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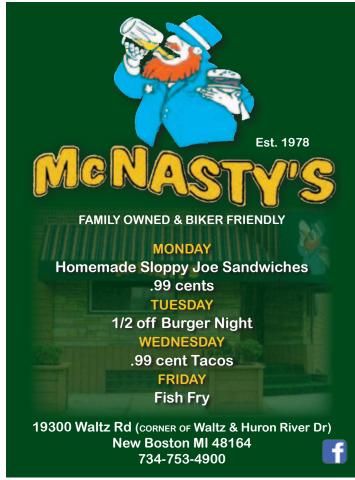
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### Come on Spring... Come on Back and Stick Around This Time!

We have had some very crazy weather the last couple months in our GREAT STATE! It's hard to go back to snow and freezing temps after having 60 degree days, but the way I look at it is: we got to have some 60 degree days. Many folks were able to get their bikes out and blow off some winter steam. It was so nice to see them on the roads again. Please remember though as the warmer weather approaches and you get your bike out to ride, that vehicles are not used to seeing us so the training of "Looking Twice" has to restart for those non-riding cage drivers! Just Be Safe and Ride with a bit of Caution.

In this issue I am so excited about an upcoming event... Harley Fest! You will see the sneak peek on the cover and all details are on page 6. This event is going to be the best year yet! They have moved the location to Motor City HD in Farmington Hills and it's now a 2 day event! Both days are filled with Big Name Bands and tons to do. I am really looking forward to this one! Also in this issue, you will find out how much fun we all had on Thunder Fun Night this year...check out that article and pics to prove it. Ron has some great tips too for getting our scoots prepared for riding...always an important step before taking that first ride after storage. If you are thinking of getting a pet then please be sure to check out our Thunder Paws page of animals in need of a home. I love animals, ones of all kinds lol (like Elvis the pig that I met on Thunder Fun Night, lol it was an actual pig folks, not a person acting like one ha ha ha). So please contact Saving Tails Animal Rescue if you are interested in adopting one or all of them.

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Now for some "Mo" Advice:

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Jody Mohowitsch Happy Easter! THUNDER ROADS

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12th Annual Blessing of the Bikes Gibraltar Trade Center, Mt. Clemens, MI Regis 11 am, blessing 2 pm. Bikes, music, prizes, food, vendors & more. For more info call Pastor Randy 586-255-5423 (See full page ad this issue).

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May 6

10th Annual Ray Rios Spring Memorial Ride Midland American Legion, Midland, MI. \$20 pp, \$30 couple, regis 11 am-noon, incl pork loin dinner 5-7pm. Proceeds benefit Saginaw VA Center. For more info call Jim 989-

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May 7

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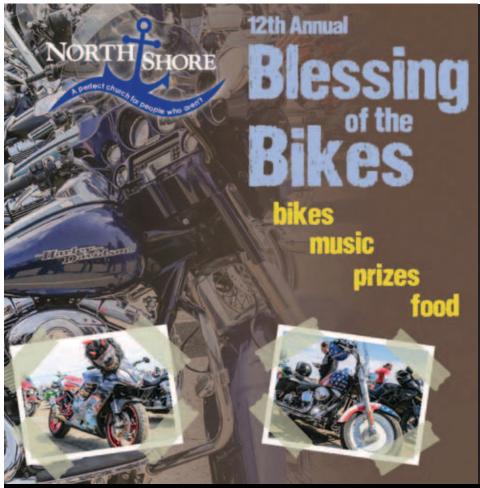
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### VETERANS CORNER









### New veteran's chapter to help deal with PTSD

Many times when military vets come home from overseas they deal with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). A new chapter is being formed in Mid-Michigan to help them deal with PTSD. The tools involved are kayaks and fishing poles.

Natasha Galvin is a former military police officer. Due to physical limitations she couldn't join a civilian force so she decided to organize the quest for fish - also known as the Central Michigan chapter of Heroes on the Water.

"I realized there are veterans similar to me or they have worse conditions. They have permanent disabilities. They have combat wounds. They have invisible wounds. They have PTSD and other issues. So I realized there's a need for resources in our area," Natasha Galvin said. Her husband is a veteran and loves the idea of getting military heroes together to go after water prey. "It's a good stress reliever to get out and be a part of nature and do things like fly fishing, kayaking, just being out there," Michael Galvin said.

