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Events, Events and more Events!

As I write this letter I am also preparing for an event this weekend...Easyriders in Fowlerville. It is that busy time of the year where I am setting up just about every weekend plus of course putting together each month's issue of the magazine and well feeling like a chicken with my head cut off. Because we live in Michigan we only have so many months of good riding and so there is so much going on during this time. Every weekend there are multiple events to choose from and so many fun things going on! Soon the swap meets will be our winter gateway to see fellow bikers and get out of the house to brave the cold and well I am going to say that four letter word...snow. So make sure to take time NOW and enjoy this beautiful weather we have been having and make sure to check out our cool Ride Stops... don't forget to bring your Ride Card! In September make sure to come by the Thunder Roads tent and say hi to me at Freedom Fest, Bikes on the Bricks and many others. I will be hoping to take more time out and do some riding myself.

In this issue you will find our regular monthly favorites like Thunder Cams, In the Shop with Ron, Veterans Corner and many more that I hope you enjoy reading. Please be sure to take advantage of the Ride Card and check in to as many places as possible. This is the LAST MONTH to do so and then you will have to put your Ride Cards away until next year. Remember to hold onto to it as it DOES NOT EXPIRE!

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READERS RIDES

Rich LaFleur



Hello my name is Rich LaFleur. I'm 41 years old from Skidway Lake, MI. I bought my very first Harley in 2008; it was a 1987 FSXT Standard. I rode it for roughly a month. I got tired of it breaking down so that following winter I tore it completely apart and rebuilt the entire bike in my kitchen, that's no bull either... LOL. Needless to say, I found my passion customizing motorcycles; 19 Harleys later I bought this gem, it's a 2007 Heritage Softail Deluxe, it's probably one of the most beautiful bikes I've ever owned. I get compliments pretty much everywhere I ride it, sometimes people stop me to take pictures or just to admire it as you can see Jody Mo did just that. I'm almost positive this will not be my last Harley and if things work out in my favor, I have plans on opening my very own motorcycle accessories and detailing business in the near future.... Stay Classy My Friends. Hope To See You On The Road...

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- 10am - 7pm: T-shirt & Saturday ride registration sales
- 4pm - 10pm: Beer Tent
- 5pm - 10pm: Jon Fett Quartet playing in Beer Tent
- 5pm: Tim Dyson FMX
- 5:30pm: 1 Wheel Revolution
- 6pm - 8pm: Mini Bike races presented by Damned Wheel Club
- 8pm: Tim Dyson FMX
- 8:30pm: 1 Wheel Revolution

SATURDAY

DOWNTOWN STREETS CLOSED OFF
VENDORS SET UP AND MOTORCYCLE PARKING ONLY

- 8am: T-shirt & Saturday ride registration sales
- 8am - 10am: Police Officer training on Flat Lot
- 8am - 11am: Ride registration at Vehicle City Harley-Davidson
- 10am - 10pm: Beer Tent
- 11am: Police escorted ride leaves Vehicle City Harley-Davidson
- Noon: Tim Dyson FMX
- 12:30pm: 1 Wheel Revolution
- 1pm Approx: Police ride arrives in Downtown Flint
- 2pm: Rockabilly Pin-Up Girl Contest on Main Stage
- 2pm - 5pm: Police Officer training
- 2pm - 3:30pm: Police Last Man Standing Preliminaries on Flat Lot
- 3:30pm: Police Donut Eating Contest on Main Stage
- 5pm - 10pm: Genesee Ramblers playing in Beer Tent
- 5pm: Tim Dyson FMX
- 5:30pm: 1 Wheel Revolution
- 8pm: Tim Dyson FMX
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SUNDAY

- 10am: Opening ceremony
- 10am - 1pm: Motorcycle show registration (Must enter at S. Saginaw & 4th St.)
- 10am - 5pm: T-shirt sales
- 10:30am: Law enforcement skills competition
- Noon - 5pm: Beer Tent
- Noon - 5pm: Cash O'Riley playing in the Beer Tent
- Noon: Tim Dyson FMX
- 12:30pm: 1 Wheel Revolution
- 1pm - 2pm: Police Last Man Standing Finals
- 1pm - 3pm: Family Fun Block Party at the Salvation Army
- 1pm - 3pm: Motorcycle Show Judging
- 2pm: Tim Dyson FMX
- 2:30pm: 1 Wheel Revolution
- 3:30pm Approx: Police Competition Awards Ceremony on Flat Lot
- 4pm: Motorcycle Show Awards Ceremony on Main Stage

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VETERANS CORNER



New GI Bill Passes Senate

Lawmakers on Capitol Hill have unanimously passed legislation to make major changes to education benefits for military veterans. Now all that's left is for President Trump to sign it into law — and the White House says he will.

