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I am very excited to present the Official Ogemaw Hills Bike Week Rally Guide in this issue. This is a really fun event to attend and also this year they have a very special performance by the Bihlman Bros. Kerry from Ogemaw Hills gave me a few of their cd's to listen to and I must say these guys are awesome! In fact, I am listening to one of the cd's right now as I write this. We are all looking forward to this year's rally. I hope to see you there!

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Now for some "Mo" Advice (To my friends Edna & Lance):
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Michigan to start major revamp of veterans nursing homes

Michigan is starting a major revamp of how nursing care is provided to veterans, with plans to ultimately transition from two homes in the western and far-northern regions to seven new, smaller ones spread across the state.

The initiative — billed as the most substantial change to the system since the first veterans home opened in Grand Rapids 131 years ago — stems from new, bipartisan state laws that officials say will lead to higher-quality care for more veterans. Talks began last year after a state audit uncovered insufficient care, inadequate staffing levels and other problems at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

That home and one in Marquette, which opened in 1981, provide primarily nursing care to more than 500 veterans. They often choose to live there because the government-subsidized care costs them no more than \$4,300 a year.

The homes also are seen as more equipped to treat a population with higher rates of mental health, substance abuse and behavioral problems than at private facilities. But the large, institutional veteran's homes need to be replaced in favor of smaller scale housing and expanded to other parts of the state, state officials say.

"If that were to come to fruition, we would be providing care much closer to where the veterans live now, and their families are going to be closer to them," said James Redford, who Republican Gov. Rick Snyder named to lead the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency in February 2016 as part of a shakeup after the critical audit was released. He said Snyder told him: "Fix the homes."

In recent weeks, the agency applied for roughly \$66 million in federal funding to help build a new home in the Detroit area and to replace and downsize the one in Grand Rapids. A third of the state's 640,000 veterans live in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

A \$42 million state match for the two projects was approved by Snyder and the Legislature months ago.

The application also outlines a plan to build five more facilities in phases — first in the Flint/Saginaw/Bay City area, next the Jackson/Battle Creek region, then a replacement of the Marquette home, followed by one in the northern Lower Peninsula and finally another in metro Detroit.

Multi-story, hospital-like buildings would be jettisoned for modern houses that are more like a real "home." Ten to 14 residents in a large house would each have an individual bedroom and bathroom, surrounding a common living and dining area with a kitchen.

Overseeing the facilities' site locations, construction and operations is the new Michigan Veterans' Facility Authority, which was created under a law enacted in January and whose nine-member board met this past week for the first time.

Trump signs new VA executive order

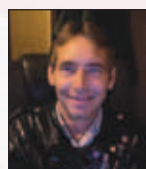
President Donald Trump signed an executive order authorizing the formation of an Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection. Trump said that the new office would not only investigate wrongdoing, but also enable Secretary of Veterans Affairs David Shulkin to hold VA employees accountable for misconduct.

"Accountability is an important issue to us at VA and something that we're focusing on to make sure that we have employees who work and are committed to the mission of serving our veterans," Shulkin said in a public statement. "And when we find employees that have deviated from these values, we want to make sure that we can move them outside of VA and not have them working at VA."

The House of Representatives has already passed a bill to enable the VA secretary to fire, reassign or suspend poorly performing employees. The Senate also has similar legislation under consideration.

"Secretary Shulkin has carried out a very thorough review of the VA to uncover all of the problems and challenges that we inherited, of which there were so many," Trump said during a press conference after he signed the executive order. "Based on those findings, we're putting plans in place to fix those problems and give our veterans the health care they need and the health care they deserve. Much work lies ahead, but we will not rest until this job is totally done." Earlier last month, Shulkin relieved the Washington DC VA Medical Center's director following the release of an inspector general report, which stated that veterans receiving care at the facility were exposed to "unnecessary risks" due to unsanitary conditions and inadequate supplies.

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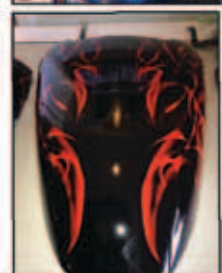
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THE DAVID & GOLIATH CASE: MOTORCYCLISTS & SEMI TRUCKS

Not too long ago, I settled a case involving a semi-truck hitting a motorcyclist. At the initial meeting with my client, they told me that they felt overwhelmed and overpowered by the multi-million dollar trucking company.

I'd like to say that those feelings are out of the ordinary, but they're not. Unfortunately, one of the common things I see in cases involving a motorcycle and a semi-truck is intimidation.

After a semi-truck is involved in an accident, the trucking company will send its team of insurance investigators, crash experts, and accident reconstructionists to the scene of the crash. This team looks at the scene, obtains witness statements, gathers evidence, and does its best to determine that the fault doesn't lay with the trucker.

Many companies spend tens of thousands of dollars on these teams, attempting to construct a one-sided story. Not surprisingly, many motorcyclists end up behind the 8 ball when facing a trucking company. When I work with motorcyclists who have been involved in semi-truck accidents, I draw on my own team of accident investigation experts to level the playing field.

In one of my most recent trucking cases, my client was riding his motorcycle to work very early in the morning. He was in the far-right lane driving next to a semi-truck when the truck driver attempted a right turn from the second lane, not the dedicated right lane.

During the case, the defense lawyers wanted to use the belief that most laypeople hold – that there are blind spots along the side of a tractor-trailer. Because I had assembled a strong and knowledgeable team to work on the investigation, we were able to demonstrate that there was not a blind spot in the area in question. The truck driver's defense crumbled and my client won the case.

I want to advise motorcyclists to take measures to protect themselves when driving near semi-trucks because so many truck drivers drive sleepy, distracted, and negligently.

First, assume that the truck driver can't see you. Even if you're in the most obvious place in the road, don't make the assumption that the driver is aware you're there. Assume that if you can't see the driver's eyes, then he probably can't see you.

Second, if you are in the right lane approaching an intersection, be prepared that the tractor-trailer may attempt a right turn from the second lane, as this type of turn is easier for the truck driver. It allows him to minimize the chance that his trailer may go across the corner of land that is off the road.

Third, don't move in front of a tractor-trailer unless you provide more distance than you reasonably think is necessary. Remember that semi-trucks need more time and distance to stop, especially when they're carrying a heavy load.

Finally, be careful when you're driving behind a semi-truck. They often kick up rocks and other potentially fatal road debris. Be sure to leave extra space between your motorcycle and the truck to give yourself time to react.

You shouldn't feel like you're going into a David and Goliath situation when facing a trucking company in court. You won't if you do what I advise and that is immediately hire a lawyer with an investigation team that is working for you.

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The JOKERS WILD

A farmer was selling his peaches door to door. He knocked on a door and a shapely 30-something woman dressed in a very sheer negligee answered the door. He raised his basket to show her the peaches and asked, "Would you like to buy some peaches, ma'am?" She pulled the top of the negligee to one side and asked, "Are they as firm as this?" He nodded his head and said, "Yes ma'am," and a little tear ran from his eye. Then she pulled the other side of her negligee off asking, "Are they nice and pink like this?" The farmer said, "Yes," and another tear came from the other eye. Then she unbuttoned the bottom of her negligee and asked, "Are they as fuzzy as this?" He again said, "Yes," and broke down crying. She asked, "Oh, dear, why on earth are you crying?" Drying his eyes he replied, "The drought got my corn, the flood got my soy beans, a tornado leveled my barn..... And now I do believe I'm gonna' get screwed out of my peaches."

An air traffic control tower suddenly lost communication with a small twin engine aircraft. A moment later the tower land line rang and was answered by one of the employees. An old pal of the Pilot's, whom was a passenger, was riding shotgun since the Co-Pilot called in ill. He contacted the Tower and yelled, "Mayday, mayday!! The Pilot of this aircraft had an instant and fatal heart attack. I grabbed his cell phone and as I hoped, he had the Tower on his speed dial memory. I am flying upside down at 18,000 feet and traveling at 180 mph. Mayday, mayday!!" The employee in the tower had put him on speaker phone immediately. "Calm down, we acknowledge you and we'll guide you down after a few questions. The first thing is not to panic, remain calm. He began his series of questions: Tower: "How do you know you are traveling at 18,000 feet??" Aircraft: "I can see that it reads 18,000 feet on the Altimeter dial in front of me." Tower: "Okay, that's good, remain calm. How do you know you're traveling at 180 mph?" Aircraft: "I can see that it reads 180 mph on the Airspeed dial in front of me." Tower: "Okay, this is great so far, but it's heavily overcast, so how do you know you're flying upside down?" Aircraft: "The sh*t in my pants is running out of my shirt collar." The husband leans over and asks his wife, "Do you remember the first time we had sex together over sixty years ago? We went

behind the village tavern where you leaned against the back fence and I made sweet, passionate love to you." Yes, she says, "I remember it fondly." OK, he says, "How about taking a stroll around there again and we can do it for old time's sake?" "Oh Jim, you old devil, that sounds like a crazy, but thrilling ideal!" A police officer sitting in the next booth heard their conversation and, having a chuckle to himself, he thinks to himself, I've got to see these two old-timers having sex against a fence. I'll just keep an eye on them so there's no trouble. So he follows them. The elderly couple walks haltingly along, leaning on each other for support aided by walking sticks. Finally, they get to the back of the tavern and make their way to the fence. The old lady lifts her skirt and the old man drops his trousers. As she leans against the fence, the old man moves in. Then suddenly they erupt into the most furious sex that the policeman has ever seen. This goes on for about ten minutes while both are making loud noises and moaning and screaming. Finally, they both collapse, panting on the ground. The policeman is amazed. He thinks he has learned something about life and old age that he didn't know existed. After about half an hour of lying on the ground recovering, the old couple struggle to their feet and put their clothes back on. The policeman, is still watching and thinks to himself, this is truly amazing, I've got to ask them what's their secret? So, as the couple passes, he says to them, "Excuse me, but that was something else. You must've had a fantastic sex life together. Is there some sort of secret to all this to give hope to my wife and I for our future together? Shaking, the old man is barely able to reply, "Sixty years ago that wasn't an electric fence."

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HISTORIC FEMALE RIDERS

Part 2

The following is the first in a four-part series showcasing 12 female riders with historic significance.

Bessie Stringfield



Facts: Founder of the Iron Horse Motorcycle Club, she fought through the barriers of being a black, female motorcycle rider and became an Army motorcycle dispatch rider in WWII. She became an AMA Hall of Fame Member in 2002.

As a teenager, Bessie made a name for herself by traveling around the United States on a perpetual quest for adventure. In 1929 she became the first African-American woman to travel across the US alone, on a motorcycle. According to the legend, Bessie started riding as a teen and would flip a coin onto a map of the US and then ride to that point. Truly a free spirit, Bessie even spent time as a stunt rider in regional carnivals and was known for her signature move of standing on the seat of one of the 27 Harley Davidson motorcycles she owned over the years. She is also credited with eight transcontinental rides and is supposed to have ridden through all lower 48 states.

This charismatic gal fought through a lot of obstacles along the way including the fact that she was a black woman and she was a woman riding a motorcycle by herself.

She toured the deep-south, where racism was prevalent and dangerous for anyone of color, but she deserves credit for doing as she darn well pleased on her mission to share her joy of riding with anyone she came in contact with.

Adeline van Buren's effort from 20-years earlier paid off for Bessie when she managed to become a civilian Army motorcycle dispatch rider in WWII. She even won a flat track

race while disguised as a man, of course, she was refused her prize money once she took her helmet off and revealed her true gender, but she had proved her point. Women can really ride. In the 1950s she made Miami her home and continued to ride, tour and enjoy life on two wheels. She also became a nurse and founded the Iron Horse MC Club. In the years that followed she became known as the 'Motorcycle Queen of Miami'.

Linda Dugeau



Facts: Founder of the Motor Maids, she was inducted to the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 2004.

Linda starting riding in 1932 and the tales of her riding adventures graced the pages of many of the leading motorcycle publications at the time. Dugeau had a real knack for riding as she used motorcycles to get to and from college, and later as part of her daily commute through the sketchy city streets of Boston. In yet another example of the old six-degrees of separation, she met a fellow female rider who made her aware of the famous 99 Club made up entirely of female pilots (Remember, Gussie van Buren was both a 99 and a woman rider). In 1938, she initiated a campaign to form a women's motorcycle club. She spent the better part of a decade petitioning females who owned and rode their own motorcycles to join her club until a fortuitous meeting with Dot Robinson helped it all come together.

The pair made it their three year-long mission to recruit 50 female riders who owned and rode their own motorcycles. Eventually, the Motor Maids of America was established in 1940 with Dugeau as founder and Robinson serving as club President. The club was awarded its official AMA Charter in 1941, making it the oldest AMA recognized motorcycle club for women in the USA. The Motor Maids gained popularity rapidly through their regular participation in AMA races and events. The members, dressed in their signature long white gloves, would parade on the race courses much to the delight of men and women alike. Linda Dugeau would be inducted to the AMA Hall of Fame in 2004.

Pearl Hoel



Facts: Known as the First Lady of Sturgis, Pearl and her husband Pappy founded the legendary Sturgis Rally and was inducted into the AMA Hall of Fame in 1991.

Pearl is not on this because of her amazing riding feats, instead she makes the cut because of her contribution to the motorcycle industry. As a recognized pillar of the community and long-time member of the Sturgis municipalities, she was instrumental in getting the townsfolk of Sturgis to accept her husband's wild ideas. It's a good thing they did as their annual motorcycle rally attracts riders from all across the United States to their little piece of heaven in the Black Hills. Her husband gets the official credit for forming the Jackpine Gypsies Motorcycle Club and the Black Hills Motor Classic event, but the story is that Pearl had the influence that made it all happen. Basically, she was the glue that held all the many complicated pieces together and allowed the Sturgis Rally to persevere and grow. Her reputation and influence over the wives of the local businessman was a key ingredient to the recipe for success.

