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In Honor of Our Fallen Heroes!

Memorial Day is a day to remember our Fallen Heroes that died while serving Our Country and Protecting Our Freedoms. It is NOT national cook on the grill day as many people have turned it into. I am not saying you can't cook out on the grill, but merely that we should honor our fallen soldiers in a patriotic way, just take time out to pay your respects. Also, this month is Motorcycle Safety Awareness month. Cage drivers are not use to seeing us bikers on the road so just be cautious and ride in groups if possible. Plus, if you don't have LOUD PIPES get some lol, if they can hear you they will hopefully see you. There are many advertisers in the magazine that can help you out with that! Also, Happy Mother's Day Mom and to all the Mama's out there!

Soon we will be kicking off our Ride n' Win Contest... June 1st, which is right around the corner. I can't wait! We have some awesome sponsors this year and some great stops for you to check out. Don't forget if you already have a Ride Card you are good to go as they Do Not Expire. If you don't then go get one! There is NO CATCH. Get a FREE RIDE CARD and you could win FREE STUFF! Why wouldn't you want to be a part of that? I don't know anyone that wouldn't want to win CASH, GIFT CARDS, A STE-REO, SWAG, etc.

On the cover this month is the Ray C's HD Annual Rodeo and information about it is on the page to your left. So mark your calendars as this is a GREAT EVENT! They have stuff for the kids to do and the big kids like us too! Plus, they have their \$1500 cash prize for the Horsepower shootout contest. Nice!

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Last month the Biker Friendly character was on page 26, in the Thunder Fun Night article.



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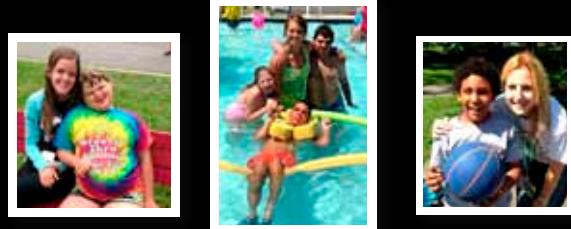
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My name is Brian Walewski and I bought my first bike last year off a good friend of mine named Gene Longworth. It's a 2002 Yamaha Road Star. I've wanted a bike for a long time and I finally got around to getting one at the ripe old age of 37! I think I'm hooked! I've had some great times and seen a lot of things in Michigan riding with my friends Kyle Keith and Uncle Woody, which I probably wouldn't have done if I didn't have the bike. Like most people, I wanted to do a few things to customize my bike for myself and thanks to Arnie and Sharyn at AC's Classic Cycle Works; they helped make my bike just how I wanted it. It was pretty much original except for the Double D pipes that were on it, so I had Arnie put on some 14 inch Ape Hangers, a lowering kit for the back end, all new wiring, all new bearings. Arnie went over it with a fine-tooth comb and the bike is basically brand new again. It rides like a dream. My fiancé Shaina and I absolutely love it! I couldn't be happier with how it came out and can't wait to ride all summer long. It's really something. I didn't think we would enjoy it as much as we do.



VETERANS CORNER



VA, veterans fighting opioid epidemic

Jason Simcakoski, a 35-year-old Marine, husband and father, died at the Tomah VA Medical Center in Wisconsin in 2014, from a toxic combination of prescription drugs. His overdose sparked national outrage, with some veterans calling VA hospitals "candy factories." His death eventually led to the passage of the Jason Simcakoski Memorial Opioid Safety Act, which created stronger procedures for the prescription guidelines used by VA providers.

Three years later, Simcakoski's tragic death hardly stands alone when it comes to veterans overdosing from opioids. In fact, veterans die from accidental drug overdoses at a 33 percent higher rate than the rest of the population, according to the office of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

With that in mind, McCain, a Navy veteran, is now pushing the Veteran Overmedication Prevention Act. The legislation, if passed, will require a study of the number of veterans who died by suicide or by accident over the last five years. It will then look to see if those veterans had drugs in their systems and, if so, how many prescriptions they were using at the time of their deaths.

The overmedication of veterans is still a real problem for the VA, says Carl Higbie, a former Navy Seal who served two tours in Iraq. "The pharmaceutical industry has a stranglehold on the VA," says Higbie, who is 60 percent disabled and experienced "blind prescribing" by the VA. As a result of his injuries and an addictive gene, Higbie has become a big proponent of genetic tests that can tell veterans which medications they are sensitive to. "For this test to become mainstream it would A.) Save lives and B.) Save the VA probably billions in dollars in overmedication costs, and yet they're not doing it and it's like leaving your brothers out to dry," Higbie says.

"The overwhelming consensus of the pharmacogenomics community is that most of these tests currently lack evidence of clinical effectiveness. That means they have not shown to have better outcomes over the usual methods of drug prescription, with some exceptions. Many commercial tests target psychiatric disease therapy and pain management. One recent VA review documented that these tests do not yet have evidence for utility, especially in the veteran population," a VA spokesperson responded.

In late March, President Trump announced the creation of a commission to combat opioid abuse across the country. According to the American Society of Addiction Medicine, opioids are defined as "a class of drugs that include the illicit drug heroin as well as the licit prescription pain relievers; oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, morphine, fentanyl and others."

Traverse City Vietnam Veteran Faces His Fears To Overcome PTSD

A Traverse City Vietnam veteran is drawing attention to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and how he faced his demons head on. Vietnam War veteran, Tim Keenan, says his struggle with PTSD was keeping him from living life fully, until he decided to face

his fears in a unique way. "Things were different I was very intense, impatient"

When Tim Keenan returned to Grand Rapids after his Vietnam deployment, he was a very different man. "I wasn't the same person I was, everyone was having fun and stuff, I couldn't have fun like I used to," says Keenan. Tim was struggling with PTSD. "And my parents would have to wake me up in the middle of the night, because I'd be standing up beating walls," explains Keenan.

Tim says his PTSD struggle continued for years, he just got better at hiding it. "I never told my wife about it, I didn't tell my kids about it, but I was always weary, I kept a smile on my face, but no one knew," says Keenan.

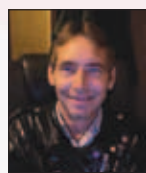
Then Tim decided to face his trauma head on by hiking the Appalachian Trail. With every mile the trail brought back memories of lost friends and sleepless Vietnam nights. "Remembering them and remembering people and remembering friends who lost their lives whose family must miss them so much," says Keenan.

The hike brought a sense of peace. He was starting to form happy memories on the trail. Tim was so inspired; he decided to make another journey back to the very scene of his trauma, Vietnam.