The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2017 has garnered strong bipartisan support in Congress, where lawmakers have worked to fast-track the bill to the president's desk. Senators passed the legislation by voice vote, less than three weeks after the Forever GI Bill, as it's become known, was introduced in the House of Representatives.

The new GI Bill would bring significant changes to the current law passed in 2008. Among its most popular provisions are the elimination — for veterans who left the military in 2013 or later — of a 15-year use-or-lose rule, as well as the expansion of benefits for reservists, Purple Heart recipients and surviving dependents. It would also restore GI Bill benefits to veterans impacted by school closures since 2015 and allocate more funds for college degree programs in the science, technology, engineering and math fields.

If the Forever GI Bill becomes law, some of the provisions would take effect Jan. 1, 2018. Others would start next August, and others — like granting active-duty service members eligibility for the Yellow Ribbon Program — would not apply for a few more years.

A White House spokesman said the president intends to sign the legislation, but it's not clear when.

The updated version of the bill calls for slight reductions in the monthly housing allowances for new GI Bill enrollees to pay for the estimated \$3 billion cost of the benefits expansion. The 1 percent reductions would take place over five years.

VSO leaders celebrated the bill's passage and praised Congress for its bipartisan efforts.

"The Forever GI Bill is proof that even a divided nation can come together to support our veterans and their families," said Got Your 6 Director of Government Relations Lauren Augustine. "This comprehensive bill will provide millions of current and future veterans and their loved ones the peace of mind knowing the education benefits they've earned are secure."

Michigan sailor killed in Pearl Harbor attack laid to rest after 76 years

U.S. Navy sailor Fred M. Jones has finally been laid to rest. Aboard the USS Oklahoma when it was attacked by Japanese fighter

planes on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941 in Pearl Harbor, the 30-year-old Otter Lake resident went missing in action.

He was a Machinist's Mate First Class aboard the Oklahoma when it sunk, leading to the death of 429 crew members.

Jones was transferred to the Oklahoma in May 1939 from the USS Case after having been aboard the USS Chaumont, USS Mindanao, USS Cincinnati, USS Colorado, USS Simpson and USS Noa, per a transcript of his Naval service.

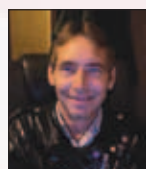
"It's so overwhelming. All the people on the parade route and here, the respect -- it's truly overwhelming," said Helen Kellie Cosner. "I've always been so proud of my grandfather. Throughout my life, I told anyone who would listen. I don't have the words to tell you how happy this makes me. Truly, this is an honor."

It took decades of searching, but the U.S. Navy was finally able to identify his remains after the use of DNA testing with Jones' family members in the mid-Michigan area.

Great-niece Sue Nichols helped organize a funeral service with graveside military honors that took place Saturday, May 20 at Lakeside Cemetery in Port Huron after his casket was escorted from Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

More than 300 people, family members, police and veterans attended to show their respects for Jones.

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The Motorcycle Lawyer on THE LAW BLACK BOXES IN MOTOR VEHICLES AND CRASHES

You've probably heard about the infamous black box in airplanes. It's also called an EDR, short for Event Data Recorder. The black box is essentially a computer that's built to survive a crash and preserves factual data from the airplane. This data then allows investigators to better understand what caused the airplane to crash.

What you might not know is that many cars, and even some motorcycles, now have EDRs built into them.

Unlike the black boxes in airplanes, EDRs in vehicles usually don't record data continuously. Instead, they're triggered when certain pre-crash conditions are met. The EDRs in vehicles record the 5 or so seconds before impact.

The data that EDRs record varies from manufacturer to manufacturer, but in general they record the speed of the car, whether or not the driver is wearing a seatbelt, airbag deployment, brake status, and throttle position.

The information that EDRs preserve has been used by police during vehicle investigations and in court to determine who is at fault.

Recently, EDRs have been placed in several motorcycles, notably the Kawasaki Ninja line and the Honda Gold Wing Airbag model from 2006-2014. Many of the motorcycle EDRs record the same kind of data that those in cars do, minus the seatbelt and airbag data.

Usually, EDRs will record the speed of a motorcycle, the throttle position, brake status, and the severity of the crash.

I have seen EDR data in use in cases I have litigated. I had a case where the car that turned left in front of my client's motorcycle and killed him had an EDR. The defense expert attempted to use the car's EDR information to argue that the motorcyclist was speeding.

