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LETTER FROM THE OWNER

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention, Attention, Read All About It...
 Straight From The Source!

Sometimes truth needs to be revealed. Truth, to me, is letting people know what is really on my mind and in my soul. I have been the owner and publisher of this magazine for over six wonderful years now. I have had some obstacles to overcome, some valleys to go into, some hills to climb, but, all in all, it has been enjoyable. I feel that everything has led me to exactly where I was meant to be: the owner and publisher of *Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan*. Every month wasn't always wonderful or profitable, but the majority were; enough so that I could do this full-time. I put my heart, soul, blood and tears into this magazine; it has become everything to me, and I have often put the magazine and my presence at advertiser events in front of my own personal life as a mother, friend, or family member.

This last year has been the hardest ever. It was difficult to stay strong when, during the six months of winter, I found myself actually *paying* to publish the magazine. Still, we live in Michigan, and this is and always will be a motorcycle magazine. In fact, it is the number-one free motorcycle magazine in the state, family-friendly, and classy, and I am very proud of those facts!

Because I want to continue to be the owner and publisher of a magazine that I love with all my heart—and after considering all of my available options—I am announcing that *Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan* will **now be published April through September** (vs. year-round, as it has been in the past.) Before anyone with a subscription or directory listing starts to panic, DON'T! You paid for twelve issues and you will get them! I wanted to be completely honest with you—all my advertisers, my subscribers, and my extended biker family—about the reasons behind this change, and why I felt compelled to make it. This will be the last published issue of the year and we will kick back off next year with the April 2019 issue.

If anyone has any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly. I am honest—that is the reason for this explanation—and I prefer you ask me personally rather than assume incorrect facts or listen to hearsay. It is very important everyone knows I am not going out of business; rather, I am adjusting to the lingering economic downturn still existing in the Midwest by publishing for the six months covering our limited riding season in Michigan.

I do have plans of doing some off-season advertising/promotions on the website. If you are interested, please contact me; this advertising will be available at a discounted rate to promote your fall/winter events. Contact me to find out more! Also, I will be setting up at a few swap meets this fall/winter so be sure to come by and say hi.

I hope that you will continue to support and patronize the businesses that have supported *Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan* each month. My loyal advertisers are very near and dear to my heart and I appreciate them so much! Some of my sponsors have advertised year-round; platinum support and have been a life-line to the magazine. There are some that have come in for the riding season each year and there are some that come in here and there, but I appreciate the support of each and every one of you! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Be sure to like *Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan* on Facebook to keep up-to-date with the latest happenings. Also, make sure to check out our website at www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com for special announcements, featured articles and for upcoming events. Don't forget this winter you can purchase Thunderwear for that special someone online at the website, click on Thunder Store. Thunderwear always makes a great gift!

I will be hosting the 6th Annual Thunder Fun Night in January or February (tentatively thinking Saturday, January 19, 2019—exact date still TBD), so be on the lookout for that announcement! It's always a Fun Night and a Great Time had by all.

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Jody Mohowitsch
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The Positive Shift



SORRY, IT'S TIME TO STOP APOLOGIZING

Do you find yourself apologizing for every single thing? This is a sorry habit indeed! This message is geared to showing you how awful the 'I'm sorry' habit is. As humans and especially women, we are guilty of apologizing for unnecessary things and this is a terrible habit that can easily be passed on to impressionable children. Picture apologizing for the mess in your house to a guest, apologizing for your child's behaviour, for asking a question, or for being ambushed while wearing comfy around-the-house clothes. It really is ridiculous to feel the need to apologize for things that you can't help or control. This does not however mean that apologizing is wrong. You just need to ensure that the situation warrants an apology.

Why You Should Stop This Sorry Habit

Saying 'I'm sorry' in situations where it is not warranted sends a message that you are defensive and insecure because you feel bad about yourself for normal things. The word sorry should therefore not be used to request for help, interject your opinion or thought into a conversation, or apologize for everyday situations or things that are out of your control. The sorry habit other than making you look defensive and insecure can also make you lose respect especially if you are in a position of leadership or attempting to resolve a conflict both at home or in the workplace. Saying sorry too much may also end up making your apologies lose meaning when it really matters.

How the Sorry Habit Affects Children

In a nutshell, children mirror our behaviour and it is up to us to ensure that we are doing it right. The habit of apologizing for everything can be mirrored by children and also sends them a bad message. Over-apologizing is a habit that makes you look weak, guilty, and becomes annoying and irritating. It sets a bad example to children who may take up the habit of saying sorry too much and hence also look weak and are plagued by the constant feeling of being in the wrong.

The Right Way to Apologize

In situations where an apology is warranted, apologizing should be done in the right manner. However, if you are unsure as to whether the situation warrants an apology, or if you catch yourself starting to spew out an unwarranted apology, then a good way to combat or circumvent this is to replace the 'sorry' with another phrase such as 'thanks.' That way, rather than saying 'I'm sorry that took long,' you say 'thank you for your patience.' Another way to break the sorry habit is by observing silence. This is especially effective in cases where you find yourself saying sorry to fill for when you don't know the right thing to say. Silence is effective because it gives you the chance to think of another phrase instead or figure out the right way to express yourself without apologizing.

Until then...Don't Coast in Neutral, Positive Shift Ahead!