The couple established their Indian Motorcycle Dealership which was the conduit to the creation of the Jackpine Gypsies, men-only club for the folks who bought Indians from the dealership. In 1937 the Gypsies invited the Rapid City Pioneers Motorcycle Club to Sturgis for the inaugural Black Hills Motor Classic and the rest as they say, is history. The Sturgis business owners were happy to see the people coming into the town from all over, just to participate in the event and together with the Hoel family, they laid the foundation for what is arguably the most recognized motorcycle rally on the planet.

What started as a handful of enthusiasts riding around the old horse flat track for fun and camping in the backyard of the Hoel residence has evolved into an event that brings in a half-million riders to the region. As the years went by, the Sturgis Rally grew beyond anyone's wildest expectations, and Pearl has served as the constant presence through it all. She was also the conduit to the original history of the rally, responsible for telling tales, recounting facts and sharing that information with anyone, journalists in particular, who asked for her help. She was active in the rally until the day she passed away in 2005 at the age of 99 and was inducted into the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 1991. She will always be known as the "First Lady of Sturgis."

The first six women highlighted were all women who deserve to be recognized for the pioneering effort and riding spirit in the early years of motorcycle history. The transcontinental rides, the breakthrough in women's rights and the formation of clubs and events like Sturgis are all huge accomplishments that deserve to be remembered. The funny thing is, that each of them started out with a simple passion for motorcycles. It's the same burning desire to feel the win on our face and that freedom and independence that exemplifies what it means to ride a motorcycle.

We will continue to ride the way-back machine for a little while longer by taking a peek at the accomplishments of a few ladies that know a thing or two about twisting a more modern throttle. As the decades transitioned from the 50s and 60s to the 70s and 80s the emphasis on riders that have done memorable things seems to have revolved around racing exploits. For that reason, the next batch of battling beauties starts with a few gals who made a name for themselves by riding a motorcycle a few miles per hour beyond its limits.

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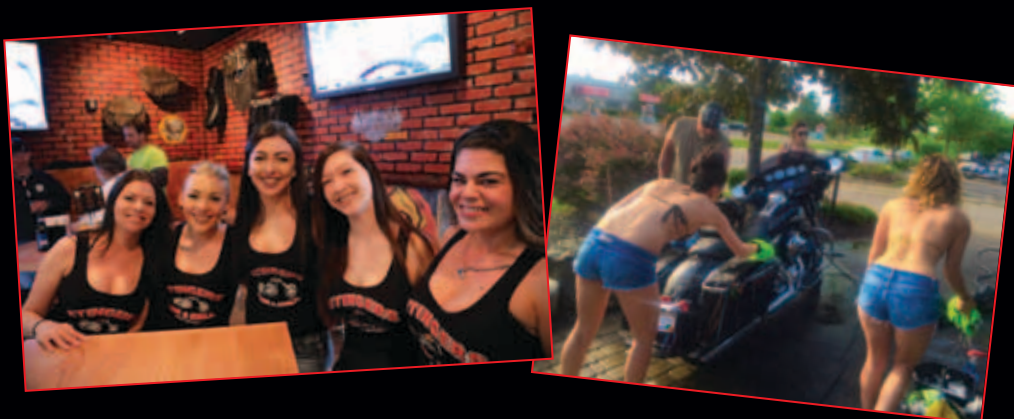
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2. Once you have your Ride Card go to any or all of the stops listed this month and show them your card! Registration stops are also ride stops. There are also event stops each month. That stop will write your unique Ride Card number down. Let them 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 of 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 check-in's all summer Ride n' Win season long.
- ALL CHECK-INS remain in the system for end of the season prizes!

It's really that simple!



2017 MICHIGAN THUNDER RUN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST



1. Get your Michigan Ride Card.
2. Get the list of stops each month from your Thunder Roads Michigan Magazine.
3. Ride out to these stops and show them your card.
4. And then you win cool prizes, including COLD HARD CASH!

Thunder Roads Michigan will also be registering riders for Ride Cards at specific events throughout the year as we distribute magazines. Key events; such as Harley Fest, Bikes on the Bricks or Bike Nights will have a special booth for Ride Card registrations. We will list these events each month on the Event Stops page in the magazine. In most cases, we will be offering special incentives to those checking in with their previously issued Ride Card at these stops.

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



RIDING OUT OF STATE? IF YOU RIDE TO PENNSYLVANIA, OHIO, INDIANA, DELAWARE, MARYLAND OR WASHINGTON DC MAKE SURE TO PICK UP A COPY OF THUNDER ROADS IN EACH STATE AND LOOK FOR A REGISTRATION STOP NEAR YOU TO REGISTER FOR THAT STATES RIDE CARD. THEN CHECK-IN AT ANY STOP LISTED IN THAT STATES ISSUE. YOU COULD WIN PRIZES IN EACH STATE!



LET'S RIDE!

2017 MICHIGAN THUNDER RUN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST

JUNE 2017 STOPS MAP



EVENT STOPS



ALL STOPS

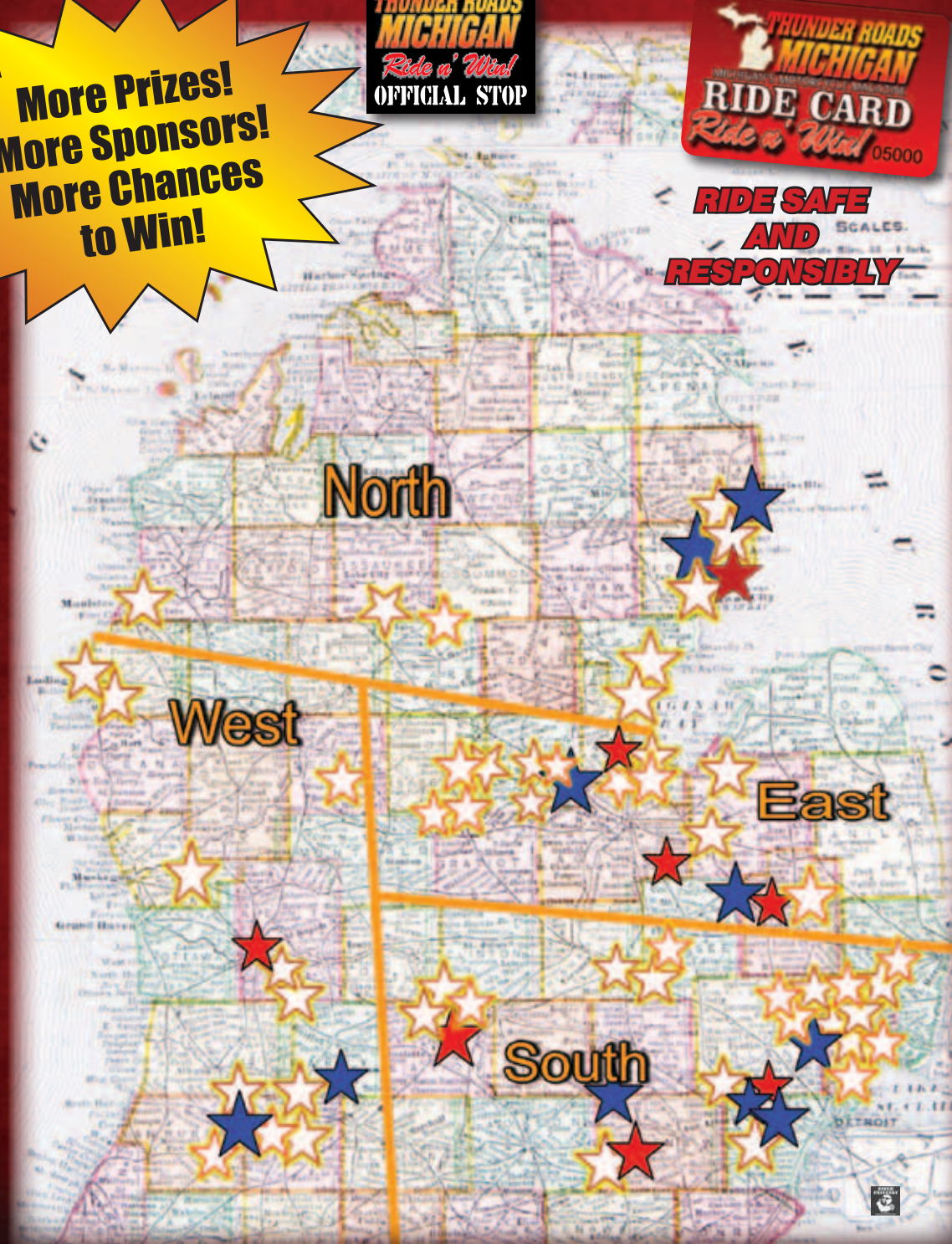


REG. FOR FREE RIDE CARD

**More Prizes!
More Sponsors!
More Chances
to Win!**



**RIDE SAFE
AND
RESPONSIBLY**



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JUNE EVENT STOPS

LOCATION INDICATED ON MAP WITH A BLUE STAR



JUNE 3

D & W Detroit Motorcycle Open House
Sign up for a Free Ride Card or
Check-in with Jay 2pm-4:30 pm
50662 Vandyke, Shelby Township, MI. 10 am- 4:30 pm
register to win a Harley golf cart.
For more info call 586-756-1284 or go to detmotorcycle.com

JUNE 3

Ride for Rug Rats
Sign up for a Free Ride Card or Check-in with Sandy
Twisted Twinz Emporium, Tawas, MI.
Regis 10 am, kickstands up noon, \$15 pp
no ride & dinner only \$7 pp,
4 pm return, 5 pm dinner, all bikes & vehicles welcome
50/50, auction, DJ & more.
For more info visit Facebook: TwistedTwinzEmporium

JUNE 4

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

JUNE 8

Bike Night Kick Off
Sign up for a Free Ride Card or Check-in with Sandy
Office Lounge & Grill, Oscoda, MI. Food specials & music, street
closed for designated bike parking only. For more info call 989-
739-3388

JUNE 10-11

Harleyfest
Sign up for a Free Ride Card or
Check-in with Jody Mo at vendor spot
Motor City HD, Farmington Hills, MI. Live music all weekend
featuring Theory of a Deadman, Quiet Riot, Saving Abel,
Josh Todd of Buckcherry, 2 bike giveaways,
sexiest bagger contest, sound-off competition,
wall of death, ball of steel & more.
For more info call 248-473-7433 or go to motorcityharley.com

JUNE 11

Biker Sunday
Sign up for a Free Ride Card or
Check-in with Shirley at vendor spot
Midland Nazarene, 5700 Jefferson Ave, Midland, MI 48640.
10:45am service with guest speaker Matt Ordiway, free,
hog roast, music, blessing, bike show-cash prizes,
all bikes welcome, everyone welcome.
For more info go to midlandnaz.org
(See full page ad this issue).

JUNE 11

22nd Annual Vintage Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet
Sign up for a Free Ride Card or
Check-in with Kirk 11 am- 2 pm
Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI. 9 am- 4 pm, rain or
shine, bikes 25 year old & older.
Registration info at: GilmoreCarMuseum.org

JUNE 16-18

13th Annual Ray C's HD Rodeo
Sign up for a Free Ride Card or
Check-in at Ray C's front desk
Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. all weekend live music,
bounce house, hog dogs & more, Sat- live music, pig roast,
bike show, horsepower shootout contest, Sun- Poker Run
& horsepower shootout contest. \$1500 cash to winner or
horsepower contest.
For more info call 810-664-9261

JUNE 19

Bike Night & Ride Card Registration Event
Sign up for a Free Ride Card or Check-in with Debra
McNasty's, New Boston, MI. 4 pm- 9 pm, bike night & come sign
up for your FREE Ride Card or check -in if already have one for
the Ride n' Win Contest for Thunder Roads Michigan.
For more info call 734-753-4900 (See ad this issue).

JUNE 25

Back Yard BBQ of Kalamazoo (GLBC)
Sign up for a Free Ride Card or Check-in with Dale
Kalamazoo Co. Fairgrounds. Regis 9 am, ride leaves at 11am
\$25 Bike, \$35 with rider.
For more info call Randy 269-217-3943
(See Great Lakes Burn Camp full page ad this issue)

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THE STOPS

For the month of June check-in at any of these stops (up to 1 time per week) 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 previous years 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 months 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

Hi-Way Inn

715 Kosciusko St, Manistee, MI 49660. (231) 398-9188 Hours: M-Sat 11- Close, Sun Noon-Close. 1 person wins a \$15 Gift Card each month. *Bike Nights Tuesday 5-9 pm. It's 5:00 Somewhere, Ice Cold Beer.*

Irish Pub

4709 F-41 Oscoda, MI 48750. (989) 739-5611 Hours: M-Sat 11-2, Sun Noon-2. 1 person wins a t-shirt. Check-in here and get a spin on the "Spirit Wheel" for a drink special while there. *Family owned since 1980, Coldest Beer in Town, Sunday draft specials.*

Museum of Moses @ Vogel Store

9979 S. 8 mile Rd (Vogel center) McBain, MI 49657. (231) 825-2219 Hours: M-Sat 9:30 am-9 pm, Sun closed. 1 person wins 2 choices of hat, shirt, coozie, patch, misc. each month. *Awesome collection of vintage Harley's, hot food & drinks.*

Mr. Jack's Sports Bar & Grill

105 W. Westover St, East Tawas, MI 48730. (989) 305-6506 Hours: Open Every day 11-Midnight. 1 person wins a Mr. Jack's hat each month. *Check out our oven roasted sandwiches. Patio entertainment every Thursday night.*

Saganing Eagles Landing Casino

(*Special Daily Check-In Option)
2690 Worth Rd, Standish, MI 48658. (989) 775-5912 Hours: 24 hours/7 days a week. EVERY RIDER (WITH RIDE CARD) MAY COME IN DAILY & FOR EVERY 300 POINTS EARNED THEY WILL RECEIVE \$10 IN PREMIUM PLAY (1 TIME EACH DAY MAXIMUM, GO TO THE PLAYERS CLUB TO RECEIVE PREMIUM PLAY).
Fun, exciting, great people.

