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LETTER FROM THE OWNER

*Enjoy Each Moment,
Live Each Day to the Fullest*

I made a post on Facebook not too long ago that read: If you had to give up your cell phone and the internet but you could live back in the time we didn't have them—would you? I am old school, because I like holding a book in my hands, talking in person, lol my doors open... oops, different direction! Seriously, I see how busy people are. The world is going so fast and demanding so much from each of us that I want to slow down and say, "enjoy each moment, live each day to the fullest for yourself." I realize social media has its advantages, but there are times I want to go back to before everyone carried a cell phone.

Here's where I am going with this...get off your bleepin' phones!! Be in the moment. As bikers, we all are pissed off by drivers not paying attention to the road because they are on their phones. Well, I'm also pissed because I feel we aren't paying attention to life because we are on our phones! Remember when you went home and the answering machine took your calls for you while you were out? You can listen, look, browse, be nosy then...when you are home, not driving in your cage, out to dinner with friends, etc. Check it when you get home.

I am tired of hearing about friends getting into motorcycle accidents due to distracted drivers. Let's stand together and put the phones away. Life is here – let's live it!

We only have a few months left of riding season so I sure hope that you are taking advantage of it. Be sure to check in at the riding stops with your Free Ride Card! Read all about it in this issue; seriously, folks, there is no catch—and who doesn't like free stuff?

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Now for some "Mo" Advice:

Letting Go. Letting go can be one of the hardest things to do. Whether it is a person, job, animal, habit, it is never an easy task. It leaves us feeling lost, empty, and hurt in most situations. At times, this can be harder to get through than the reason why we are letting go in the first place. Whatever you have to let go of—whether it is by choice or was out of your control—try to find something positive to replace it with. Stay strong, love yourself and remember: "This, too, shall pass."

Jody Mohowitsch
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The Positive Shift




Jealousy! How It Affects You And Others

"Jealousy is described as the emotional attitude of wishing not to lose something that is important to the subject's self-definition to someone else"
 ~ Ben Ze'ev

Jealousy is a human emotion. It is the natural response of a person to something or someone that threatens their social, physical, or emotional holding. Humans have developed the emotion of "jealousy" since primitive times and it has been like cancer to the society ever since.

Types of Jealous People

Though some take jealousy as a positive emotion to build themselves, most of the times it works to find a way to bring others down. In either of the cases, it only aids the rat race and does not help the person. If you are not jealous and instead have a set of goals for yourself, you will do a lot better than trying to catch up with someone.

We have all been running a race; the race of climbing the ladder first. Being jealous of all the people above us, we forget to look down at all the people we are above. We don't think that they might just be as jealous of us as we are of the people one step above us. Think of all the people who haven't even started climbing the ladder.

Define Your Success, Don't Copy Others

In the middle of all the mess, we usually forget to look at where we started from, as opposed to where we are today. Think about how many ladders we have climbed. Everyone has one's own definition of success, but it changes when we reach it. So, even though a \$10/hour job might mean success for someone, a million-dollar mansion might be success for someone else, or for the same person after a few decades. The most beloved definition of success to me is the one said by an author,

"If you are doing what you love to do and could still manage to pay the bills, then from my perspective, you are successful."

While for some, success could be being with the people you love, in a small cottage and having two meals a day and spending time with them. So, it is on you—whether you call yourself successful or not, it's you who decides and not the people around you.

Learn to Love

When the people around you share their experiences, instead of developing a feeling of jealousy, take pride that they found you to be someone worthy of sharing their experience. If people did not feel jealous of the people around them and instead would be happy for them and feel the same as they do, in their shared experiences, the world would be a better place.

Conclusion

In the present society, we all want more and life in general is more competitive. When someone shares their excitement, don't feel as if they are bragging. Be excited with them! You should understand being jealous only pulls you down, threatens your calm state of mind, and reduces your productivity.

If being jealous actually pulled you up somewhere, then we would have outrun ourselves long ago.

Believe in yourself. Trust yourself. Let yourself shine with confidence!

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FROM THE CORNER OF VETERAN'S DRIVE AND PATRIOT'S WAY

BY Bob "Bulldog" Ousley



Dear Fellow Veterans and Patriots:

I was going to write another expose' on the communist insurgency at work in our country. However, I think you already know so I've decided to write about ME! Writing about me really isn't an exercise in narcissism. It's more of a memoir. Nineteen-sixty-eight was the year I went to Vietnam, which makes this the 50th anniversary of that notable venture into growth from boy to man and dealing with the seriousness of life. I also learned how important a sense of humor is to keep my perspective about the world around me. There were no laptops or cell phones so we actually talked to people and learned things firsthand.

In June of 1968 I was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, with a couple of hundred other young fellows who had all recently completed their individual training. We were being formed into aviation support detachments to take over army airfields in Vietnam and consolidate the control of those airfields under the 1st Aviation Brigade. We received equipment, organized it and packed it up in Conex containers for shipment by boat to Vietnam. By June most of the equipment was on its way and we were doing various menial jobs to keep us out of trouble until it was time for us to go. We were set to get a couple of weeks at home and fly by military aircraft to Vietnam in July.

