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FINISH THE MISSION veteran relief fund honors a gold star family each year with a presentation of a specially commissioned portrait of their fallen hero at the annual FREEDOM CRUISE honor ride.

The ride begins at Fifth Third Ballpark in Comstock Park, Michigan, and cruises a scenic route lined with folks flying the Stars and Stripes. In 2018 over 1,000 participants joined them and the fallen veteran's family with a full police escort of nearly 800 motorcycles and cars on the flag-lined route.

This annual fund-raiser collects a donation for the non-profit Finish the Mission Veteran Relief Fund. Founded in 2014 to honor West Michigan's heroes killed in action after 9/11/2001, all involved, including the board members, are 100% unpaid volunteers. The Freedom Cruise is free.

The mission is to serve veterans caught in the gap when all Federal, State and County benefits are denied. This year this fund has paid individual grants of over \$15,000 so far. They have helped prevent home evictions, auto repossessions, paid medical bills and equipment, paid utility bills, auto repairs, and provided transitional support for a veteran moving back into the community after living 9 years at the Grand Rapids Veterans Home.

The primary goal is to help make West Michigan the MOST VETERAN FRIENDLY COMMUNITY IN AMERICA by providing support to help local veterans.

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September 22, 2019

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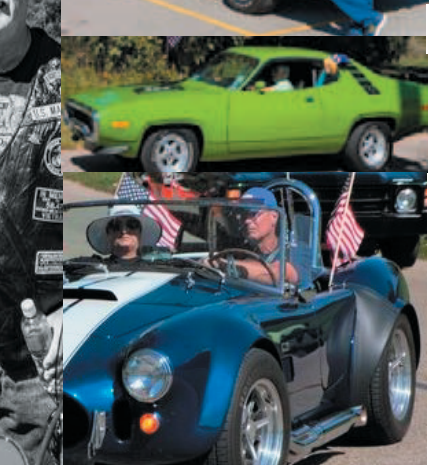
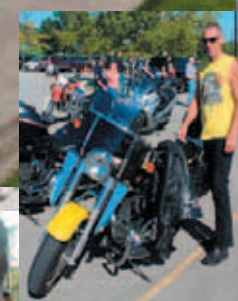
The fallen soldier ceremony before the ride is free for all to attend and does not require registration. Participation in the Freedom Cruise ride is free also, but requires registration. It's not easy to do.

Details are on their website: [freedomcruisegr.com](http://freedomcruisegr.com).

Please join them in this great event!

NEVER FORGET...

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This year we honor:

Fallen Soldier  
Sgt. Chad J. Vollmer  
of Grand Rapids, MI

Army 1st Battalion,  
125th Infantry,  
KIA in Iraq, Dec. 23, 2006

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## LETTER FROM THE OWNER *Summer, Summer, Summertime!*

Summer is here in full swing and we sure have had a good dose of it. It was so hot a few days that I opted for water-time activities in order to cool off. You just gotta love our Michigan weather...one extreme to the other. I am certainly not complaining about the heat, though, as I would take that over a cold arctic winter blast any day!

In Michigan, we have limited time for events because of our short season of warm weather, so whatever event you chose, have fun, be safe and enjoy it while it lasts. You can check out what advertiser events are happening this month on our *Bike Nights* page as well as our pull-out calendar; those are both supporters of *Thunder Roads*. We so appreciate them and want to support them for helping to keep *Thunder Roads* alive and well! There is also a list of all events on the event calendar and we are really happy to see so many wonderful charitable rides happening all over our great state. Bikers are indeed one of the most warm-hearted, giving groups of people.

The *Ride 'n Win* summer-long contest is still in full swing, so read all about that in this issue as well. There were a few places that didn't get anyone checking in; that is throwing away what could have been your free prize just for stopping in and showing your free Ride Card! So sign up if you haven't already; everything moves at your pace and your schedule.

I am very excited to announce the first ever Thunder Roads Michigan twelve-month wall calendar is coming soon! You can pre-order yours and get FREE SHIPPING by going to

ThunderRoadsMichigan.com > Thunder Store > 2020 Wall Calendar

Also, if you order a T-shirt or hoodie, email me a picture and you might be featured in a future issue showing your support in one of our Thunder Cams!

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Thank you, readers, for your support and making *Thunder Roads Magazine* #1!

Now for some "Mo" Advice:

*The older I get, the more I realize the importance of, "putting your own oxygen mask on first before assisting others." Take care of yourself and then you will be more able to help those closest to you in your life.*

*Jody Mohowitsch*  
*"Jody Mo"*

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# The Positive Shift

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### CONTROL Your Thoughts –

You can have an internal battle with your thoughts. Being that we tend to lean towards the negative in tough situations, our thoughts start to play mind games with us and then we start to do the "what-if" analysis. Be in control and get in the habit of stopping the negative thoughts before they take over. Try saying: Control, Alt, Delete three times in a row. It will help you from going down that path and having even more negative thoughts. When you say the C+A+D three times, it gives your mind a break and clears your thoughts. Even if you have to say it over and over 100 times, that's okay. Then think of something that makes you happy. It also helps you from saying something you might regret.

### ALTERNATE Your Emotions –

You yourself can make your heartrate increase, just with emotions and how you feel. Heartrates drop when emotions are calm and relaxed. They can skyrocket when we let our emotions get to us and make us feel mad, scared or uber-angry. Other people can trigger your emotions, but you don't have to react to them. When you add the thoughts with emotions, it affects us even faster and often leads to a negative outcome; which could have been controlled, especially when your initial reaction leads to a sudden impulse. You may not be able to control the situation given, but you can control your emotional outcome.

### DELETE Your Negativity –

Even after you say the C+A+D several times, you might battle the urge to go back to the negative thoughts and emotions. STOP IT! It will make you preoccupied with self-doubt. That won't ever be a WIN-WIN situation. Take action and visualize yourself pressing down on the Ctrl + Alt + Del. Restart and reboot your thoughts, emotions, and negative impulses. If you have time to keep investing in the negative thoughts and emotions—you can invest in altering them by practicing the alternative steps.

Change your outcome. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain by using this Positive Shift Tool Kit!

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

~ Stacie René [www.positiveshiftahead.com](http://www.positiveshiftahead.com)



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# READERS RIDES *Tim Keppen*



I have built a good number of custom bikes over the years. This one has been on my mind for a long time, so this past winter I decided to do it. This trike started out as a 2015 Harley-Davidson Fat Bob. I used a Frankenstein rear-end and did all the custom work on it. It sure is lots of fun to ride and it goes down the road great. This was one of the most enjoyable builds I have done. Truth be told, I still prefer two wheels!