Trail's End Pub

10141 N. Finley Lake Ave, Harrison, MI 48625. (989) 539-9644 Hours: 10-Midnight Every day. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. *Bike Nights Thursday with 20 oz. Steak specials, Tiki Bar, Special Bike Parking.*

Twisted Twinz Emporium

1131 West Lake St (Hwy 23), Tawas City, MI 48763. (989) 984-5200 Hours: M, W-Sat 10 am-7 pm, Closed Tues, Sun 10 am-3 pm. 1 person wins Twisted Twinz T-Shirt. *Family owned, 10 % off to military & anyone rolling up on a motorcycle.*

Wiltz's Brew Pub

5606 F 41, Oscoda, MI 48750. (989) 739-2231 Hours: M-F 10:30 am- 10 pm, Sat & Sun 8:30-10:30 pm. 1 person wins a collectors mug & t-shirt each month. *Bike Nights Monday, Trivia Wednesday Nights*



SOUTH

Adair Bar

8033 St. Clair Hwy, Casco, MI 48064. (810) 329-3056 Hours: 11 am- 2 am daily. 1 person wins a chicken dinner each month. *Great food, fish fry fri-sun.*

Allenton Tavern

759 Capac Rd, Allenton, MI 48002. (810) 395-8171 Hours: 11 am- 2 am daily. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. *Bike Nights Tuesday- Beer & Wing Specials*

Capitol Harley-Davidson

9550 Woodlane Dr, Dimondale, MI 48821. (517) 646-2345 Hours: M-F 9-6, Sat 10-3, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. *Lots of events, great scenic ride in the local area.*

Chaps Food & Spirits

23084 Main St, Armada, MI 48005. (586) 784-4500 Hours: Everyday 11 am- 2 am. 1 person wins \$25 gift card each month (good at all 3 locations). *Best Steak, Seafood & Burgers around.*

Chaps Food & Spirits

69294 Main St, Richmond, MI 48062. (586) 727-4500 Hours: Everyday 11 am- 2 am. 1 person wins \$25 gift card each month (good at all 3 locations). *Best Steak, Seafood & Burgers around.*

Chaps Food & Spirits

7860 Smiths Creek Rd, Wales, MI 48027. (810) 367-4500 Hours: Everyday 11 am- 2 am. 1 person wins \$25 gift card each month (good at all 3 locations). *Best Steak, Seafood & Burgers around.*

Coach's Pub & Grill

6201 Bishop Rd, Lansing, MI 48911. (517) 882-2013 Hours: 11 am- 2 am daily. 1 person wins a t-shirt each month. *Bike Nights Saturday, Big Deck, Great Food, Cold Beer.*

D & W Detroit Motorcycle

50662 Vandyke, Shelby Township, MI 48317. (586) 756-1284 Hours: M-F 10-7, Sat 10-4:30 pm, Closed Sun. 1 person wins an oil change & t-shirt each month. *Your New Dealership Alternative.*

Hunt's Hog Shop

3030 S. Cedar St, Lansing, MI 48910. (517) 394-7840 Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-4, Sun Closed. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. *We have been here for 28 years, honest & dependable.*

Jerry B's Cycle Works

25430 Harper Ave, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081. (586) 773- BIKE Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-4, Sun Closed. 1 person wins a Jerry B's Cycle Works T-shirt each month. *Your Eastside Connection, Parts & Access for your HD & You. Family owned 24 years.*

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J.J. Knapp's Tavern

67126 Gratiot, Richmond, MI 48062. (586) 727-2498 Hours: 7 am-2 am daily. 1 person wins a t-shirt or gift card each month. *Family owned 34 years, New Deck Open, Wednesday Bike Nights- Specials & Prizes.*

McNastys Saloon

19300 Waltz Rd, New Boston, MI 48164. (734) 753-4900 Hours: M 10-10, T-Sat 10am-2am, Sun 11-11pm. 1 person wins a delicious burger & fry meal each month. *Great food, people, family owned with a Cheers atmosphere, try their fried pickle spears!*

Motor City Harley-Davidson

24800 Haggerty Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. (248) 473-7433 Hours: M-F 10-7, Sat 10-5, Sun 11-4. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. *Come visit our 65,000 sq ft new location with over 300 motorcycles in stock, you will be amazed!*

Old Hickory Bar & Grill

7071 Bennet Lake Rd, Fenton, MI 48430. (810) 735-7630 Hours: M-Sat 11 am- 2 am, Sun Noon-Midnight. 1 person wins choice of a gift card, shirt or hat each mth. *Great Food, Great Prices, Awesome Scenic Ride*

Sassy's Norway Bar

8823 Avoca Rd, Avoca, MI 48006. (810) 324-2263 Hours: M, W, Th 2 pm-Midnight, Fri-Sun Noon- 2 am, Closed Tues & Holidays. 1 person wins different prize basket each month. *Weekend Karaoke alternating Fri & Sat, Nice Scenic Ride, Cold drinks, Monthly Parties.*

Scooters Bar & Grill

6004 Torrey Rd, Flint, MI 48507. (810) 655-6884 Hours: Open daily. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. *Bike Nights Wednesday, Mid-Michigan's Biker Stop for Food, Drinks, Friends.*

Sholty's Bar

1819 S. Washington Ave, Lansing, MI 48910. (517) 372-3559 Hours: Sun-Th 11 am- Midnight, Fri & Sat 11 am- 2 am. 50 cents off drinks if you ride in. *Bike Nights Wednesday. Awesome Patio, cheapest drinks in town, ice cold beer.*

Spartan Cycle

44701 N. Gratiot Ave, Clinton Twp, MI 48036. (586) 684-3372 Hours: M-Th 9-6, Fri 9-7, Sat 10-5, Sun Closed. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. *New & Used Indian dealer, full service, parts, monthly events with giveaways.*

Stingers Bar & Grill

49110 Grand River, Wixom, MI 48393. (248) 449-9667 Hours: M 11am-2am, T-Sun 9am- 2am. 1 person wins a \$30 gift card each month. *Bike Nights Thursdays, hot girlz, cool beer, great food.*

Thee Office Pub & Cookery

128 S. Main St, Romeo, MI 48065. (586) 752-6680 Hours: M-Th 10 am- Midnight, Fri & Sat 10 am-1:30 am, Sun Noon- 10 pm. 1 person wins a bike night shirt & gift card each month. *Bike Nights Thursday, 2 Patios.*

Wolverine Harley-Davidson

44660 N. Gratiot Ave, Clinton Twp., MI 48036. (586) 463-7700 Showroom Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-4, Sun 11-3. Service Hours: M-F 9-6, Sat 9-4, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. *Bikes, friends & good times- Michigan must see.*

Woody's Bancroft Tavern

119 Warren St, Bancroft, MI 48414. (989) 634-5455 Hours: M-Sat 11 am-close, Sun Noon- 10 pm. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. *Bike Day Sundays Noon- ½ Lb Burger & Fries with Domestic Draft \$10*

Younger's Irish Tavern

120 S. Main St, Romeo, MI 48065. (586) 752-4400 Hours: M-W 11 am- Midnight, Th-Sat 11 am- 2 am, Sun Noon- 10 pm. 1 person wins either gift card, t-shirt or show tickets each month. *Voted Best Biker Bar by Real Detroit, Bike Nights Thursday.*



EAST

4 Corners Country Store

8892 Van Cleve Rd, Vassar, MI 48768. (989) 871-3120 Hours: Sun-Th 5am-10pm, Fri & Sat 5am-11pm. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card towards food each month. Plus free gift to everyone when they check in each month (1 per month). *Great food, cold beer, biker friendly, gift shop & Hersey hand-dip ice cream.*

Anschutz Café

212 E. Saginaw St (M-46), Breckenridge, MI 48832. (989) 481- 3333 Hours: M-Th 6 am- 10 pm, Fri & Sat 6 am- Midnight, Sun 8 am- 8 pm. 1 person wins hat or gift card each month. *Bike Nights Wednesdays- stop in for awesome home cooked food, front & rear parking – easy access.*

Bay Shore Bar

9432 Bay City Forestville Rd, Fairgrove, MI 48733. (989) 895-9503 Hours: M-Th 10 am- 10 pm, Fri & Sat 10 am- 11 pm, Sun Noon- 9 pm. 1 person wins a \$10 gift card each month. *Bike Night Thursdays with DJ Mike- food & drink specials, waterfront patio.*

Castaways

3940 Boy Scout, Bay City, MI 48706. (989) 686-3558 Hours: M-Th 11am-12am, Fri & Sat 11am-2am, Sun 12pm-12am. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. *Bike night Tuesdays, great food on the water with outside deck.*

Cheers Pub

440 N. Saginaw St, Lapeer, MI 48446. (810) 667-3170 Hours: M, T & W 11-10, Th 11- Midnight, Fri 11 am- 2am, Sat Noon- 2 am, Sun Noon- 10 pm. 1 person wins apparel item or gift card each month. *Bike Nights Wednesday – food & drink specials, hand pattied/never frozen burgers.*

Ghost Town Saloon

6422 Pingree Rd, Elwell, MI 48832. (989) 463-4693 Hours: M-Sat 11 am- 10 pm or later (call), Sun Noon- 8 pm. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. *Bike Nights Saturday 6 pm with DJ Mike. Outdoor patio, horseshoe pits.*

Great Lakes Harley-Davidson

3850 S. Huron Rd (M-13), Bay City, MI 48706. (989) 686-0400 Hours: M-F 10-6, Sat 10-3, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. *Great selection of new/used bikes & accessories- located in the heart of the tri-cities.*

Holeshot Harley-Davidson

4741 E. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. (989) 772-5513 Hours: M-W & F 9-6, Th 9-7, Sat 9-4, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. *New & used Harley dealership, riding gear, gifts, collectibles, parts & accessories.*

Iron Horse Bar & Grill

3592 Main St, Akron, MI 48701. (989) 691-5761 Hours: Everyday 11am-2am. 1 person wins all you can eat wings each month. *Bike Night Wednesdays- specials, happy hour, thumbs largest biker bar.*

Midland Arms & Defensive Solutions

664 W. Isabella Rd, Midland, MI 48640. (989) 600-5050 Hours: M & T 10:30- 2 pm, W, Th & Fri 10:30- 6, Sat & Sun 10:30-5. 1 person wins a free Reality Based 2 hours room clearing techniques class. *Family owned, training from law enforcement professionals.*

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THE STOPS

EAST continued

My Alibi Bar & Grill

2185 S. Meridian Rd, Midland, MI 48640. (989) 835-3573 Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-2am, Sun 12pm-12am. 1 lucky person wins a t-shirt. *Bike Night Thursdays, burnout pit, biker specials, live music.*

Ray C's Harley-Davidson

1491 S. Lapeer Rd (M24-I69), Lapeer, MI 48446. (810) 664-9261 Hours: M-Th 10-6, F 10-7, Sat 10-4, Sun 11-4 (store). 1 person wins a \$100 gift card each month. *Family owned 29,000 sq. ft. with easy on/off exit, weekly & monthly events.*

River Rock Bar & Grill

210 N. Mill St, St. Louis, MI 48880. (989) 681-2851 Hours: M-W 7am-10pm, Th-Sat 7am-2am, Sun 7am-9pm. 1 lucky person wins a \$20 gift card & t-shirt each month. *Bike Night Wednesdays with DJ Mike- Food & Drink Specials, Bike Parking front or back patio area.*

Scotty's Sandbar

1201 Evergreen Dr, Bay City, MI 48706. (989) 671-1997 Hours: M-W 4pm- Midnight, Th-Sat Noon-2 am, Sun Noon- 10 pm. 1 person wins a t-shirt or sweatshirt each month. *Bike Nights Thursday, Karaoke contests, specials, pool, darts & patio.*

Shiawassee Harley-Davidson

11901 N. Beyer Rd, Birch Run, MI 48415. (989) 624-4400 Hours: M-F 9-6, Sat 9-4, Sun 10-3. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. *We are Michigan's All Amercian dealer, easy on/off I-75 Birch Run exit.*

The Blue Bar & Restaurant

1981 N. Winn Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. (989) 644-8301 Hours: 3 pm- close daily. 1 person wins a \$10 gift card each month. *Great food, great ride from anywhere.*

WEST

10th Street Saloon

136 N. Main St, Plainwell, MI 49080. (269) 685-9595 Hours: M-Th 11am-close, Fri 11 am-2am, Sat Noon- 2am, Sun Closed. 1 person wins a t-shirt & \$25 gift card each month. *Bike Nights Tuesday, family owned since 1988.*

Bud's Tap Room

519 E. Dowland St, Ludington, MI 49431. (231) 845-5895 Hours: M 11-8, T-Sat 11-Midnight, Sun Noon-6. 1 person wins a \$15 gift card each month. *Cold Beer, Good Food & Friendly.*

Boondox Motorsports

9952 Cherry Valley Ave SE, Caledonia, MI 49316. (616) 891-9900 Hours: M & W 9-8, T, Th & F 9-6, Sat 10-4, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. *Wide variety of pre-owned motorcycles, cars, trucks, suv's, apparel & accessories, friendly people & free root beer.*

Charlie's Bar

135 S. Main St, Scottville, MI 49454. (231) 757-2817 Hours: M-Th 11-10, Fri 11- 2am, Sat 11-11, Sun Noon-8 pm. 1 person wins a burger meal & drink each month. *Great burgers, friendly atmosphere, great ride from anywhere.*

Duck Inn Waddle Out

3214 Brookfield Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49048. (269) 342-4447 Hours: M-Sat 11am-2am, Sun Noon-7. 1 person wins a t-shirt or sweatshirt each month. *Bike Nights Thursday, full bar & menu. Plus, where else can you Duck Inn & Waddle Out?!*

Grand Rapids Harley-Davidson

2977 Corporate Grove Dr, Hudsonville, MI 49426. (616) 896-0111 Hours: M-F 9-7, Sat 9-5, Sun 11-4. 1 person wins a \$50 gift card each month. *Passionate, knowledgeable & disciplined team using products, facilities & events that ROCK!*



Leaders RPM

8500 West Main St (M-43), Kalamazoo, MI 49009. (269) 544-2628 Hours: M, T, Th, F 9-6, W 9-8, Sat 9-4, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$50 gift certificate good for apparel, parts or accessories. *Huge inventory of motorcycles, boats, PWC's, ATV's, ORV's & snowmobiles. Full- service dealership with a respectful, friendly team.*