"It was very very emotional and I got up there and lit candles and I was able to remember all my friends, it was remarkable," says Keenan. Tim says he's a changed man and open to what the world has to offer. "There's so much goodness in the world that I sometimes didn't allow myself to see, but I sure do now I savor it," says Keenan.

Tim's advice to other veterans: get help and talk to anyone. Tim recently published a book about his journey, called "The Good Hike"

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THE HIDDEN DANGER OF FICKLE BLINKERS

As The Motorcycle Lawyer, I've had years of experience defending my clients in court from misplaced accusations of negligence or fault. I've also looked through countless crash reports and assessments. The most common crash I see involving a motorcyclist is the at-fault driver turning left at an intersection directly in front of the motorcyclist going straight.

It's my experience that insurance companies virtually always try to argue it was the motorcyclist's fault for one reason or another.

One specific type of crash I see fairly regularly is when a car is in front of the motorcyclist and begins to veer right with either a right blinker on or no blinker. The motorcyclist reasonably assumes that the car is going to the right and starts to pass on the left.

At the last second, the car turns left, into the motorcycle. What's left is a finger-pointing fiasco. The motorcyclist often says that the car had a right blinker on or that there was no blinker in use. The driver of the car says they were in the middle of the lane with the left blinker on, trying to make a left turn when the motorcyclist attempted to pass on the left.

One question then becomes: Where was the impact location? Was it left of center, or was it within the lane?

I have seen motorcyclists trust that when a car slows and moves to the right, the driver is turning right or moving to the shoulder. That's not always the case. Table 7 from the National Motor Vehicle Crash Causation Survey shows about 46 percent of the estimated 2 million crashes involved a vehicle going straight before the crash.

| Movement prior to critical crash envelope | Number of Crashes | | Weighted Percentage |
|---|-------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| | Unweighted | Weighted | |
| Going straight | 2,675 | 1,014,835 | 46.4% |
| Negotiating a curve | 883 | 459,920 | 21.0% |
| Stopped in traffic lane | 869 | 349,627 | 16.0% |
| Decelerating in traffic lane | 238 | 96,329 | 4.4% |
| Avoidance maneuver to a previous critical event | 182 | 64,923 | 3.0% |
| Changing lanes | 145 | 46,426 | 2.1% |
| Turning left | 122 | 36,757 | 1.7% |
| Accelerating in traffic lane | 95 | 31,693 | 1.4% |
| Passing or overtaking another vehicle | 58 | 22,352 | 1.0% |
| Turning right | 37 | 13,189 | 0.6% |
| Starting in traffic lane | 42 | 12,806 | 0.6% |
| Leaving a parking position | 32 | 10,961 | 0.5% |
| Merging | 18 | 5,884 | 0.3% |
| Backing up (other than for parking position) | 11 | 5,270 | 0.2% |
| Making a U-turn | 14 | 4,300 | 0.2% |
| Other | 10 | 3,441 | 0.1% |
| Unknown (includes driver not present cases) | 40 | 10,451 | 0.5% |
| Total | 5,471 | 2,189,166 | 100% |

Estimates may not add up to totals due to independent rounding.
Data source: NMVCCS (July 3, 2005 – December 31, 2007), NHTSA, compiled as of April 30, 2008

The statistics in the table show that in 46 percent of the crashes, the vehicles were going straight just before the crash. Other types of movement that rank highly in the table include negotiating a curve (21 percent) and stopped in a traffic lane (16 percent).

Negligent drivers will try their best to pin the blame on motorcyclists in cases like this. As motorcyclists, we need to assume nothing and suspect the worst. Car and truck drivers often do the unexpected and drive carelessly. Here, they do not do their due diligence and check for other vehicles when changing lanes.

I take these wrongly placed accusations of fault and defend my clients from them, instead turning the tables on the at-fault driver. I use the rules of the road and state driving laws to expose their negligence.

Attorney Jason A. Waechter is a Michigan attorney specializing in the areas of motorcycle and motor vehicle injury litigation as well as Michigan's Motor Vehicle No - Fault Law. Mr. Waechter has collected millions of dollars in settlements, awards and verdicts for his motorcycle clients over the past 20 years. A portion of each case settled goes to educational resources for bikers, funds to help bikers while their cases are being litigated and our motorcycle accident prevention campaign.

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The JOKERS WILD

Scrappy, a local beachgoer, couldn't even get a second look from any of the girls on the beach. So he headed over to Razor, at the lifeguard tower, to see if he had any advice for him.

"Dude, it's obvious," said Razor. "You're wearing those gnarly old swimming trunks that make you look like an old geezer. They're majorly outta' style. Your best bet is to get yourself a Speedo—say, two sizes too small—and drop a potato inside it. You'll have all the babes you can handle, dude."

The following weekend, Scrappy hits the beach with his brand-spanking-new tight-ass neon green Speedo and his potato, and it's not long before he approaches Razor at the lifeguard tower once more.

"For cryin' out loud," yells Scrappy, "it's worse than before! Everyone on the beach acts disgusted as I walk by—covering their faces, turning away, laughing! What's wrong now?" "Jeez, Scrap!" shrieks Razor, "The potato goes in front, dude!"

A body builder takes off his shirt & a blonde says "Wow what a great chest you have!"

he says "100 lbs of dynamite Babel!"

He takes off his pants & the blonde says "What massive calves you have!"

He replies "That's 100 lbs of dynamite babe!"

He then removes his underwear & the blonde goes running screaming in fear.

He puts his clothes on & chases behind her.

He catches her & ask why she ran like that.

The blonde replies "I was afraid to be around all that dynamite after i saw how short the fuse was!"

A Doctor was performing rounds at the hospital one morning and while checking up on a patient named Bubba, he asked ...

'So how's your breakfast this morning, Bubba?'

'It's pretty good except for the Kentucky Jelly.

I aint never had no jelly like that and I'm born and raised in Kentucky.

The Doctor asked to see the jelly and Bubba produced a foil packet labeled 'KY Jelly.'

Thibodeau and Boudreau were hunting when Boudreau grabs his chest and falls to the ground.

Thibodeau whips out his cell phone, calls 911 and tells the operator, "I think Boudreau is dead! What should I do?" The operator, in a calm soothing voice says, "Just take it easy and follow my instructions. First, let's make sure he's dead."

There is a silence -- then a shot is heard. Thibodeau's voice comes back on the line, "Okay, gotcha', now what?"

A woman and a baby were in the doctor's examining room, waiting for the doctor to come in for the baby's first exam.