The Army certified me to drive a five-ton tractor with a sixty-foot trailer to haul the containers from the packing area to the shipping terminal at Fort Benning. I learned about maintenance checks, log books, and proper washing of a big truck. In the evening it was time for laundry, drink a few beers with the buds, play cards and shoot pool. You could drink beer at 18 on base and two beer lunches were authorized. I believe I was making about \$100 a month which didn't leave much for wild spending. Playing poker was one way to take a chance on winning enough to do something special. As I remember it, I won more than I lost but that could be my memory being kind in my advanced years. It was fun meeting so many different guys from around the country and learning about what they did and what their life had been like so far. I don't remember anybody cowering in their boots over going to war. The ones who did had peed their bed in basic training or ran away to Canada. Most of us were glad they were gone.

One fella from Alabama was experienced in punch cards and sold chances for extra cash. Another fellow was Mexican from the southeast with a really funny wit. He bought a Gerber Mark I commando knife and a Barber's Strop. He sharpened it until he could lay it flat on his hand and slide into the side of an Army mattress. Another guy from Ohio used to be a gymnast and could squat down on one leg and touch his butt to his heel. We all tried this stunt but ended up sprawled on the floor. Almost everyone had a special story or ability that was interesting.

I spent a few weeks at a remote heliport with a PRC-10 FM radio controlling helicopters in and out. A lot of pilots were needed for

Vietnam and there was always a helicopter flying. At night I wrote letters home and played poker. This was just a couple of months after the 1968 Tet offensive in Vietnam. Walter Cronkite and others in the media were telling us how bad it was and that we were losing the war. The anti-war protest movement was gaining steam. Racial tensions were high and there was general chaos across the country. Rock music was changing from bebop to acid rock and protest themes. The peace/love/drug movement was on the roll. Drag racing, formula and stock car racing was extremely dangerous. Drivers were crashing, burning and dying left and right. You could buy a WWII Harley-Davidson, packaged for shipment to war, for less than \$200 which sparked the hard-tail chopper.

With all of that going on I really don't remember being afraid of going to Vietnam. I was 18 and pretty independent. I thought going to a war was doing my duty as an American. I grew up in the years after WWII and Korea. Going to Vietnam was just my turn. For me, life was fun and exciting. Besides, at 18 I was invincible. Weren't you?

Keep the faith. Thank a vet for the freedoms we still enjoy and support politicians who will bring back the ones we've lost. Fly the flag of the people and be proud you're an American. Hug the families of those still missing because their quest for closure has not ended. Live the good life and ride for those who can't.

Bulldog

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Remember: safety is always more important than keeping the group together. But, with careful planning, you can help to ensure no rider will be left behind.

FORMATIONS & VARIABLES

- **SINGLE-FILE:** If you need more room to maneuver, for example on curves or access ramps, or if visibility is low, this may be the best formation for the group. When riding single-file, keep a two-second (or more) following distance.
- **SIDE-BY-SIDE:** In many states this is illegal. Many experts believe that it reduces safety margins. A less experienced rider may travel laterally within the lane while going around a curve or making turns. Riding side-by-side can take away some of the room a rider might need to negotiate these maneuvers.
- **STAGGERED:** Leaders should ride in the left-third of the lane. The next rider should stay at least one second behind but in the right-third of the lane. The third rider stays at least one second behind the second rider, but in the left-third of the lane, and so on. In hazardous areas, this formation should transition to single file.
- **INTERSECTIONS:** It's a good idea to tighten the formation as you approach intersections, especially if there is a stop sign. It is also good to have predetermined points to stop along the route to allow people to catch up if they've been separated, so nobody feels pressured to run a light or speed to catch up. Lead riders should slow down after making a turn to allowing the group to take form once again.
- **INTERSTATE:** Many experts recommend entering a highway in a single file line and then go to the staggered format. A space cushion of two seconds from the motorcycle directly in front of you (and one second from a bike that is in front of you but staggered) is recommended. Always watch for vehicles entering or exiting that might cut into or through the formation.
- **PASSING:** If it is safe and legal to do so, the entire group should pass as a single unit. For example, on a multi-lane highway, the leader should signal that he or she is changing lanes but only after determining if the entire group can pass safely. Then, each rider should signal one at a time as they change lanes. On a two-lane road (with one lane in each

direction), passing a slower-moving vehicle should be done one motorcycle at a time. In this type of situation, it may be better not to pass at all, depending on the conditions and size of the group.

GENERAL TIPS AT A GLANCE

Base the length of the route and its segments on the ability of the least experienced rider, adjusting the pace through curves as necessary. Discuss and plan what to do if riders get separated from the group, if there is a breakdown or for any other reason. Many experts believe the least experienced riders should be just behind the leader, so they can keep pace at a safe speed, or you may want to consider forming two groups consisting of more and less experienced riders.

Be sure to check your mirrors often, so you can help ensure the group stays together. When passing another vehicle within your group formation, be conscious of oncoming traffic. Just because the motorcycle in front of you passes safely does not mean that it is safe for you. Usually, it is not advised to pass within the group.

Remember, it helps everyone to be prepared: pack rain gear, charge your phone, and make sure your emergency repair kit is complete. Study the route so that you have some familiarity with it, taking special note of any designated fuel or rest stops, and making sure you understand any specific hand signals to be used during the ride. Fill up your gas tank before you arrive at the meet location and show up early, so you can check in and get your motorcycle to its proper place before the official start of the ride. Hopefully, these tips will help many riders have a safe and enjoyable riding season. If you have a tip to share, or a comment about this article, find us on Facebook (@TheMotorcycleLawyer) and let us know – we would love to hear from you!