Paw Paw Brewing Co

929 E. Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, MI 49079. (269) 415-0145 Hours: M Noon-7, T-Th Noon-10 pm, Fri & Sat Noon- 11pm, Sun Noon-7. 1 person will win either t-shirt, sweatshirt or gift card each month. *Bike Nights Tuesday*

Red's Sports Bar & Grill

661 S. Broadway, Middleville, MI 49333. (269) 205-2727 Hours: M-F 11 am-midnight, Sat & Sun 8 am-2 am. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. *Great food, cold beer, made to order breakfast on Sat & Sun, Live music Sat.*

Remus Tavern

118 W. Wheatland Ave, Remus, MI 49340. (989) 967-8304 Hours: Every Day 8:30 am-11 pm. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. *Full menu with great food; burritos, burgers, lake perch, daily drink specials, & breakfast.*

Rum Runners

12058 E. Apple Ave, Ravenna, MI 49451. (231) 853-2223 Hours: Wed-Sun open at 11 am. 1 person wins a \$15 gift card or t-shirt each month. *Bike Nights Wednesday with live band, full service kitchen, outdoor bar, special bike parking, horseshoes, & 5600 sq. ft. of tropical fun!*

The Dock at Bayview

12504 E. D Ave, Richland, MI 49083. (269) 731-4911 Hours: M-Sat 11 am- 2am, Sun noon-midnight. 1 person wins either t-shirt or food voucher each month. *Bike Nights Thursday, entertainment, drink & food specials every day.*

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The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Riddles & Brain Teasers

Problem: You are in prison with Barry & Albert. The 3 of you are in a line looking straight ahead. You're in front, then Barry, then Albert. A guard has 3 black & 2 white hats. He randomly puts one on each of your heads. Albert can see your hat & Barry's, Barry can see yours, and you can see no one's. None of you know what color you have on your own head. The guard says, "If anyone can tell me with 100% certainty the color of your own hat, uttering no one else's, you may all go free." He tells Albert to answer first. Albert is a very honest and intelligent person, but he says, "I don't know, there's no way of knowing for sure." The guard then asks Barry. Barry is also intelligent and rational, but he also cannot tell. He comes to you, and you say the color of your hat with 100% certainty. The guard has no choice but to release all 3 of you. **SOLVE:** What color hat were you wearing and how did you know?

Answer Below

Answer to Riddles & Brain Teasers: You are wearing a black hat. To solve this brain teaser you have to think about what the other men couldn't see, Albert could not have seen 2 white hats, or he would have known that his was black. Albert either saw a black & white hat or black & black hat so he had no certainty which color he was wearing himself. Hearing Albert & knowing he could not have seen 2 white hats, the only way for Barry to have certainty is if he sees a white hat in front so he knows his own is black. However, Barry was also unsure, meaning you must be wearing a black hat.

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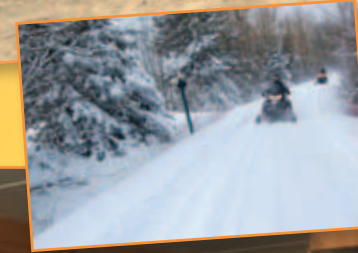
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Whether it's on a motorcycle, ATV, car, truck or snowmobile, Trail's End Pub is the place to be at the end of the Trail. Last fall I decided one day to take a break from working on the magazine and hop on my scooter and head north. Sometimes when there is work to do it's hard to step away, but I had been meaning to check this place out and knew time was running out to take a color tour ride. I took some back roads getting there and was able to truly enjoy the ride even though I made a wrong turn and ended up on a gravel road in construction at the time for several miles. When I finally arrived at the Trail's End Pub I was surprised to see just about every means of transportation in their parking lot; cars, trucks, ATVs and motorcycles. I was greeted by amazing staff and was able to meet the owners, which were busy cooking and setting up blenders out in the tiki bar. I ordered a few different things to try and was so impressed by everything I had. They have specials daily and a tiki bar area that is open year round! If you are looking to try some place new and have an incredible meal then you need to check this place out! Plus, it's a great ride from anywhere and they are set to be a Ride Stop in the 4th Annual Thunder Run Ride n' Win contest which kicks off again June 1st. So bring your Ride Card and check in on their bike nights on Thursday's and order yourself a 20 oz. mouthwatering porterhouse or T-bone steak special for only \$10-\$12 or check it out any other day of the week and try anything on their menu and you won't be disappointed. You can even rent a house within walking distance and depending on the season an ATV, Snowmobile or Side by Side. This place has it all.

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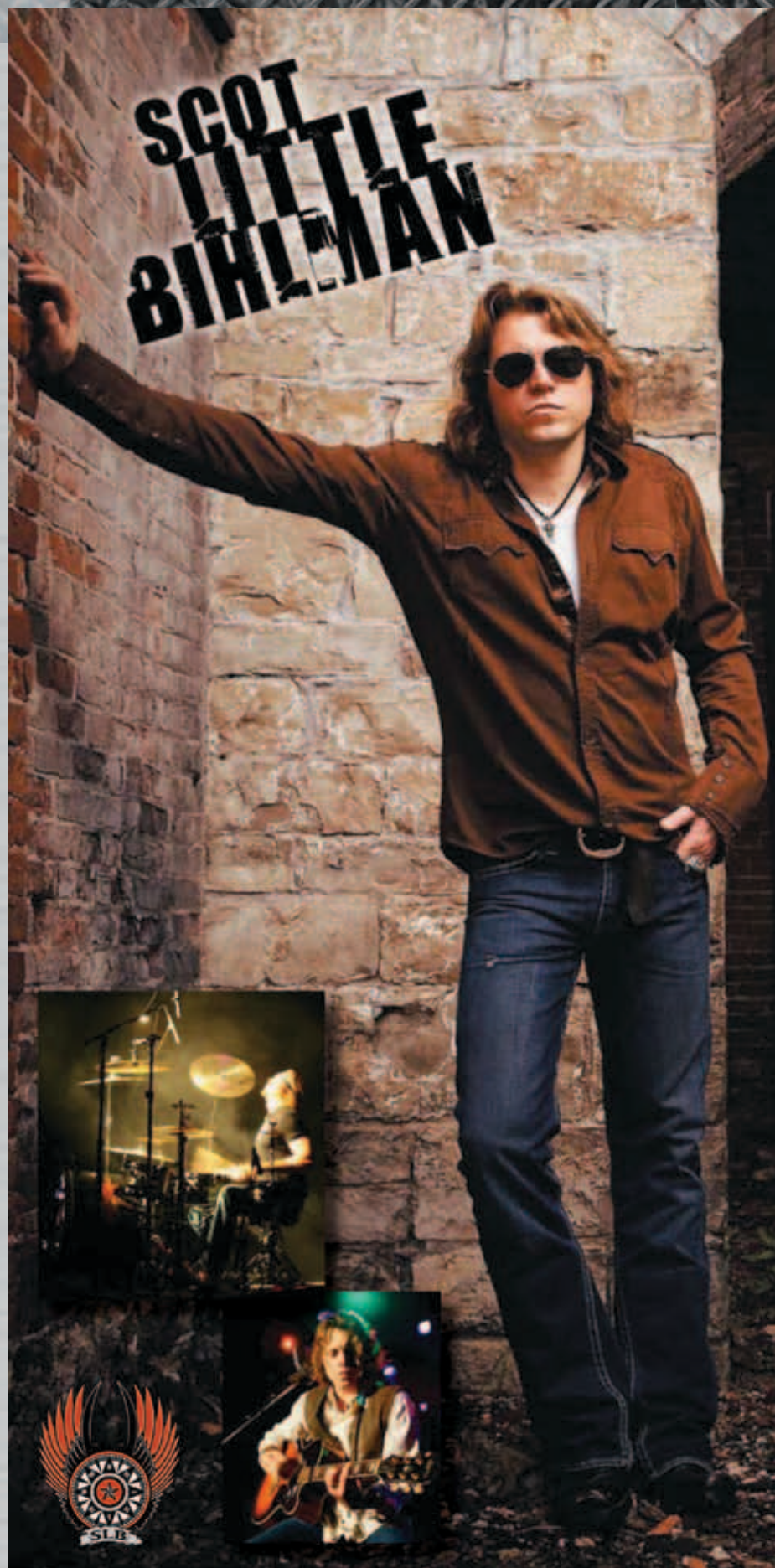
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FILM

Love and Dancing ~ Amy Smart/Billy Zane/Betty White

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• EMMY Award Winning Composer/Songwriter

• Catalog administered by Warner/Chappell Worldwide

• Appeared with Trey Anastasio of Phish on WC Handy Award winning Son Seals record *Lettin' Go*

• Produced by Grammy Award Winning Memphis Producer Jim Gaines (SRV, Santana, Journey) and Ken Allardyce (Green Day, Goo Goo Dolls)

• Recorded, backed or appeared with ZZ Top, Ted Nugent, Pink, BB King, Ray Charles, Buddy Guy, Hank Williams Jr., Dido, and many others at venues ranging from clubs to stadiums worldwide and even the White House (*yes, that white house!*)

• Session veteran at world famous studios such as Cherokee Studios – Los Angeles, Ardent Studios – Memphis and Masterlink Studios - Nashville

• Appeared on/in *Extra*, *E!* Entertainment, *Red Carpet Roxy*, *QVC*, *Rolling Stone* (Son Seals), *GIG Magazine*, *FM Quarterback*, *Radio & Records*, *Traverse Magazine*, *Music Connection*, *Blues Review*, and *Rock Tune-Up*

• Licensed music for radio, films and TV including ABC, CBS, NPR and most recently 7 songs for the film *Love n Dancing* starring Amy Smart, Billy Zane and Betty White

• Veteran of countless US and European Tours

• Principle actor in national TV commercials for *Burger King*, *NFL Network*, and featured on the *Drake and Josh Show*

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- Other instruments: Vocals, Bass, Percussion
- Member of:
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- Internationally published author with Alfred Publishing





OGEMAW HILLS RALLY GUIDE

Wedding Bells at OHBW

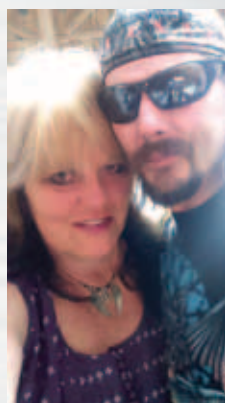


It was July 2010, Nina Hopkins was casually scrolling through the yearbook page online when she noticed something that didn't sit right with her. A man, Brent Myers, had made a comment, and Nina, being the person she is, told him that she disagreed with the remark. That was all it took to spark something between these two individuals. They began talking every day and, occasionally, meeting in person. Labor Day weekend was their first bike ride together. What might be consid-

ered a bad day for any motorcyclist, turned into a memory that will last a lifetime for Nina and Brent. Rain. The beginning of a friendship that would soon turn into a happily ever after.

The couple currently lives in Crump, MI. Nina, who retired from EMS duties, works as a private nurse for local elderly that need a little more assistance in their day to day living. Brent has been a welder for the past 20 years and now works with the Three Rivers Corp out of Midland, MI. The two also remodel homes together in their spare time.

Nina and Brent first attended Ogemaw Hills Bike Week in 2011. Since then, they have not missed a single year. The couple usually comes into the Ogemaw County Fair Grounds a week early just to ensure that they get their beloved camping spot. Anyone who has been to bike week knows the camp site I am talking



about. After all, how can you miss the giant Bud Light tree down by the shower trailer? When it came time to picking a venue for their wedding, of course Nina and Brent considered OHBW. With the fun atmosphere and great people around every corner, it seemed like the perfect place. "Where else can you have a wedding with that many people around? People who all have the same purpose, to have a good time. That is how you should start a marriage chapter in life, with the memories. Our memories have been built over the last seven years and will carry us into the future years. Riding bikes allows you to free your mind and offers your soul to feel alive. That is what bike week is for, so it makes it the perfect place to say I Do."

Plans for the wedding are still underway. Nina and Brent are hoping to have the ceremony on Saturday of Bike Week at 11:00 a.m., after regular church services, in the Antique Village Chapel. Nina's former co-worker from EMS will be performing the ceremony. This way it adds more of a personal touch to the services. The couple would like to invite anyone attending OHBW to also attend the wedding ceremony. Plus, anyone there is more than welcome to join the newlyweds back at their campsite, after the parade, for lunch. The couple will be leading the parade on Saturday, July 22 at 1 p.m. anyone that stops into their site, better be ready to socialize and have a good time. A DJ has been booked for more of a traditional wedding reception, which will include garter and bouquet toss, first dance, etc.

Nina and Brent plan to immediately celebrate their marriage throughout the duration of OHBW. They are planning to further celebrate with a Honeymoon later in the year, which will include a bike ride over the Mackinaw Bridge for a fall color tour. As Nina and Brent would say, this marks the ride of a lifetime and beyond.



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Bike Week **Jack Pine** BY Chelsey Clemens

It was September of 1966. The Jack Pine Enduro Race is about to take place. The two day event would start in Lansing, MI near the steps of the Capitol Building. The race route would take riders north into West Branch, MI for the overnight stay before heading back down south to Lansing for the finish. The whole route was 526 miles long, better known as the 500 mile race.

Ron Sape was one of the participants that year, riding a Harley Sprint. A 250cc, 4 cylinder motorcycle with dual sport tires. Fancy riding gear was something unheard of for Ron. So he turned to his trusty blue jeans and lace up boots. Ron would wrap duct tape around the bottoms of his jeans to prevent any sand or mud from getting into his boots. There was no reason to purchase a pair of goggles either when glasses worked just fine. Ron finished 25th out of the 88 riders in his class that year, due to some handlebar difficulties.