The doctor arrived, and examined the baby, checked his weight, and being a little concerned, asked if the baby was breast-fed or bottle-fed.

'Breast-fed,' she replied.

'Well, strip down to your waist,' the doctor ordered.

She did he pinched her nipples, pressed, kneaded, and rubbed both breasts for a while in a very professional and detailed examination. Motioning to her to get dressed, the doctor said, 'No wonder this baby is underweight. You don't have any milk.' I know,' she said, 'I'm his Grandma, but I'm sure glad I came..... literally.'

At a travel agency in Shanghai, Pervey Pete asked the Chinese attendant if she could escort him on a city tour and asked for her mobile number to confirm. She gave him a big smile, nodded her head and said, "Sex sex sex, wan free sex for tonight ." Pervey Pete very excitedly replied, "Wow, you Chinese women are really hospitable! A guy standing next to him overheard, tapped him on the shoulder and said; "What she really said was: 6-6-6-1-3-6-4-2-9

A little old lady was walking down the street dragging two large plastic garbage bags behind her.

One of the bags was ripped and every once in a while a \$20 bill fell out onto the sidewalk.

Noticing this, a policeman stopped her, and said, "Ma'am, there are \$20 bills falling out of that bag."

"Oh, really? Darn it!" said the little old lady. "I'd better go back and see if I can find them. Thanks for telling me, Officer."

"Well, now, not so fast," said the cop.

"Where did you get all that money? You didn't steal it, did you?" winking at the little old darlin'.

"Oh, no, no", said the old lady.

"You see, my back yard is right next to a golf course. A lot of golfers come and pee through a knot hole in my fence, right into my flower garden.

It used to really tick me off. Kills the flowers you know. Then I thought, 'why not make the best of it?' So, now, I stand behind the fence by the knot hole, real quiet, with my hedge clippers. Every time some guy sticks

his "thing" through my fence, I surprise him, grab hold of it and say, 'OK., buddy! Give me \$20 or off it comes!'

"Well, that seems only fair," said the cop, laughing. "OK. Good luck!

Oh, by the way, what's in the other bag?"

"Well now, not everybody pays."

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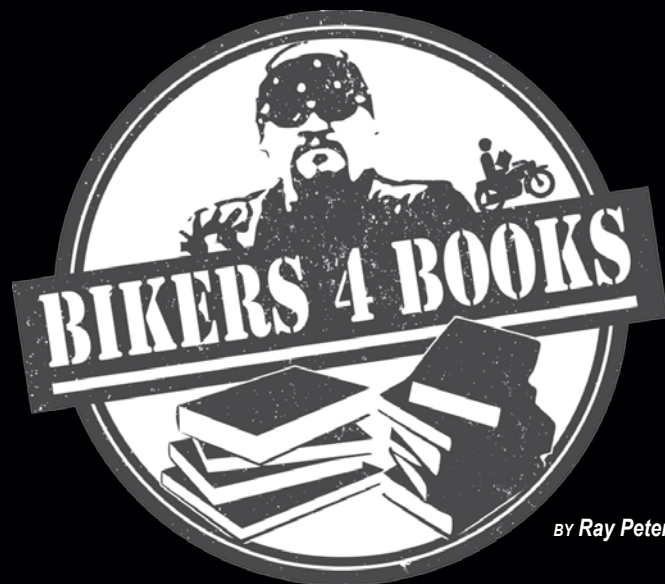
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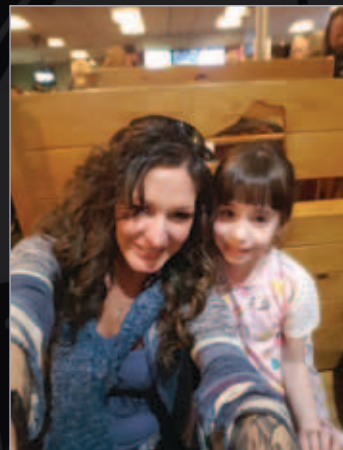
by Ray Peters

As I sit across from Badge, hearing his story of how Bikers for Books came to be, I was amazed by the passion behind his words. There was gleam in his eyes and a smile that could not get any better. It was as if he was a child sneaking down to see what Santa had left for him for Christmas. His energy is truly uplifting. If you know him, well you know what I'm talking about. Badge is a hardcore biker with a huge heart!



It is an incredible example of people who started one task, set the wheels in motion for a movement that turned into a non-profit, that exploded into a passion, which in turn provides so many people so much scholastic necessity and happiness. Here it is, almost 5 years later. Bikers for Books is a network of bikers and other reading enthusiasts working together in an effort to raise reading awareness and reinforce the positive benefits of reading in our youth. B4B plans to achieve this goal by employing two main objectives: fundraising and reading awareness.

Badge's first bike was a 1978 FX Low Rider that he still has! He has been riding for over 20 years. His wife Kendra is a substitute teacher and has worked in inner city schools. His children, family and friends have all supported this cause. His children Olivia and Carlitos are 11 and 17 and very much involved in helping. He will continue this mission as long as there is a need for books. He's supported by an incredible biker community that contributes to the cause right alongside him. Apart of his mission is to be available for schools that cannot provide the reading materials needed. Also, he donates Kindles for schools in need. His mission to put books in the hands of all children is inspiring.



Deedle Miyares, a young girl from the Lansing area, and her mother/author Delphina Miyares was inspired by Badge to write a book about motorcycles. The book is called, "Mermaids Can Ride Bicycles." Deedle's desire to write and publish a book came from Badge doing a presentation at her school! She is such an amazing little girl! Her book is available at many book stores, Amazon and Barnes & Noble. She is also up for an award for her book through www.onceuponabook-authorsigning.com



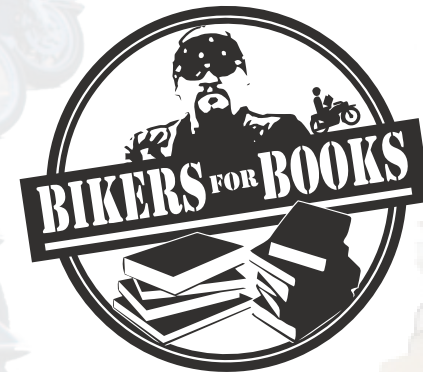
Last year, he acquired a "Bookmobile", which was painted with the work of many volunteers. They sanded and painted it black with orange flames by Best Built Customs as a donation. Then took it to the next level with Badge's idea of a "kick ass" ice cream truck blaring rock music filled with over 4000 books to give to children in underprivileged neighborhoods. His goal is to have male and female bikers roll up with him. Paint was all volunteered by friends and family and tires were donated by Tire Man and AJ Howard The Original West Michigan Undertaker.