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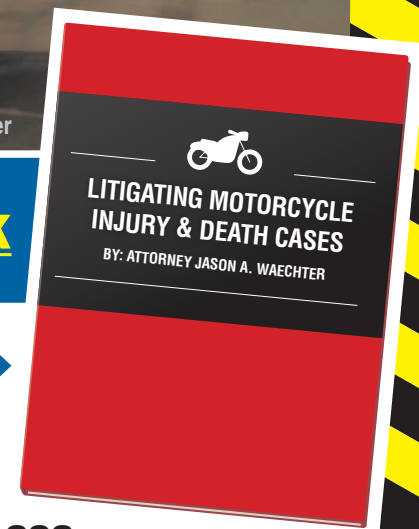


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The JOKERS WILD

(Little Johnny may just be quicker than all of us)

Teacher: Johnny, go to the map and find North America.

Johnny goes to map: Here it is.

Teacher: Correct. Now, class, tell me who it is that discovered America?

Johnny: It's me. I did it just now.

Teacher: Johnny, how old is your Father?

Johnny: He's 10 years old.

Teacher: What? How exactly is that possible?

Johnny: Well, he only became a Father when I was born.

Teacher: Johnny, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

Johnny: k-r-o-k-o-d-i-a-l

Teacher: No, that's incorrect.

Johnny: Maybe so, but you asked me how I spell it.

Teacher: Johnny, what is the chemical formula for water?

Johnny: h-i-j-k-l-m-n-o

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Johnny: Yesterday you said it was 'H to O'.

Teacher: Johnny, your assignment on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

Johnny: No ma'am, it's exactly the same dog.

A senior man walks into his local Pharmacy and finds the aisle he's looking for but not the product as the labels are too small of writing for him to read.

He sees a perky young blonde stocking the shelves and asks her, "Excuse me Miss, could you help me find the ball-type of deodorant"?

The blonde looks and him with her eyes really big eyes and says, "I do all the stocking here sir, and we don't have deodorant for your balls, just your under arms."

One nice thing about narcissists; they don't talk about other people.

Whose cruel idea was it for the word 'lisp' to have an 'S' in it?

Why is it called Tourist Season if we can't shoot at them?

Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they worried someone will actually clean them?

Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?

Why are hemorrhoids not called assteroids?

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and being a farm gal and a young hunter with my Dad I said, "Fried chicken". She said I wasn't funny, but everyone in the class laughed. She sent me to the Principal's office. I told him what happened and he laughed too but told me not to do it again.

I got home and told my Dad what happened and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they really like animals. I thought to myself that I really like animals too; especially chicken, pork and beef.

The next day in class the teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her chicken. She asked why. I told her because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the Principal's office. I told him what happened and he laughed and told me not to do it again.

I really don't understand, my parents taught me to be honest but my teacher doesn't like it when I am. Today in class she asked me what famous person I admired most. I told her Colonel Sanders. Guess where I am now?

A pirate walked into a bar, and the bartender said...

"Hey, I haven't seen you in a while.

What happened? You look terrible."

"What do you mean?" said the pirate, "I feel fine."

"What about the wooden leg? You didn't have that before."

"Well," said the pirate, "We were in a battle, and I got hit with a cannon ball, but I'm fine now."

The bartender replied, "Well, OK, but what about that hook? What happened to your hand?"

The pirate explained, "We were in another battle. I boarded a ship and got into a sword fight. My hand was cut off. I got fitted with a hook but I'm fine, really."

"What about that eye patch?"

"Oh," said the pirate, "One day we were at sea, and a flock of birds flew over. I looked up, and one of them shit in my eye."

"You're kidding," said the bartender. "Can you lose an eye just from bird shit?"

"It was my first day with the hook."

Little Johnny finds himself at the Principal's office and the Principal ushers him in and lets out a long sigh and asks 'why are you here yet again?'

Little Johnny explains in a very innocent voice.

'Well, the teacher was going over our numbers for the 8th time this week and she asked, 'what comes after 69?'

'Apparently "mouthwash" was the wrong answer cause' here I am with you, yet again.'

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The 5th Annual



HERE'S THE DETAILS

1. Go to any stop listed on "The Stops" pages with a Ride Card image by it- they have Ride Cards, where other stops do not. If you already have your card from a previous year, you DO NOT need to register again. The Ride Cards DO NOT EXPIRE so hold on to it. The information that you provide when you sign-up for your FREE Ride Card only goes to me and will NOT be used for any other purpose than this contest. You will not have to provide any other personal information again after this. You will be handed your FREE Ride Card right then. It has a unique number on it- take note because that is YOURS and ONLY YOURS.
2. Once you have your Ride Card go to any or all of the stops listed this month and show them your card! There are also event stops each month that you can check in at. Each Stop you hit will write your unique Ride Card number down. Let them know if you spent 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 or visit the website ThunderRoadsMichigan.com or check Facebook: Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan to see to see if your Ride Card # is listed as a winner from stops you made the previous month! (You will need to show them your Ride Card # along with the winning Ride Card # list to claim your prize).*

FEW FACTS

- Winners are randomly picked from each Registration/Ride Stops, Ride Stops & Event Stops each month.
- The more places you check-in the greater your chances are of winning a prize from that stop, multiple prizes and/or one of our sponsors prizes!
- If you spend \$10 or more at any Stop your Ride Card number gets counted twice! Please note: *The reason why this contest is FREE to you is because of 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 Stop.
- 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.

It's really that simple!

1. Get Your Own Unique Michigan Ride Card (It Does Not Expire).
2. Get the list of stops each month from Thunder Roads Magazine or the website.
3. Ride out to these stops and show them your Ride Card.
4. And then you could win cool prizes, including COLD HARD CASH!