While there is some information that may allow an insight into a range of speed of the other vehicle, in this case, my client's motorcycle, there's still room for error, as this defense attorney learned.

The EDR captures what is called a "crash pulse". The nature of the crash pulse is in the form of the vehicle's velocity change from a crash. The defense attorney was trying to take the crash pulse of the car and use it to show that my client - the motorcyclist - was speeding.

However, I had four eyewitnesses that said the motorcyclist wasn't speeding. In fact, there was a driver behind my client who says he was the pacing the motorcycle and testified that he looked at his speedometer, so he knew exactly how fast my client was going.

The defense then brought in an expert to try and sell the jury on his opinion as to what he interpreted from the car's EDR. He attempted to convince the jury that the EDR painted the whole picture of the crash and that the eyewitnesses were mistaken.

To prepare for cross-examining him, I interviewed an expert who teaches and mentors professionals on EDR technology. I brought up the points that the defense's expert used in his testimony. This EDR expert's comment was, "He's definitely cheating and fudging the analysis to make a huge jump to get to motorcycle speed."

While EDRs are helpful for understanding what happened in its car right before, during, and after a crash, they only offer one side of the story. When paid-for experts try to use the EDR data to extrapolate what other vehicles were doing at the time of the crash, tread carefully. You're likely not getting an accurate picture of what happened.

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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A man appeared before St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. 'Have you ever done anything of particular merit?' St. Peter asked. 'Well, I can think of one thing,' the man offered. 'On a trip to the Black Hills out in South Dakota, I came upon a group of bikers who were lewdly joking with a young woman, but I couldn't tell if she flirtingly liked it or was in peril. I was confused. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So, I approached the largest and most tattooed biker and smacked him in the face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his eyebrow piercing, and threw it on the ground. I yelled, 'Now, back off or I'll kick the living crap out of all of you!' St. Peter was impressed, 'When did this happen?' The man stuck out his chest in pride; 'Couple of minutes ago.'

The weather ahead is good, so we should have a smooth uneventful flight.

So, sit back, relax, and....OH... MY....GOD!" Silence followed.

Some moments later, the Captain came back on the intercom. "Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm sorry if I scared you. While I was talking to you, a Flight Attendant accidentally spilled coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!"

From the back of the plane, an Irish passenger yelled..... For the luva Jaysus,...you should see the back of mine, then.

A blonde and a lawyer were sitting next to each other on a flight. The lawyer asks if she would like to play a fun game. The blonde, tired, just wants to take a nap, so she politely says no and turns to the window for a nap.

The lawyer insists and explains that the game is easy and very fun. He explains, "I'm going to ask you a question, and if you do not know the answer, you'll pay me \$5, and vice versa."

Again, she declines and tries to get some sleep. The lawyer, now agitated, says, "Okay, if you do not know the answer, you pay me \$5. and if I do not know the answer, I pay you \$500."

This catches the attention of the blonde and, imagining that there will be no end to this torment unless she takes part in his game, she agrees to play.

So, she reluctantly, but with full confidence agrees to his game and his rules.

The lawyer asks the first question, "How far is the Earth from the Moon?"

The blonde did not say a word, opened her purse, took out a \$5

bill and handed it to him. "Okay," said the lawyer, "it's your turn to ask."

She asks the lawyer: "What goes up a mountain with three legs and comes down with four legs?"

The lawyer, perplexed, picks up his laptop and searches all his references — no answer. He searches the net and the library of Congress, no answer. Frustrated, he sends emails to all his friends and co-workers but, also, no answer. After an hour, he wakes the blonde and reluctantly hands her \$500.

"Thank you," the blonde says, and goes back to sleep some more. The lawyer, annoyed, wakes her up and asks, "Well, what is the answer?"

Without a word, she takes her purse, hands him \$5. and goes back to sleep.

Well played, blondie!

Ole "Scrappy" is sitting at the bar, totally trashed, and yet again feeling sorry for himself he yells out, "you know if I had a dollar for every woman who finds me gross and unattractive, I would eventually have enough money that you'd all be cat-fighting over me".

A recent study has proved that women who carry a little extra weight on them live longer than men who mention it.

An older lady was somewhat lonely and decided she needed a pet to keep her company So, off to the pet shop she went.. She searched and searched. None of the pets seemed to catch her interest, except this ugly frog. As she walked by the jar he was in, she looked and he winked at her.

He whispered, I'm so lonely, too. Buy me and take me home... you won't ever be sorry.'

The older lady figured, what the heck! She hadn't found anything else. So, she bought the frog. She placed him in the car, on the front seat beside her. As she was slowly driving down the road, the frog whispered to her Kiss me and you won't be sorry!."