The Jack Pine Enduro Race is not like any other race. Riders dealt with numerous obstacles and diverse terrain. They would guide their motorcycles through rivers, deep sand, up and down hills, through mud, and tangled underbrush. This meant that not everyone who started the race finished it. The race used a system of checkpoints, and each rider had a "time card" to keep track of their progress. Points were awarded or deducted based on arriving at the check point on time, late or early. Ron would always agree that if you can't be on time to a checkpoint, it was always better to be a little late. The penalty was less for being late rather than being early. The race winners would traditionally receive a cowbell, but later they would incorporate a trophy as well.

In 1966, the outlaw motorcycle clubs were very thick. They would ride north for the Jack Pine and other stuff, just to rip and tear. As they would come through, Sheriff's deputies would escort them from one county to the next in hopes of preventing any riff raff. Unfortunately, there were some shenanigans happening in West Branch that night involving the clubs, riders, and alcohol. A rider was going down a side street and hit a bridge abutment, which sent him into a telephone pole. The crash was fatal and resulted in no Jack Pine the following year, 1967.



In 1968, the Jack Pine was moved to Reedsburg Dam, west of Houghton Lake, as the starting point. The race was cut down to 400 miles, and was all new trails, which took a toll on the riders. Ron had his 250cc Sprint and was riding with John Penton, riding a 125cc Penton, and Jerry Yoder, riding a 250cc Bultaco. John would ride past Ron and Jerry with no problem, even with a smaller motored bike. When John's bike needed a spark plug replaced, Ron and Jerry thought this was their chance to get ahead of him. Within 5 miles, John had replaced his spark plug and passed Ron and Jerry. The two could not figure out how John was passing them when they had bigger bikes. It never occurred to them that John was a much better rider.

The next year, Ron upgraded his bike to a Penton, after trying to do modifications to his Sprint, which resulted in a screwed up timing and twisted crank. The Penton made racing like cheating, it was light and had the best of everything. Before the end of the summer, Ron would become an A Rider and he never switched from Penton motorcycles. Later, the Penton would become KTM.

Ron has had many memorable years racing in the Jack Pine Enduro Race. His first year was definitely the worst, because he knew so little. Another year, he had gotten a stick stuck up his nose, which caused it to bleed profusely. But, the race that stuck out the most was the year Ron rode with a busted up shoulder from a previous fall. Everything was working fine on his bike, including the headlights, so he decided to ride through the night. Once nightfall hit, the headlights were no longer working. Ron rode through the dark alongside a powerline until he hit asphalt. That was when a vehicle came up behind him and offered to follow Ron to town. A little ways up the road, the bike ran out of gas. Ron proceeded to hitch a ride with the stranger into town to meet with his team. That was the only year his wife was not with him, and one of the two years Ron did not finish the race. Ron raced 29 Jack Pine events and finished 27 of them.



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25 BACK YARD BBQ (GLBC) Kalamazoo Co. Fairgrounds HEROES RIDE ABC HD	26	27	28	29	30	1
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OGEMAW HILLS BIKE WEEK

2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

- 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** **Registration at the Fairgrounds Self-Guided Tours** – At your own pace. Maps available at the front gate.
Food Drive – ABATE Region 22. Being a canned good during week of rally. Help out our local food pantry!
Campsite Contest Sign-up Sponsored by Rose City RV – At front gate
Cornhole Tournament Sign-up – At front gate
1st Annual Brett Ritter Beer Pong Tournament Sign-up – At front gate
Barrel Racing Sign-up – At front gate
- 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.** **All Things Vintage & Jack Pine Museum** – Vintage bikes and more, Exhibit Building #2 Sale Corral – Exhibit Building #2 Vintage Movie Theatre – Exhibit Building #2
- 8 p.m.** **Bert Cummings Memorial Pro Flat Track Race** Registration at 4:00 p.m. Practice at 6:00p.m.
- 10 p.m.** **Fireworks to Follow Races Corral Party Tent Entertainment**
Phunk Shway
- All Night** **Mechanical Bull** near the corral Party Tent

All Times and Events Subject to Change – Please watch the daily board located at the front gate for updates.

THURSDAY, JULY 20

- 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** **Registration at the Fairgrounds Self-Guided Tours** – At your own pace. Maps available at the front gate.
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- 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.** **All Things Vintage & Jack Pine Museum** – Vintage bikes and more, Exhibit Building #2 Sale Corral – Exhibit Building #2 Vintage Movie Theatre – Exhibit Building #2
Cornhole Tournament Sign-up – In Wangler Pavilion by playground and shower houses
- 3 p.m.** **Cornhole Tournament Start**
- 4 p.m.** **Bike Night at Ogemaw Lanes** – Sponsored by West Branch / Rose City Automotive
- 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.** **Corral Party Tent Entertainment**
Taylor Tucky
The Off Beat
- 10 p.m. - ?** **Mechanical Bull** near the corral Party Tent
- All Night**

FRIDAY, JULY 21

- 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** **Registration at the Fairgrounds Self-Guided Tours** – At your own pace. Maps available at the front gate.
Food Drive – ABATE Region 22. Being a canned good during week of rally. Help out our local food pantry!
Campsite Contest Sign-up Sponsored by Rose City RV – At front gate
1st Annual Brett Ritter Beer Pong Tournament Sign-up – At front gate
Barrel Racing Sign-up – At front gate
- 9 a.m. - noon** **Complimentary Breakfast @ McGregor's Country Store** – Show your wristband
- 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.** **All Things Vintage & Jack Pine Museum** – Vintage bikes and more, Exhibit Building #2 Sale Corral – Exhibit Building #2 Vintage Movie Theatre – Exhibit Building #2
- 3 p.m.** **Beer Pong Tournament Sign-up** – In Wangler Pavilion by playground and shower houses
- 4 p.m.** **Beer Pong Tournament Start Judged Vintage Bike Show** – With trophies – Exhibit Building #2
- 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.** **Roll Me Away** – Fabulous Fridays – Downtown West Branch. Judged Bike Show
- 9 p.m. - ?** **Corral Party Tent Entertainment**
Night Prowler, AC/DC Tribute Band
The Bihlman Brothers
- 11 p.m.** **Boots and Boxers Contest** – in Corral Party Tent
- All Night** **Campsite Contest Judging at Dusk**
Mechanical Bull near the corral Party Tent

SATURDAY, JULY 22

- 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** **Registration at the Fairgrounds Self-Guided Tours** – At your own pace. Maps available at the front gate.
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Campsite Contest Sign-up Sponsored by Rose City RV – At front gate
Barrel Racing Sign-up – At front gate
Church Service at the Chapel – in the Antique Village.
- 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.** **All Things Vintage & Jack Pine Museum** – Vintage bikes and more, Exhibit Building #2 Sale Corral – Exhibit Building #2 Vintage Movie Theatre – Exhibit Building #2
- Noon** **Jack Pine Enduro alumni Luncheon** - Exhibit Building #2
- 1 p.m.** **Parade Line-up**
- 3 p.m.** **Parade Leaves Fairgrounds Field Events Sign-up** – In the field events area behind the vendors
- 4 p.m.** **Field Events Start**
- 7:30 p.m.** **Bubba's Bike Show** – Sponsored by Bubba's Tri-City Cycle
- 8 p.m.** **Barrel Racing Sign-up and Rider Meeting** – at North end of horse arena
- 8 p.m.** **Barrel Racing Starts**
- 9 p.m. - ?** **Winning Campsite Announced** – Sponsored by Rose City RV
- Midnight** **Corral Party Tent Entertainment**
Nashville Recording Artist, Southern Rebellion
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- All Night** **Wet T-Shirt Contest** – In Corral Party Tent
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OGEMAW HILLS BIKE WEEK Scholarship Ride



This marks the 3rd year for the Annual Ogemaw Hills Bike Week Scholarship Ride. Organized by Jan Weiler and Laurie Romatz, this is just another way that OHBW is able to give back to the community.

Graduating high school and starting college can be stressful enough, without the financial burden weighing down on students. The Scholarship Ride is something that OHBW started to help the transition from high school senior to college freshman a little smoother.

Last year, the OHBW Scholarship ride brought in \$2,200, which was given out to four high school seniors in 2017.

These consisted of one \$1,000 scholarship and three \$400 scholarships. They were handed out to the lucky four students on May 21, 2017 at the Ogemaw Heights High School Senior Scholarship Program.

This year's OHBW Scholarship Ride will take place July 15, 2017. Sign-up will be 10:00 am-11:30 am at the Moose Lodge on W State Rd, in West Branch, MI. Kickstands up at noon. There will be three stops throughout the ride; The Cedar Tavern and Grill in Lupton, MI; Flippin' Frog Patio Bar and Grill in Skidway, MI; Coco Cabana's Nightclub and Restaurant in West Branch, MI. Each stop will have its own 50/50 raffle. Swag Bag items will also be given away throughout the ride in separate raffles. If you would like more information about the OHBW Scholarship Ride, please contact us at info@ogemawhillsbikeweek.com.


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JUNE

May 26-June 4
Ohio Bike Week
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June 1-4
Bad Axe Bike Event
 Huron County Fairgrounds, Bad Axe, MI. Live music, poker run, biker games, vendors. Camping available- hook up & primitive, everyone welcome, all wheels welcome. For more info call Randy 989-550-4570 (See ad this issue).

June 3
Open House & Charity Ride
 Gildner's HD, West Branch, MI. Charity ride, regis 10:30-11:30 am, \$10pp, \$15 couple, doorprizes, food, games & more. For more info call 989-345-1330 (See ad this issue).

June 3
D & W Detroit Motorcycle Open House
 50662 Vandyke, Shelby Township, MI. 10 am- 4:30 pm, register to win a Harley golf cart. For more info call 586-756-1284 or go to detmotorcycle.com

June 3
Mt. Pleasant Eagle Riders Benefit Ride
 Holeshoot HD, Mt. Pleasant, MI. Regis 11a-noon, ride ends at Mt. Pleasant Eagles. Open to the public, dinner \$10, 50/50 Drawing. Triple Shot Band on stage at 8pm. For more info call 989-772-5513

June 3
 American Legion Riders 179 Veteran's Run
 American Legion Post 179, Grand Rapids, MI. Kickstands up 11 am, \$20 driver,

\$10 passenger (includes dinner & shirt), food, 50/50, raffle, dj, door prizes, silent auction. Proceeds towards community veterans.

June 3
Ride for Rug Rats
 Twisted Twinz Emporium, Tawas, MI. Regis 10 am, kickstands up noon, \$15 pp, no ride & dinner only \$7 pp, 4 pm return, 5 pm dinner, all bikes & vehicles welcome, 50/50, auction, DJ & more. For more info visit Facebook: TwistedTwinzEmporium

June 3
Nashville comes to Manistee
 Hi-Way Inn, 715 Kosciusko St, Manistee, MI. Outdoor event, creative up & coming artists showcase their talent, burgers & brats avail. For more info call 231-398-9188

June 3
 3rd Annual Gil Rider Memorial Ride
 Homer Twp Fire Dept, 222 S. Homer Rd, Midland, MI. Regis 11-noon, blessing of bikes, lunch stop self -pay, raffles, silent auction, free ride, donations to MBHV. For more info email njrider1@gmail.com

June 3
 ABATE Region 10 Spring Fling Poker Run
 Ghost Town Saloon, Elwell, MI. Regis 10-11 am, kickstands up 11 am, \$15 pp, \$30 couple meal incl, 21 yrs & up, rustic camping avail. For more info call Kim 989-750-8172

June 4
Blessed in Hell Blessing of the Bikes
 Hell Creek Ranch, 10866 Cedar Lake Rd, Pinckney, MI 48169. Gates open at 10:30am Sharp! Show starts 11:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-2:30, \$10 per bike. Ride in bike show/over 20 vendors, food vendors & live music. For more info go to Hellcreekranch.com

June 4
 Ride for the Ribbon for MIU Men's Health Foundation
 ABC HD, Waterford, MI. Regis 9- 11 am, \$25 rider, \$20 passenger, \$10 dinner only, includes pin, lunch, dinner, first 100 t-shirt also. For more info or to register go to miumenshealthfoundation.org

June 9
17th Annual Street Party
 Great Lakes HD, Bay City, MI. 2pm-8 pm, adult beverages, bike show, entertainment by Triple Play. For more info call 989-686-0400 (See ad this issue).

June 9
9th Annual Wheels & Heels Bike Show
 Sporty's Wing Shack & Smoke House, Saginaw, MI. Regis 5-7 pm, trophies 8 pm, \$10 donation, show 5 pm- 8 pm, ladies only bike show, everyone welcome, 50/50, raffles & more. For more info email jen.clor99@gmail.com

June 10
Flint Axemen MI 6 Fun Run (GLBC)
 Scooters Bar & Grill, Flint, MI. Regis 10 am, bikes out by noon, \$15 single / \$20 double. For more info call Halsey at 517-861-0457 (See Great Lakes Burn Camp full page ad this issue).

June 10
Nozzlemen M/C Chapter 4 Poker Run (GLBC)
 Monroe Powersports, Monroe, MI. Starts 11 am, \$25 per driver, \$10 passenger, prizes, raffles & food by Randy's BBQ. For more info call Dave 734-735-7831 (See Great Lakes Burn Camp full page ad this issue).

June 10
Test Ride Event
 Holeshoot HD, Mt. Pleasant, MI. Check out the 2017 Harley-Davidson motorcycles with the new Milwaukee 8

engine and take one for a test ride (weather permitting) & proper riding gear required. For more info call 989-772-5513

June 10
35th Anniversary Open House
 Capitol HD, Dimondale, MI. 10 am- 3 pm. Live music, free food, vendors & much more. For more info go to capitolhd.com

June 10
 Knights of the Road Yard Party (Detroit M/C)
 17118 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI. 8 pm, live band, food & drinks avail, wet t-shirt contest.

June 10-11
Harleyfest
 Motor City HD, Farmington Hills, MI. Live music all weekend featuring Theory of a Deadman, Quiet Riot, Saving Abel, Josh Todd of Buckcherry, 2 bike giveaways, sexiest bagger contest, sound-off competition, wall of death, ball of steel, vendors including Anjill or Not & more. For more info call 248-473-7433 or go to motorcityharley.com

June 11
Biker Sunday
 Midland Nazarene, 5700 Jefferson Ave, Midland, MI 48640. 10:45am service with guest speaker Matt Ordway, free, hog roast, music, blessing, bike show-cash prizes, all bikes welcome, everyone welcome. For more info go to midlandnaz.org (See full page ad this issue).