~ Stacie René www.positiveshiftahead.com



READERS RIDES *Bret Miller*



Saginaw, MI

When I first started riding, I was on a Japanese motorcycle. I finally graduated and bought a 2005 Harley Davidson FLHT-CUI®. It was maroon and it had some minor lay-down damage. I rode her for one season and fell in love with her. Over

the winter, I decided I'd give her a whole different look and some new life; I can't believe what I've been missing out on all this time.

I have recently put a stretch front fender, stretched bags and overlay fender stage III kit CFR slip-ons, with Vance & Hines true dual headers and a 21-inch king spoked front wheel. Also I wired in 96 LED lights and then I recovered my seat with an alligator skin seat cover. I also installed a four-inch low windshield, new hand grips and mirrors, and a two-inch lowering kit. To top it off, a sweet paint job was done by Jason Burden (989-280-4797) at Burden & Sons.

My awesome photographer Robin Abbott took the photos for me. Thank you!

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"Downtown Streets Still Open To Vehicle Traffic"
10am-5pm: Police officer training on Flat Lot
10am-7pm: T-Shirt & Saturday ride registration sales
4pm-10pm: Beer Tent Open
5pm-10pm: Jon Fett Quartet playing in the Beer Tent
6pm-8pm: Mini Bike Races presented by the Damned Wheel Club



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SATURDAY:

"Downtown Streets Closed to Vehicle Traffic"
"Vendor Setup 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 Open
11am: Police escorted ride leaves VCHD
1pm: Police escorted ride arrives in Downtown
2pm: Rockabilly Pinup Girl Contest-Main Stage
2pm-5pm: Police officer training on Flat Lot
2-3:30pm: Police Last Man Standing Preliminaries on Flat Lot
3:30pm: Motorcycle Fashion Show
5pm-10pm: Daze of Glory playing in Beer Tent

SUNDAY:

10am: Opening Ceremony
10am-1pm: Motorcycles Show registration (Must enter at S. Saginaw & 4th Street)
10am-5pm: T-Shirt Sales
10:30am: Law Enforcement Skills Competition
Noon-5pm: Beer Tent Open
Noon-4pm: Genesee Ramblers playing in Beer Tent
1pm-2pm: Police Last Man Standing Finals on Flat Lot
1pm-3pm: Motorcycle Show Judging
3:30pm: Police Competition Awards Ceremony-Flat Lot
4pm: Motorcycle Show Awards Ceremony-Main Stage

**Also taking place on Sunday is the Family Fun Block Party at the Salvation Army
NOTE: All event times subject to change.*

VETERANS CORNER



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

BY Bob "Bulldog" Ousley



Dear Fellow Veterans and Patriots:

Last month I wrote about preparing to go to Vietnam in June of 1968. I was asked to continue the story and agreed to do so. As July of 1968 approached I began a pre-deployment leave just before the 4th of July. I went back to my 1956 Chevy Belair with a 265 cubic inch V-8 and three speed transmission. This was the car that got me a book of tickets in '66 and '67 and a 20-day county jail sentence. I negotiated joining the Army at 17 with my mom and Judge Earl Jones and he waived the jail. I went to basic training in August of '67. Judge Jones holds a dear place in my heart for giving me a chance and setting me on the path my life has taken. More wild kids could benefit from a second chance to join the military, contribute to our nation, take on responsibility, learn self-discipline and grow up!! Six months in service might make more patriots out of young wandering liberal kids. Thank you Judge!!!

While on leave I spent time hanging with my old buddies, talking cars, drinking a few beers and seeing my family. For all they knew this was the last time they would see me. After all I was headed where 100 to 400 young Americans were dying a week. In the evenings I rotated dates among four girls I was sweet on from high school. Call it pity or charity but I gave my 18-year-old best to get a proper send off as my trip to Vietnam approached. After tearful hugs and goodbyes, it was back to Fort Benning.

Everyone came back and stories of home filled the barracks. Finally, we trucked to the C-141 cargo jets and off we went. After a long flight we landed at Bien Hoa airbase at night. Amid distant aerial flares, artillery booms and periodic tracers lazily through the sky we loaded on trucks and went to tents for a few hours of sleep. My 325th Aviation Support Detachment was assigned to the 11th Armored Cavalry under the command of General George Patton Jr. at Blackhorse Base Camp about half way between Xuan Loc and Vung Tao. After my first C-7 Caribou flight we were home!! We were put in canvas covered hootches surrounded by sandbags.

Blackhorse was about a mile square with a runway made out of heavy gauge interlocking metal panels, armored Cav Troop areas, helicopter parking and a refueling area. The perimeter was a high dirt berm with bunkers and wooden towers with heavy machine guns. Beyond was a large open area with rows of concertina wire, claymore mines, trip flares and then some pretty dense jungle and rubber tree plantations. At random times 175mm howitzers and/or 8" self-propelled artillery would fire support missions and when it wasn't raining the wind blew clouds of red dust that penetrated everything.

Our little aviation detachment took over air traffic control of the airfield. I controlled aircraft from a mobile self-contained ATC box set on top of a 15' wood pole tower. Our hootches were next to the Air Force Forward Air Controllers, Air Cav helicopter parking area, airfield fire station and the Cav's Aero Rifle Platoon (ARP).

This was where I got bit by the ground pounder bug. I enjoyed the mental exercise of air traffic control but started volunteering to fly door gunner on Cav admin missions and went outside the wire to set trip flares with the ARPs a few times. There was something about being outside the wire that agreed with me and made me feel alive!!!