Just Get Out & RIDE!



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AUGUST 2018 STOPS MAP



ALL STOPS



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THE STOPS

For the month of August check-in at any of these stops (up to 1 time per week) and you could win the prize at that stop. Don't have a Ride card? You can sign-up for your FREE Ride Card at any of the stops listed with a Ride Card next to it (Ride Cards from previous years are still good as they DO NOT EXPIRE). Then check-in at ANY STOP with your Ride Card to win that prize. Make sure to pick up the next months issue (or view the magazine online at www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com) or Facebook: Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan to see if your Ride Card number is listed as a winner from this month's stops. Sponsor prizes are randomly picked from event stops and the stops listed below. **Special Inside Tip... some stops get many check-in's and some stops only get a couple of people that check-in each month, which means you have an excellent chance of winning!**



NORTH

Hi-Way Inn

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

Irish Pub

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

Knoll View Golf

1020 E. Huron (US-23), Omer, MI 48749. (989) 876-4653 Hours: Daily 8 am-9 pm. 1 person wins \$20 gift card each month. *Bike Nights Saturday 4 pm- 9pm \$2 domestics, patio seating, drink & food specials, biker owned, draft beer, bikers welcome anytime.*

Museum of Moses @ Vogel Store

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

Northern Trax Bar & Grill & Bakery

638 M68 Hwy, Afton, MI 49705. (231) 238-0484 Hours: Bakery Open 8 am- 4 pm, Bar Open 4 pm- Close. 1 person wins \$20 Gift Card each month. *Gas, Breakfast, Lunch, Party Store, Alcohol served from 8 am- Close, Fri night fish fry, Taco Tues, Karaoke Wedn & Fri, 50 cent wings Wed.*

Scooters Airport Bar

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Trail's End Pub

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

Zone 18 Bar & Grill

700 East Houghton Lake Dr, Prudenville, MI 48651. (989) 366-7750 Hours: M-Th 11 am- Midnight, Fri & Sat 11 am- 1 am, Sun Noon- Midnight. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. *Bike Nights Wednesday, 75 cent wings, Long Island Ice Tea specials.*



SOUTH

Hell Saloon

4095 Patterson Lake Rd, Pinckney (Hell), MI 48169. 734-648-0669 Hours: Open daily at 11 am, T, W, Th until midnight, Fri & Sat until 2 am, Sun & Mon until 10 pm. 1 person wins a awesome Hell Saloon T-shirt. *Great atmosphere, Hell themed fun, bike, horse, kayak & "whip" friendly! Sun live music 2-6, Fri & Sat bands 9pm- 1 am. Just down the road from La Vita Bistro... delicious food!!! (See ad this issue)*

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Sholty's Bar

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THE STOPS

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EAST

702 Bar & Grill

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Bad River Bar & Grill

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Decker's Lounge

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Silver Palace

1500 Woodside, Essexville, MI 48732. (989) 892-1072 Hours: 10 am- 2 am Daily. 1 person wins a \$10 gift card each month. *Great Service, Great Burgers & Cold Beer!*

The Rusty Nail

10002 Carson City Rd (M57), Carson City, MI 48811. (989) 584-3313 Hours: Daily 6 am-9 pm or later. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. *Bike Night Wednesday \$2 domestic beer all day & night, outdoor patio, great food.*



WEST

Baldwin Bowling Center

708 Michigan Ave, Baldwin, MI 49304. (231) 745-4403 Hours: 11 am- 11 pm daily. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. *Bike night Wednesday, great food, biker owned, outdoor patio.*

Crockery Creek Saloon

17040 Main St, Nunica, MI 49448. (616) 384-3701 Hours: Sun Noon- 10 pm, Mon Closed, T-Sat 11 am- Midnight. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. *Full menu, cold beer, new owners, a great ride from anywhere.*

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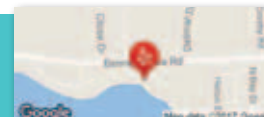


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READERS RIDES Marcia



My name is Marcia Umphrey. The wonderful world of motorcycles was introduced to me ten years ago. Back then, I was a passenger on the back, just along for the ride. The wind in your hair, sunshine on your face, and rumble from the engine are feeling you can't help but fall in love with! I knew from that moment on that one day I would ride my own.

I have now been riding my own bike for six years. I own a **2000 Harley-Davidson Fatboy CVO**. Bob (what I named my bike) and I have been together for four years, and in that time we have ridden a little over 20,000 miles.

This is the first bike show that I have entered with my Harley-Davidson Fatboy. It was a female riders-only bike show with seventeen participants. I was not expecting to win and actually had my gear on to ride home—when to my surprise, I was awarded second place!

While winning a trophy is always exciting, someone appreciating your bike's beauty as much as you do is what really made the trophy special and memorable.