June 11
22nd Annual Vintage Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet
 Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI. 9 am- 4 pm, rain or shine, bikes 25 year old & older. Registration info at: GilmoreCarMuseum.org

June 14
 Hawgs for Cause 2017 Cancer Center Ride
 VFW 13540 M96, Augusta, MI. Regis 10 am- noon, kickstands up noon, 50/50, prizes, raffles.

June 16-17
 8th Annual Salute to Veterans- presented by Rolling Thunder/Little River
 Fri- 2 pm escort Michigan Vietnam Memorial Wall into Little River Casino Resort from VFW, 1211 28th St, Manistee, MI. Vendors, beer tent, dj, food (2 pm-7 pm). Sat- 9 am-6 pm, Memorial Ride regis 9-11:30 am, ride noon-3 pm, vendors, live music, beer tent. Call to book room or rv site 888-568-2244

June 16-18
13th Annual Ray C's HD Rodeo
 Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. all weekend live music, bounce house, hog dogs & more, Sat- live music, pig roast, bike show, horsepower shootout contest, Sun- Poker Run & horsepower shootout contest with \$1500 cash purse. For more info call 810-664-9261 (See full page ad this issue).

June 17
Motorcycle Extravaganza
 ABC HD, Waterford, MI. 11 am- 3 pm, bike show, prizes, food & music. For more info call 248-674-3175 (See full page inside front cover this issue).

June 17
Nozzlemen (GLBC)
 Brighton HD, Brighton, MI. Registration 3pm, ride leaves 4:30pm \$20 Bike / \$30 with rider. For more info go to www.nozzlemenmc.com or call Michael 734-386-9292 (See Great Lakes Burn Camp full page ad this issue).

June 17
 Iron Horse Breezeway Benefit
 Moms & Tots/His House, 9100 Pleasant Hill Rd, Ellsworth, MI. Meet at 1 pm, leave at 2 pm, \$10 single, \$6 passenger or 1 box of diapers per rider. Proceeds to benefit Moms & Tots & His House. For more info call Mark 231-676-4708

June 17
 Ride with the Eagles Benefit Ride
 Eagle Riders of Lapeer, 3565 Davison rd, Lapeer, MI. Regis 8:30-10:30 am, \$15 driver, \$10 passenger, kickstands up 10:30 am, ride with costumes, meal included, any wheels welcome, food, prizes, 50/50. For more info call Steve 810-793-7300

June 17
 Bikers Fighting Blindness
 Estey Moose Lodge, Rhodes, MI. Regis 10:30-noon, \$15 pp, includes dinner, prizes, free camping, live music by Burn-around, raffles, 100 % proceeds to Foundation Fighting Blindness. For more info call Brenda 989-233-7327

June 17
 7th Annual Cops on a Run
 F.O.P Lodge #130, 2233 Burdette St, Ferndale, MI. Regis 8 am, kickstands up 10 am, \$30 rider, \$30 passenger, \$10 after party only, food, drinks, entertainment, raffles, prizes, all bikes welcome, police escorted, rain or shine. For more info call 313-930-3853

June 17
 11th Annual Homeless Veteran Benefit Ride
 Post 423 Orland American Legion Riders, Orland, IN. Regis 9 am, first bike out 10 am, \$10 pp, raffles, food included, prizes. For more info call Joe 260-687-9190

June 17
 Benefit for Mike Falkenberg
 Bad River Bar & Grill, St. Charles, MI. Regis 10- noon, last bike back 5pm, rain or shine, \$15 rider, \$10 passenger, all wheels welcome or offering \$25 party bus available, dj, 50/50, raffles, giveaways, chicken dinner included,. To reserve for party bus or more info call 989-865-6500

June 17
 Bike Wash Fundraiser for Livingston Co Veterans
 Livingston Leather Shop, Fowlerville, MI. 11 am-4 pm, donations to support our vets, hamburgers & hot dogs avail, free lunch to all showing military id.

June 19
Sign-up for FREE Ride Card
 McNasty's, New Boston, MI. 4 pm- 9 pm, bike night & come sign up for your FREE Ride Card or check -in early if already have one for the Ride n' Win Contest for Thunder Roads Michigan. Look for Debra. For more info call 734-753-4900 (See ad this issue).

June 24
Poker Run
 Hi-Way Inn, 715 Kosciusko St, Manistee, MI. Regis before noon, ride leaves at noon, \$25 bike or car, \$15 rider; includes poker hand, ride, food & shirt, cash prizes, 50/50, live music, door prizes. For more info call 231-398-9188

June 24
 Rodney's Summer Birthday Party
 Garden City Park, Garden City, MI. Noon- 10 pm, live bands all day, burgers & hot dogs, bring: dish to share, lawn chair, drinks.

June 24
 Gleaners Charity Poker Run
 Howell Eagle Riders, Howell, MI. Regis 10 am, \$20 per bike, last bike out by noon, in by 5 pm, prizes, 50/50, drawing, booze basket raffle, music, food & drink specials. For more info contact Howell Eagle Riders.

June 24
 Proceeds Benefit Youth Programs
 Shiawassee Conservation Assoc., 4247 N. M-52, Owosso, MI. Sign up 9 am- noon, \$5 donation, per hand (dice), chicken dinner tkts avail, music, ~100 mile run, come out and enjoy the country. For more info call Mike 989-666-2506

June 24
 Candy Seaman-Fish Benefit Ride
 Tim Horton's, Alma, MI. Regis 10 am, kickstands up 11 am, reception 5-9 pm, \$10 pp, rain or shine, 50/50, entertainment, cash bar & food. For more info call Lenny 989-763-1113

June 24
 3rd Annual Moncie "Gunny" Johns Memorial Ride
 Ray C's HD, Lapeer, MI. Regis 10-noon,

kickstands up noon, \$15 per bike, \$10 passenger, dinner included. Cash bar, 50/50, prizes, auction, all wheels welcome. For more info call 810-664-9261

June 25
Back Yard BBQ of Kalamazoo (GLBC)
 Kalamazoo Co. Fairgrounds. Regis 9am, ride leaves at 11am \$25 Bike, \$35 with rider. For more info call Randy 269-217-3943 (See Great Lakes Burn Camp full page ad this issue).

June 25
Harley's Heroes Ride
 ABC HD, Waterford, MI. 10 am- 3 pm, escorted scenic ride, \$20. For more info call 248-674-3175 (See full page inside front cover this issue).

June 25
 15th Annual Ride for Freedom,
 Wolverine HD, Clinton Twp, MI. Regis 9am, departs 11:30 am rain or shine, 60 mile scenic ride, food, refreshments, music. Pre-register by June 1st. For more info call 586-463-7700

June 25
 3rd Annual Ride for the Fallen
 Cass City Fire Department, 6691 Church St, Cass City, MI. Regis starts at 9am, last bike out 10am, last in 4pm. \$20 per rider/ \$30 per couple. Prizes for top 3 hands, dinner, prizes, proceeds to families of fallen firefighters & police, all wheels welcome. For more info email RBrown@lighthouse rehab.com

JULY

July 4
 Brotherhood MC Bikini Bike Wash & Motorcycle Show
 821 E. Kalamazoo Ave, Lansing, MI 48912. Noon- last bike leaves, fireworks & fun- Benefits Beekman Center of Lansing. For more info call 517-449-0108

July 6-9
Detroit Motorcycle City
 Downtown at Hart Plaza, Detroit, MI. Bike show, parade, vendors, destination rides, storytelling competition, motorcycle art, many many live bands. For more info go to detroitmotorcyclecity.com (See full page ad this issue).

TRMM EVENTS CALENDAR 2017

July 8
11th Annual Injured Soldiers Lyon Ride
James Atchison Park, New Hudson, MI.
Regis 11-noon, ride leaves at noon, \$20
pp, picnic in park noon, rodeo 3:30 pm,
kids activities noon- 3 pm. 100 % pro-
ceeds to injured soldiers. For more info
248-437-3130.

July 9
33rd Annual Peotone Motorcycle Ro-
deo, Bike Show & Swap Meet
Will Co Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL. 10
am- 4 pm, \$9 adult, \$10 early birds
admission 7 am- 10 am, indoor &
outdoor event. Buy, sell, trade, bikes,
parts, leather, live bands, celebrity
appearance, trophy awards, cash
prizes, food, beer. For more info go
to paragonspromotion.com (See ad
this issue).

July 13-16
Muskegon Bike Time
www.muskegonbiketime.com

July 14-15
41st Annual Survivors MC Party Ale
4313 S. Lund Rd, Sheridan, MI. Field
events, food, camping, beer, swimming,
live band, vendors, bike show. For ven-
dors or more info call 517-749-6572

July 15
Military Tribute Bike Raffle
VFW Hall, West Conway Rd, Harbor
Springs, MI. 5:30 pm- 8 pm, come
early for chicken dinner \$10, coffee,
water, pop avail, tickets \$25 each or 3
for \$50, 6 other big prizes, need not
be present to win. To purchase your
raffle tickets in advance call Maxwell
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full page ad this issue).

July 19-23
Ogemaw Hills Bike Week
Ogemaw Co Fairgrounds, West
Branch, MI. Vendors, live music, biker
games, vintage bike show, tattoo con-
test & more. For more info go to Ogemawhillsbikeweek.com (See Cover &
Rally guide pages in this issue).

July 20-22
29th Annual Sandy Corley Memorial
Run
Double JJ Resort, Rothbury, MI. \$60
in advance, \$10 pp per day, primitive
camping, vendors, live music, bever-
age tent, bike giveaway, field events &
more. Get your tickets early & save
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ets). Register to win a motorcycle
(see ad). For more info see ad this
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July 22
BBQ, Bikes & Blues
ABC HD, Waterford, MI. 11 am-3 pm.
For more info call 248-674-3175 (See
full page inside front cover this issue).

July 22-23
16th Annual Niles Burn Run (GLBC)
Riverfront Park, Niles, MI. Sat: 10am-
11pm -car & bike show 10am- 2 pm,
food, live bands, vendors. Sun: Ride
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Regis 9am, leaves at noon, \$20 Bike
/ \$30 with rider if pre-registered by
June 24th. After then \$25 bike, \$35
with rider. For more info go to
www.nilesburnrun.com (See Great
Lakes Burn Camp full page ad this
issue).

July 22
Jaryd Ford Scholarship Memorial Run
10th Street Saloon, Plainwell, MI. Regis
9- 11am, ride leaves 11am, \$20 per rider,
\$30 double rider, poker run, 50/50, door
prizes, food avail after ride. For more info
call 269-685-9595

July 28-29
Rockin' Rivertown Ride & Music Fes-
tival
Downtown Cheboygan, MI. Music,
poker run, Rolling Thunder parade,
bike show. For more info call 231-627-
9931 (See ad this issue).

July 29
Annual Ride for Hospitalized Veterans
John D. Dingell Veteran Affairs Medical
Center, Detroit, MI. Lineup 10 am, depart
noon, donate paper bag filled with toilet-
tries for men & women or \$10 donation.
For more info call 586-246-0876

July 30
Ride for Kids
Washtenaw Community College, Ann
Arbor, MI. Regis 9-10:30 am, kickstands
up 11 am, rain or shine, fun, food, &
entertainment. Benefits Pediatric Brain
Tumor Foundation. For more info go to
rideforkids.org

AUGUST

August 5
8th Annual Joe's Ride
Scooters Bar & Grill, Flint, MI. Regis
9-10:30 am, starts 11 am, \$25 rider, \$10
passenger, includes breakfast & dinner,
support to wounded & fallen heroes &
their children. For more info call Teri 810-
955-2633

August 6
Escort the Kids to Great Lakes Burn
Camp (GLBC)
Meet at Wings Stadium, 3600 Vanrick
Drive (Sprinkle Road), Kalamazoo MI.
Regis 10am-12:30pm, leaves 1pm,
prizes, food, 50/50.
For more info call Bill 517-206-1115
(See Great Lakes Burn Camp full page
ad this issue).

August 11-13
Hog Daze Motorcycle Rally & Music
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August 18-20
Easyriders Rodeo Tour ~ Fowlerville
Fowlerville Fairgrounds, Fowlerville,
MI. For more info go to [easyrider-
events.com](http://easyrider-
events.com) (See full page ad this
sue).

August 18-20
Thunder in Oscoda Salute to Veterans
American Legion #274, 349 S State
Street AuSable/Oscoda, MI. 18th- Tiki
bar opens 4 pm, food avail, live band,
19th- live bands, bike/people games,

bike awards, food & raffles, 20th 9:30
breakfast, noon scenic ride. For more
info call Jim 586-876-1323

August 19
8th Annual Davison Eagle Riders Pro-
state Charity Run
3270 N. State Rd, Davison, MI. Regis
10-noon, last bike in 5 pm, vendors, food,
prizes, all vehicles welcome, \$10 pp, live
bands, camping avail. For more info call
Gripper 810-653-0727

August 30-September 3
13th Annual Freedom Fest
Iron Horse Bar & Grill, Akron, MI. 5 live
bands, dj's, hog roast, vendors, bike
show, charity bike run, no cover all wk-
end, free rustic camping. For more info
or vendor spot call Rich 989-551-5440.

August 31-September 4
Easyriders Rodeo Tour ~ Chillicothe
Ross County Fairgrounds, Chilli-
cothe, OH. For more info go to [easyri-
derevents.com](http://easyri-
derevents.com) (See full page ad this
issue).

SEPTEMBER

September 8-10
Bikes on the Bricks
Saginaw St, Downtown Flint, MI. For
more info go to bikesonthebricks.com
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The 2017 Triumph Bonneville Bobber Is Custom Looks Without The Custom Headache

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Other noteworthy updates include a shock that's mounted underneath the seat and works on a specially designed linkage, plus updated fork that's shorter than the T120's, "Which we can do because there will only ever be one person on the bike," Triumph says. Less weight means you need less travel for the same level of compliance and bump absorption.