During my year at Blackhorse I filled sandbags, drove trucks to Long Bien a few times for supplies and stood rocket watch at night from our air traffic control tower. We got occasional rocket and mortar attacks and probes by the VC. After a few months we had a major operation just outside the camp against an NVA R&R center. They were resting right under our noses. Things got real hairy really quick. I ended up helping armorers screw warheads on rockets to keep the helicopters armed. We had shot up helicopters sliding down the runway, body bags being unloaded and occasionally the troops would bring in an NVA officer for interrogation. Yep, this is a war.....

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

** My monthly column reflects my personal point of view and does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the publishers of this magazine, but they, like me, acknowledge the sacrifices made for the privilege of Freedom of Speech, therefore, they gratefully let me rant. Thank you for reading my rants. Hope my opinions don't offend anyone, but, we all should be grateful for the right to have free opinions.*



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Advice from The Motorcycle Lawyer

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When speaking with a new client, I often mention Facebook. It is so disheartening when an insurance company or attorney flips the script on an innocent post. The other side tries to turn a post upside down to hurt your case. Most people aren't aware that insurance companies can and will scour all the platforms, looking for anything that could hurt the claim. This can be thwarted with a little bit of internet savvy. Here are some helpful tips to keep in mind.

BE PROACTIVE

First, check your privacy and timeline settings. Make sure that **Only Friends** can view your content, including photos, status updates, comments and profile information. You may also want to consider utilizing the **Friend List** option. This feature allows you to easily share different types of information with specific groups of people only. You can keep your general visibility low by removing your account from Facebook search results, as well as public search results, which can filter back to search engines such as Google, Yahoo or Bing. Many of us have been on Facebook for years, so you may want to also **Limit Past Posts** on your timeline, just in case there are any old photos or posts that may be incriminating when viewed by an insurance company. It is wise to check your privacy settings often, as platform updates can sometimes revert them back to the default status.

Always think twice before posting photos from the accident, or any other case-related information, and be mindful of who you befriend. Insurance company representatives have even been known to send friend requests. If you're not careful, you

may find yourself recounting your life experiences with the very people who are looking for any reason to deny your claim. Participating in groups can also be risky, as even the name of the group can count against you.

RADIO SILENCE

The best way to ensure your information remains safe is not to share it on social media at all, but that may not be realistic. A good rule of thumb is never to post anything online you wouldn't want the world to see or know about you or, in this case, a jury. Perhaps a brief social media break is the answer, just while your case is being handled. Many of us have become complacent, believing that we have control over our privacy settings, and that only those we approve can see the content we share.

A lot of hard work goes into proving your case, and it could all be undone with one misinterpreted vacation photo. It may be difficult to avoid sharing bits of your daily life online, but it will only serve to benefit you in the long run.

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A husband and wife were sitting watching a TV program about psychology which was explaining the phenomenon of "mixed emotions". The husband turned to his wife and said, "That is an absolute bunch of crap. I bet you can't tell me one thing that will make me happy and sad at the exact same time. She said: "Out of all your friends, you have the biggest penis."

A married couple is driving down the interstate doing 55 mph. The husband is behind the wheel. His wife looks over at him and says, "Honey, I know we've been married for 15 years, but, I want a divorce."

The husband says nothing but slowly increases speed to 60 mph. She then says, "I don't want you to try to talk me out of it, because I've been having an affair with your best friend, and he's a much better lover than you."

Again the husband stays quiet and just speeds up as his anger increases.

She says, "I want the house." Again the husband speeds up, and now is doing 70 mph.

She says, "I want the kids, too."

The husband just keeps driving faster, and faster, now he's up to 80 mph.

She says, "I want the car, the checking account, and all the credit cards, too."

The husband slowly starts to veer toward a bridge overpass piling, as she says, "Is there anything you want?"

The husband says, "No, I've got everything I need."

She smirked and said, "Really, what's that?" The husband replies just before they hit the wall at 90 mph, "I've got the airbag!"

The kids filed into class Monday morning. They were all very excited. Their weekend assignment was to sell something, then give a talk on salesmanship. Little Sally led off. "I sold Girl Scout cookies and I made \$30" she said proudly, "My sales approach was to appeal to the customer's civil spirit and I credit that approach for my obvious success." "Very good", said the teacher. Little Debbie was next. "I sold magazines" she said, "I made \$45 and I explained to everyone that magazines would keep them up on current events." "Very good, Debbie", said the teacher. Eventually, it was Little Johnny's turn. The teacher held her breath. Little Johnny walked to the front of the classroom and dumped a box full of cash on the teacher's desk. Proudly he boasted "\$2,467."

"\$2,467!" cried the teacher, "What in the world were you selling?" "Toothbrushes", said Little Johnny. "How could you possibly sell enough tooth brushes to make that much money?" "Well, I found the busiest corner in town", said Little Johnny, "I set up a Dip & Chip stand and I gave everybody who walked by a free sample. "They all said the same thing, "Hey, this tastes like dog chit!" Then I would say, "It is dog chit. Hey, wanna' buy a toothbrush?"

While examining his lady patient, the doctor tells her: "Your heart, lungs, pulse & BP are fine. Now let me see that cute little thing which gets you ladies into all kinds of trouble."

The woman a tad turned on by the young doctor starts quickly taking off her slacks and panties and is standing nude from the waist down.

The Doctor turned around, stopping her and said: "No! No! Please put on your clothes. I meant for you to just show me your tongue."