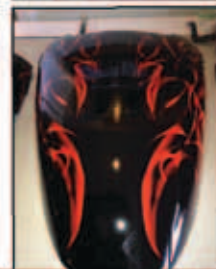
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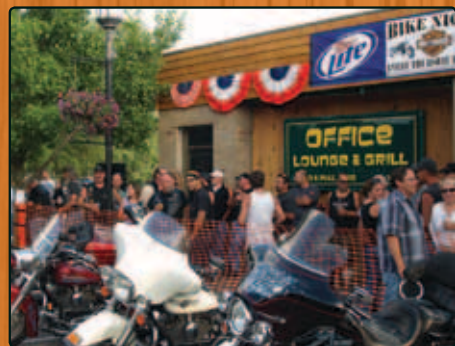
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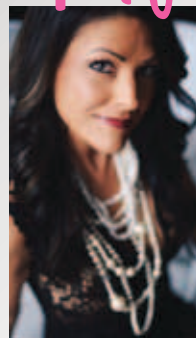
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Alyssa's Adventures in the Mitten

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NATIVE AMERICAN PRIDE

This month's adventure took me to Hopkins, Michigan for the Gun Lake Tribe's annual Sweetwater Pow Wow. I hadn't been to one in many years and was super-excited to see all the costumes and culture. I am Native American myself; Chippewa Indian, to be exact. I am very proud of my heritage.



When I was younger, I remember dancing in them for fun, but not this time. It was 93 degrees and very humid. Some dancers looked a little warm in their fur, feather, and animal skin costumes. I was thankful to be a spectator under a shaded roof. It was amazing and colorful and very powerful.

There is a lot of meaning that goes into the production of a pow wow. Each part of it represents something different: the people of all ages of the tribe, the United States Armed Forces and Canada, and our great State of Michigan. The songs sang and played were close to the hearts of the tribe members and some were passed down for many generations. I was happy to see attendees of all ethnicities in the crowd showing their respect. The vendors had amazing hand-crafted items. These things take many weeks or months to produce and are rare finds. Those of you who know me know I have trouble not purchasing something that catches my eye! Especially things that represent my heritage. I don't get the opportunity very often to find them. I bought a few things. A couple items were from a fur seller. I've always wanted a fox tail. On the way home, we stopped to Gun Lake Casino in hopes to recoup the money I spent but I was unlucky that day. I left with my fox tail between my legs, so to speak—haha. There's always next time, right? I hope you are all enjoying your summer.

Until next time....ride on, readers!

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Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard are sweeter. ~ John Keats

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. ~ The Bible

Brain Teasers

Answers Below

1) **G**uess the next three letters in the series.
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2) **A** boy is walking down the road with a doctor. While the boy is the doctor's son, the doctor isn't the boy's father. Then who is the doctor?

3) **W**hat can you hold without ever touching, or using your hands?

Answers
1) I, T, S -- the first letter of every word in the sentence.
2) The doctor is the boy's mother.
3) Your breath!

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SWEET RIDES

MARY WHEELER & JODI CARTER

My dad (Frank Wheeler) traded his Honda Goldwing for this 1965 Ford Galaxy 500, sometime in the early 90s. It was robin's egg blue, and very much a project car. Dad restored it, painted it white (I believe the color is Frigidaire White). My husband rebuilt the engine & transmission. It was Dad's pride & joy! He took it to all the local car shows & won many trophies.

Dad sold his car in 2005. It broke my kids' hearts to see 'Boppa' sell his old car. Both my boys had visions of driving it when they got married. Dad passed away in 2009.

In 2010, my mom was at a function, and a guy (not the guy that Dad sold it to) came driving it into the parking lot. Mom went over and checked it out; the trophies Dad had won were still in the back seat, as was the big white bear with a T-shirt with a picture of the Galaxy on it. Mom bought it from the guy that night! He didn't even know it was for sale. Ha Ha Ha!

Mom & I share custody of the car now. My hubby keeps it going & I drive it in the summer. It's 53 years old and still turning heads. Its 352 cid engine doesn't hesitate when I ask it to go!

My oldest son did drive Boppa's car for his wedding! My youngest was married before Boppa passed, so essentially, my dad was at both his grandsons' weddings!



LYNETTE GREENWALD

Lynette and "Talula"

When I was 20, my then-boyfriend's dad gave him a 1967 Camaro for his 18th birthday (this was 1990). He planned on restoring it. When I first saw it, it was just a frame with a motor in it. And when it was finished, white with black racing stripes, my love of the Camaro began. After a while, I drove it more than he did.

Then one day I came home from work and found out he had sold it to his cousin. I was so upset, even though he went and bought me a diamond ring with the money—like that was supposed to make it



better. That was in 1995. When the Camaro came back out in 2010, I said in six or seven years, when I can get a nice used one at a price I can afford, I'm buying myself one of those. I said this because I knew I couldn't afford a 1969 (my favorite) in the same condition as I could a newer one.

I became a single mom in 2012. Money was tight and I even had to sell my 1985 Harley Sportster. I had won it in a raffle on my 32nd birthday ten years earlier. It was my liquid asset and I really didn't ride it much after my son was born in 2005, so I sold it. I struggled for a few years while being a single mom. I had lost my job of 15 years in 2010 and was unemployed for two years. In 2012 I found an awesome job, worked really hard to prove myself and now I'm part of the management team.

So last year I was back in a position where I could find my dream car. I saw her on Craigslist, and I don't even like red, but when I saw her, I fell in love. I take very good care of her. You will rarely see my girl dirty, I seem to be washing her all the time...some dreams do come true!

SWEET RIDES



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July 10th already! I've been getting reports regarding accidents by newspapers and TV news, and I'm not happy about all the accidents that have been happening lately. It's all too often that you keep hearing the same stories about near-misses, close calls, accidents, even death. Here in Monroe County we had another car driver cross the median and kill a husband and wife in a head-on collision. So sad. They never had a chance. Just minding their own business and going to get an ice cream. More than likely, the car driver was distracted or under the influence.