So, the older lady figured, WHAT THE HECK, and kissed the frog. Immediately the frog turned into an absolutely gorgeous, sexy, young, handsome Prince Charming.

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

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- Winners are randomly picked from each Registration/Ride Stops, Ride Stops & Event Stops each month.
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EAST

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WEST

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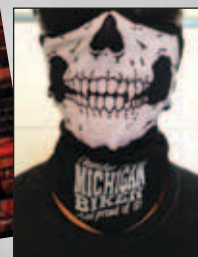
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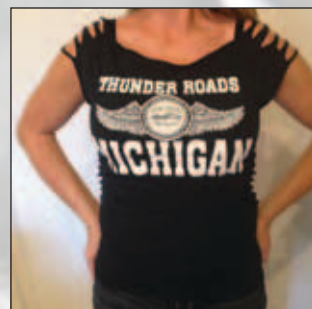
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OGEMAW HILLS BIKE WEEK 2017

BY Billy D



The Hills are alive with the sound of THUNDER! That's right, you all know what kind of thunder I'm talking about folks. When July rolls around in the Mitten, it's time to retreat to the Hills of Ogemaw to do a little riding and get rowdy! This July was no different as bikers from around the state got together to celebrate the infamous annual Ogemaw Hills Bike Week.

I'm probably considered a newbie to this event, which traces its history back some 30 years, since I've only attended the last 6 or so. Sometimes the mind gets a little hazy as the years blow by, but you can always recall the good times and Ogemaw is all about good times. The week has plenty of entertainment, parties, music, bikes, booze and lots of happy people letting it all hang out.

The event kicked off on Wednesday and as usual, campers and RVs began to enter the gates to find a spot to party. The Bert Cummings memorial flat track race was also on Wednesday, with national pros like Jarred Mees cranking their bikes around the infield. Thursday's highlights included vintage bikes in the exhibit building and a Corn Hole tournament organized by "The Rooster". The tournament was a new addition this year and, from what I could see, alcohol is the only training prerequisite, my kind of sport!! Friday was a scorcher, so lots of people retreated to the river to cool off and repair livers. Then in the afternoon, Beer Pong provided a kick start to an evening of good times and live music at the Coral Tent by Night Prowler- an incredible AC/DC cover band—High Voltage Indeed!

You just know it wouldn't be Michigan if we didn't get a little rain. So on Saturday it came to pass that we should get rain... pretty much all day. Did this damper our spirits? Did we cry and go home? Did we stay in the camper all day and play with our kids' mamas? (Well, maybe a little). Hell no! The parade went as scheduled, along with the biker games and custom bike show! We all had a hell of a great afternoon and continued with the celebration. A celebration that went well into the evening, long after the bands Southern Rebellion and Raggedy Ann quit rocking and the T shirts had dried! As a side note, I will be available for security duty at the Wet T-Shirt contest again next year - just sayin.



This rally is about having a good time no doubt. But the event also supports several worthwhile causes such as Wertz Warriors, Veterans, B4K, Ogemaw County Humane Society, Bikers for Blindness and many other great organizations. I had a blast at this year's rally, always fun to see old friends and make a few new. If you didn't make it this year, be sure and put it on your calendar for 2018. You'll be glad you did—oh yes you will! Enjoy the rest of your summer and be safe out there kids.



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Jessica Anderson was diagnosed with stage III breast cancer this past Christmas. She is a follower of Christ, wife of 12 years to Lance and mother to Emberlee (3 years), Deklan (2 years) and Auron (7 months). After getting a mastectomy in January, Jessica opted out of conventional treatment and began natural, nutritional based healing. None of the involved treatments are covered by insurance. Jessica and her family are working to pay back a hefty loan they took out to pay for the initial three month treatment schedule. Only a couple of months after her surgery, the cancer popped out on the skin around her mastectomy site. Continuing treatment to deal with these bumps is requiring more time and money than expected. The family continues to rely on God's faithfulness in her healing!

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Jody "Mo's" THUNDER FUN

Inspiration

- Slight not what's near through aiming at what's far. ~ Euripides
- Not failure, but low aim, is crime. ~ James Russell Lowell
- A hard beginning maketh a good ending. ~ John Heywood
- To have begun is to be half done; dare to be wise; begin! ~ Horace
- A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step. ~ Lao Tzu

Biker Poem BY twowheelsfred

The first time I saw a girl on her own bike
my tongue got hard and
my nuts got tight
In my head I said
"WOW what A sight,
I want one just like that"
she had class that would not stop
and I could not see a drop
Of ugly on her or that bike
they were did up right
wow what a sight
when she took off at the light
both to her and my delight
she was loud and proud
an in a moment she was out of sight
the sound did linger there
but she was gone and not a care
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Biker Preacher's Corner

MAN!!! It's already Labor Day!! I've put a lot of miles on so far this year and am looking to add several thousand more miles. Yet, fall is one of my favorite seasons of the year. Fall colors, cooler temps and twisty roads are great ingredients for an AWESOME ride!