Star Common Wealth is a center for at risk youth. Badge was apprehensive to go there, because he was getting out of his comfort zone with life experiences. He consulted his mentor TJ Duckett for reassurance on taking this on. Badge enlisted his brothers Chacho, Jason and Ty to help talk to the boys. When they left he was laughing, because Jason, Chacho and Ty were the bigger kids with the interaction with the boys. And the rest is history.

He donates brand new books to MSU Oncology. They have to be new and untouched for these kids. Children, who fight an unmanageable battle, can create a report with male and female riders.

Badge has set a standard for giving to the community by donating funds for a reading resource room or multiple copies of books for book report to schools for budgets that are diminished.

By giving to schools and children to help better their education and learning, the limits are endless! That is why I am so blessed to have my first Thunder Fun Charity Run at Onondaga Tavern on Memorial weekend, Saturday May 27th 2017. All proceeds will be going to Bikers for Books. There will be many vendors, games and also Deedle Meyers will be there signing books! For more information on this event I am hosting please see ad this issue.



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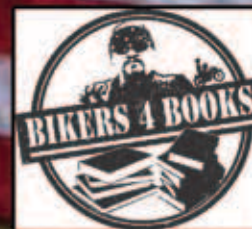
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COURTESY TRO

American Motorcyclist Association thanks Sens. Joni Ernst and Gary Peters for forming Motorcycle Caucus

Bipartisan effort to advocate for motorcycling issues

PICKERINGTON, Ohio – The American Motorcyclist Association extends its appreciation to U.S. Sens. Joni Ernst and Gary Peters for establishing the first Senate Motorcycle Caucus.

Ernst (R-Iowa) and Peters (D-Mich.)—both lifelong motorcyclists—will serve as co-chairs of the caucus, which will advocate on behalf of both motorcycle riders and manufacturers.

“The AMA has long sought the establishment of a Senate Motorcycle Caucus, and we are happy that this bipartisan effort has come to fruition,” said Wayne Allard, AMA vice president of government relations. “We look forward to working with the members of this caucus on all the issues affecting the motorcycle lifestyle and the future of motorcycling.”



Ernst said her concern for motorcycles and motorcyclists started when she was a child.

“Some of my most cherished memories include motorcycles, from delivering messages as a young girl to my dad while he was working out in the fields, to riding through the rolling hills of Northeast Iowa with family and friends,” Ernst said. “I am thrilled to have the opportunity to encourage thoughtful discussion and solutions on behalf of motorcycle riders and manufacturers through my new role as co-chair of the Motorcycle Caucus.”

“Throughout my 99 county tour of Iowa, I have heard from many of these folks about some of their priorities, including improving safety, infrastructure and energy efficiency. These concerns are shared by folks across our great state and country, and I look forward to working with Sen. Peters toward solutions.”

Peters bought his first motorcycle at age 11.

“I’ve loved motorcycles since I was a kid, and I started a newspaper route to buy my first motorcycle at age 11. To this day, I believe there is no better way to see Michigan’s



beautiful scenery than by bike, whether I’m riding to meet with constituents and small businesses or taking my bike out on the weekend,” Peters said. “Motorcyclists come from all walks of life, and I can’t think of a better way to bring together a diverse and dedicated group of advocates to discuss everything from safety concerns to manufacturing. I’m looking forward to working with Sen. Ernst as co-chair of the bipartisan Senate Motorcycle Caucus to foster these important discussions and find common ground with motorcycle lovers across the country.”

American Motorcyclist Association announces 2016 AMA Member Sweepstakes winner Troy Clark wins 2016 Suzuki GSX-S1000 ABS



PICKERINGTON, Ohio - Motorcyclists already know that being a member of the American Motorcyclist Association comes with benefits. For one lucky member, one of those benefits was winning a new motorcycle.

The AMA announced today that five-year AMA member Troy Clark of Littleton, Colo., won a 2016 Suzuki GSX-S1000 ABS in the 2016 AMA Member Sweepstakes.

“I’m shocked,” Clark said. “This kind of stuff doesn’t happen to me. I have been an off-road rider, but have wanted to get a street bike for a while, so I’m really excited.”

Anyone who joined or renewed a membership with the AMA between January 2016 and December 2016 was automatically entered into the 2016 AMA Member Sweepstakes. The Suzuki GSX-S1000 was one of two bikes up for grabs in the 2016 AMA Member Sweepstakes.

Motorcyclists who join or renew a membership from Jan. 1, 2017, through Dec. 31, 2017, are automatically entered for a chance to win more than 100 prizes in the 2017 AMA Member Sweepstakes.

Grand prizes are two more motorcycles, including a 2016 Suzuki GSX-S750.

The 2017 AMA Member Sweepstakes includes prizes from Yamaha, AMAgear.com, Dowco, Liberty Sport, Scala Rider, Tourmaster, Cortech, and Shark Kage.

To learn more about the sweepstakes, visit www.americanmotorcyclist.com/For-Members/Member-Sweepstakes.

American Motorcyclist Association honors U.S. Rep. Paul A. Gosar AMA Hero recognition goes to a federal legislator who supports motorcycling



PICKERINGTON, Ohio – Arizona Congressman Paul A. Gosar has earned the AMA Hero Award, presented by the American Motorcyclist Association for his support of motorcyclists’ rights and issues of importance to motorcycling.

The award was presented March 24 at the Washington, D.C., office of the American Motorcyclist Association.

Gosar, a Republican from Prescott, Ariz., was the only member of the 114th Congress to achieve a 100 percent score on motorcycling issues, including co-sponsorships for key bills and a vote.

“Rep. Gosar demonstrated an interest in and support for the issues that most directly affect the motorcycling community, and we take great pleasure in honoring him for his efforts,” said Wayne Allard, AMA vice president for government relations. “The AMA appreciates federal legislators who support America’s motorcyclists and the freedom to ride.”

First elected in 2010, Gosar is serving his fourth term in Congress representing Arizona’s Fourth Congressional District.