Thanks, Tim



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## FRIDAY

- Davison Eagles ~ DAVISON  
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8/9, 8/23, 9/6, 9/20

## SATURDAY

- Knoll View Golf ~ Au Gres (4-9 PM)
- Stingers Bar & Grill ~ WIXOM  
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## SUNDAY

- Decker's Lounge ~ MIDLAND (ALL DAY)
- Woody's Bancroft Tavern ~ BANCROFT  
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Thursday **AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>**

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Thursday

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5 pm to 7 pm

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Saturday **AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup>**

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# VETERANS CORNER



## RESOURCES FOR VETERANS

There are a wealth of resources and organizations dedicated to serving veterans and their families in recognition of their service and sacrifices made. There are a tremendous number of resources out there, many of which can be accessed by <https://www.michiganveterans.com/> We wanted to include a few items here worth mentioning specifically, but will have far more online at <http://thunderroadsmichigan.com/> – just click on the veterans tab.

### VETERANS CRISIS LINE

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Health Administration (VHA) has established a national Veterans Crisis Line to ensure that Veterans in emotional crisis have free, 24/7 access to trained counselors. To operate the hotline, the VA partnered with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Veterans, family members and friends can call the lifeline number, 800-273-TALK (8255) and press “1” to be routed to the hotline and speak to a counselor about any issue that is creating a crisis situation in his or her life.

### STATE HUNTING AND FISHING

Eligibility: Michigan provides for eligible resident disabled Veterans and former prisoners of war to receive a fishing license, hunting license, fur taker permit, deer permit, wild turkey permit, wetlands habitat stamp or any combination of these licenses free of charge.

More information can be found at <https://militaryhuntingandfishing.com/michigan/>

### COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICES

In Michigan, each county has a Veterans Service Office which is staffed with professionals that are certified and dedicated to helping Veterans, their spouses and children, as well as surviving family members of deceased Veterans. They can assist Ohio’s Veterans in applying for benefits earned by active military service. These include:

**Federal** – Disability Compensation, Pension, Healthcare, Education, Home Loans, Burial and Survivor Benefits

**State** – Veterans Bonus, Education, Employment, Healthcare, Home Loans, Michigan Veterans Homes, and Military Injury Relief Fund.

**Local** – Claim Preparation and Assistance, Financial Assistance, Transportation to VA Medical Appointments, and Indigent Burials.

Many County Veterans Service and County Recorders also make Veterans ID Cards.

Michigan Veterans can find their local Service Office by calling 800-MICH-VET (800-642-4838) or by visiting [www.michiganveterans.com](http://www.michiganveterans.com)

### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

American Legion Riders chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children’s hospitals, schools, veterans’ homes, severely wounded service members and scholarships. Since 2006, riders nationwide have participated in the Legion Legacy Run, to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001.

There are chapters all across Ohio. You can visit the group page on Facebook, American Legion Riders of Michigan – or visit your local American Legion for more information. You can also visit online at – <https://michiganlegion.org/riders>

### COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

We are an Association of Combat Veterans from all branches of the United States Armed Forces who ride motorcycles as a hobby. Our mission now is to support and defend those who have defended our country and our freedoms. Our membership is comprised of Full Members (those with verified combat service) and Supporter Members (those who have non-combat military service and have a sincere dedication to helping veterans). Many members continue to serve in our Armed Forces, with several serving in combat areas now. Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association has over 250 Chapters in all 50 states, along with 2 in Germany and 1 in South Korea.

Veterans interested in learning more about Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association can visit:

[www.combatvet.us](http://www.combatvet.us) or [www.cvmami35-4.org](http://www.cvmami35-4.org)

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### VFW RIDERS

We are a Riders Club comprised of VFW members. This includes Veterans, Auxiliary & Social Members. You must belong to a VFW to join the Riders Club. We enjoy riding with others with a common theme in mind.

Our mission is to raise awareness for all VFW Posts, Veterans, Active Duty Service Men & Women. We raise monies to donate to Veteran Organizations. We have escorted a Congressional Medal of Honor Winner. We escort funerals of Veterans. We attend functions to help educate people as to what belonging to a VFW is all about.

District 4  
[vfwmidist4.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=17935](http://vfwmidist4.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=17935)

### OTHER RESOURCES FOR VETERANS

If you have other health or human resource needs, please consider contacting your local United Way. Just dial 2-1-1 on your telephone to be connected with the United Way health and human services hotline. The United Way can help you find programs to help with needs ranging from medical, housing, mental health, heat, electricity, food, etc. Your local VFW branch can also be of assistance. Many have clubs, committees and volunteers to help address issues of local veterans.

Along with transportation, the United Way, churches and Aging programs may offer other services to individuals in need. Look for programs that assist anyone in need rather than strictly searching for veterans' programs.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

Veterans Benefits Administration Home Page  
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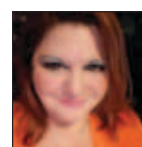
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### Why Do You Need It?

If you are pulled over and do not have a valid motorcycle endorsement, a law enforcement officer may arrest you and impound your motorcycle. You can be charged with a misdemeanor, with penalties of up to \$500 fine and/or up to 90 days in jail for your first offense. That's not the worst of it - I have personally worked with several clients who were in crashes and did not have a valid motorcycle endorsement. In those cases, the defense attorney tried to paint my client as inexperienced and flouting the law.

Obviously, not having an endorsement does not necessarily mean you are inexperienced. To combat the defense's argument, I show how long my client has been riding, all the training and experience they have, and how it was actually the conduct of the car/truck driver that caused the crash.

It is also important to note that, if you are in a crash, not having a motorcycle endorsement does **not limit your eligibility to receive no-fault benefits if they are otherwise payable**. As long as a "motor vehicle" (car, truck, tractor trailer, etc.) was involved in the crash, and you own and insure the bike you are riding when the crash occurs, you can still be eligible for no-fault benefits, even without a motorcycle endorsement.

All that being said, if you ride, I do recommend obtaining a motorcycle endorsement. It's the law! Why subject yourself to unnecessary points on your license and a hefty fine? Further, in a crash scenario, why even give the negligent driver's lawyer the chance to claim that you were acting illegally and are inexperienced? For less than \$20 and a little bit of your time, they won't have the chance.