Like the rest of the bikes in the Bonneville lineup, it will come with everything from riding modes (Road and Rain) to switchable traction control, ABS, and a torque-assist clutch.

Color options include Ironstone (with a matte finish), Morello Red, Stunning Competition Green and Frozen Silver, and Jet Black.

Triumph's roots may have been laid in the UK, but the British company isn't afraid to look elsewhere for inspiration when designing new models. The 2017 Bonneville Bobber is proof. It's also a really, really cool addition to the current Bonneville line.

Inspired by the American-born bobbers that grew to popularity in the 1930s-on, the 2017 Bobber has a low stance, stripped back, and seat that's actually adjustable between two positions—low and back, and high and forward.

Bobbers have always been about light weight (that's the reason for ditching the fenders and unnecessary body panels) and big power, so Triumph has updated the power delivery on the Bobber, too. Its 1200cc high-torque engine is the same specs-wise, but electronic updates and a new dual airbox/filter design enables it to produce more torque and power down low, when compared to the T120.

To complete the bobber look, Triumph has outfitted this Bonneville with caged swingarm, battery box with stainless steel strap, bar end mirrors, wide/flat handlebar, and rear mudguard loop. The tank is actually reshaped when compared to the T120, too; it's smaller and more compact.



Triumph will offer over 150 accessories for the Bonneville Bobber, including the high 'ape hanger' bars shown on the bike to the right. Cool? We think so, even if our shoulders don't.

Perhaps coolest is that The Bonneville Bobber has been designed with customizing in mind, and that there are over 150 accessories available for more style, comfort, and performance. My favorite? You might judge me, but it's actually the high 'ape hanger' bars, which look awesome and should actually work okay with my longer arms.

For those wanting more performance, there's also a new FOX shock and Vance and Hines exhausts, which come with direction-adjustable aluminum end caps.

I actually had the chance to see and sit on the Bobber ahead of Triumph's official unveil and will say that the bike sounds awesome with the stock exhausts, which are shorter and lighter than the ones on the T120, and have a slash-cut design for better sound and look.



The Bobber's seat can be adjusted to a low/back position or high/forward position within minutes. Just loosen the main bolt holding the seat in position and slide it to the desired position.

In person, the Bobber looks well thought-out. Everything from the wire-spoked wheels wrapped in specially developed Avon Cobra tires (narrow front, wide rear) fits the bobber persona.

In a lot of ways, it's everything I liked about the Harley-Davidson® Low Rider S; it has that custom look, but doesn't come with the custom headache. Triumph says, "It's still riding a Triumph, with emphasis on handling, just a special look."

It definitely won't appeal to everyone, but I think the Bobber really will turn some heads. I've got a buddy or two that I think will fall in love with this bike. And I don't think they'll be alone, either.



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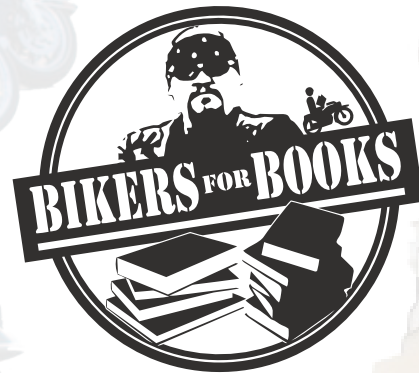
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The month of April was so darn hectic with all the visits back and forth to Lansing, expecting to get help from our State Representatives regarding safety and awareness HB 4306. Most of us know how hard it is to get something accomplished in Lansing. It seems like everyone has a better idea than those who sponsor a bill and most of the time they don't really know what the wording or reason for it is. It is very frustrating. According to Vince, this is what happened. We had pizza and pop for all the Representatives and ended up with 24 co-sponsors in the House. We pushed for a hearing in the House Transportation Committee and got it. We ended up with 14 yes and 0 no. The House was getting ready to go on Spring Break and we got the word there would be no vote before the house break. Vince and Jim bumped into the floor leader and he asked why not? The bill was brought up in the House Republican Caucus where there was opposition to the bill. Those against it called it a tax increase. It's not a tax. It's an increase in a user fee to protect the user. No general State funds will go into the motorcycle safety awareness fund. The 2nd component of the bill will raise the motorcycle plate fee from \$23.00 to \$25.00 with the \$2.00 going to the current motorcycle safety fund. On page 3 of the second draft of the bill the State will create a "Look Twice Save A Life" program with \$2.50 per "original" motorcycle endorsement and \$2.00 on a four year motorcycle endorsement "renewal" which is 50 cents per year. ABATE's alternative to a mandatory helmet law is tougher licensing, motorcycle safety and car driver awareness of motorcycles. We need a push from everyone who rides to contact your Representative and let them know it's time to take action. Biker's lives do matter.

ABATE has it's annual Freedom Rally coming on May 31st in Lansing, so please do all that you can to be there. It is very important for the State Reps to see us there in full force. It's been 5 years of riding free, so please don't take it for granted. Be proud and be there. Freedom wasn't free.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. If there is anything I could do for you to help spread the word, please call me or get a hold of someone from ABATE. They will know how to help you.

I have been teaching drivers education classes for a couple of years now and the other day at the dinner table I asked my granddaughter and her friend who was in the class with her, if there is one thing you remember about the class what would it be? Their answer was almost identical – You can't judge how fast a motorcycle is traveling towards you. So if you are making a left turn in front of a motorcycle just wait a couple more seconds and let the motorcycle go by and then turn. Who says educating young drivers doesn't work!

For some reason this early in the riding season there have been too many close calls and deer crashes. Please be alert and drive defensively. We as bikers also have a responsibility to drive safely.

If you would like to be a part of ABATE, there are 22 Regions in Michigan. Just go to the ABATE website and look up what's going on. Join our non-profit organization to help all bikers regardless of what club or organization you belong to. We help preserve and protect your rights as much as we can.

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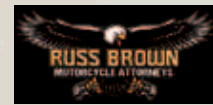
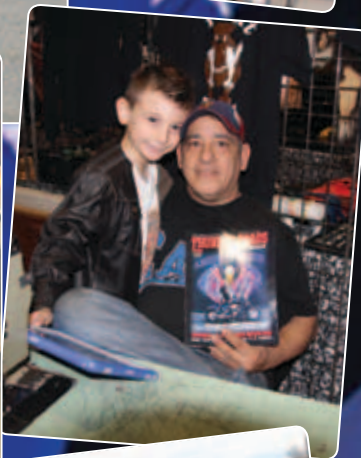
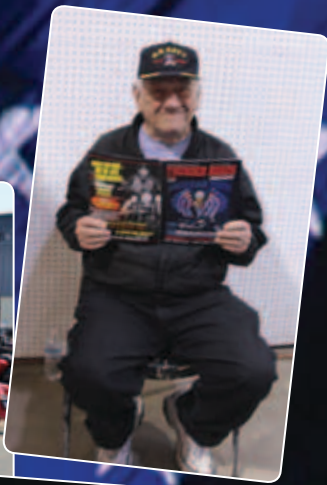
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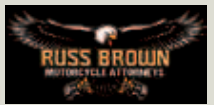
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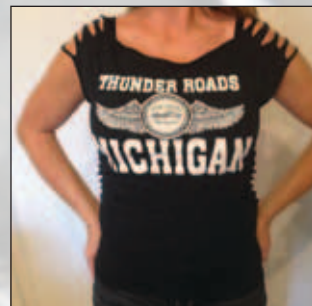
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BAD VIBRATIONS

Hope everyone has been able to enjoy some of this beautiful early-season riding weather that we've had. With the unseasonable warm weather and late frosts it has helped to keep the bug populations to a minimum (so far). This month in the shop we will be replacing the motor mounts on a 2000 H-D Dyna Wide-Glide. This motor mount set-up is referred to as rubber mounted; meaning one bracket mounts to the motor, another bracket is mounted to the frame, and the two brackets are joined together by a very dense heavy duty rubber material. The purpose of this is to help absorb the vibrations of the motor. Over time this rubber can deteriorate and/or tear, often causing some very bad vibrations.



The front mount is relatively easy, there are two 9/16 hex head bolts going through the motor mount and the front of the engine case and two 5/16 allen head bolts through the front cross brace of the frame.



The front mount is especially prone to fail due to road debris thrown from the front tire; also it is almost impossible to change the oil filter without getting a little residual oil on the mount. When the front mount gets bad, it puts increased stress on the rear mount, which is why when the front goes bad, I prefer to change the front and rear motor mounts at the same time. In order to replace the motor mounts we need to support the motorcycle by the frame, while still being able to raise the motor slightly in order to allow removal of the old mounts. I use a support stand on the frame and a screw jack with a small block of wood on the motor.

mount is a bit more difficult, mostly because of its extremely tight access. Unfortunately, the confined space does not allow any decent photos. The rear mount is located at the rear of the transmission in front of the rear wheel. Remove the lower belt guard to access the bolts that go through the transmission case (9/16 hex) the other two bolts (5/16 allen) are directly in front of the rear wheel.



For the front, have the screw jack as close to the front as possible and to the rear for the rear mount. Loosen all four bolts part way and raise the motor slightly to allow removal of the old mount. Install the new mount and start all four bolts part-way, remove the screw jack, then tighten all the bolts on the front and rear mounts and use red Loctite and tighten to the MFG. specs.

Loosen all 4 bolts just about halfway then using screw jack raise the motor just enough to allow the old mount to slide out from the bottom, and then remove all four bolts, slide the new mount in place and start, but don't tighten bolts at this time. Be very careful when raising the motor with the screw jack too far, because the motor could hit the bottom of the tank, causing damage to the tank or to the wiring or worse, take the weight off the stand supporting the frame, thus causing a very tippy and extremely DANGEROUS situation. When replacing just the front mount, remove the screw jack supporting the motor and using red Loctite (my preference) tighten all four motor mount bolts to the MFG. specs. If replacing both mounts, leave the front mount loose until rear mount is replaced. The rear

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I have chosen this name for our monthly recipe page, as that was what my mother, rest her soul, always used to say when I would assist her in the kitchen. Mom was an avid supporter of the K.I.S.S. (KEEP IT SIMPLE SWEETIE) method of cooking. I now, more than ever, truly appreciate her philosophy of always taking shortcuts where you can, as long as your ultimate outcome is that of down home, labor of love cooking.

BACKYARD GRILL TIPS

During Spring & Summer, we use our grill for almost every supper. Here's some time proven tips that truly make a difference.

SIMPLE, MEAT MARINADE: AT LEAST 5 GENERATIONS STRONG!

Always let your meat be room temperature. Cold meat does not absorb a marinade easily. But light your grill and let it get good & hot. I've used this marinade my entire life for steak and it's literally been used for 5 generations back that my Mom could recall.....and it's so incredibly simple:

Take room temp. steaks and squeeze mustard all on one side; rub it in good, making sure to get the sides.

Then, drizzle Worcestershire Sauce all over top of the mustard. This is when you add any spices you want; salt & pepper (we add this again slightly when actually grilling too), garlic powder if you like it. Now, just let it sit for only 5 minutes. That's it. That simple. There's something in the ingredients of the mustard (which has been around over 100 years) & the Worcestershire Sauce (which has been around over 100 years) that when combined, make up for a perfect meat tenderizer. You do not taste the mustard one single bit after grilling but the flavor you do get is truly amazing. Make sure that you "let your meat rest" when you take it off the grill or anytime you cook meat. I add a sprinkle of parsley, just for freshness. Just give it a solid 5 minutes and those juices get sucked back into the meat. Don't ever put your meat on a cardboard paper plate as those just absorb all your juices. Use an actual plate or the coated stock paper plates.

GET CREATIVE WITH GRILL BUNDLES!

Anything you can cook on top of your stove, you can put in a grill bundle; Just use the high-quality heavy aluminum foil. Place on low heat on grill and let go long and slow. Gives you time for a few beers.

Brown Rice, Shrimp & Snap Peas and a pat of butter.

Sear your **Kielbasa** off quick, slice in 1 inch pieces then place in a bundle of sliced thin **onions & peppers, thin sliced potatoes** & a pat of butter.

Take **Frozen X-Large Shrimp** from any major grocery store and the quartered size of frozen corn on cob pieces, double up alum. foil, making a bowl shape with high sides, add ingredients and sprinkle McCormick's **Caribbean Seasoning**, roll up your bundle nice and tight and let it go for about 15 minutes over medium heat.

Phenomenal!

Grill off **Pork Chops** really quick on high heat, turn heat down to low. Add your fave veggie; frozen peas or frozen squash. We like to add a can of **sliced apples**, a couple pinches of cinnamon and a pat of butter. Wrap tight, let it go for 15 mins. over med. heat. Delish! Then we do our veggie off to the side; (be sure and spray your grill with non-stick butter or olive oil before laying veggies down) **big slices of squash**; cut lengthwise, big thick **slices of onion, long slices of eggplant**, whole carrots cut in half and placed flat down, **whole ears of corn on the cob still in the husk**. Just pull down your husks gently, slather butter all over the ear of corn; salt & pepper and gently push the husks back up in place and grill over low heat. After about 10 minutes, pull down the husks again and let the corn get some good grill marks. Serve with husks back up. Crazy Good!

The thing is to just think outside of your kitchen. If you can cook it inside, you can cook it on your grill. Even pasta bundles on the grill.

I am a BIG lover of grilling fruit and then drizzling a sauce, honey or ice cream over top. Grilled fruit is amazing because when it's caramelized on the grill, it enhances all its' pure flavors:

GRILLED BANANNAS: Cut bananas length-wise and on a low grill that's been sprayed with butter, lay them down, sprinkle with a mixture of brown sugar & cinnamon, flip, remove and drizzle with either melted Hershey's chocolate sauce or hot melted caramel sauce (both in the ice-cream aisle at any grocery).

GRILLED PEACHES: I use whole, fresh peaches, cut down the middle, remove pit, leave on just enough to get grill marks, sprinkle with cinnamon & sugar mix, remove, drizzle with heated marshmallow sauce.