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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 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.
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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 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



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HISTORY OF NATIONAL SALUTE TO PATIENTS WEEK

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This year we celebrated the week of February 12 – 18

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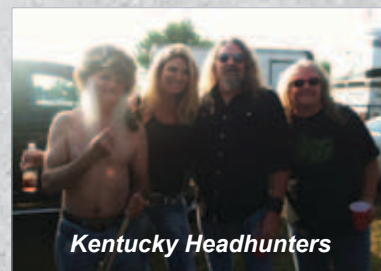
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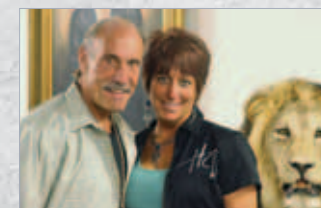
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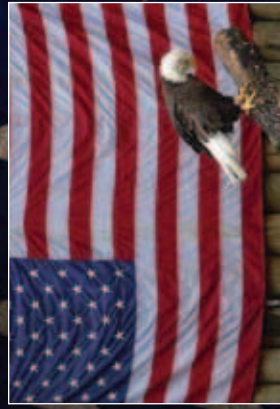
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Answer Below

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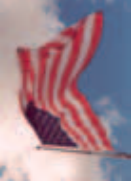


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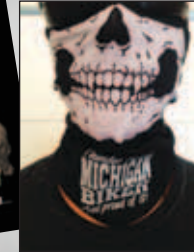
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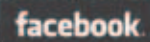
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HISTORIC FEMALE RIDERS

Part 1

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

The 19th Amendment guaranteed Women would receive the same right to vote as men. The era between 1878 and when it was finally ratified in 1920 were tough on women everywhere, but for those who stood up for what they believed in and help prove, reveal or otherwise convince the majority of the citizens of the United States that women kick ass and deserve to have the same rights as men: We want to say thank you. As you read through this brief overview of important women in motorcycle history, some of which were from that early era, it is important to understand that their contributions were often made with little or no support from friends or family. These are women who recognized that being given equal rights meant more than just the right to vote or work, but it also gave them the right to do as they damn well pleased. In the case of the dozen women we will look at in this series, that freedom included riding a motorcycle.

Effie & Avis Hotchkiss



Facts: This mother-daughter team were the first female motorcycle riders to successfully complete a transcontinental ride across the United States.

In 1915 Effie & Avis Hotchkiss became the first women to ride across the US when they headed west from Brooklyn, New York to San Francisco.... and back again for a total of approximately 9,000 miles. The Hotchkiss women chose a 1915 three-speed 11-F Harley-Davidson with a custom made sidecar built to accommodate the mother Avis, who would be a passenger for the entire journey. The story is that Effie, a professional woman who longed for something more than what the 9-to-5 professional life, decided to quit her job and find herself...so to speak. That is where this adventure begins. After purchasing her first

motorcycle then teaching herself to ride and handle repairs she got the urge to explore the area surrounding New York. In order to share the experience with her mom, Avis she added a sidecar so that she could participate. Of course it was great fun for both of them and before long the pair had decided on a whim to take a ride to check out the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition... in San Francisco.

Although they didn't intend to make history, the pair set off from Brooklyn on May 2, 1915 and followed a route that took them through the southernmost United States. For those of you who are familiar with the desert southwest you can imagine how much fun those 120-degree summer days were as they travelled through states like New Mexico and Arizona. But they were tough cookies and according to the story in Harley-Davidson Dealer's magazine they even had to shoot their way through marauding rattlesnakes and coyotes along the way. Once they arrived in San Francisco and rode their 11-F right to the shore of the Pacific Ocean they had officially become the first women to cross the United States on any type of motorcycle. Their return trip took them further north through Utah, Illinois and Milwaukee on their way back east. By the time they arrived in Brooklyn in October with 9,000 miles of riding and a surprising amount of fanfare, they had managed to secure a place in the motorcycle history books.

Adeline & Augusta van Buren



Facts: These two sisters were the first women to navigate Pikes Peak on a motorized vehicle of any kind and are often billed as the first women to ride solo motorcycles across the United

States. They were inducted into the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 2002. And Sturgis Hall of Fame in 2003.

In 1916 these two affluent sisters from New York set out to prove that women should be used as dispatch riders in the war effort and in order to prove their potential, decided to ride across the United States. Adeline and Augusta came from an active family so it wasn't a real shock when they showed up on a pair of new Indian Power Plus motorcycles, hell bent on proving women can ride as well as men. Unlike the Hotchkiss women, they were intent on making a point. In order to show they had the moxie and skill to handle the grueling demands of riding bikes long distances, they set out on their own 5,500 mile ride to San Francisco on July 4, 1916. The route took them through Chicago, into Colorado and Utah with many stops both voluntary and involuntary along the way.

They faced harsh terrain of the unimproved roads that connected the two coasts in addition to harassment from law enforcement and folks discriminating against them for just being female. According to their Hall of Fame bio they were even arrested for wearing men's riding clothes on a couple occasions. In Colorado, they made their official mark in the history books by becoming the first women to summit the 14,000 tall Pikes Peak hill climb (just for fun, not in any type of competition). In fact they were the first females to accomplish the task in any type of modern conveyance for that matter. Their three month long transcontinental mission was accomplished on September 2. The fanfare in the media surrounding their effort made the ride seem more like a vacation than a political statement or historical achievement it was intended for. Afterwards, it was no surprise, Adeline's application to join the military was still rejected, but the point had been made. Women are awesome. While Adeline went on to become a lawyer in NYC, Augusta became a pilot and joined the female flying club called the 99s, which was started by Amelia Earhart. The 99s were considered the inspiration for the Motor Maids MC Club.

Dorothy 'Dot' Robinson (Goulding)



Facts: A pioneer for women motorcycle riders, she was the first female to win an AMA event and co-founded Motor Maids Club. Inducted into AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 1998 and the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 1991.

Known as the "First Lady of Motorcycling," this Australian born AMA Hall of Fame member is the daughter of Jim Goulding, the owner and manufacturer of the famous Goulding Sidecar. The story of her life as a motorcycle rider began before birth when her father hurried her mother, Olive to the hospital in a Goulding sidecar attached to a 1911 Harley-Davidson. In 1923 they relocated the sidecar business to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and later to Saginaw, Michigan where the family owned a Harley-Davidson dealership and continued to build sidecars until just after the Great Depression. It was about that time that young Dorothy, aka Dot, really came into her own. Her father had actually ridden a sidecar from NY to San Francisco when they arrived in the US in an effort to prove the durability of his machines and establish dealership contacts across the US along the way. Looking back on it, there is little doubt to what Dot would be destined to do the same. As a teen she worked in the family dealership and eventually gave into the charms of a young man named Earl Robinson who would later become her husband. The couple acquired Dot's father's dealership with the help of Arthur Davidson (one of the founders of Harley-Davidson) in 1932 and eventually moved it to Detroit where they would go on to etch their names in the history of motorcycling.