### Resources:

There are many other details that can be found at the Michigan Secretary of State website, regarding topics such as drivers/operators ages 16 to 18, members of the military that passed the requirements to ride legally on base, renewing a motorcycle endorsement, special information regarding three-wheel motorcycles, and more. Here's a short link to get you there: <https://tinyurl.com/Mich-SOS-MC>.

For more great information about motorcycle law, be sure to visit our website: [www.motorcyclawyeremichigan.com](http://www.motorcyclawyeremichigan.com).

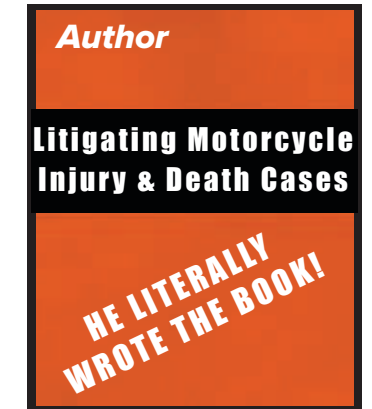
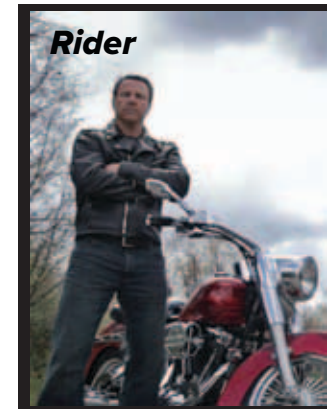


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# The JOKERS WILD

A trucker's wife sees 3 parrots for sale; \$170, \$150 & \$10. She asks why the last parrot is so cheap? The pet store owner said it was raised in a whore house. The woman laughs and buys it. She gets home with the parrot and as soon as she brings it through the door the parrot says, "Wow! a new ho' house!". The woman laughs. When her 2 daughters come over to see the new pet, the parrot says, "Dang!! 2 new gals!". They all laugh. When her husband walks in the door, the parrot yells out, "Hey Joe! See you found the new spot!".

HEAVENLY FUNNY ACTUAL CHURCH SIGNS.....

God Didn't Create Anything Without A Purpose....

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Adam & Eve...The First People To Not Read The Apple Terms & Conditions.

Jesus is Coming.....Look Busy!

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Noah Was A Brave Man To Sail In A Wooden Boat With 2 Termites.

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We Are Still Open Between Christmas & Easter. js

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Too Hot To Keep Changing Sign. Sin Bad. Jesus Good. Details Inside.

Whoever Stole Our A.C. Unit, Keep It....It's Really Hot Where You're Going.

Lent.....Not Just For Bellybuttons.

The Most Powerful Position Is On Your Knees.

Need A Lifeguard? Ours' Walks On Water.

What Happens In Vegas Is Forgiven In Here.

Man, I swear if I see just one more person texting while driving I'm gonna' put my window down, pull up next to them, and throw my beer at them.

An elementary school class goes on a field trip to the police station.

The Officer points to the 10 Most Wanted list and tells them that these are the most wanted fugitives in the U.S.A. Lil' Joey points to the #1 man on the list and asks, 'So this guy here is the most wanted man in the entire country?' The Officer says 'That's right young man, he has dodged us for almost 5 years now.'

Lil' Joey asks 'Well, not tryin' to tell you how to do your job, but why didn't you just hold onto him after you were done taking his picture?'

So Lil' Joey and his Family are at the local camp-ground and it's his turn to walk their dog. He takes him to a wooded area near the lake and let's their dog 'Rebel' take a dump. A Park Ranger zooms up on his Segway and Lil' Joey is standing there holding his beloved Pitbull.

The Ranger says, 'Did you just allow your dog to take a crap right near the lake? Did you not read the sign?'

Lil' Joey says 'Yeah, I read the sign and did exactly like it said.' The Park Ranger looks at Lil' Joey holding Rebel and reads the sign out loud; If Your Dog Poops, Please Pick It Up!

A man walks into a drug store with his 8-year old son. They happen to walk by the condom display, and the boy asks, 'What are these, Dad?' The man matter-of-factly replies, 'Those are called condoms, son. Men use them to have safe sex.' 'Oh I see, replied the boy. Yes, we learned about that in Health class at school.' He looks over the display and picks up a package of 3 and asks, 'Why are there 3 in this package?' The dad replies, 'Those are for high school boys, one for Friday, one for Saturday, and one for Sunday.' 'Cool' says the boy. He notices a 6 pack and asks, 'Then who are these for?' 'Those are for college men,' the dad answers, 'Two for Friday, two for Saturday, and two for Sunday.' 'WoW!' exclaimed the boy, 'Then who uses these?' he asks, picking up a 12 pack. With a heavy sigh and a tear in his eye, the Dad replied, 'Those are for married men son, one for January, one for February, one for March.....!'



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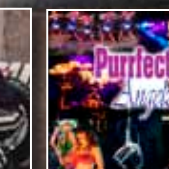
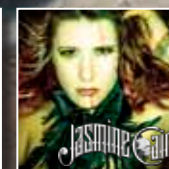
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**The 6th Annual**



### 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 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!*



# 2019 MICHIGAN THUNDER RUN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST

## AUGUST 2019 STOPS MAP



ALL STOPS



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# 2019 MICHIGAN THUNDER RUN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST

## 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](http://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-ins and some stops only get a couple of people that check-in each month, which means you have an excellent chance of winning!**

### 702 Bar & Grill (1)

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.

### After Dark Fantasies (2)

152 E. Saginaw Rd Suite 1, Sanford, MI 48657. (989) 687-9669 Hours: Sun 11-6 pm, M-Th 10 am-9 pm, Fri/Sat 10 am-10 pm. 1 winner receives choice of a \$50 mystery gift basket or choice of \$25 gift card each month. Biker 20% discount - mention Thunder Roads, loyalty rewards, small business with the best customer service, friendly & knowledgeable.

### Bad River Bar & Grill (3)

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!

### Baldwin Bowling Center (A)

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.

### Dan Dan The Mattress Man (M)

802 Ashman St, Midland, MI 48640. (989) 832-1866 Hours: M & Th 9-7, T, W, F 9-6, Sat 10-5, Sun closed. 1 person wins a candle each month. Great prices, Great selection, Great Customer Service.