Last month when Denise and I were on our way to the field meet, we had a spring break on the kickstand and that was a pain in the butt. I called the nearest Harley dealer in the area of West Branch and asked then if I could bring the bike in and get it fixed because we were on the road. The service manager said yes. Believe it or not, we were there only forty-five minutes, the stand was fixed and total cost was 14 dollars. No way, right? I gave them a twenty and told them to keep the change—no kidding! Thank you to Gildner's Harley-Davidson in West Branch. You guys were super nice and accommodating.

We just got back from the COC meeting in Potterville with the Diamondbacks and those club members were awesome. ABATE won the trophy for having the most members there from a motorcycle organization. This is the second time we won the trophy! There were 82 members of ABATE, thanks to Region 14, Region 13, Region 15, Region 18 and Region 11 Alice Jacob, Jim Rhodes, and Herb Rials. Great representation!

There was a run from A & M Leather to Camp Cavell in Ludington for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and roughly 72 bikes with 5 sidecars attended to ride the children around in. It was well attended by American Legion Riders, HOG, Axmen, Veterans Clubs, Eagle Riders, Mason Riders, and the looks on those children riding in the sidecars were priceless. One of our members from Region 14 with a sidecar was Tom and Sandy Ray. So cool! Many thanks to everyone!

There are so many events coming up across the State so please try to attend at least a couple of them. ABATE works very hard in Lansing and all the donations make a huge difference for all bikers across the State of Michigan. Region 14 will be having a campout on the Labor Day weekend August 31st – September 1st. Please try to make it. It's for AWARENESS.

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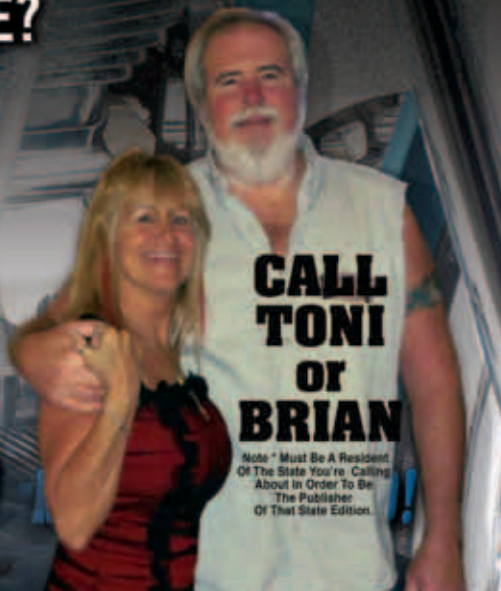
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accepted. Pancake breakfast avail 7:30 am American Legion Post, Paw Paw, MI. (See GLBC full page ad this issue).

August 5
Escort Kids to Camp (GLBC)
Wings Stadium, Kalamazoo, MI. Regis 10 am- 12:30 pm, kickstands up 1 pm, prizes, food, 50/50. For more info call Bill 517-206-1115 (See GLBC full page ad this issue).

August 10-12
9th Annual Hog Daze Motorcycle Rally & Music Festival
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August 10-12
5th Annual Thunder in Oscoda
American Legion Post 274, Oscoda, MI. Bike Rally & fundraiser for veteran organizations.

August 11
Pub Crawl
Hiway Inn, Manistee, MI. Leave at 5 pm. For more info call 231-398-9188

August 11
Bike Run
Scooter's Airport Bar, Harrison, MI. For more info call 989-539-2177

August 11
Jam for the Cure
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August 11
Outriders 50th Annual Anniversary Party
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August 11-12
Lucky Thumb M/C Races
7394 Bevens Rd, Deford, MI 48729, 11th- short track (3/5/7), 12th TT Scrambles (8/10/12). For more info go to luckythumbmotorcycle.com

August 17-19
Easyriders Rodeo Fowlerville
Fowlerville Fairgrounds, MI. Saving Abel & The Lacs. Camping, vendors, music, races, bike show & more. For more info go to EasyridersEvents.com or call 800-962-9857 (See full page ad this issue)

August 18
11th Annual BFE Motorcycle Run
Boondox MS, Caledonia, MI. Regis 9 am- 10:45 am, kickstands up 11 am sharp, \$30 bike, \$15 rider benefits Marin Corps Cord Council. For more info call Rob 261-3126

August 19
Pre-Milwaukee 115th Anniv Party
Shiawassee HD, Birch Run, MI. For more info call 989-624-4400

August 19
Legion Riders Fun Run
American Legion Post 239, Crump, MI. Regis 9 am- noon, return by 5 pm, luncheon to follow, appx 130 miles. For more info call Bill 989-269-2969

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August 25
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donation, dinner & camping included, live music, door prizes, first prize 2018 HD Road King, cash prizes, swimming pool & more. For more info call 734-878-3632

August 29- September 2
14th Annual Freedom Fest
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August 31-September 3
Easyriders Rodeo Chillicothe
Ross County Fairgrounds, OH. Fuel, David Allan Coe, Wheeler Walker Jr. Camping, vendors, music, races, bike show & more. For more info go to EasyridersEvents.com or call 800-962-9857 (See full page ad this issue)

August 31- September 3
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SEPTEMBER

September 1
5th Annual Elkton Fun Run
Thumb Billies, Elkton, MI. Regis 10 am- noon, \$15 rider, \$25 couple, meal included, blessing at noon, 5 pm dinner, entertainment, all vehicles/ bikes welcome, free rustic camping. For more info call Mike 989-551-6457 (See ad this issue).