A Steel Cowboy's Tombstone:

The Headstone of Russell J. Larsen in the Logan City Cemetery, Logan, Utah .

I wonder if he died knowing he won the 'Coolest Headstone' contest?

His five rules for a happy life are at the bottom in on his headstone

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1. It's important to have a woman who helps out at home, cooks several times a week, keeps a clean home and has a steady job.
2. It's important to have a woman who can make you laugh and laughs at herself too.
3. It's important to have a woman who you can trust, and doesn't lie to you, and loyal.
4. It's important to have a woman who is a bit of a wildcat in bed and actually enjoys sex.
5. It's very, very important that these four women do not know each other or you most assuredly will end up dead like me.

My wife was screaming at me: "Leave!! Get out of this house!" she ordered. I don't want to ever see your face again!"

As I was walking out the door she yelled, "I hope you die a slow and painful death!"

So I turned around and replied "So, now you want me to stay?"

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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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THE STOPS

For the month of September 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

4520 N. Clare Ave, Harrison, MI 48625. (989) 539-2177 Hours: 11 am- 2 am Daily. 1 person wins \$20 gift card each month. *Your Party Destination, comfortable patio, best drinks, tastiest smoked BBQ, Sunday Fun Day 3 pm- 6 pm & best bartenders around! (See ad this issue)*

Silver Dollar Pub & Grill

9925 W. Higgins Lake Dr, Roscommon, MI 48653 Hours: 8 am- Midnight or later daily. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. *Breakfast daily, Happy Hour M-F 2- 6 pm, specials daily, Th steak day, Sun Prime Rib.*

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.

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Hunt's Hog Shop

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La Vita Bistro

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Old Hickory Bar & Grill

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Sholty's Bar

1819 S. Washington Ave, Lansing, MI 48910. (517) 372-3559 Hours: Sun-Th 11 am- Midnight, Fri & Sat 11 am- 2 am. 50 cents off drinks if you ride in. *Bike Nights Wednesday. Karaoke Tues 8 pm-midnight. Awesome Patio, cheapest drinks in town, ice cold beer.*

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EAST

702 Bar & Grill

702 S. Jefferson Ave, Midland, MI 48640. (989) 835-2851 Hours: M-F 10:30 am- 2:30 am, Sat & Sun Noon- 2:30 am. 1 person wins a \$25 Gift Card each month. *Bike Nights Wednesday 6 pm- 9 pm \$3 burgers, \$6.50 pitchers, Th Karaoke, Fri/Sat live bands.*

Bad River Bar & Grill

103 N. Saginaw St, Saint Charles, MI 48655. (989) 865-6500 Hours: M-Sat 11 am- 2 am, Sun Noon- Midnight. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. *Great food, daily drink specials, great service & a great ride from anywhere in Michigan!*

Bay Shore Bar

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Dead Creek Saloon

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Decker's Lounge

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River Rock Bar & Grill

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

Riverdale Tavern

6681 NW Lumberjack Rd, Riverdale, MI 48877. (989) 833-7042 Hours: Mon-Sat 8 am- 10 pm, Sun Noon- 8pm. 1 person wins a \$10 gift card each month. *Bike Night Wednesdays, outdoor area, 50 cent wings, monster ½ lb footlongs- dress your dog.*

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WEST

Baldwin Bowling Center

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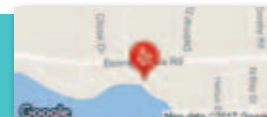


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1967 Camaro Powered by a 350 H.O. V8 with 3-speed auto transmission. This car has been restored and painted a Butternut Yellow and Black Racing Strips and vinyl top. Fun driving car that turns heads.

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BRIAN HALLORAN

Here is my 1973 SD 455 Trans Am

One of 180 built with automatic. Brewster green, black standard interior. Originally from Minnesota, then went out west via Albuquerque, New Mexico; then to California. It has been back in Michigan since 2015.





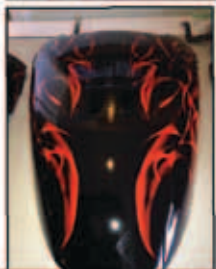
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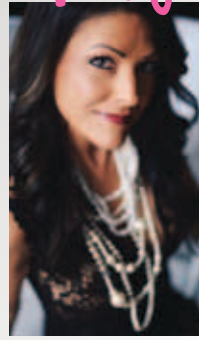


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Alyssa's Adventures in the Mitten

by Alyssa Locke

MUSKEGON BIKE TIME



Did y'all attend Bike Time/Rebel Road in beautiful downtown Muskegon? I did and I hope you did too! It was a little rainy Saturday, but that didn't stop the fun. Sunday cleared up later in the day and it ended up being a beautiful afternoon. We had a great time watching the bikes and talking to people. Tons of motorcycles were tightly packed along Western Avenue. I love that there are so many beverage establishments there now with plenty of outdoor seating. Of course there were beer tents set up also and those also were packed. The music was jammin and drinks were flowing. There were more vendors than I had seen in the past and I for one am glad that everything is in and around the same area again. We ran into some old friends along the walk and made some new ones also. I am amazed at the customization and time that people take to make their bikes stand out in a crowd and some of them certainly did just that! I can't begin to guess the amount of money that goes into all of that. I sure love looking at them though.