Ya know, as I sit here and am thinking about yet another change in seasons, I'm reminded of what **Genesis 8:22** says "**As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night will not cease.**" When we think of spring and summer we tend to get excited because the warming temperatures are upon us and even more so riding season is about to begin. But, when late fall comes around, I'm already in hunting mode, we start to prepare for the long dark cold of winter and in reality most of us dread the cold. Ya know, the older I get, just the thought of winter tends to hurt! Yet there is some great news in all of this, as we think of the change in seasons. The good news is God never changes, **Hebrews 13:8** says "**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**" Since the Lord doesn't change, we know that His love always remains the same. God is love! **Romans 5:8** "**But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!**" This is gospel (Good News) – that no matter what you've done, no matter what you said, no matter... God loves you and paid to cover our sins.

Listen, we can come to Him even in our darkest hour and find everything that our hearts truly desire. What do our hearts truly desire? God – His love, peace, and joy. Drugs, booze and girls/guys didn't and can't fill this need... only Jesus can!

In the words of the first Christian rocker, Larry Norman, "Why don't you look into Jesus, He's got the answer".

If there's something that I've said in this article or in previous articles that has spoken to your heart. Look to Jesus, He IS your answer! Say this... 'God, I believe you came to this earth, lived perfect and died for me and rose again just as your Word says. I ask you to forgive me and to be my Lord and Savior forever. In Jesus Name. Amen!'

If you've prayed this prayer... please contact me so I can encourage you in your new relationship with God.

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Annie Rose

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Athena

Is a super friendly playful girl that came to us from a local shelter. She will provide some lucky family with days filled with play, laughter and snuggles. All she needs is a chance to show you what she has to offer..

Brooklyn

Is a wonderful dog that has been getting overlooked. Plus, she can rock the hats! What she really needs is a family to call her own.



Carmello

Has been waiting awhile for someone to notice him. He's a sweet boy and would make a wonderful companion for leisurely walks and a snuggles on the couch.

Cassie

She came to STAR with her kittens that were all rescued from the parking lot of a local store. She has been adjusting to life inside and having someone around to provide her with love. She may take some time to warm up, but it will be worth the wait.

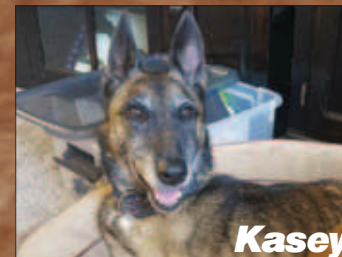


Fagan

Is such a sweet boy. He enjoys his daily lounge but is ready to provide you himself for some petting in return he will give purrs and kisses. He will also let you know when his food dish is empty.

Honey

Is new to the STAR family. This pint-sized cutie is settling into her foster home. She is doing good with other dogs and kids. What she needs now is a forever family.

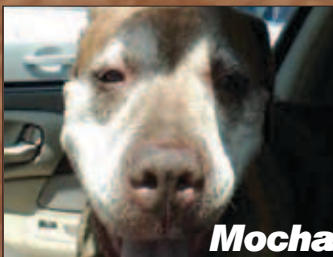


Kasey

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Mocha

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Sprinkle

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September 2
Elkton Fun Run
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September 9
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September 9
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September 9
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 Poker Run
 Wolverine HD, Clinton Twp, MI. Regis 10-11 am, \$20 pp, ends at Goldies Saloon. For more info call 719-425-6520

September 16
Ride for Jessica Charity Bike Run
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September 16
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September 16
Observation Run
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September 23
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September 23
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September 23
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September 24
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September 30
4th Annual American Legion Riders Road
 Captain Poker Run
 Bova VFW, Westland, MI. Regis 10 am, last bike out noon, \$15 rider, \$10 passenger, all vehicles welcome, rain or shine, \$15 pp in cars, dinner \$10, 50/50, prizes, dj & more.