### Decker's Lounge (4)

402 E. Ellsworth, Midland, MI 48640. (989) 835-7592 Hours: M-Sat 11 am-2 am, Sun Noon-Midnight. 1 person wins \$20 Gift Card each month. Bike Day Sunday - All Day! \$5 deluxe burgers! \$4 Rebel Yell, Wednesday steak night only \$6.50, Great Burgers, outdoor patio.

### Ghost Town Saloon (B)

6422 Pingree Rd, Elwell, MI 48832. (989) 463-4693 Hours: M-Th 11 am-10 pm, Fri & Sat 11 am-1 am, Sun Noon-8 pm. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. Bike Nights Thursday 6 pm-10 pm. Outdoor patio, great food, corn hole, horseshoe pits.

### Great Lakes Harley-Davidson (C)

3850 S. Huron Rd (M-13), Bay City, MI 48706. (989) 686-0400 Hours: M-10 am-7 pm, T-F 10 am-6 pm, Sat 10-3, Sun closed. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. Great selection of new/used bikes & accessories- located in the heart of the tri-cities. (See ad this issue)

### Hell Saloon (D)

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 an 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.

### Hi-Way Inn (E)

715 Kosciusko St, Manistee, MI 49660. (231) 398-9188 Hours: M-Sat 11-2 am, Sun Noon-midnight. 1 person wins a \$15 Gift Card each month. Bike Nights Tuesday 5-9 pm/Chicken Tacos \$1/Free Pool/Open Mic, Happy Hour M-Th 11-7 pm, Th Beef Tacos \$1. It's 5:00 Somewhere, Ice Cold Beer.

### Iron Horse Bar & Grill (H)

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

### Knoll View Golf (F)

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.

### McNastys Saloon (G)

19300 Waltz Rd, New Boston, MI 48164. (734) 753-4900 Hours: M 10am-10pm, T-Sat 10 am-2 am, Sun noon-10pm. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. Great food, Great People, Great Times! Family owned with a Cheers atmosphere, try their fried pickle spears! A nice ride from anywhere.

### Midland Brewing Company (5)

5011 N. Saginaw Rd, Midland, MI 48642. (989) 259-7210 Hours: Sun 11-8 pm, M-Th 11-10 pm, Fri/Sat 11-11 pm. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. Best patio in town, cornhole, firepit, great food & beer.

### Remus Tavern (H)

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

### Riverdale Tavern (G)

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 1/2 lb footlongs- dress your dog.

### River Rock Bar & Grill (7)

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

### Rocco's Bar & Grill (8)

692 West Center, Essexville, MI 48732. (989) 778-1399 Hours: M/T 10:30 am-8 pm, W/Th 10:30 am-11 pm, Fri/Sat 10:30 am-2:30 am, Sun Noon-8 pm. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. Bike Night Thursdays -half lb burger/dom beer for \$6.50, Fish fry Fri perch/ cod 4-9 pm, grilled steak dinners Sat 4-9 pm, Karaoke Fri/Sat

### Shiawassee Harley-Davidson (I)

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

### Sholty's Bar (J)

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.

### Shot n Shell Bar (9)

201 Woodside Ave, Essexville, MI 48732. (989) 894-4290 Hours: Sun noon-2 am, M-Sat 10 am-2 am. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. Bike Nights Wednesday & free pool, great food, outdoor seating with entertainment on weekends in summer.

### Sidney Tavern (o)

3045 S. Derby Rd, Sidney, MI 48885. (989) 328-5008 Hours: Sun noon-10 pm, M-Th 11 am- midnight, Fri/Sat 11 am-2 am. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. Bike Night Thursday, check in 5 times any day of the week and receive a free drink of your choice (free drink given on Thursdays only)

### Stables Martini & Cigar Bar (a)

804 E. Midland St, Bay City, MI 48706. (989) 891-0717 Hours: T-Sun 4 pm-? 1 person wins \$20 gift card each month. Cigars, food, music nightly, outdoor patio, pool table.

### The Blue Bar & Restaurant (b)

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

### The Evening Post Bar & Grill (N)

114 W. 4th St, Clare, MI 48617. (989) 386-5990 Hours: M-Sat 8 am-11 pm, Sun 10 am-10 pm. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. Awesome food, patio, Bike Night August 6th.

### The Rusty Nail (d)

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.

continued

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## THE STOPS continued

**Wet Spot Bar (aka Beach House) (e)**  
198 N. Shore Dr, Crystal, MI 48891. (989) 235-4969  
Hours: Sun noon-11 pm, M-Th 11:30 am- 11 pm, Fri/Sat 11:30 am- 2 am. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. Great food, outdoor patio

wins a \$20 gift card. Patio, Great food, Taco Tues, Wedns 50 cent Wings/Trivia, Music Th-Sat 8 pm/ Sun 6 pm- 10 pm

**Woody's Bancroft Tavern (K)**  
119 Warren St, Bancroft, MI 48414. (989) 634-5455  
Hours: M-Sat 11 am-close, Sun Noon- 10 pm. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. Bike Day Sundays Noon- 1/2 Lb Burger & Fries with Domestic Draft \$10

**Zone 18 Bar & Grill (L)**  
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.

# CLAIM YOUR PRIZE

BELOW IF YOU SEE YOUR RIDE CARD NUMBER LISTED NEXT TO A LOCATION THEN GO TO THAT LOCATION WITH THIS THUNDER ROADS MAGAZINE & YOUR RIDE CARD AND CLAIM YOUR PRIZE THERE! YOU HAVE ONLY 45 DAYS FROM THE 1ST OF THIS MONTH

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# JULY WINNERS



WINNING RIDE CARD #	JUNE STOPS	WINNING RIDE CARD #	JUNE STOPS
16200	702 Bar & Grill	11235	Shiawassee Harley-Davidson
16798	AfterDark Fantasies	16614	Sholty's Bar
15188	Bad River Bar & Grill	11122	Shot n Shell Bar
16711	Baldwin Bowling Center	11981	Sidney Tavern
NO CHECK-IN BY 10TH	Dan Dan the Mattress Man	NO CHECK-IN BY 10TH	Stables
05521	Decker's Lounge	14411	The Blue Bar & Restaurant
162280	Ghost Town Saloon	16761	The Evening Post Bar & Grill
16373	Great Lakes Harley-Davidson	14264	The Rusty Nail
09920	Hell Saloon	09803	Wet Spot/Beach House
14500	Hi-Way Inn	11121	Wil-Lew Lounge
05381	Iron Horse Bar & Grill	13844	Woody's Bancroft Tavern
13941	Knollview Golf	13939	Zone 18 Bar & Grill
15613	McNastys Saloon	14719	CALL OR EMAIL TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE
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15183	Riverdale Tavern	16372	CALL OR EMAIL TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE
15238	River Rock Bar & Grill	07483	CALL OR EMAIL TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE
06493	Rocco's Bar & Grill		

MAKE SURE TO CHECK NEXT MONTH TO SEE IF YOU WON AT ANY OF THE STOPS YOU CHECKED IN AT THIS MONTH

# NOT POLITICALLY CORRECT



Summer is here and so is the heat and humidity, so stay hydrated. When riding, always carry water; you never know when you or someone else might need it. Getting dehydrated on a bike, or anywhere, can be a costly mistake.