The Little Forks Conservancy is working to get the vets to local waterways for their excursions. "We're actually serving as the drop off location if anyone has any used equipment that they would like to donate to the group to help this program get started," said Joelle Feruson, with the conservancy. Bo Brines, owner of Little Forks Outfitters, is proud to help out with equipment for the vets. "To help give back to the veterans who have given so much to us," Brines said.

### New Mexico May Allow Medical Marijuana for All Veterans

Extensive revisions to New Mexico's medical marijuana program that would automatically allow all military veterans to qualify as patients are advancing in the state Legislature. The Senate Judiciary Committee endorsed the proposed legislation despite objections from members to the veterans' eligibility provisions. The bill's next stop is the full Senate.

Other proposed changes to a 2007 law legalizing medical cannabis would add treatable medical conditions including substance abuse disorder. State registry cards for approved patients would require renewal every three years instead of annually.

Senate bill sponsor Cisco McSorley of Albuquerque says the provision for veterans addresses the stigma associated with post-traumatic stress disorder. Republican Senator and former Navy Rear Admiral William Payne called the provision offensive because it paints all military veterans as presumptive marijuana patients.

### After more than 40 years, Marine Corps veteran becomes American citizen

Gaetan Manningham has been in the United States for more than 40 years, served as a Marine in the Pacific during the Vietnam era and raised three children alongside his wife, Dureta, in the Flint area. But it wasn't until a brief ceremony in the hallway of the Federal Building in downtown Port Huron that the Mt. Morris man fully realized his American Dream.

Manningham, 62, placed his right hand on a burgundy-colored Bible in front of U.S. District Court Judge Robert H. Cleland and took the oath of allegiance to become an official citizen. "It's a unique day," he told a group of family and friends gathered in a semi-circle around a wooden podium in the 139-year-old courthouse.

His trip to becoming a citizen has been a circuitous one, moving to Flint on Feb. 22, 1970, with his father, Maurice, and three brothers from the Canadian province of Quebec, after great-grandfather John Thompson Manningham laid the foundation for the family after traveling to North America in the 1870s at the behest of Queen Victoria to survey land.

A good student in science and math, Gaetan said he had struggles learning the English language due to limited resources at school. He earned his GED diploma after dropping out of Flint Northern High School in the early 1970s. During a time when some headed to Canada to avoid being drafted to Vietnam, Gaeten signed up in January 1972 for the U.S. Marine Corps. He served with the 3rd Marine Division in Japan and the Philippines, and took his first vow of allegiance to the country.

After returning home after his service of two years, Gaetan attended Baker College where he met Dureta at a party and Spring Arbor University, earning a bachelor's degree.

He went to work at General Motors, putting in nearly 30 years before retirement in 2004, and also helped raise the couple's three children -- sons, Nicholas and Jason, both University of Michigan graduates, and daughter, Michelle, diagnosed as a child with Down syndrome -- in the Genesee area.

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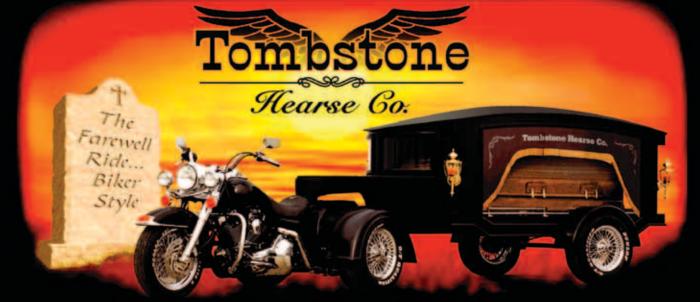
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### HOW TO DESTROY THREE COMMON ARGUMENTS FROM DRIVERS WHO HIT MOTORCYCLISTS

In my 22 years as The Motorcycle Lawyer, I've experienced my fair share of defense arguments from the attorneys and insurance companies of drivers who hit motorcyclists. In the end, these arguments don't hold much weight, especially when I use my method of legal Jiu Jitsu on them.

One concept n Jiu Jitsu is using your opponent's weight against them. For example, when they push against you, you simply help them in the direction they're going and then flip them over. This way, you allow them to take themselves out of the game for you.