If you haven't cruised into Muskegon on your scooter it's worth the trip and it doesn't have to be during Bike Time. Lake Michigan is so pretty and there are a lot of places to eat, drink, and sight-see. I hope everyone gets a lot of riding in between now and the end of fall. I have been all over Michigan and am headed up to Mackinaw again this weekend. By the way... have y'all signed up for your Ride Cards and used them this summer? I hope so. There were a lot of great establishments signed up this year! I won a prize from The Sportsman's bar and restaurant in Newaygo. There are a few bike events left so be sure to check out the magazines event listing page to see what's still to come. I have been enjoying my motorcycles and I hope to see you at an event yet this season.

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



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All knowledge is in itself of some value. There is nothing so minute or inconsiderable that I would not rather know it than not. ~ Samuel Johnson

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Quotations about Motorcycles

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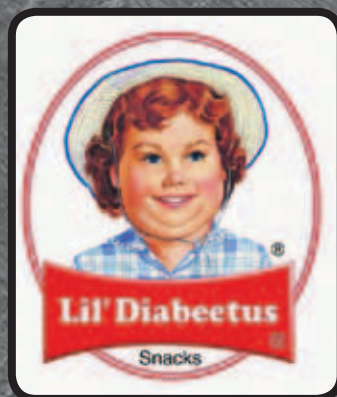
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Here's Your Sign



Biker Preacher's Corner

Hello everyone! It's been a few months since I've written for Thunder Roads Michigan. I've been so busy with life and ministry, travel and family. However, I've just gotta say that this year's Victory Fest was off the hook and I want to thank all our vendors, bands and guest that came this year, and a HUGE thank to all the members of Victory Biker Church who worked so hard to make sure this event was a great success.

I have to be honest here... Many times, I've thought that my articles fall of deaf eye balls and that no one reads or really cares about what I've written month after month. But, every now and again I get an email from someone telling me that they look forward to reading my Biker Preachers Corner and every so often I meet someone that tells me how much they look forward to and appreciate my articles.

For instance, a month or so ago I received an airmail letter from Japan. In fact, the letter came from a Belgian man in a Japanese prison – of all places. Along with introducing himself, he told me he was a rider and proceeded to tell me what type of motorcycles he loves. The most exciting part was when he explained to me that he was given a copy of Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan and how he really liked my article. This letter got me thinking, that we never really know how we impact other people.

So, I guess this article is my way of telling myself, if no one else, that you never really know who you touch and how we impact people's lives.

Hebrews 13:16 says "Don't neglect to do what is good and to share, for God is pleased with such sacrifices."

Ya see, my inspiration for these Biker Preacher Articles is to help all of you, my dear brothers and sisters, to know that God loves you and that no matter what you've done in life, no matter how guilty you may feel deep down in your soul. God can and will forgive you. Because of His love for you is why God sent His one and only son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for our mess ups.

Romans 5:8 says "But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!"

Listen bikers, GOD LOVES YOU! Will you put your faith and trust in Him today? He made and paid the way for you to know Him and be in this Heavenly and divine relationship. This is what you're really looking for deep down inside.

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Today is August 8th and all the results are in and now it's time to help get your candidate elected come this November. I don't care who you support just try as hard as you can to ask him / her if they support motorcycle rights that help us all whether you belong to a club, organization or are a lone wolf. You can do your part by getting involved and it doesn't cost you a darn thing - just some effort and a lot of concern.

Monday the 6th of August ABATE President Vince Consiglio, and Board Members George Bennett and George Fischer, along with myself, rode on the Senator Gary Peters Run from ABC Harley in Waterford to Vassar, MI. I had a great conversation with Sen. Peters regarding the nation-wide committee he is on with State Rep. Tim Walberg and some important issues about profiling, fuel standards, insurance reform and I was really satisfied with the answers he gave me. I had a chance to ride with Region 15 on their Poker Run and also help Sass with Region 18 at the Monroe County Fair and really enjoyed both events.

I saw on the news that there were two deaths at the Sturgis Rally – how devastating. Like I've been preaching that when you head out on your bike, you represent all of us whether you know it or not. Please drive responsibly and respectfully.

There is nothing better or more enjoyable in this environment than to be with all my ABATE members when we get a chance to be together and swap stories and talk about motorcycles and places you've been to.

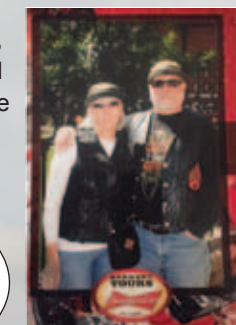
We have our Memorial Ride coming up August 12th and so far it's a short list of members in our Region and let's keep it that way. Our Region is not afraid to say something to one of us if you had too much to drink. We truly care for each other and enjoy a good ride. I care for all bikers and wish you good times and good health!

Jody – Thank You for allowing me to be in *Thunder Roads* and I hope the vendors see just how much they're missing out on by not advertising in this magazine.

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ment, all vehicles/ bikes wel-
come, free rustic camping. For
more info call Mike 989-551-6457

September 2
Cardinal Wishes Bike Run
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September 7-9
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September 8
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September 8
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September 15-16
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September 15
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Michael J's 8th Annual Fun Run
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kickstands up at 10:30 am. Dinner
at 4 pm at FOE in Beaverton. \$8
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tions, raffles, 50/50's. For more info
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September 16
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20 STOPS FOR A FALL COLOR TOUR THROUGH WEST MICHIGAN

1. Manistee



Manistee River Trail in the Fall | Photo Courtesy of M22 Photography

Manistee is the first city along the route. With historical sites, farms, the Riverwalk, festivals, natural beauty along the coast, fishing, and more, Manistee is great to visit all-year round, but it really comes alive in the fall. Watch boats go by, do some fishing, or simply find a place to eat on the Riverwalk. You can also enjoy the excitement to be had (or unwind with a visit to the spa) at the Little River Casino Resort, and enjoy the charm of the turn-of-the-century Ramsdell Theatre, which still hosts plays today!