Mistakes happen; after all, we are just human. Should we hold it against someone for the mistakes of their past, especially if it had nothing to do with us? Isn't that like "casting the first stone?" Yes, our justice system needs to be reformed and I am not talking about serious crimes like murder, so go easy on me.

Don't throw stones; be a fact-finder and get both sides of the story. A famous writer and movie producer, Dinesh D'Souza was convicted by the federal government and labeled a felon. He soon found out how that label felon affected his everyday life. Fortunately for him, his story got on President Trump's desk. The President called him and after Dinesh explained his side to the President (in short), "I was just trying to help a friend," the President's reply was: "YOU GOT SCREWED." Dinesh got a pardon.

Just because someone made a mistake doesn't mean they're bad. Help keep that person hydrated and give them a second chance; as the Lord stated, "Turn the other cheek," you never know if that person may have a bottle of water that you will desperately need some day. Learning from our own mistakes is the best teacher, because nobody's perfect.

What did you learn today?

FACT: Some people (not all) commit three felonies a day and don't even know it!

As always, may God bless you.

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ABATE of Michigan is very concerned about the passage in the middle of the night about insurance reform with no public hearing. It cannot be good for motorcyclists. Our president Vince Consiglio and Jim Rhodes have been constantly trying to get our Legislators to protect motorcyclists when involved in an accident. The amount that someone carries can be as little as \$50,000, which may possibly cover you two days in the hospital. Insurance companies get to keep the \$20-\$30 billion in the current catastrophic fund to pay the current claims and then split the profits, says Vince. Our Attorney, Dondi Vesprini of Buckfire Law Firm says that "We still really don't have a good understanding as to what's in the legislation and the total effect but so far, it doesn't look good for anyone, let alone motorcycle riders!"

ABATE also has in the works "The Equal Justice/Danny Yensch Bill" when a biker is involved in a fatal accident. Many times individuals are killed, with little or no consequences to the person causing the fatality. ABATE is looking into getting a bill sponsor for "filtering" by motorcyclists when traffic is at a standstill such as a construction zone or stoplight. You would be allowed to get to the side of the road and continue traveling at a safe speed. This is not to be confused with lane splitting which is allowed in several states (not Michigan) and is often abused. ABATE is working to get a bill to set-up a private "Motorcycle Advisory Board" consisting of a number of members made up of motorcycle riders active in the community, motorcycle dealers, concerned riders and legislators, which would be set up along the lines of the snowmobile advisory board, which is very helpful to everyone who enjoys the thrill of riding.

I'm sure everyone who reads *Thunder Roads* knows about the catastrophic accident that happened in New Hampshire involving the Jarheads M/C, with seven riders dead and several severely injured persons. So tragic. I'm sure there are a few good men who would like to have a one-on-one with the driver of the truck and follow-up with him on how they feel. ABATE of Michigan Region 14 and the American Legion Post 268 donated money to the GoFundMe account to help the families of those Marines and one Navy Corpsman lost. May they ride free to the gates of heaven and St. Peter open the gates and bless them all.

I cannot express enough about Motorcycle Awareness with all the crashes lately regarding distracted drivers. We have two local riders, one from Region 14 and one from Region 15, both involved in accidents which were not their fault. One was crushed between two cars and the other was T-boned because of distracted drivers. They both can use prayers. I don't want to put their names out there but if you can pray to St. Michael the Archangel, defender of the church and chief opponent of Satan, and St. Christopher, the patron saint of travelers, it would be appreciated.

Please try to make our Suicide Prevention/Motorcycle Awareness Event on August 24th at the Milan American Legion Post 268. We can use all the support we can get from the riding community and bring attention to the important issues. We have a full day of activities, starting with breakfast and including a motorcycle run, guest speakers, displays, door prizes, raffles and entertainment! If you're interested in being a sponsor or riding in our event, please call Hot Rod at 419-349-8075.

May the road rise to meet you and the wind always be at your back!

