddenly realize their firearm needs repair (many knew there was a problem when they put the gun away) and are seeking an overnight miracle. Unfortunately, there are always some hunters who end up disappointed because even the best prepared shops have limits on how much work they can handle and end up turning work away rather than doing slip-shod work or making promises they know can't be kept.

Let me give you some more practical advice on preparing early for you. First, it is much easier to sight in a scope when it is warm and sunny rather than working the dials with numb fingers while it is spitting sleet and snow. Now is the time to find out that you need to replace your optic, and if you find yourself in that po-

sition remember that it is possible to put too much scope on your gun. There are not a lot of rifles capable of shooting sub MOA groups right off the shelf, so unless you have money to burn, don't spend more on your optic than what the rest of your gun is worth. Once your new sight is mounted and bore sighted, you still have to take it to the range to finish dialing it in. Bore sighting is only intended to get you on paper at twenty five yards and a variation of inches at that range will be feet at a hundred yards and beyond. Always sight in off a rest or a lead sled to minimize movement, if you don't have one try wrapping a five pound bag of rice or dry beans in a towel to give you a steady (and edible) base. Zero first at twenty five yards, remember that it takes 16 quarter minute clicks to move your bullet strike one inch at this range, and use a ruler to measure center of bulls eye to center of bullet strike horizontally and vertically then count the clicks as you move the cross hairs before you fire again. I don't worry about shooting a 3 round group until I am hitting in the bulls eye and it's time to fine tune shot placement. If your first shot is five inches left and three inches high why waste another bullet to confirm you need to make some adjustments because in the long run you are just burnin' bullets, and that can get expensive!

Second, there is still an ammunition shortage and you may have difficulty finding your favorites rounds if you put it off too long. Some cartridges you have used for years may no longer be available forcing you to find another round your gun likes. Remember, a gun is like a significant other (I used to say "wife" but that could be deemed sexist and insensitive), find what it likes and stick with it and everybody will be happy. By the same token, if you are using a new gun try a couple of different loads to determine what is going to shoot best in that particular gun and don't be too surprised to find the manufacturer's recommended cartridge isn't always the best shooter for your firearm.

And finally, deer season opens a week after the November election and if the wicked witch of the rich gets her anti-gun ass elected to the White House I guarantee that we will see a bigger run on guns and ammo than the one that followed the Newtown, CT massacre in 2012. And if you didn't catch it in the news, it was revealed this week that the BATFE has been compiling a list of gun owners from the data in the 4473 background check, which is outside their constitutional authority. Sounds to me like now is the time to make sure you are registered to vote, and it also might be a good time to put away a couple hundred extra rounds, just in case.

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PICKING OUT YOUR TATTOO SHOP

In the zeitgeist of high speed media and plastic people there are thousands of tattoo shops popping up all over the country. How do you know where to go for ink? Safety should be your first priority, closely followed by quality. Here are some step-by-step pointers to help you know what to ask and, more importantly, what to look for.

- 1.) Ask to see the shop license and the individual tattooist's blood-borne pathogen card. Now neither of these really means a whole lot without follow through, but this is what I am supposed to start with since they are better than nothing.
- 2.) Is the shop clean? Check out the restroom, this is generally a good indicator of how the shop views cleanliness. Are the workers clean? How is their attitude? If they are bossy and rude they are more likely to be about quantity over quality. If they don't want to talk to you about your design or are unwilling to draw at all they are probably not artists and also not worth going to.
- 3.) Find people who have current work from them. Portfolios can be photo shopped, or stolen. If you can, find people that the artist has actually tattooed you can see what their tattoos look like in the real world. Worst case scenario; you can usually fix a bad tattoo, you can't fix dying.
- 4.) All items should be single use or properly sterilized. Needles, ink, stencils, markers, caps, etc. are not re-usable at all. There are a myriad of bacteria and viruses that can be passed this way. Many people believe that if they are sexually active with someone that they can share a needle. This is not so, there are some diseases that can only be passed through the blood. Needles should never be stored on site or in your purse, cupboard, etc. for later reuse (i.e. "Your own needle"). Speed stick is not the answer for applying stencils. Inks should never be returned to the bottle after being dispersed. Single use is the only way to go.
- 5.) An ultrasonic cleaner should NEVER be used in a work station. If you see this leave immediately. Ultrasonic units put minute particles of contaminated water into the air if left uncovered. Contaminating items outside of the work area such as phones, radios, iPods, etc. Grabbing anything with bloody/ink stained gloves is a sign that they don't know what in the hell they are doing and you should leave.

I see many scratchers carrying "tattoo kits" with used equipment right in the same compartment as supposedly clean tools. Storing used items in the same container as "new" items defeats the whole purpose of having new items. There are many factors to take into consideration when it comes to getting a tattoo. Factors that are commonly unknown due to the private nature of the tattoo industry. That is why it is best to leave it to true professionals. It is illegal in the state of Michigan to operate as a tattooist or piercer outside of a health department licensed location.

I am not so slow as to believe this will stop anyone from doing it at a party or a clubhouse, nor do I truly believe that these laws will weed out anything but the worst shops. No matter where you choose to get a tattoo, please be safe about it.

Later Days, Ray Reasoner Jr., Tattooist of 24 years.



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