GRILLED PINEAPPLE: Cut the pre-cut ones' from your Deli in the tall plastic container. These are big, thick-cut pieces. Sprinkle w/ cinnamon & sugar mix; get good grill marks, remove and add a couple small scoops of quality Vanilla Bean ice-cream.

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Biker Preacher's Corner



I'm going to take a little different angle, from my normal style of writing, this month; in that this month's message is more of an invite to our 2017 Blessing of the Bikers at Victory Biker Church International.

YOU ARE ALL CORDALLY INVITED!!!

We're so excited about this year's blessing as there is so much going on this year and are expecting not only a great turnout but an amazing day!

To break it all down for you... We will be welcoming Machine Gun Preacher (Sam's Childers) as our guest speaker. If you have never heard of Sam, even though there is a movie that came out several years ago about him, his life and powerful ministry in Africa, you can find more info on Sam at www.machinegunpreacher.com.

We will also have about 20 vendors (everything from bike parts to rider apparel), 4 bands (Second Day Story, Lively Pelts, The Saviors Army and the VBCL Praise Band Truth Be Told) will be jammin' throughout the day, a bounce house for little ones, pulled pork meal, and we will conclude this year's blessing with a 100-mile guided ride... Also, I will be doing the Blessing again this year and am so freakin' excited to see you all there!!!

Let's make this year the biggest and best year yet for the Glory of God!

Much love and respect,

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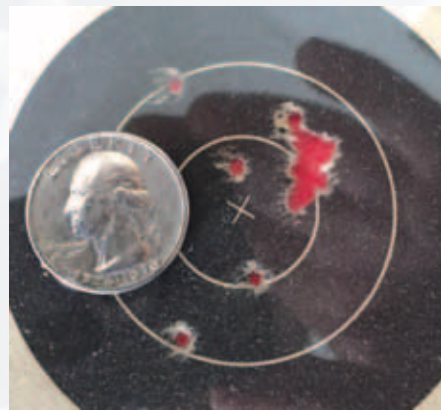
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JUST LIKE MAKIN' LOVE

BY RICK WYATT



In roughly 6 months many of us will be heading off to the woods to participate in a sport that is second only to fishing when it comes to the cultivation of myth, exaggeration, tall tales and downright lies. Come to think of it, deer season overall is much shorter than fishing season, so if you adjust the numbers based on a season duration ratio you may find out that deer

hunters are much better at creating legend than fishermen ever dreamed of being! Maybe it's time for some of us (you) to work on the skills needed to remedy one of the chief causes of "the one that got away syndrome" – poor marksmanship and bring that big buck home for a change!

A few months back, I wrote about how "good hunters" prepare for the season well ahead of opening day, but "great hunters" literally plan for their hunt year round. With good weather upon us, it's time to start heading to the range on a regular basis to hone those skills to become a "one shot, one kill" hunter. I hear your collective groan over the cost of "Bambi bustin' rounds," a buck round (pun intended) and up, but there are ways to manage your shooting budget and increase your proficiency at the same time. All practice is good practice as long as you focus on the fundamentals of sight picture, breath control, hold control, trigger control and follow through with every round. On the range the Marine Corp drilled "B-R-A-S-S" into our young green skulls full of mush to the point where each shot was walked through a mental check list of **B**reath, **R**elax, **A**im, **S**top, **S**queeze, and by God it works!

Sighting is nothing more than having your focus in the right place. Iron sights require you to focus on the front sight blade as you acquire your sight picture, where with an optic your focus is on the cross hair or the red dot and not on the target. Too many deer are wounded or completely missed every year, because hunters focus on the animal and not the sights, often leading to a panicked trigger slap and less than poor accuracy. Get into the habit of taking a full breath in and slowly letting about half of it out as you raise your firearm, or lay into the stock if you are using a rest, and look specifically for your sights, rather than picking up on the target, then finding them. Taking in the breath and letting part of it go slows your pulse, settles your nerves and helps reduce the movement you see in your sights. Breath control has to be part of your practice regiment.

Hold control means doing everything necessary to minimize the movement of the sights as you line up your shot. One of the biggest mistakes shooters make in their "hold" is how and where they establish their cheek weld on the stock. Good shooters have their cheek pressed tightly to the stock and as close as

they can comfortably get to their sights, especially if they are shooting open sights or a scope (red dots are much more forgiving). Eye relief is critical when you are shooting a magnifying optic, because without it a good sight picture is difficult (at best) leaving consistency in the lower level of the outhouse. I understand there is an irrational fear of being struck in the eye by the scope, but if you pull the butt of the rifle tight to your shoulder with your strong hand, establish a firm cheek weld on the comb of the stock, and learn to use your weak hand as a rest rather than as an anchor, you will better manage recoil and become a better shooter. A good firm well positioned cheek, weld forward on the stock, allows your head to ride the recoil, keeping the scope away from your eye as long as the stock is tight to your shoulder. Do it any other way and you will eventually get bit!

Maybe the hardest fundamental to learn is proper trigger control, which is also the single most critical element in consistent shot placement. Even when using a rest, poor trigger technique is going to show up down range and that is not the fault of the gun or sights. If we treated our children the same way, that too many shooters pull the trigger, we would be jailed for child abuse in the first degree, and end up social outcasts living on the fringe of society. If you fear you may be a serial trigger abuser, take heart because doctor shoot good is in the house.

Proper trigger technique is an awful lot like making love; it ain't gonna happen if you can't get past first base. The trick is to snuggle up tight to the stock, like you were going to kiss her on the ear, look lovingly into the sights, and then softly place your finger on the trigger and caress it ever so softly (slowly increasing the pressure) just like that special spot in the small of her back until she sighs and surrenders to your will. By learning how to properly seduce the trigger, you become the master and the firearm is your faithful servant.

Here is a drill to improve your trigger control. Because of the cost of ammo, I suggest you set up a .22 cal rifle with sights similar to your deer gun and make this the primary tool for trigger practice. Post a plain sheet of dull finish paper as a target at a range, about 10 feet from your shooting position. Shooting from a bench and off a sandbag (or similar rest), fire one shot into the center of the paper, this bullet hole becomes your target for the drill. Now, using the rest with proper hold and cheek weld on the stock, aim at that first bullet hole. Then, fire several shots in a row, taking in a full breath and letting it out part way with each shot. Chances are you will not be hitting that first hole as you shoot, especially with an optic, but what you are looking for is a nice tight single hole made by all of the succeeding shots. If you are not getting that single hole, post a new piece of paper and start again, and stay focused on the sights and slow down your trigger pull until you are getting that tight single hole grouping. Once you become consistent in your trigger pull, move on to more traditional targets, the smaller the better. Anybody can hit a 6 in bull's eye at twenty five yards, but it takes some skill to hit an inch and a half dot at the same range; and when you think you are Billy or Betty bad ass stand up and try it off hand. Don't rush to take the deer rifle to the range, have fun with this for a while, but when the big gun comes out, start with the same drill and seduce that trigger!



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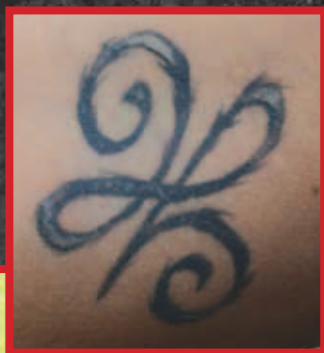
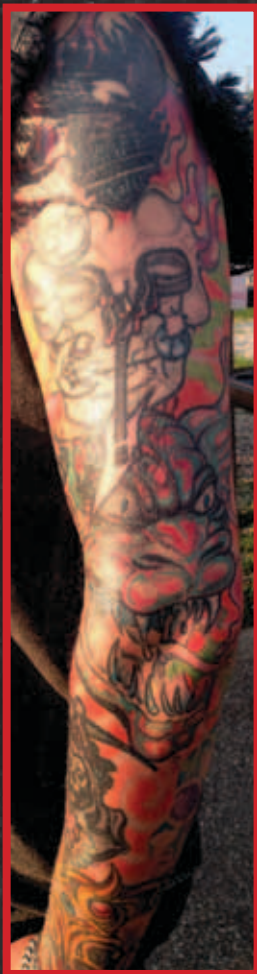
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GROUP RIDING

Riding a motorcycle is a great deal of fun, but it is a lot more fun when you have a few friends to ride with. Riding in a group does however have its own set of challenges. The first is communication. Anyone who has ridden in a group knows that it is difficult to talk to other riders while you are riding, unless everyone has an Intercom system. Although an intercom system is probably the best form of on bike communication, not every rider has one. Therefore it is important that the riders in a group have a set of basic hand signals so that they can communicate effectively while they are on the road. Each group should have at least a basic set of signals that can easily convey issues ranging from the need to stop (gas, restroom/ rest break, and bike problems) to warnings (police, debris/ road hazards, and direction changes).

Another problem while riding in a relatively large group (approximately 6 or more riders) is keeping the group together. Things such as stop lights/ stop signs and other vehicles on the road tend to create chaos for the cohesive nature of a group. There will be instances when a group may be broken up into smaller groups:

- Only a portion of the group makes it through a light before it changes
- Turning at an intersection allows other vehicles to divide the group
- Not all riders can pass a vehicle(s) safely
- Mechanical problem/ rider falls at the middle or near the back of the group

What can the Leader(s) of the group do to keep this from happening? There are a few things that the riders can do to keep their group together as well as make their ride safer. As the lead rider approaches a light that is about to change, he/she has a few options:

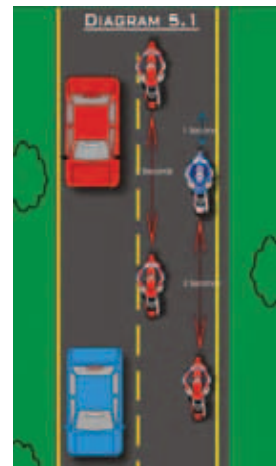
- If there is enough space & time and it is safe to do so, slowdown and let the light change before the group arrives
- Pull over after passing the light or slow down so that the rest of the group can catch up without having to do excessive speeds

When passing slower traffic:

- Do not pass until there is enough room for all riders to pass (if the group is relatively small)
- After passing a vehicle, make enough room for the riders behind you. You don't want to stand another rider in "no man's land" (the wrong side of the yellow line) with oncoming traffic

The most important thing that a group can do to make their ride more enjoyable and safer is to be organized. The entire group should know the destination of the ride, as well as the route being taken. Also there should be designated rest stop as well as meeting spots in case the group does get separated. What this does is take pressure off riders who are separated from the rest of the group. Riders will be less inclined to ride over their heads in an effort to try and catch up/ keep up with the group, if they know that everyone will be waiting for them at a certain gas station, restaurant etc. up the road. This is particularly true of newer riders, who might be uncomfortable with the pace set by more experienced riders in the group. Cell phones are also a good idea in case of an emergency (fall, mechanical failure, etc.); the rest of the group can be contacted and kept apprised of the situation.

Group Riding 101



When riding in a group the riders should ride in what is called "Staggered Formation", **diagram 5.1** depicts this staggered formation in action. As we can see the leader is in the left portion of the lane (blocking position). The next rider is 1 second behind the leader, in the right portion of the lane. The third rider is in the left portion of the lane, 2 seconds behind the leader and 1 second behind the second rider. And the fourth rider is 2 seconds behind the second rider.

The easiest way to judge following distance is by using time. While following a vehicle, choose a stationary object up ahead (a tree, sign, light standard, etc.). As the vehicle in front of you passes the object, start counting until you pass the same object. Ideally you want a minimum of two seconds between you and the rider directly in front of you.

Note: The lead rider should always assume the blocking position for the lane that the group is riding in, when the group changes lanes then the leader should again assume the blocking position and the other riders stagger themselves accordingly.

This "Staggered Formation" provides safety for a group in two ways:

- **Size** – the group is more compact, you can imagine how long this group of 4 riders would be if they were riding

single file. The last rider would be off the diagram. Also the more spread out a group is the more it invites car drivers to attempt to merge between riders

- **Space** – every rider in the group has a safety cushion around him/ her, 2 seconds in front and behind as well as room to maneuver from side to side to avoid debris, potholes etc.

Note: There will be situations when it will be safer for the group to use the single file formation. These would include:

- Turns
- On/Off Ramps
- Streetcar tracks
- Passing slower vehicles
- Construction Zones
- Narrow Bridges
- Roads with parked cars



When passing slower vehicles (**diagram 5.2**), each rider should spend as little time as possible in "no man's land". The group should not try to pass together. If something were to happen some riders could be caught on the wrong side of the yellow line, with on-coming traffic rapidly approaching.

The Leader

In every group there is a leader, but what makes a good leader? Does the rider with the most experience make the best leader? Not necessarily! Just because a rider has a high level of skill doesn't mean that he/ she will make a good leader. "Good skills are irrelevant in the absence of good judgment!" To be a leader a rider must be able to set a pace that everyone in the group can follow safely. He or she must also be able to plan ahead and communicate to the other members of the group. Making last minute turns, stops, lane changes, etc. will catch other riders off guard and can lead to disaster.

If you are a leader who constantly loses slower riders in the group, you are not doing a good job of leading. A good leader also has to be able to follow others as well. "If you cannot follow others, how do you expect others to follow you?"

Chase Rider

As well as having a leader, a group should also have a chase rider, the last rider in the group. This rider's duty is to keep an eye on the riders in front of him/ her. This should also be

a rider with a fair amount of experience. If something were to happen (a fall, mechanical failure, etc.) to a rider near the back of the group, the chase rider will be there to deal with the situation.

One of the biggest problems with riding in a group is that speeds can get out of hand quickly. Normally the ride starts off at legal speeds, then one rider ups the pace a little, and then the next rider will up the ante. Before you know it the group is doing speeds well above the legal limit. How do you keep this from happening? The best way to that I can suggest to keep this from happening is to ride with people that you know and trust. Personally if I ride with someone for the first time and they do something that put others at risk I will not ride with that person again period! I have better things to do than scrape someone off the road.

"Riding in a group is not about competing with each other; it's about working together as a unit. If you want to compete go to the track!"

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