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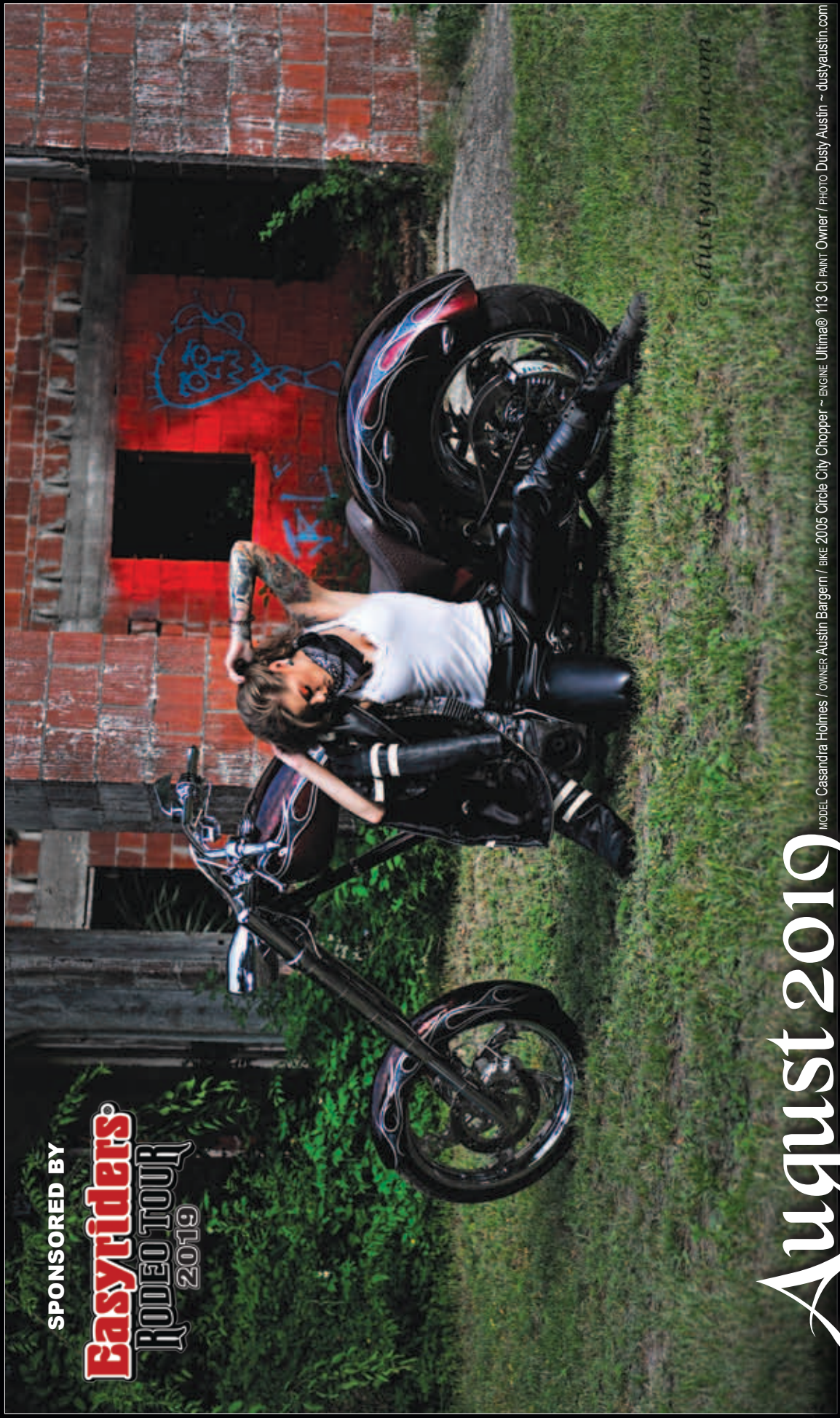
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
						<b>MOTORCYCLE RALLY</b> Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort  <b>TEDDY BEAR RIDE</b> Great Lakes H-D
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>ESCORT KIDS (GLBC)</b> Wings Stadium  <b>RIDE WITH US (GLBC)</b> Paw Paw Park N' Ride						<b>DENISE DEHN RIDE</b> Midland Eagles
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
					<b>EASYSRIDERS RODEO TOUR</b> Fowlerville Fairgrounds	<b>EASYSRIDERS RODEO TOUR</b> Fowlerville Fairgrounds  <b>MAD RIDE (GLBC)</b> Zeigler Motorsports
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>EASYSRIDERS RODEO TOUR</b> Fowlerville Fairgrounds						<b>MOTORCYCLE RACES</b> Lucky Thumb, Deford
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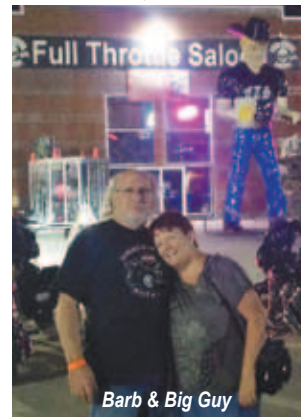
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# Wild and Three



Barb & Big Guy

Last month, I promised more details on our trip to Ohio's famous Windy 9. For anyone not familiar with it, visualize the town of Athens, Ohio as the center of a daisy. The "petals" of the daisy are nine separate scenic riding routes of around 60-100 miles each surrounding Athens. These routes all have names: Rim of the World (87 miles), Southern Dip (94 miles), Hocking Hills Nipper (93 miles), Lazy Rivers (101 miles), Zaleski Zipper (51 miles), Pioneer Pass (105 miles), Pomeroy Dash (64 miles), Black Diamond Run (101 miles), and The Triple Nickle—arguably the most famous route, with no set length. The Triple Nickle follows Ohio Route 555.

We camped just outside Athens. The first morning, we jumped on Route 144 heading south, circling Shade River State Forest, and Buffington Island State Memorial. We stopped for lunch and circled back toward our campground, riding short segments of Southern Dip, Pioneer Pass, and Rim of the World.

Day Two dawned, and we headed out on Rim of the World, switching over to the Triple Nickle, heading north. We rode parts of Pioneer Pass, crossed over 555 again and decided to run to Fink's H-D in Zanesville. To get there, we rode Route 93 all the way to the dealership. Cool place. Heading south, we rolled on via 555 to Ringgold, where we switched over to Rim of the World, and continued through Athens, back to the campground.

On Day Three, we followed the Southern Dip along the Ohio River to Gallipolis. Southern Dip continued south and west, and then we shifted to the Zaleski Zipper for a short run. Soon enough, we moved to the Hocking Hills Nipper, following it to the Black Diamond Run, then shifted southward again, back to Athens.

If you like curvy, winding, scenic routes with light traffic and a lot to see, you'll love Ohio's Windy 9. The roads twine through fields, across scenic bridges, and trace shorelines. Small towns dot the landscape, brimming with friendly people, interesting shops, and great restaurants/microbrew taprooms. We saw fields full of animals; amiable cows munching their cud, litters of pigs, chickens, horses, and the occasional donkey. We collected amiable waves from farmers riding tractors in their fields. The roads are well-maintained with minimal potholes, and there are tons of biker-friendly hotels and campgrounds in the area. *Definitely* worth the trip.