September 30
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IN THE SHOP WITH RON

By Ron Johnson

LOVE THEM JUGS

Now that I have everyone's attention, this month in the shop we will be installing a set of Love Jugs electric cooling fans on a 205 H-D Road King. Most Harley-Davidson motorcycle motors are air cooled, meaning air circulating over and around the motor and cooling fins on the cylinders and heads is how the motor is kept at a safe operating temperature. Motor oil and proper fuel delivery also play an important role in keeping the motor cool. But for this article, we will focus mainly on the air flow for cooling purposes. Logic would suggest that if air is used to cool the motor, more air = more cooling. Constant air flow helps dissipate the heat caused by the internal combustion of the motor so at highway speeds air flow keeps the motor at a safe operating temperature. But, obviously it's impossible to keep the motorcycle at highway speeds at all times. Back roading, heavy traffic, stop and go traffic and in town riding can cause high operating temperatures. On an air cooled motor HEAT is public enemy #1. The folks at Love Jugs/Cool Master have designed a product specifically to combat this situation - Love Jugs electric cooling fans. I have heard of overhaul operating temperature drops of between 60 and 95 degrees Fahrenheit. That's a substantial temperature drop on an air cooled motor. So let's get to it. Any time I install a kit like this the first thing I do is get everything out of the box, lay out all the parts out, familiarize yourself with them make sure nothing was left out.



They also make an anti-vibration kit to help keep the fans from vibrating too much.



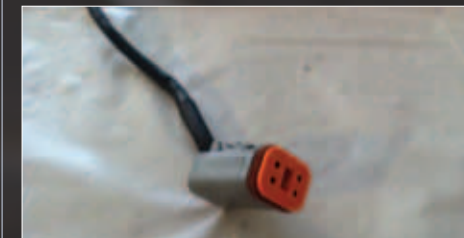
The directions are pretty straight forward and well written. The first step is to unplug the horn wires and remove the acorn nut holding the horn and mounting bracket to the bracket on the frame and set it aside. Next, the directions recommend assembling the parts on a bench as much as possible. Remove the horn from the mounting bracket previously removed from the bike and install it on the new bracket that the fans are mounted to. There is some adjustment here and you want to center the horn between the fans and make sure it's straight and level before final tightening.



Now we can assemble the anti-vibration kit on the bench also. Once assembled mount the anti-vibration kit to the existing horn mount bracket on the frame of the motorcycle.



I recommend installing all parts and checking the alignment and clearance of all parts before final tightening. At this time I like to route the wiring and make sure everything lines up as it should. The fans come prewired with a four pin connector on the end of the wiring from the fans.



If you have a late model touring bike with a fairing it may have an accessory switch already installed, but

not being used. If that is the case, there should be a plug under the right side cover that this plug will plug into and with the accessory switch turned on it will power the fans. If you have an older bike or one without a fairing, directions recommend cutting the plug off the end of the fan wiring and connecting directly to battery. Black wire to the negative post on battery. Red wire to the positive post with a 15 amp in line fuse between the battery and the main power wire from the fans. The fans are controlled by switches on the fans. In either case, when routing the wiring be sure it's not going to get pinched or be near any heat source. The manufacturer recommends trying the fan assemblies with and without the anti-vibration kit and with and without the extra rubber washer on the bracket to see which set up causes the fans to vibrate the least.



Once you're satisfied with everything, use Loctite blue on all the fasteners and tighten securely. Connect all wiring and route in a safe manner. When connecting directly to the battery, the fans will run even with the bike ignition turned off and if left on it could cause the battery to run down. Make sure to turn the fans off when the bike is turned off. The manufacturer recommends leaving the fans on anytime the bike is running except at highway speeds. If you do a lot of in town stop and go riding, this might be something that could help lower the operating temperature of your bikes motor.

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IT AIN'T YOUR GREAT GREAT GRANDDADDY'S BUFFALO GUN, BUT...

BY RICK WYATT



Many of us live south of M47, which is roughly the boundary between rifle and shotgun deer hunting. The intent of the law was to limit the use of longer range firearms in areas with denser populations in an effort to minimize the potential for tragedy, while still allowing sportsmen to help manage the state's growing deer population. At one time we were allowed to use .22 cal rim fire rifles, but far too many deer ended up crippled or dying of gangrene, because some hunters were prone to attempting a poor shot with an inadequate firearm, so the state rightly stepped in and stopped the practice. Subsequently we were limited to using shotguns with slugs or buckshot or black powder 30 caliber and larger until 2015 when the use of some straight wall cartridges was approved for the shotgun zone.