I apply this principle to my litigation strategy when I face three especially common defense arguments.

The first argument I hear time and time again is the defense that claims the driver isn't responsible because he couldn't see the motorcyclist due to a curve or a hill. When I'm presented with this argument, I either hire a surveyor or an accident Reconstructionist that has the equipment necessary to create a topographical map of the area.

With the information gathered by this expert, we create drawings that show to the judge and jury that the defense claim isn't possible. We often find that even though the road dipped, the motorcyclist's headlights, running lights, and torso were clearly visible. Therefore, the jury concludes that the defense is not 100% forthcoming or is "mistaken" when they say the hill or dip in the road obscured the motorcyclist.

The second argument I hear is that the motorcyclist was at fault, either entirely or partially. This defense is known as comparative negligence. If the defense can place any part of the crash with the motorcyclist, the percentage of the fault assigned to the motorcyclist will be deducted from the money damages that are awarded.

The major argument they use to try and lay blame with the motor-cyclist is speed. Scientific studies have found that a motorcycle's size, sound, and maneuverability cause people to perceive motorcycles moving faster than they really are.

When the speed argument comes up, I turn to an accident Reconstructionist and expert motorcycle instructor to destroy it. Using their equipment, the Reconstructionist collects information that allows us to recreate the crash and explore whether or not the motorcyclist was speeding.

The final defense argument I hear the most is the "bad guy defense." If the defense attorney can paint the motorcyclist as an outlaw biker, they believe the jury will not like him, and therefore side with their client.

When facing this defense, it's best for me to show that my client is a safe and experienced motorcycle operator. Heading into the bad guy defense argument, I like to have these factors on my client's side: many years of riding experience, wearing proper safety gear, and riding legally with a motorcycle endorsement and a properly registered vehicle.

If I can show the jury that my client is a law-abiding citizen who has as much right to be on the road as everyone else, the bad guy defense goes out the window.

There's nothing I haven't heard when it comes to arguments from the defense. My time spent litigating these cases has given me the experience necessary to carefully construct responses and counters to the arguments posed by the defense. My legal Jiu Jitsu works to take my opponent's argument and use it against them.

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I'm a gal, he's single..

He lives right across the street. I can see his place from my kitchen window. I watched as he got home from work this evening. I was surprised when he walked across the street, up my driveway and knocked on the door.

I opened the door, he looked at me and said, "I just got home, and I have this strong urge to have a good time, dance, get drunk, and have wild sex tonight. Are you doing anything? "I replied, "Nope, I'm free!" "Great," he said. "Can you watch my dog?"

A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started." Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?" The little silver haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster." Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster." He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea" and then he said with a deep sigh .....

"Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."

Two old drunks are sitting in a bar when the first one says, "Ya know, when I was thirty and got an erection, I couldn't bend it, even using both hands.

By the time I was forty, I could bend it about ten degrees if I tried

By the time I was fifty, I could bend it about forty five degrees, no

I'm gonna be sixty next week, and now I can bend it in half with just one hand."

"So," says the second drunk, "what's your point?" "Well, I'm just wondering how much stronger I'm gonna get."

A robber was inside a house. All of a sudden someone said. "Jesus is watching you!" "What?" said the robber? He started to pick up the MOXI, he heard "Jesus is watching you!" The robber pointed his flashlight at the voice and asked, "Who said that?" It was a parrot. "I'm Moses," said the parrot. "Who in the world would name you Moses?" asked the robber. The parrot answered, "The same man that named the pit-bull in the corner Jesus!"

With a very seductive voice a wife asked her husband "Have you ever seen \$20 all crumpled up?"

"No" said her husband.

She gave him a sexy little smile unbuttoned the top three buttons of her blouse and slowly reached down in her cleavage created by a soft, silky pushup bra and pulled out a crumpled twenty dollar

He took the crumpled bill from her and smiled approvingly. She then asked "Have you ever seen \$50 all crumpled up?" "No I haven't" he said, an anxious tone in his voice. She gave him another sexy little smile pulled up her skirt, seductively reached into her tight sheer panties and pulled out a crumpled fifty dollar bill.

He took the crumpled bill and started breathing a little quicker with

"Now" she said "Have you ever seen \$50,000 all crumpled up?" "No way" he said becoming even more aroused and excited to which she purred:

"Go look in the garage."