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BY GENEVA

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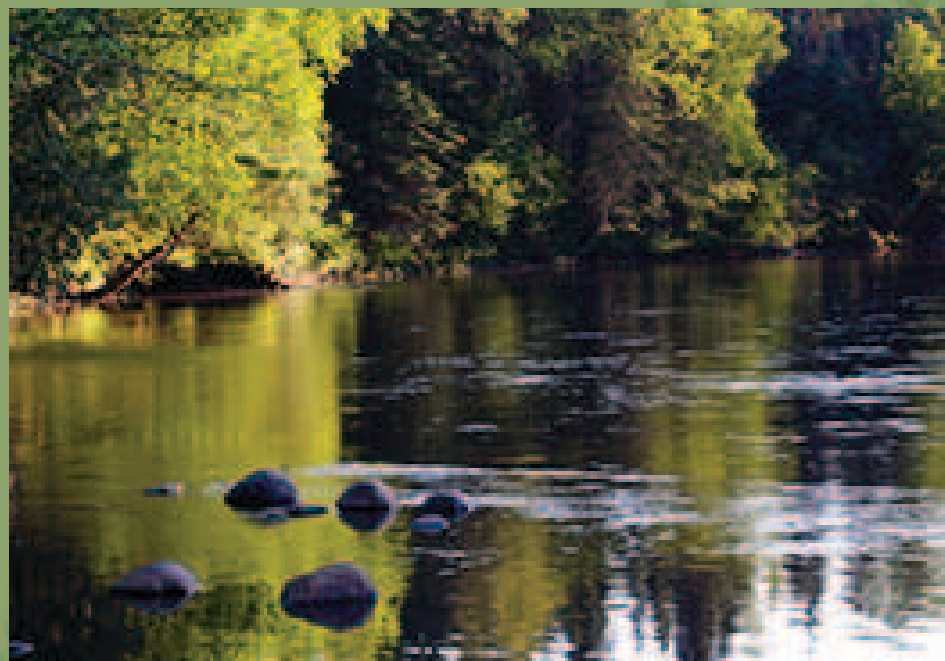
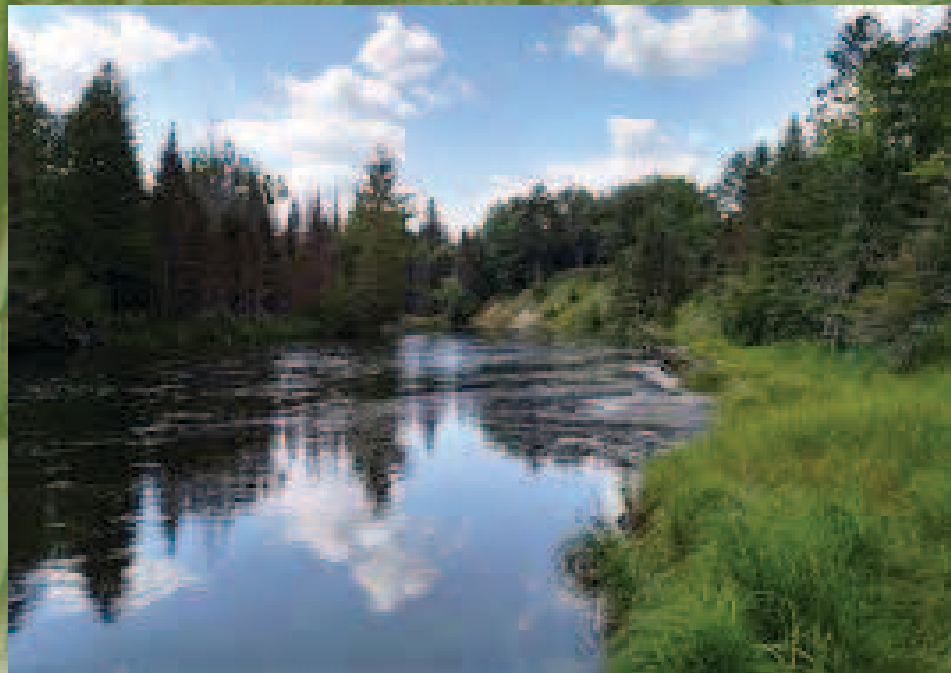

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# FISHING FOR FLIES

BY Ben Schanz



I learned to fly fish on the Au Sable River near Luzerne, Michigan. My great-uncle Bill taught me when I was about eight years old and every time I pull my fly rod out of the case, I can almost hear his voice: “Back and forth, Ben, back and forth.”

I remember his first lessons. In the yard of the cabin on the river, he placed in my awkward hands, a fishing rod longer than any other that I have ever held. He told me to imagine that I was standing in the face of a clock, and the rod was the hand. *Ten to two* was the only path of that hand, though. *Ten to two*. In a rhythm, much like music, with grace and balance. *Ten to two, back and forth*. I repeated that cadence until my wrist hurt. I can't recall if it was the same day or the next, but he eventually strung the line through the guides on the rod, and tied on a tired old fly he had clipped the barb off of. I repeated the back and forth cadence—for hours if I recall—all the while, looking down the hill over the river, wishing to get the chance to climb in the water, and hook into a trout. Fishing in the purest form.

I remember his instructions when lifting the rod, and the line, to start your back cast, I needed to pull the line towards me slightly, to start the momentum backwards. Once the line caught up with the rod behind me, only then could I begin the motion forward. I would then feel the line race out towards the target, and with a little luck, the fly on the end would float graciously to the water, or in this case, the lawn beside the cabin. For quite some time, the line bunched

up in front of me forming a pile of line, making quite a mess. The leader would tangle, and Uncle Bill patiently untangled the knots that I created, and urged me along. As I got the mechanics of the lift correct, I found myself rushing the fore cast, and snapping that tired old fly clean off the leader. After Uncle Bill tied another fly onto the leader and reminded me, “back and forth, back and forth,” I practiced there in the yard for hours. I practiced until that fly rod became a part of me.

After some time of practicing the back-and-forth motion, learning the rod's characteristics, and feeling the rod load with power, letting me know when all was ready for launch out before me, Uncle Bill decided that I was ready to try the river. He tied on a good fly, soaked it in silicon water repellent and started off down the hill. I anxiously followed. He handed me the rod, and told me to stand in a very specific place, and cast toward the feeder creek that ran through his property. I was very nervous, and a bit cold, but I cast my fly towards that creek's mouth and bunched my line up a few yards in front of me. Uncle Bill was on the dock, reminding me about the form the nervousness and the cold river water caused me to neglect. After a few casts towards the creek, there was a little splash, and my fly that was once floating delicately on the surface of the calm water near the creek's mouth was gone. “Lift your rod tip up Ben to set the hook,” he instructed. I did, in a nervous and panicked fashion, and pulled that fly right out of the fish's mouth.