Together they would compete in numerous races as both solo riders and a sidecar duo, with Dot taking countless victories in her signature red livery. She would later become known for wearing pink gear as she distanced herself from the black leather bikers usually wore. In 1935 they even set the transcontinental sidecar record from New York to Los Angeles with a time of 89 hours and 58-minutes. Dot put her personal stamp on things by winning the 500-mile long Jack Pine Enduro Sidecar A-class in 1940 and 1946 against the male riders. The victory in 1940 established her as the first woman to win an AMA National competition. In addition to racing sidecar motorcycles, running a business and raising a family, Mrs. Robinson also co-founded the legendary

Motor Maids of America, the original all-female motorcycle club with her friend and fellow motorcycle hall of fame member, Linda Dugeau. The Motor Maids are credited with bringing more female riders into the sport than any other organization at the time and they are still in operation to this day. She continued to race and win through the 1960s before selling of their business in 1972 and doing what most hall of fame motorcycle riders do: They retired, moved to Florida and continued riding, just for the fun of it.

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Biker Preacher's Corner

Unless you're a brand-new rider... we've all heard of T.C.L.O.C.K.s right? If ya don't know what that is, it is the basic safety inspection method, which helps us to make sure our bikes are in good, safe, working condition. TCLOCK stands for (T) tires & wheels (C) controls levers (L) lights & battery, (O) oil levels, (C) chassis, (K) kickstand. I do a very thorough TCLOCKS inspection in the spring of each year, which is when I change all my oils and identify any issues that need to be addressed.

1 Corinthians 11:31 says "If we were properly evaluating ourselves, we would not be judged" Ya see, we should also take a good look at our own spiritual condition as well... or as I like to say, "take a checkup from the neck up!" Hopefully, more than just once a year.

In our self-assessment, we must be honest with ourselves and with God who knows ALL. The first question we need to ask ourselves is this... Am I right with God? How is my relationship with Jesus? Secondly, are there any unresolved sins in my life? And thirdly, is there any unforgiveness in my heart? Am I angry with someone or do I need to repent/apologize to anyone for my actions and words that I did or said?

If you don't know Jesus yet... you don't know Peace. The peace, joy, happiness that you're truly looking for are only found in Jesus - the rest is a fake con-job to keep you away from Jesus. If you need Jesus - pray with, me right now. "God, I know that you are real. Thank you for being in the wind with me even before I ask. Thank you for Your Son, Jesus that died and rose again for me. Please, forgive me of my sins, for I truly repent and turn to You. Jesus, I ask you now to come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior, that we might ride together daily. I dedicate myself and my bike to serving You. Thank you for saving me Lord! Thank you, for I am now in "Your" wind. In Jesus name, Amen.

As we continue our spiritual TCLOCK inspection; Forgiveness is a crucial step that many forget about! Jesus said in Matthew 6:15 "...If you don't forgive people, your Father will not forgive your wrongdoing." So many keep themselves in a prison cell of being broke, busted and discussed. When we forgive (that's to release people from their wrong doings us) God forgives us of ours!!

Yet, the biggest person we need to forgive is... OURSELVES. Sometimes we just need to look at ourselves in the mirror and say, "I forgive you, in Jesus name"! We all know what we have done in the past... we all know the problems and issues that we have gotten ourselves into. Forgive yourself and forgive others who have offended you, hurt you, stolen from you, etc.

Also, ask the Lord if there are any sins in your life that He is actively working on. Ask Him to show you what they are and to help you to truly repent and be forgiven. 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Listen, when we repent God forgives! Which means that he will wash you clean and chooses to forget about your sins... throwing them as far as the east is from the west? Never to be used against you again. God is SOOOO freakin' good and His love and mercy endure forever!!

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May 7
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May 7
18th Annual Blessing of the Bikers Church of the Living Word, Ovid, MI. Hog roast \$5 all you can eat, charity ride, ride in bike show (register by noon), 50/50 & prizes. For more info call 989-834-5950 (See ad this issue).

May 7
6th Annual Dice Run
Walled Lake Eagles, Walled Lake, MI. Regis 9:30-11:30 am, \$20 rider, \$15 passenger, cash prizes, cars welcome, food, raffles. For more info call Bill 248-722-2930

May 13
Scavenger Hunt Ride
ABC HD, Waterford, MI. 10 am-3 pm, prizes, food & entertainment. For more info call 248-674-3175 (See full page ad inside front cover).

May 13
ABATE Region 21 Motorcycle Awareness Ride
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May 13
4th Annual Biker Blessing & Lost Bikers Memorial Ride
Retail Warehouse, Sturgis, MI. Regis 10 am, blessing noon, kickstands up 12:45, free event, open to everyone, all bikes welcome, lunch for donation. For more info call Shawn 269-689-9351

May 13
WACU Motorcycle Charity Ride & Bike Blessing
Old St. Patrick Church, Ann Arbor, MI. Regis 9:30 am, \$10 min for drivers & passengers, raffle prizes, rain or shine. For more info call Steve 734-660-7172

May 14
Midland Mother's Day Swap Meet & Bike Show
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May 18-21
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May 20
13th Annual Holiday Camp Benefit Motorcycle Ride
Cabela's, Dundee, MI. Regis 10 am, leaves 12:30 pm, \$25 solo, \$10 passenger, door prizes, raffles, cash prizes, meal, police escorted. For more info call George 734-770-2278 (See ad this issue).

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May 20
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May 21
Bikers for Boobies Run
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May 21
Blessing of the Bikes & Muscle Cars
Faith Christian, Melvindale, MI. Noon-4 pm, live music, prizes, BBQ, special guest speaker, stunt riders, kids activities, vendors & more. (See ad this issue).

May 21
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May 21
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May 21
UAW Solidarity Riders Blessing of the Bikes
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May 22
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May 27
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May 27-28
Bubbas Memorial Weekend Classic
Bubba's Tri-City Cycles, Linwood, MI. 2 days of music, food, friendship & charity fundraising, all proceeds go to Camp Fish Tales. Sat-charity bike show, Sun charity poker run. Sign up for both events is 10-12. For more info call 989-697-5525.

May 28
29rd Annual Valpo-Fest Motorcycle & Car Show & Swap Meet
Porter Co Expo Center, Valparaiso, IN. 9 am-4 pm, \$8 adult, 12 & under free, free to ladies that ride their bikes, bike rodeo, live bands, celebrity appearance, custom bike show \$3k cash & trophy awards. Buy, sell, trade, bikes, parts, leather, food, beer. For more info go to paragonspromotion.com (See ad this issue).