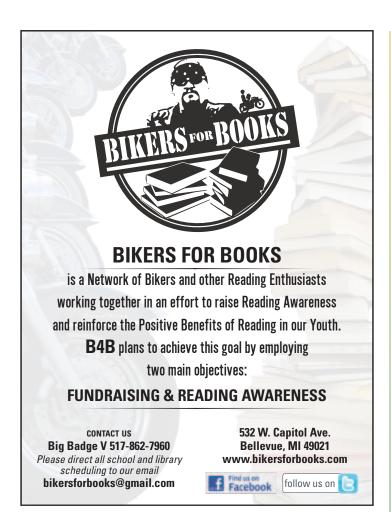
A small zoo in Arkansas obtained a very rare species of gorilla. Within a few weeks the gorilla, a female, became very difficult to handle. Upon examination, the Veterinarian determined the problem. The gorilla was in heat. To make matters worse, there was no male gorilla available.

Thinking about their dilemma, the Zoo Keeper's first idea was of Bobby Lee, a redneck part-time worker responsible for cleaning the animal cages. Bobby Lee had little sense but possessed ample ability to satisfy a female of any species. Herein, the Zoo Keeper thought they might have a solution. Bobby Lee was approached with a proposition: Would he be willing to mate with the gorilla for \$500.00?

Bobby Lee showed some interest, but said he would have to think the matter over carefully. The following day, he announced that he would accept their offer, but only under certain conditions: "First," Bobby Lee said, "There aint gonna' be no kissin' her on the lips." The Zoo Keeper guickly agreed to this condition.

"Also", he continued "you can't never tell no one, no body about this." The Keeper again readily agreed to this condition. And," Bobby Lee said. "I want any your guns' raised Southern Baptist." Once again it was agreed. "And finally," Bobby Lee said, "I'll need another week to come up with the whole \$500. bucks."

Checking into a hotel I said, "I hope the porn channel in my room is disabled." The hag Owner replied, "No, it's regular porn you sick mo-fo.







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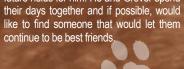
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is a boxer/basset mix of sorts. He's a friendly guy ready to roll over for a belly rub at the drop of the hat. He would probably do best with someone that has some experience that will let him know he has a secure





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- than this contest. You will not have to provide any other personal information again after this. You will be handed your FREE Ride Card right then. It has a unique number on it- take note because that is YOURS and ONLY YOURS.
- 2. Once you have your Ride Card go to any or all of the stops listed this month and show them your card! Registration stops are also ride stops. There are also event stops each month. That stop will write your unique Ride Card number down. Let them know if you spend over \$10 there because your Ride Card number will get counted twice!
- 3. Then pick up the following months issue to see if your Ride Card number is listed as a winner. You must check this each month as Thunder Roads staff will not contact you and let you know you won. If your Ride Card number is listed as a winner then follow the simple instructions listed on the WINNERS page to claim your prize. Please note: You only have 45 days to claim your prize from the 1st the month it is listed in the magazine.

\*Make sure to pick-up your copy each month (July- October issues) of Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan to see if your Ride Card # is listed as a winner from stops you made the previous month!

### **FEW FACTS**

- Winners are randomly picked from each Registration/Ride Stop, Ride Stop & Event Stop each month.
- The more places you check-in the greater your chances are of winning a prize from that stop or one of our sponsors prizes!
- If you spend \$10 or more at any of the Registration/Ride Stops or Ride Stops your Ride Card number gets counted twice! Please note: The reason why this contest is FREE to you the rider is because our sponsors and stops. So we want to encourage everyone to support them in return. That is why we count your Ride Card number twice if you spend \$10 or more.
- You can check-in 1 time each week at each Registration/Ride Stop & Ride Stops.
- Riders are able to win multiple prizes - based upon the drawing of their check-in.
- Some prize drawings are specific to only check-ins for the particular month - while others prizes are drawn from checkin's all summer Ride n' Win season long.
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### **2017 MICHIGAN THUNDER RUN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST**



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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 & 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 you know a business that should be a Ride Stop or if you would like your business to be a Ride Stop or a sponsor, please email me at Editor@ThunderRoadsMichigan.com