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September 2
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September 7-9
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September 16
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September 16
Cruisin 4 Critters
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September 22
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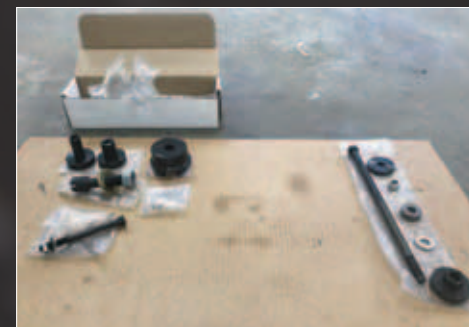
THE WHEELS ON THE BUS

Like the song says...the wheels on the bus (bike) go round and round; but what the song doesn't say is in order to do so, they need a wheel bearing.

This month in the shop we will be installing wheel bearings, both front and rear, on a 2005 Road King Custom. This procedure isn't terribly difficult as far as skill level is concerned, but it does require some specialty tools. The wheel bearings we're dealing with are sealed—meaning they can't be cleaned and repacked with fresh grease like other types of bearings. Anytime you have the wheels off the bike or off the ground for any kind of service is a good time to give the wheels/bearings a spin and see how they feel. With the wheel off the bike, put your finger in the inner race (where the axle goes through) and turn it a few times.



While turning the inner race, you want to feel for any tightness or any rough or binding spots. If you find a bearing that needs to be replaced, do both bearings in the wheel at the same time. For this article, we will be doing the front wheel. It's not necessary to remove the brake rotor(s) and the procedure for the rear is basically the same, but you will need to remove the drive pulley on the rear. The specialty tools required is a wheel bearing remover assembly and installer assembly.



The remover is on the left and the installer is on the right. As you can see both have several components. The first step is to install the expander into the inner race of the bearing being removed. You should be able to firmly push expander through inner race until you feel it click in place; you want the lip on the tool to engage the inside edge of the bearing race. Next, install the bridge, large flat washer, and large nut on the threaded end of the expander and finger-tighten large nut. Now we can install the wedge through the center of the expander from the opposite side of the wheel.



Next install the small washer and nut on the threaded end of the wedge. Take a long 3/8 allen wrench and hold the end of the wedge inside the wheel while tightening the small nut to 100 in. lbs. While holding the end of the expander with an open-end wrench, turn the large nut clockwise until the bearing is free from the wheel.



There is a spacer between the two bearings that needs to be removed at this point, I like to mark the spacer so it can be reinstalled in the same direction it was. Repeat the procedure on the other side to remove the remaining bearing. With both bearings removed, make sure the I.D. (inside diameter) of the bearing bore is clean and not damaged in any way. (if the bearing seized, it could cause damage to wheel or axle) I coat the bearing and bore with assembly lube. Install the backing plate on the threaded rod and slide it through the wheel from the opposite side of the bearing being replaced. Now slide the bearing over the threaded rod with the numbered side facing

out followed by the installer, nice bearing, flat washer and nut. Make sure the bearing is lined up squarely with the bore. Hold the end of the installer (opposite side of bearing being installed) with one wrench while turning nut on other end clockwise until you feel the bearing seat in the wheel.



You shouldn't have to use a lot of force. When it stops, the bearing is seated. DON'T OVERDO IT!! YOU WILL DAMAGE THE NEW BEARING!! Make sure to reinstall the center bushing and repeat the procedure to install the remaining bearing. Again, the procedure for the rear wheel is basically the same. I clean all the old lube off the axles and spacers and check for any wear or damage then liberally coat with anti-seize before reinstalling the wheels on the bike.

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DURING THE CALM

BY RICK WYATT

I am writing this at the end of June for publication in the August issue of Thunder Roads because a month after this issue becomes available, schools across the state and nation will be opening and much of the media will be counting the days until they report yet another school shooting tragedy. These demagogues of alleged truth and wisdom have a one-drum solution to school violence, GRAB THE GUNS, and they beat it to death despite overwhelming evidence guns are not the problem. It is far too easy to blame inanimate objects for the failures of social engineering which has been forced on us for decades and has done little more than further marginalize "at-risk" students.

At one time schools were the center of most community activities. Long before athletic programs came into existence, schools were usually the polling station at election time, meeting halls for community government, pavilions for social events, and open for family reunions, weddings, funerals, and any other events requiring a large building. Often schools also served as the community church—that was usually what the building had been erected for in the first place, and nobody had a problem with separation of church and state. My point is that everybody knew everybody and even as towns became cities and one-room schools went by the wayside, a conscious effort was made to keep education local. Then began the era of neighborhood schools governed by boards of education elected from the community served by the schools. It was all a terrific concept and it served us well for over a century; that is, until the educated elite started messing with it.

In 1954, the Supreme Court ruled that establishing school populations based on race was unconstitutional. Segregated schools in Topeka, Kansas were the first to fall, but the practice was prevalent in many states (even here in Michigan). Many states argued "separate but equal" facilities and staffing could be implemented to save the traditional neighborhood schools. After ten years of ideological stalemate over "equal funding," the courts stepped in once again and implemented bussing in the city of Boston, then throughout the nation as a tool to create an equal educational environment.

Tragically this spelled the end of neighborhood schools for most mid- to large-sized cities and the performance of students bused from school to school showed little, if any, improvement. For many students what was once a community environment where neighbors and friends watched out for them and each other suddenly turned cold, impersonal and non-caring. To become more efficient, conglomerate schools were created where smaller school districts or school districts with failing building infrastructure were drawn together, forming mega-schools which just exacerbated the problems for kids already lost in the shuffle.