Often referred to as pistol caliber rifles (which for the most part was true) the state established the following criteria for the cartridges allowed; thirty caliber or larger having a casing at least 1.16 inches in length, but not to exceed 1.8 inches. Under these rules the 351 Winchester round (an old rifle cartridge) is at the bottom of the scale and the 45 Long Colt was the upper limit. Conspicuously missing are .454 Casul through .500 Remington, which are disqualified because of the length or their casings. While the final regulations were still up the air some hunters anticipated what would be allowed and bought long guns chambered in these big bore pistol calibers as well as the 45/70 Government; talk about an expensive mistake!

After a couple of years of debate in the halls of government, the DNR approved the fairly new 450 Bushmaster for use in the shotgun zone. This round was actually developed as a conversion option for the AR platform to make it a more versatile firearm for big game hunting. Already popular among hunters in Indiana, the 450 Bushmaster was truly scarce in most Michigan gun shops last year during its inaugural season, partly due to late approval by the DNR. And many of the hunters lucky enough to find one on the shelf paid a premium price for the firearm then found that the ammunition was just about as scarce also.

I find the genesis of this cartridge to be a fascinating slice of Americana. The mountain men who once roamed the wilderness of the western US and Canada had a special fondness for the .54 cal Hawkins rifle because of its accuracy, the quick clean kill afforded by the 225 grain round ball, and the fact that it was your best chance of survival if you had an encounter with a grizzly. Many of these men transitioned from trappers to hunters when buffalo hides became more profitable than beaver pelts, but hunting bison on the plains was sorely different than hunting elk and mule deer in the mountains. The first major difference was the physiology of the beasts, compared to an elk the bison was a veritable living breathing tank with its thick hide and heavy layers of muscle protecting the vital organs. Second, unlike mountain hunting, the plains offered sparse cover for the hunters forcing them to take longer shots than the effective range of their patch and ball firearms; thus began the heyday of the conical ball.

Conical ball bullets, sometimes referred to as maxi-balls or buffalo bullets, are

cast in an oblong mold and resemble the projectiles we launch out of our metallic cased ammunition. The oblong shape creates the greatest advantage over round ball, because of kinetic energy; a law of physics that says that when the nose of a moving object impacts a surface the energy in it's ass end will continue to drive the projectile forward achieving better penetration. But the shape also creates disadvantages such as added projectile weight (.54 round ball 225 grains - .54 conical ball 460 grains) drastically increased recoil because the Hawkins rifle wasn't designed for this heavy of a load. Many hunters opted to shoot a .45 caliber rifle with a roughly 350 grain projectile, because it was more comfortable. Another disadvantage of the shape was how the projectile was seated; round ball is seated in a lubricated patch, but a conical ball can't be patched so it is swaged (grooved) and coated with a layer of grease to seal it in the rifling, which ultimately causes the bore to foul much quicker.

Springfield Armory must have been paying attention, because it was around this time they developed the 1873 trap door 45/70 rifle for military issue. The 1873 launched a 405 grain metallic cased 45 caliber round pushed by 70 grains of black powder and with the ladder style rear peep sight became a very good long range firearm. A year later, Sharps released its version of the 45/70 which in many ways eclipsed the Springfield, but both were outstanding firearms in their day.

The 450 Bushmaster is not a 45/70 buffalo gun, but the ballistics between the two shooting comparable ammo are similar. Advantages of the Bushmaster include: the ability to convert your AR to this platform, or for about the same price you can buy a Ruger American rifle chambered in .450 and have two guns. Disadvantages include: limited cartridge selection (250 grain appears to be the only commercial round available with 300 grain projectile available to reloaders), and lightweight platforms such as converted AR's kick like a Georgia mule. No it is not a buffalo gun, but it is extremely accurate, and an outstanding choice for deer, black bears and hog hunting.