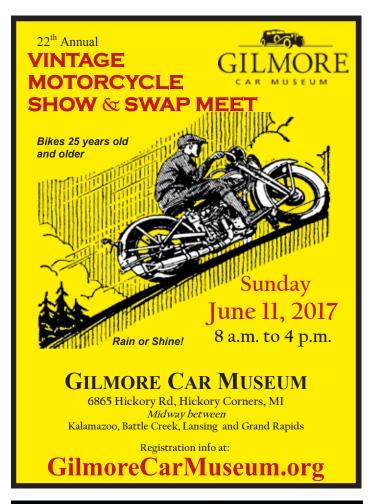


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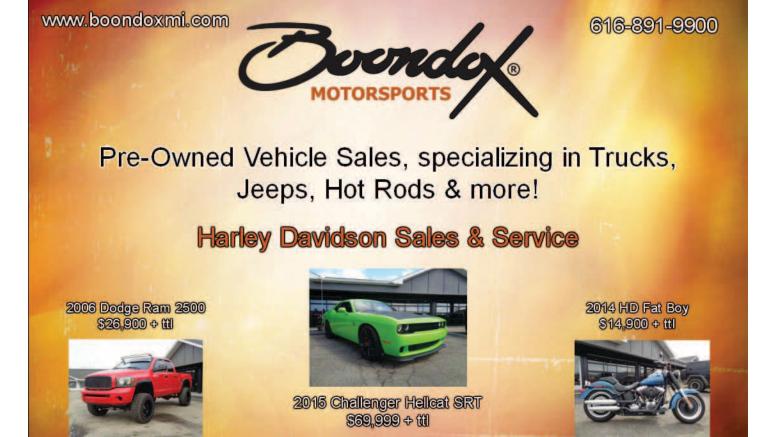
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### Inspiration

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The biggest mistake you can make is to believe that you work for someone else. ~ Unknown

Each man has a chance in life; he may approach it as a creator or a critic, a lover of a hater, a giver or a taker. ~ Unknown

### Biker Sayings

 ${\sf A}$ n old wise biker man once said; every day may not be good, but there's something good in every day. Make it a great day!

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

Well behaved women rarely make history.

The most dangerous part of a motorcycle is the nut connecting the handlebar to the seat.

### Riddles & Brain Teasers

A milkman has 2 empty jugs: a 3 gallon jug and a 5 gallon jug. How can he measure exactly 1 gallon without wasting any milk?

Answer Below

3 gallon jug was precisely I gallon. gallon jug from the 3 gallon jug until it was full. The milk remaining in the gallon jug. He then filled the 3 gallon jug again, and continued to fill the 5The milkman filled the 3 gallon jug, and then emptied the contents into the 5











my bagger bar hopping in Bay City. Then more snow, then more freezing temps, then....well, more bar hopping of course! Faithful readers, while the weather in Michigan is always unpredictable, our great state does provide plenty of bars. Fine establishments where we can escape and fixate on local hops, cute bar maids, and the knowledge that

sooner or later winter will end damit!

But I digress... and will get to the point of this article, which is to chronicle the 4th Annual Thunder Roads Fun Night! Not only does this annual event give us a great opportunity to meet and hang out with you guys out there who read this awesome magazine, It also gives you guys out there an opportunity to visit some of the bars around the editorial office that we frequent and loyally advertise in Thunder Roads.

Now for the difficult part of this story; I will attempt to recall the events of the evening. If my memory serves me correctly, we all met at the Bay Valley Hotel in the heart of the Tri-Cities. Coolers were loaded, bladders where emptied and approximately 65 folks boarded a couple party buses and promptly headed out into the night for a little fun. And away

Our first stop was the Iron Horse Bar & Grill in Akron, Mi. If you don't know, the Iron Horse hosts

Freedom Festival every Labor Day weekend and is a great riding destination. They feature cold drinks, great food, and live music that will get ya in the mood to party. Next, we moved down the road to the Bay Shore Bar in Fairgrove. What's that you say? Haven't been there yet? Well, it's easy to find, because it's only about 5 miles East of Bay City and about half way between Bay City and the Iron Horse. Stop in and have some perch, it's dynamite! Now I have to admit it, things get a little hazy... But I do believe we all climbed into the buses and began the trek to Midland to stop at the always crazy 702 Bar. The 702 is always a good time that is totally biker friendly with great rock n' roll and is located in the heart of Midland. The evening concluded at My Alibi Bar & Grill just west of Midland out on Meridian Rd. I am from the country and can tell ya that My Alibi is a great country bar with a laid back vibe. You'll find everything ya need, including beverages,















good food, and usually, a great band rocking the house. All 4 locations host a Bike Night during the summer so be sure to check out their ads in the magazine and stop by.