Plus, if you're looking for a long detour, M-22, one of Michigan's most beloved scenic byways, starts in Manistee and follows the coast up north to the Leelanau Peninsula. You have the lake on one side of the road and the forest-lined Michigan landscape on the other, making it one of the country's most awesome autumn leaf-peeping drives!

2. Lake Michigan Recreation Area ~ Manistee

Whether you just want to spend a day at the beach, or you're hoping to camp out right on the shores of the lake, the Lake Michigan Recreation Area near Manistee is a great first stop along the route. There's plenty of hiking, especially because the recreation area is within the Huron-Manistee National Forest, and there are many sites where you can set up a tent.

3. Manistee North Pierhead Lighthouse ~ Manistee

You won't find a more perfect photo op than the Manistee North Pierhead Lighthouse. Take in views from the land, and then stroll along the pier out to the light. It's a great place for jogging and fishing. It's not open to the public right now, but it did just get a makeover, so it's ready for its close-up. The beach here is lovely for a stroll as well.

4. S.S. City of Milwaukee & USCGC Acacia ~ Manistee



S.S. City of Milwaukee | Photo Courtesy of Manistee County Visitors Bureau

Even though tours end in the fall, you should still stop by the National Historic Landmark S.S. City of Milwaukee, a steamship that ferried railroad cars, and the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Acacia, a WWII-era buoy tender that serves as a B&B on summer weekends. Pro tip: The S.S. City of Milwaukee turns into a floating haunted house during the month of October!

5. Douglas Valley Vineyards ~ Manistee



Douglas Valley Vineyards | Photo Courtesy of Manistee County Visitors Bureau

Manistee has a few great vineyards worth visiting. Douglas Valley is an orchard/farm-turned vineyard that makes great fruit wines, some sweeter reds and whites, and hard cider in a quaint setting. Ironfish Distillery, St. Ambrose Cellars, and Northern National Cider and Winery are other great places to relax with a drink as well!

6. Orchard Beach State Park ~ Manistee

Located on a bluff providing stunning views of Lake Michigan, Orchard Beach State Park is the perfect place to spend an afternoon on the lake. Hike the trails, or simply take the stairs down the hill to the breezy stretch of Lake Michigan beach to swim in the water. You can even camp here, too!

7. Huron-Manistee National Forest

If you're visiting in the fall and want to see some foliage, make your way into Huron-Manistee National Forest. Part of the epic North Country National Scenic Trail, which stretches from New York state into North Dakota, passes through here, and the Manistee River Trail & North Country Trail is the perfect leaf-peeping hike. The Bowman Lake Trail is another trail in the National Forest, and at 2.5 miles, it's a lot more manageable. Admire the rolling hills and the Pere Marquette National Scenic River along the way!

8. Orchard Beach Aviation Inc. ~ Manistee



Orchard Beach Aviation | Photo Courtesy of Gayle Sonfeld

For a different view of the beauty of Michigan, charter and aerial tour of the coast from Orchard Beach Aviation. On a clear day you can spot shipwrecks from above as you soar over the lake.

9. Kaleva Bottle House Historic Museum ~ Kaleva

From a distance, the Kaleva Bottle House Museum might look like, well... an ordinary house, but as you get closer, you'll see that there's something very special

about it: It was built from 60,000 glass bottles from a local factory. Today it's owned by the Kaleva Historical Society and displays all artifacts from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Plus, you'll learn about the origins of Midwesterners calling soda "pop."

10. Cadillac

Cadillac is a nature-lover's paradise. Three rivers, three lakes, 500,000 acres of dense protected forests, and 300 miles of trails mark the Cadillac region. Kayak, camp, hike, fish, and hunt in the surrounding wilderness, and then come back into the warm, welcoming town to get cozy!

11. Mitchell State Park ~ Cadillac



Fishing on Lake Mitchell | Photo Courtesy of Cadillac Area Visitors Bureau

Whether you want to enjoy the fall colors from a tent, a trail, or a boat, Mitchell State Park is a great park for viewing autumn foliage. There are lots of secluded, shaded campsites, and the lake is great for boating; plus there's a beach where you can take a nice stroll. The Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fish Center in the park offers some info and displays on the wildlife in the park, as well as some really fun family- and kid-oriented programs.

12. Reed City

Reed City's claim to fame, historically, was that it was where the North-South and East-West railroads across Michigan converged; but even to this day, it still has a reputation as Michigan's Crossroads. It's located at the junction of U.S. 131 and US 10, and boasts vintage charm as well as natural beauty. Old buildings, museums, covered bridges, and more ooze small town allure!

13. Reed City Covered Bridge ~ Reed City

The Reed City Covered Bridge was built for the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park, replacing an older railroad bridge. Only pedestrians, bikers, and snowmobilers are permitted on it, so it's a nice little hike out and back to enjoy Reed City's iconic covered bridge.