May 28
Annual Memorial Weekend Veterans Ride
South Haven American Legion Post #49, South Haven, MI. Regis 10-11:45 am, kickstands up 12:15 pm, \$10 pp, incl food, prizes, poker hand, fun. For more info call Susie 616-836-6478 (See ad this issue).

JUNE

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
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
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 nrider1@gmail.com

June 4
Blessed in Hell
Hell Creek Ranch, Pinckney, MI. Gates open at 10:30, \$10 per bike, bike show, trophies, live band, 4 blessing by the C.M.A, over 20 vendors & more. For more info go to hellcreekranch.com or call 734-216-0647 (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 clor99@gmail.com (See ad this issue).

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
35th Anniversary Open House
Capitol HD, Dimondale, MI. 10 am-3 pm. 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 & more. For more info call 248-473-7433 or go to motorcityharley.com

June 16-17
8th Annual Salute to Veterans- presented by Rolling Thunder/Little River
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June 16-18
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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
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 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
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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 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
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

JULY

July 6-9
Detroit Motorcycle City
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July 9
33rd Annual Peotone Motorcycle Rodeo, 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 20-22
29th Annual Sandy Corley Memorial Run
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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 Police, Fire & EMS Escorted
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 28-29
Rockin' Rivertown Ride & Music Festival
Downtown Cheboygan, MI. Music, poker run, Rolling Thunder parade, bike show. For more info call 231-627-9931 (See ad this issue).

July 30
Ride for Kids
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ABATE has been very active in Lansing protecting the rights of all bikers. Not only did the ABATE legislative team save all bikers \$100.00 in registration fees, they are now working diligently towards a vote on the house floor "Bill 4306" to get funding for motorcycle safety and awareness. This is a very important issue letting the public know that their actions behind the wheel of a car / truck can kill or cripple a biker, because they cannot properly judge the speed of an oncoming motorcycle and make a left turn in front of us, because they did not "Look Twice Save A Life".

The Committee of Transportation and Infrastructure was very receptive to President Vince Consiglio and Rep. Jim Tedder. Their arguments convinced the committee to vote 14 – 0 to put a fee towards the safety and awareness fund designated for those two areas only.

There is a need to get more exposure regarding "Look Twice Save a Life Motorcycles are Everywhere". One of our major efforts includes ABATE volunteers that dedicate their time and energies teaching students in driver education programs throughout the state. The Nathan bill provides up to 3 hours of classroom time teaching students about increased AWARENESS regarding motorcyclist, bicyclists, and pedestrians sharing the road.

Other efforts include our yard signs, wristbands, key chains and bumper stickers to increase AWARENESS. Bike clubs can show their support by posting signs in front of their clubhouses that say "Look Twice Save A Life Motorcycles are Everywhere". Please contact me and I will help you get a sign to post in front of your clubhouse.

All motorcyclists' lives do matter. We are a very unique group who enjoy the freedom of the road, who donate money to worthy causes, do benefits for those who are less fortunate than the average Joe, help with Veterans organizations to bring awareness to the injured and those who need help.

The ABATE Motorcycle Rider Foundation (MRF) Rep in our State is Tom "Jinx" Rahm. Jinx works to bring attention to bikers across the country from profiling to stereotyping to harassment. Any questions please call him 517-812-7602. He is willing to help in any way he can.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month so please go to your local village, townships, and cities and speak with your Mayor, Supervisor and Board Members to make a proclamation for May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

ABATE has some great opportunities for bikers to show how much they really are together when it comes to protecting our rights and responsibilities in Lansing on May 31st. We will be on the steps of the Capitol Building for our Freedom Rally. The more the better so help show our strength through numbers.

Remember to always be considerate to one another and realize that we all have our own ideas, political views and expectations. When things don't happen the way you would like, it doesn't mean that the opposition is all wrong or messed-up. We are all bikers who have a lot in common and can get more done by cooperation than confrontation.

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Darla



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Dooney



Hades

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BY RICK WYATT



The time has come to move away from politics for a while and get back to basic gun gossip. It's not that I have grown tired of political discourse, rather if it were up to me, we would fire damn near everybody in Washington and replace them with everyday citizens who have grown tired of the stench of the "swamp" and the irritating pests it seems to attract. After all the founders envisioned government to be "of the people, by the people and for the people" shunning the notion of a permanent political class. But, until "we the people" move to impose term limits and end career incumbency the body politic will continue to reek like an outhouse in August! Nuff said; ya'll?!

As a CPL instructor, one of the most common questions I get from my students is to recommend a carry firearm for them. Personally, I do not believe that it is professional for an instructor to "pimp" specific guns and/or calibers, because the gun world is definitely not "one size fits all," so what works well for the teacher, may not be appropriate for the taught. Yes there are a couple of pistols I feel are a good starting point for most want to be buyers, especially newer shooters, to start their search for their gun. These pistols (all 9mm) are a bit larger than what is commonly viewed as "carry guns," but experience has taught me that it is usually much easier to have people start with a larger platform and, as their proficiency improves, move down to a pure conceal carry piece than encouraging them to start small and deal with the frustrations of trying to be accurate with a handgun that exaggerates recoil, offers poor sighting, and (because of its diminutive size) is often difficult to work on firm grip and smooth trigger pull. Besides, if you think size is an issue I know a very petite young lady who carries one of these firearms daily and most of our customers don't even suspect that she is armed!

My very favorite big peoples gun to start newer shooters (after being trained on a 22) or for people looking to get into conceal carry for the first time is the Glock 19. Yeah, yeah, I know Glocks are ugly, and they feel big in the hand and they don't have a safety; but still they are one of the most reliable firearms in the market. I have yet to see a Glock that is picky about ammo or gets temperamental because it feels neglected. As far the issue of a safety, here is a simple truth every owner of a personal or home defense firearm needs to consider - a mechanical safety may get you killed! During WWII a lot of GI's who carried nothing but a sidearm were found bayoneted to death with their 1911's in their hands and the safeties still engaged. We are talking about men who were well trained and expecting trouble yet when the fecal matter impacted the pneumatic oscillation unit they forgot to unlock their cocked and locked pistols and it cost them their lives. As long as your firearm is in good mechanical condition

simply observing the second rule of firearms safety "Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot" is sufficient to prevent accidental discharge. In every accidental discharge video I have viewed on You-Tube the subject, obviously suffering from per-terminal moronism, is engaging the trigger guard like a practice mannequin for a home proctology course, and if they had just kept their booger hook off the bang switch until the target was in their sights their proverbial 15 minutes of fame would have passed them by. Anyway back to the Glock, they are pretty much idiot proof and all but indestructible so if aesthetics are the issue, get over it and try one anyhow.