As always, this was a great night out on the town! Thank you to the following sponsors for their generous prize donations; Dunbar Metal Arts, Ray C's HD, Great Lakes HD, Shiawassee HD, Brisco Builders and to the Bay Valley Resort for accommodations, Silver Sand Coach for the party buses and our stops; Iron Horse Bar & Grill (extra thanks for their awesome taco & nacho bar...yum), Bay



Shore Bar, 702 Bar and My Alibi Bar & Grill. Thank you to all the readers who came out of hibernation and joined us for a little fun, it was great meeting you all! And if you're looking for a ride destination this summer, check out the establishments mentioned above---you'll be glad you did!

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### Biker Preacher's Corner

There's an old saying that keeps coming to my mind these days - April Showers bring May flowers! And if I might add... it also washes the salt off the roads!

Spring has to be my most favorite season of the year, here in the state of Michigan. The smell of spring is in the air, there's a smell of newness - the fresh smell of the trees and plants waking up and the spring fishing season has started to warm up. As well as the riding season getting officially started even though many of us have already started riding back in February when we had that early warm up. SO THANKFUL!!

Since, I'm talking about the newness of spring. Let's look at the newness that God brings into our lives; a spiritual spring if you would.

The Bible says in Romans 3:23 that "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Now, if all have sinned and because of our sin deserve death. God came to this earth, in Christ Jesus, who bore our sins upon himself and paid our penalty for us.

Also, the first parts of Revelation 21:5 says "Then the One seated on the throne said, "Look! I am making everything new..."

Ya see, Jesus also said in John 10:10 "A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy. I [Jesus] have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance."

Ya see, the enemy (Satan) has killed so many, has destroyed so many people, stolen so many dreams and lives and has lied so much that many people think Truth is a lie and the lies are truth. But, Jesus came to make all things new! He is God after all... His love and mercy are never ending!! While, the devil is not god in fact he is just a wannabe. Jesus alone heals the broken hearted. He restores broken lives, forgives sins and renews our spirits/souls.

Ya see, God Is so good! Psalm 100:5 says "For Yahweh [The Lord] is good, and His love is eternal; His faithfulness endures through all generations."

Over the years, I've heard many people say, "I've done too much wrong for God to love me!" "I've hurt to many people for God to love or forgive me". Let me say this... these are lies from the pit of Hell. I've lead 1%ers and non-1%ers to Christ and have witnessed the transforming power of God's love in these people's lives. People who thought they were unforgiveable, unlovable, lost and doomed to Hell, but once they met Jesus and received His life and salvation, were totally renewed and refreshed!

Are you in need of being made new? Jesus is the ONLY one that can do that... ask Jesus to bring His Spring into your life and make you new, today.

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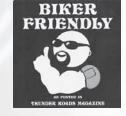
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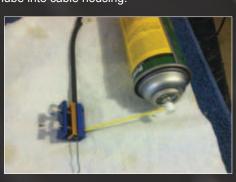
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### IN THE SHOP WITH RON

### SPRING ~ AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

This month we're going to discuss what I do and recommend for when you get your bike out of storage and ready for hopefully a trouble free riding season.

For the sake of this article, I am going to walk you through the procedure I follow when getting my bikes on the road after winter storage. The first thing I do is take the battery maintainer off and start the engine and let it run until good and warm. If weather permits, I likeå to ride it for a few miles to make sure it's warmed up to normal operating temperature. This also helps get the transmission and primary warm. While completely warm, I drain the oil from the crankcase, primary and transmission. This will help remove any condensation that may have formed during storage. While the oil is draining, I remove the air filter and clean. With the air filter off, I inspect the throttle cables, breather hoses, and wiring to injectors, TPS (Throttle Position Sensor) etc. for cracks, dry rot, rodent damage. I reinstall the air filter. Now that the oil has had time to drain, I'll remove the oil filter. Next, I go to the primary side and with the derby cover removed: I adjust the clutch hub and cable. While the clutch cable is loose, I disconnect it from clutch lever and lubricate the cable. I have this tool you clamp over the cable housing on one end and the cable goes through other end and it allows you to inject lube into cable housing.