14. Shrine of the Pines ~ Baldwin

The Shrine of the Pines is the epitome of rustic, woodland charm. It's a popular attraction within a retro, woodsy hunting lodge, featuring works from the late Raymond W. Overholzer, a master woodworker who crafted furniture and other works entirely from found branches and stumps of white pine. There's a rocking chair made of tree roots and a table carved from a single 700-pound root, among hundreds of other pieces, as well as some taxidermy. It's a great way to keep the outdoorsy autumn vibes going if you want to head indoors.

15. Ludington State Park ~ Ludington



Ludington State Park | Photo Courtesy of Michigan DNR

For some of the best hiking in the area, you'll want to stop by Ludington State Park. It covers 5,300 acres, and features dunes, beaches, marshes, and forests, which light up with fall colors each autumn. Camp out or rent a cabin, swim in Lake Michigan or Hamlin Lake, and hike out to Big Sable Point Lighthouse, which is open to the public from early May until the end of October.

16. Steans Park Beach ~ Ludington

Nearby Ludington State Park, you'll find Steans Park Beach, which is unique for its free parking and views of Ludington North Breakwater Light.

17. House of Flavors Restaurant ~ Ludington

Vacation calls for treating yourself as often as possible, and so a scoop of ice cream from Ludington's House of Flavors is a must. They focus on simple diner classics, like wraps and sandwiches, as well as an almost-overwhelming number of ice cream flavors. If you get here only to find a long line, don't worry: it moves fast. Plus, you'll know that it's approved by locals and tourists alike!

18. Historic White Pine Village ~ Ludington

Fascinating history and natural beauty make White Pine Village well worth a visit. Re-enactors populate the village, which features an impressive 30 restored buildings, including a general store, a courthouse, a trapper's cabin, and a farmstead, among others. They have demonstrations, events (like old-timey baseball games) and other fun happenings going on all the time, so every time you visit here is bound to be a new experience!

19. Nordhouse Dunes ~ Free Soil

Who can resist a leaf-peeping hike during the fall, especially when you're in Western Michigan, surrounded by forest beauty? Nordhouse Dunes has a 2.4-mile trail that features some unique landscapes, with pine, hemlock, and juniper spread out over breezy, lakeshore dunes. The Cadillac Pathway is another option for experiencing the foliage, especially on a mountain bike (or for experiencing the beauty of a snow-covered Michigan on cross-country skis.)

20. Water Trails

Or, if you want to get out on the water, the West Michigan Coastal Water Trail Northern and the Lake Michigan Water Trail West Northern (they're similar but not the same) both offer a way to explore the lakeshore and rivers by boat.

As you explore the loop around Northwest Michigan, you won't find any lack of natural beauty, rustic coziness, and lakeshore wonder. If you're lucky enough to be road-tripping the route in the autumn, roll the windows down and soak up the cool fall breezes and special colors!

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I have a novel idea, how about I do an article on guns and leave the heady stuff for another day. First, I want to make a point all the great firearms you see pimped at the Shot Show every year, be patient and maybe save yourself some aggravation. Every year the manufacturers roll out their versions of the 'latest and greatest' with many of these new offerings being adaptations of existing platforms with some cosmetic and/or functional modifications. Usually if you buy one of these 'newbies' you will be satisfied with the way your firearm performs and get many years of reliable performance from it,

On the other hand true "new platforms" that have been pimped like high class hookers in the gun media are rolled out with great fanfare to a shooting public drooling for a new bang fix and, unfortunately, sometimes they fail. Some of the failures are epic such as the original Kimber Solo which was rushed into production to capture a portion of the new (at the time) micro pistol craze, but an engineering flaw resulted in severe feed issues when using defense ammunition and lead to a massive recall to attempt to correct the problems. A good engineer will tell you that just because something theoretically works on paper doesn't mean it will work in practical use without significant modifications, and more companies than Kimber have found this out the hard way. And when you are reading all those glowing reviews for any new platform that the firearms used during the supposed "test" were probably hand fitted advance prototypes of something that will eventually be put together from bins of parts, some of which will come from jobbers more interested in quantity than quality. My rule of thumb on new platforms is that I will not buy one, no matter how sexy they make it sound, until it has been in the market for a year and Joe and Jane Schmuck have had an adequate opportunity to let their true "off the shelf" firearm fail.

That said, there are a couple of new handguns out there you may want to look at for future purchase. The one we are seeing the most clamor for is the Sig P365, a micro compact double stack 9mm that features a standard 10 round capacity. Henry Ford would be proud of it because out of the box it comes in black with night sights and tips the scale at a mere 17.8 oz, about the same weight as comparable single stack 9's. It is a very good package that will only improve when accessories such as more holsters specifically for the gun become available. The only drawbacks

I see are first, double stacks don't conceal as easily as a single stack; second, there have been issues with firing pins breaking. First issue is no big thing, on the other hand a broken firing pin can get you killed; and with a MSRP in the \$600 neighborhood I think a better parts source and/or a titanium firing pin should be in order.