During the same era Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" was foisted on the American people. Prior to this, most relief—as it used to be called—was provided by agencies like the Salvation Army, and various religious organizations that were funded by private donations. The biggest share of governmental involvement was the distribution of surplus food items (called commodities) by the Dept. of Agriculture. The system worked well because assistance came at the level of need from community resources, even though there were strings attached by the relief agencies.



In steps, the ACLU, with the support of big government, challenged the principal of expectations for assistance. The private agencies walked away, leaving the system to be exploited by bureaucrats. Suddenly, if a teenage girl wants to leave home, all she has to do is become pregnant and talk to an assistance payments worker—she gets an apartment, food stamps, free utilities and she no longer has to answer to Mom and Dad. Boys suddenly found out that they could file for emancipation; they didn't get a check but they were out from under parental supervision living the life.

A third stormfront in the school violence dilemma came in 1979 with the formation of the Department of Education (DOE) by the Carter administration. Contrary to its stated mission, the DOE immediately started usurping control of schools away from local school authorities and implementing canned curriculum by fiat, using school funding monies as leverage. It didn't happen all at once, but eventually curriculum was gutted and student performance expectations went into a freefall, along with any semblance of discipline and in many cases a healthy sense of self-worth.

Schools are teaching reading, writing and arithmetic as well as science, history, literature and tradecraft as an afterthought. Nobody leaves high school equipped to pursue an occupation other than become a student at another level. Diversity has become more important than academics.

Far too many graduates can't read, tell analog time, or make change at the drive-through. Liberalism wonders why some young people are so resentful of being packed into crowded classrooms of mega-schools where resources are constantly diverted to help pay tutors to teach English as a second language, pacify incorrigibles who continue to disrupt, and provide constant care for kids with severe learning disabilities who have been mainstreamed into traditional public schools creating a daycare-like atmosphere in some cases. In most schools, the primary focus of attention is on the ends of the extremes. For the most part, the kids that fall in the middle are on their own and alternative education sources continues to blossom.

I don't blame the teachers; they can only work with what they are given. Parents, if they love their children, must become more engaged in public education and demand fundamental change in the structure and administration of public schools; this begins at the ballot box. Taxpayers have an absolute obligation to challenge educational spending that does not put basic education back in the classroom and I am not talking about the DOE albatross known as "Common Core." And everybody needs to at least visit the idea of getting away from mega-school districts and return to the idea of schools becoming central to community activities.

Think I am wrong? Statistically small schools where every student's needs are addressed seem to have immunity to the deadly violence plague, as do parochial and private schools. The schools which have the fewest problems are Amish schools, where students learn more of the basics by the eighth grade than most public schools teach in 13 years. Despite the number of firearms in the typical Amish community, somehow they never make it to schools.

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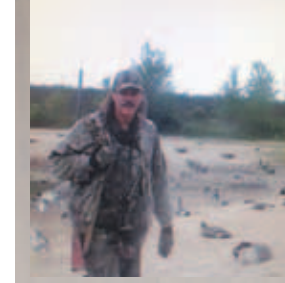
Big game animals are not the only thing I hunt in the fall. I take time to go out goose hunting. I have a bunch of different mouth-calls with different sounds. It is really enjoyable to have a bunch of decoys out; I have both floating decoys and land decoys.

Well, one day I and couple of my buddies decided to go out to hunt some geese. The cornfield where we were

going to hunt had geese already there. We decided to walk out into the field to set our decoys and watch the geese take off. We took our time getting everything set up and ready to go.

It didn't take too long before the first goose showed up. A single one coming right at us and then my buddies yelled over to me, "Take him out, Crow Man." I pulled up my Remington 1100 semi-auto 12 gauge; I shot and he went down. As I walked out there, my goose got up and started running. I'm thinking, "are you kidding me, damn it?" Seems like he was just keeping out of shotgun range when I was running towards him. He went really far and I was getting tired, but I finally caught up with him. As I carried him back, I wrung his neck. Finally, I got back to my spot and laid him down beside me. My buddies shot some geese, too.

Well, my buddy yells down at me and he asked me if I was missing something. I said, "I don't think so. Why?"



They told me to look down the corn row and the goose I shot was standing right beside my friend! He said, "Come get your damn goose away from me!" Funny! I started chasing him again, even though he was in the corn—this time I don't have my gun. Finally I tackled him down and made sure he was down for good.



I thought nothing else would happen that morning, but another goose was flying over and I shot it. When it was falling from the sky, it was headed straight down to where my buddy was standing. My buddy had to move fast because that goose would have hit him if he hadn't moved. My buddy looked at me and said, "What the hell!?" This was a good hunting day in Michigan.

"Get outdoors if you can it's a great place to be. This is Michigan! It doesn't get any better than this."

Crow Man holds the Michigan Grand Slam title, as he finished fall/winter 2005 with an elk.



The **Michigan Grand Slam** is the title given for having the state record of the four Michigan animals that CBM recognizes as trophies by a single hunter. Those four animals are deer, bear, elk, and turkeys. The accomplishment has always been considered so rare. The added challenge of drawing a limited bear tag and particularly a bull elk tag, and to harvest animals that make the record book minimums seems insurmountable. However, it miraculously has been done by a select few. Crow Man is of that select few.

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