Depending on the model of motorcycle, now is a good time to check the play in the primary chain and adjust it if necessary. Next, I reinstall the derby and inspection cover, oil filter and drain plugs and refill the crankcase, primary case and transmission. Now I'll start from the bottom and check anything and everything I can think of. I check the tires for tread depth, uneven or excessive wear. Look at the sidewalls closely, check for any sign of checking, cracking or splitting. If all looks good, make sure the tire air pressure is correct. I don't like to run tires that are over 5 years old or more than 3 riding seasons. All tires have a date on them somewhere that gives the month and date of manufacture.



This tire was made the 11th month of 2015. designated as 1115. Be careful when buying tires. Sometimes those bargains are not bargains. I have seen tires on the shelf being sold as new that were manufactured 5 years ago. This is just my opinion, but I'd rather be safe than sorry. If you have spoked wheels, check for loose or broken spokes. Next, I'll check brake pads, front and rear. Next, check the brake lines and hoses and the brake fluid; both front and rear, master cylinder. As part of my routine maintenance schedule, I change my brake fluid every other year. Now I inspect front forks and seals and steering head bear-

ings. Check forks for leaking seals or possible damage to tubes or lowers. Check the steering head for excessive play or rough spots when turning from full right to full left (with front wheel off the ground). As with brake fluid. I change fork oil every other year also. Next check the rear shocks for leaks or worn bushings. Now check the drive belt and sprockets for missing or damaged teeth, splits or cracks or signs of dry rot on belt. Then check all lights and turn signals. Check the horn. Operate the throttle. Make sure it returns to idle. Check front and rear brake pedal/lever to make sure they work and release properly. Now I'll start the motorcycle, let it get warm, make sure there are no leaks. Check battery cables for tightness and corrosion. I'm sure I left somethings out, but exercise common sense here; an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. At this time, a quick wipe down with detail spray, possible a fresh coat of wax and I'm ready to ride! One thing I forgot to mention, while you have the front and rear wheel off the ground, turn it over a few times to check the wheel bearings. Make sure they don't turn to hard or have any rough spots or any side play. I apologize for not being able to go into detail on some of the procedures due to space avail-

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### THE BEATDOWN GOES ON





Last month we had a collective sigh of relief, because we felt that our Second : blogger, was working on an expose of a government program called "IPIN" you didn't get too comfortable, because in the last few weeks the anti-gun folks: been paying close attention, you probably missed it! If you get your news from the "alphabet networks" or the stalwart propagandists of the major printed media you don't know about the incremental encroachment on our fundamental freedoms taking place at the local and state levels all over America. The liberal progressive Governor of Connecticut has proposed raising state licensing fees that have to be paid by carry permit holders in excess of 400% to three hundred dollars (initial permits will be \$370). On top of that, gun buyers will have to pay several times the actual cost (about \$10) for a federal background check and a hefty new state firearm registration fee, which there are rumors the governor house is that these measures are being taken to help balance the state budget. but the governor's personal animus toward gun ownership is well known.

Maryland's liberal progressives have actually outlawed firearms built on the AR platform. Gun rights advocates fought the prohibition in federal court, but the case was heard by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals (the second most liberal and overturned federal court in the land) who rendered an extra-constitutional decision (made something up) in siding with the state. What the court ruled was that the AR platform is intended for military purposes and therefore subject the restrictions imposed by the state. Pump action shotguns carried by American forces during WWI were nicknamed "trench guns" and helped break the stalemate that existed prior to the US entering the war. According to the Fourth Circuit's decision pump shotguns need to be restricted as well as virtually every other firearm manufactured.