Another new platform in the market is the Springfield 911 a single action micro .380, a baby 1911 if you will. I usually don't get excited about 380's, but there is a lot to like in this micro compact. First, it comes standard with Ameriglo Pro-Glo tritium night sights – the front sight is a yellow luminescent ring wrapped around a green tritium tube so that it glows day and night and the rears are a luminescent notch with a pair of green tritium dots. Simply said, its like a pimple on the end of somebody's nose; you can't help but see it and seeing your sights is always good. The 911 comes in a couple of different color combinations and is available with optional lasers. I am not a big fan of laser sights but if you absolutely have to have a crutch, instead of learning good shooting technique, I suggest you research the 911 with the Viridian sight package. The Viridian sights can be activated by drawing the pistol from the Viridian holster which has magnets built in which activate/deactivate the laser, or it can be turned on/off manually. No matter which 911 you purchase it will come with a pair of six round magazines (6+1=7 rd. capacity), a crisp five lb. trigger pull, and weighs a very carryable 12.6 oz. Single biggest drawback is that it is a single action only and should be carried "cocked and locked" which may require some getting used to for many shooters. Note to the curious, it is metal construction and less expensive than similar Sigs, Kimbers and Brownings.

One more gun that deserves to be mentioned is the Ruger EC9S. In the past I have mentioned what I affectionately call the "turd rack," the realm of guns that sell based solely on their low price and often inferior quality, well that is not the EC9S. Based on the proven LC9S platform, the EC9S is a bare bone economy personal carry 9mm that ain't pretty but it is reliable if nothing else. In fact, the only thing "turd rack" about it is the price – under \$300! No it isn't built to be taken to the range and shoot hundreds of rounds a week, but for the price you can bet your life on it.

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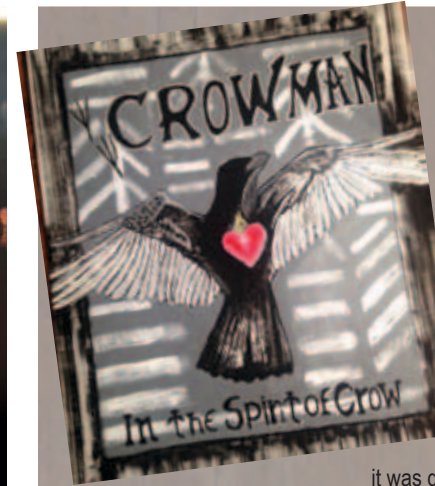
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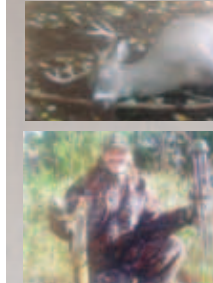
Double Pleasure

Like I have always done for my scouting throughout the years for deer hunting, I placed my tree stand on a deer run, which had a lot of oak trees and lots of acorns on them. I had been watching a nice eight point in the area. One fall morning I got up and I was going to this tree stand. It had rained all night, but

it was quiet in the morning. I went out and set up in the stand. I had my bow hanging on my right side off a limb on the tree. I was just sitting there listening to the water dripping off the leaves of the trees. When all of a sudden when I looked down there was that eight point right in front of me! He didn't even see or hear me and he was feeding on acorns. I had to move slower to get my bow and my hands off the branch, so that I didn't frighten him. I finally got my bow in front of me and he looks up, but I didn't move. He put his head back down and I drew my bow back. I made a text book shot and it goes right through him and the arrow sticks in the ground.



This deer reacted different than I had expected, like he didn't even know that he was hit! He walked slowly away and was still eating on acorns. The deer walked over to a tree and started rubbing his antlers on the tree. I brought my bow up and watched him. This was amazing! A fox squirrel ran down a tree and was barking at him. The buck took a couple more steps and stopped. He got down on his legs really gracefully and put his head down and he was "DEAD"!



I was just sitting there up in my stand as that fox squirrel made his way towards me. He ran up a tree and got at the same level I was in the stand. He poked his head around the tree and was barking at me. I took an arrow from my quiver and put it in my bow and I shot him right in the head. This was nice. This was an extra bonus, because I love squirrel hunting. Yet another awesome day hunting in Michigan!

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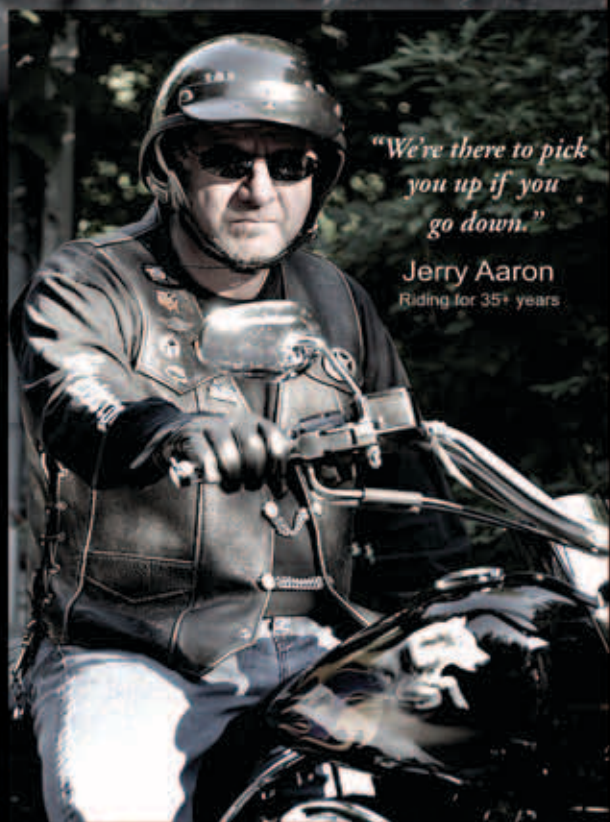
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