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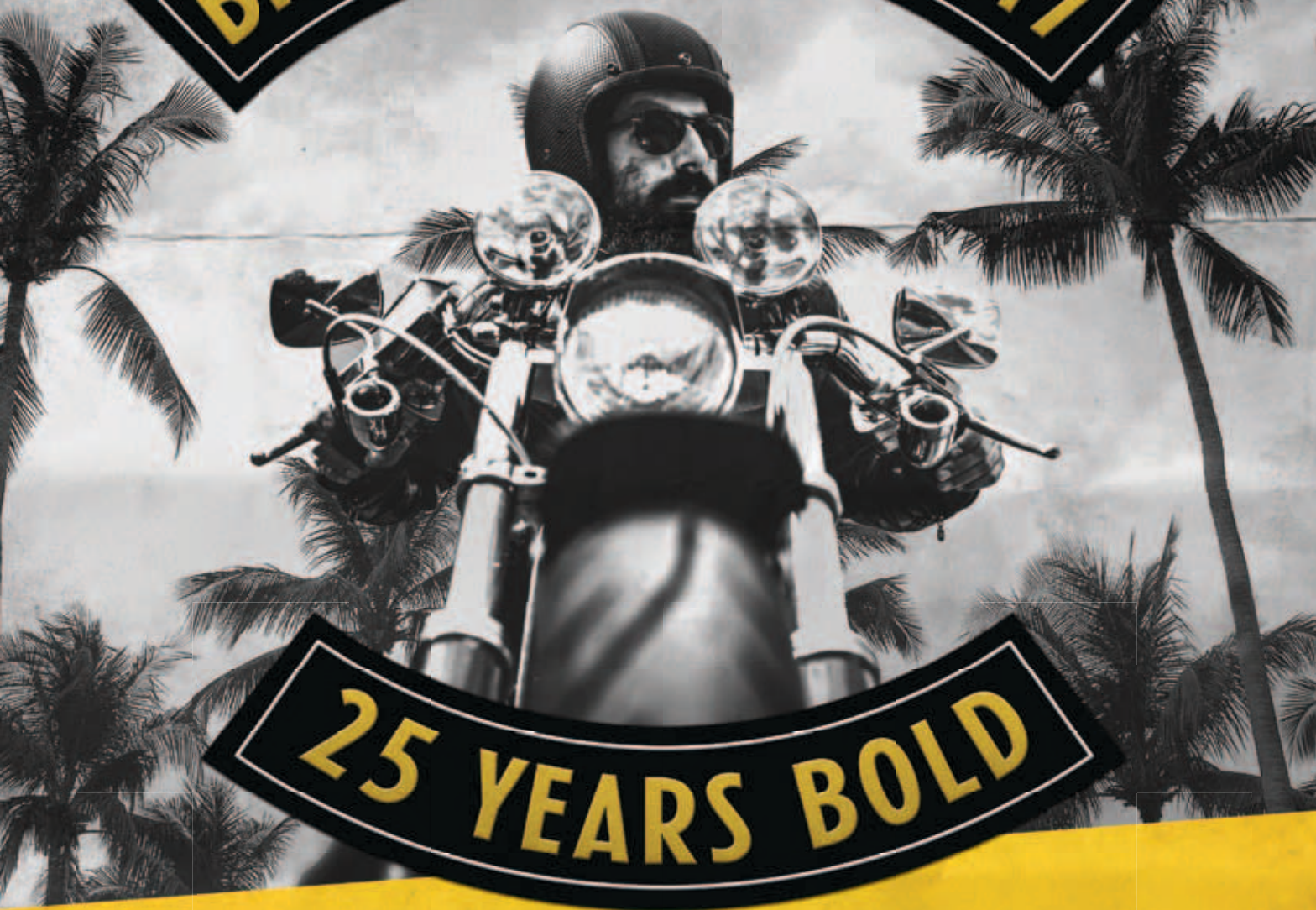
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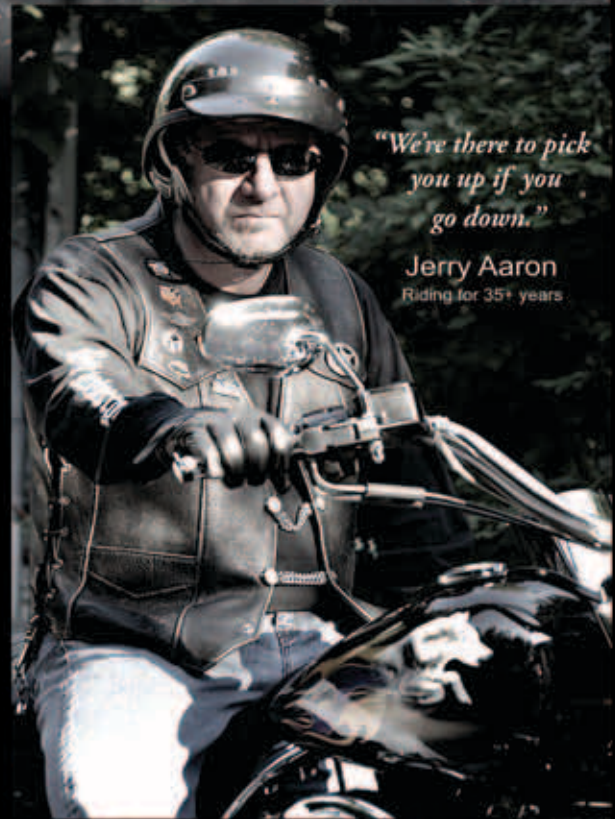


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