A new gun in the market that is growing on me is the Smith and Wesson M&P M2.0, a much needed improvement over old M&P and M&P Shield. The nice thing about the M&P line is that the edges are rounded off making it much more comfortable in the hand, especially small hands. The biggest improvement in the M2.0 is a smoother more refined trigger pull vs the older M&P which always seemed to coarse; heavy trigger pull (within reason) shouldn't be an issue as long as it is smooth! Unfortunately, Smith has kept the articulated trigger safety which by design often causes shooters to pull downward as they squeeze the trigger to the rear translating to low hits down range. But, all in all the M2.0 is a well-balanced, reliable and easy to shoot improvement over its predecessors.

The last gun you should look at, and shoot if possible, is the Sig Sauer P226 Legion. Built to the specifications of military Spec Ops this metal framed firearm is an outstanding piece of workmanship. Between the heavier mass, prominent tritium night sights, and factory tuned trigger pull this gun is a paper slaying beast on the range. Sweeter yet is the fact that it is a hammer fire system available in either single/double action so it can be carried hammer down, or single action (SAO option) and carried cocked and locked like a 1911. Bad news is that it costs more than twice what the Glock or Smith will set you back, but shoot one and you will see that it is more than worth the price!

I want to close on a little different note and remind you that Monday the 29th is Memorial Day, the traditional start of summer. How about starting the summer off right by attending some kind of observance event in your community. A lot of small towns still have parades, many churches hold a special service, or it can be as easy as walking through your local cemetery and observing the flags adorning the graves of the veterans interred. Most vets will tell you that the most sincere form thanks you can show for their service is to honor their fallen brothers and sisters and the flag they are willing to die for.

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IN THE SHOP WITH RON

MOVIN' FORWARD

This month in the shop we're going to be installing forward controls on a 2011 H-D Dyna Street Bob. There are several styles and kits available, this kit (chosen by the bikes owner) is chrome and mounts to the bolt allocations on the right and left front down tubes on the frame where the hi-way pegs or engine cover would normally mount.



If the bike has hi-way pegs or an engine cover the first step is to remove it and set it aside. Some kits require the re-use of some or all of the existing mounting hardware. Next, we need to remove the existing mid-controls. This kit does not require the removal of the outer primary cover or housing. On the Dyna's the shifting shaft comes out through the primary chain inspection cover (the newer ones don't have inspection covers) or in that area.



Some kits require the removal of primary housing and existing linkage and plugging/covering the holes or upgrading primary housing. The kit we're using allows you to leave the original linkage in place (except shifting shaft from transmission) and the lock shaft in place with a collar supplied with the kit and put the cover on the shaft in case you ever decide to go back to mid-controls. Removing the original foot peg and rear brake pedal on the right side requires a little patience and creative wiggling to remove without removing exhaust. Note: this bike has stock pipes with aftermarket exhaust; removal may be necessary so let your skill level and common sense be your guide. The rear brake pedal pushrod (rod from pedal to master cylinder) has a threaded connection just in front of the rear brake master cylinder, loosen the lock nut, hold the rod with one wrench and turn the shaft closest to master cylinder with another; be careful not to damage the rubber boot on the master cylinder or use excessive force on the shaft. This is where we will make our final adjustment for the rear brake pedal. Install the extended pushrod (comes w/kit) and thread it onto the master cylinder shaft -all the way to be adjusted later. Now, we can install the rear brake pedal/foot peg bracket to the bolt allocations on the right front down tube of the frame using the bolts supplied w/kit and install the brake pedal and the foot peg. Now is a good time to operate the brake pedal and make sure there are no clearance issues with the foot peg, brake pedal, or pushrod. If your bike has an aftermarket exhaust be absolutely positive the rear brake pushrod does not contact any of the exhaust system mounting brackets or supports. Now, adjust the rear brake pedal (the adjustment is basically rider preference), but you need to have a little free play in the pedal. Lengthening the pushrod will remove (less) free play, shortening will add (more) to the pedal. Once adjustment is complete make sure to secure the lock nut to the pushrod.

By Ron Johnson



Next, we can mount the shift lever/foot peg bracket to the left front frame down tube and connect the linkage from the clevis to the transmission shifting arm and install the foot peg and shift lever. Once again, check for clearance issues at the shift lever and linkage and adjust to rider preference. I like to use Loctite on all fasteners (except pushrod) and anti-seize on all pivot points. Make a final check of all fasteners and clearance areas. Your first ride out give yourself a little time to get the feel of things, then stretch those legs and enjoy.

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Ron

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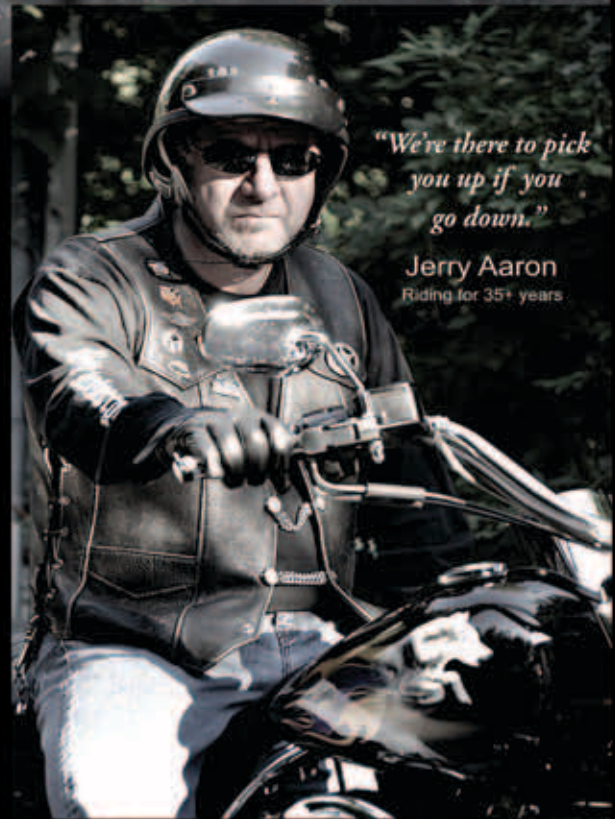
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