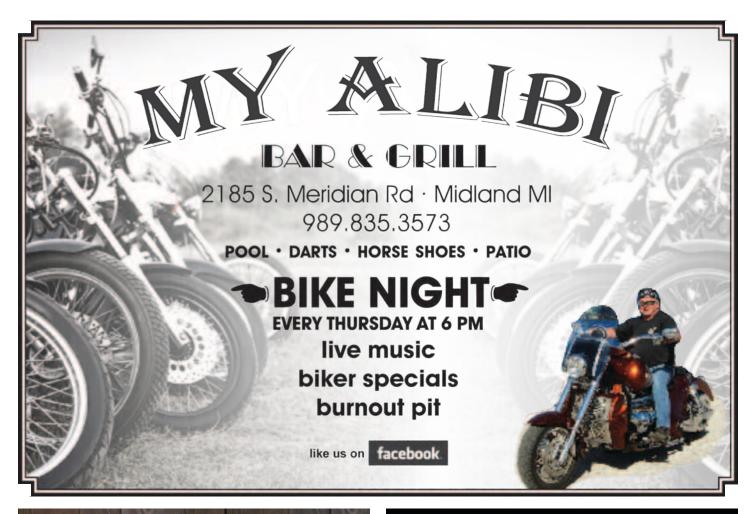
Then there is California and its esteemed governor Jerry "moon beam" Brown who makes no bones about how he feels about citizen's ownership of firearms In the "land of fruits and nuts" it is now a criminal act to be in possession of a magazine that holds more than 10 rounds. Furthermore, if you own an AR that has an external magazine release (rather than the state mandated internal release; which requires the shooter to break the firearm down to change mags) you are engaging in felonious behavior, which could land you in prison. And just to create a greater backlog at the NICS operations center, you are now required to submit to a background check to purchase ammunition! And these

Gun rights isn't the only first freedom under assault, free speech is also in the cross hairs, especially if that free speech is about to expose the corrupt underbelly of progressive policy. Megan Barth, a conservative journalist and

Amendment rights were once again safe and secure, at least for a while. Hope : which was created in the 1990's by the Clinton administration to bring undocumented aliens out of the shadows and at least paying taxes. IPIN (individual have done some significant chiseling away at gun rights and unless you have personal identification number) are issued by Internal Revenue to workers who do not have or are not eligible for a social security number, which is needed to file federal income tax. Individuals seeking an IPIN can claim up to twenty dependents that do not have to live in the same house, or even be in the US. and documentation of dependent status is not necessary. Needless to say anybody with that many allowable dependents is not having any taxes withheld, and thanks to Clinton's "unearned income tax credit" they receive individual tax returns in the thousands of dollars. All the illegals needed to get their IPIN an address, and some addresses (including one in Detroit) have thousands if IPIN holders supposedly living under the roof getting millions of dollars in tax refunds wants to require re-registration annually. Now the claim out of the CT state : annually. Barth was using her website to expose how corrupt this program is until her web address suddenly disappeared from the net with no explanation by her service provider. Now to really frost your ass. Bill Clinton's big buck give away was partially funded by declaring social security retirement benefits to be

> Robert Cramer (a Soros employee) is a recruiter who specializes in putting together demonstrations and protests by hiring outsiders who are bussed into communities to raise hell and shout down anybody who doesn't agree with their point of view. Cramer was retained by the Democrat party and the Clinton campaign and his people were responsible for the violent clashes outside venues holding Republican rallies (he bragged about it in a hidden camera interview). Ever hear of "Organizing for Action" (OFA), this is a political action committee formed by Barak Obama who boasts of hundreds of offices across the nation with thousands of volunteers whose express purpose is to disrupt the political activities of the opposition. They are behind the organized disruption of countless town hall meetings from coast to coast and frankly they don't give a damn about what you think or how you feel unless you are in lock step with

I have long since grown tired of the mindless rancor that passes for modern politics, especially when one side shows absolutely no respect for what I would call "heartland values." I have also grown tired of seeing our senior Senator standing behind Chucky Schumer (D-NY) every time he assaults middle America values on national TV. Debbie has always looked out for Debbie, and now that examples are just the tip of the iceberg of the assault on our basic rights by Debbie has sold Michigan out for a seat with the progressive power players it is time for Debbie to go bye bye. This is not intended to be a political screed, just the observations of an old patriot. Leaving progressives in office is like farting in your raincoat, relieving the pressure might feel good for a moment, but then you have to deal with the stink wafting out around your collar! Think about







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