He advised me that trout have thin lips and pulling too hard will pull the hook right through. He told me that I needed to set the hook gently, like I was tapping the ceiling with the rod tip. I cast again and again to the same spot, and before too long, another splash took my fly under, this time, I saw the white belly of a trout break the surface. I set the hook as Uncle Bill had instructed, and felt the pull of my first fly rod brook trout. I saw this little green body with bright red flanks try to dart out into the current. Like a bullet, it rushed out towards the main river, trying to resist the pressure that I was applying with the rod and reel. This fish was yanking and tugging with all his might to free the hook from its mouth. I continued to reel the fish in, until it was close enough to grab. I softly placed my hand around its shiny little body, and admired its sheer sides. Green on top, with very bright red stripes running his length, all marked with spots tinted with blue. The fins were red like blood, marked with a black stripe and a white edge. I looked up onto the dock to see my Uncle Bill give me a nod of his head, and a sly little grin, all while peering over his eyeglasses at me. “Nice fish,” he said. He turned up the hill, and walked up to the cabin. I continued to fish until dark, catching fish that I am certain Uncle Bill put there just for me.

Now that I look back at that memory, I figure that grin was my uncle's way of saying to himself that he had enriched my life. The truth is, he has. With that lesson to fly fish, my uncle opened a whole new world to me.

It gave me the freedom to explore. Every trip to the cabin, I ventured further away from the feeder creek and into the mainstream. Regardless how far away I walked, I always stayed within eyesight of the cabin, and often, I saw Uncle Bill standing on top of the hill watching over me.

I learned how to read a river. A river will talk to you, if you are willing to listen. She will show you things. The current pressing harder against my legs told me that I should choose another path. The breaks in the current showed me where to look for the places fish will hide to ambush their prey. The banks, under-swept by years of running water, provided safe refuge for the fish of my dreams. I learned beauty, long before I knew what it really was. Those expeditions onto the river taught me the importance of congruence with nature. If you were not part of it, you were against it, because trout are finicky fish. If your fly drags in the water, or floats by in a manner any different from the insect you are trying to mimic, the fish will not eat it. You need to know the way the river moves, and works, and if you are there to listen, she will tell you.

As I grew older, my trips to the cabin became fewer and fewer. The times that I did make it up there, most of my time was spent on the river. If I was not fishing, then I would be watching, listening, and soaking in all that she was willing to give. Eventually I started spending more time inside the cabin, sharing meals

and conversation with my Uncle Bill and my Aunt Marilyn. I always made time to fish, just not as frequently. When I got into high school, my trips to the cabin all but ceased, and with their rising age, and the upkeep required for the cabin, they sold the property.

I continued to fly fish, but I was reduced to casting flies to the bluegill in a couple local farm ponds. I caught small bass on the fly rod, too. The problem is that those fish, as remarkable as they are, pale in comparison to the beauty and intrigue of trout. It felt like I was settling, but at least I had that fly rod in my hands. Even while I was catching the “other” fish, I could still faintly hear my Uncle's coaching, *back and forth, back and forth*.

After years of combing the farm ponds with my fly rod, perfecting the art, I had a revelation. When life was particularly stressful, I realized that my worst days were remedied by grabbing the fly rod, and heading to the pond's edge. I realized then, that fly-fishing was more about the fisherman, and less

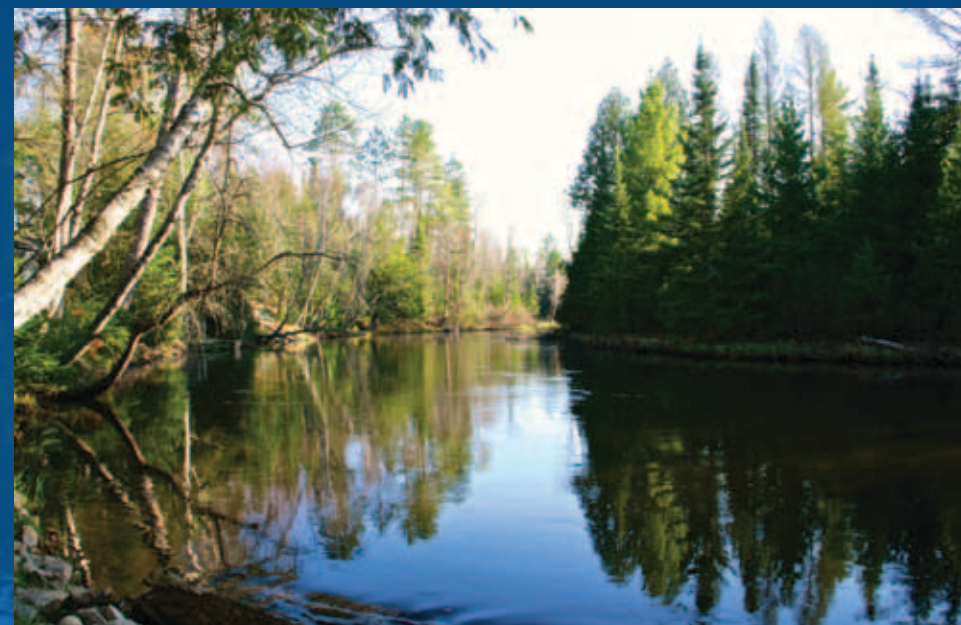
about the fish. I long for the days when I was younger, paying attention to the subtle signs the river would give, to reveal the locations of the fish I dreamed of. I longed for the colorful little fish, trying to pull my arms right from their sockets, only to reluctantly give in. Every chance that I get to float a fly on the surface of the water is a soul-cleansing experience. Bass and bluegill require less perfection than trout, but they still require a great amount of skill. They still require you to be in tune with the bigger scheme of things. There is no faking it when you are fly-fishing.

In my late twenties, I moved to Florida and made friends with a couple people with offshore fishing boats. I fell in love with the ocean quickly, and caught big and powerful ocean fish that would eat those brook trout I was catching on the river in one bite. I have caught large bass, up to nine pounds on ultra-lite tackle freshwater fishing in Florida.

I still miss the days on the river. Pure and innocent I was then. Over the years, I have become more jaded. The rigors of earning a living, keeping schedules, and making deadlines have tarnished the person that I was back then, a wide-eyed child, looking for another hole to work. I pull the fly rod from its case, and search for relief. I fix the reel to the reel seat, and run the line through the guides, remembering that back and forth motion. Much like life, fly-fishing is made up of a series of back and forth motions, performed on a silent cadence, with the finish coming soft and subtly.

I reach out and begin the rearward motion, drawing the line towards me, building energy, loading. I feel the rod flex in my hands as the line reaches the end of the stroke, ready to launch forward to its target. I move the rod forward, feeling the line's momentum swing into a big arch behind me, moving forward before me, and watch the finish, softly, subtly, onto the water. If I do not catch fish this time, it is fine by me, because I can almost see my uncle there, on the hill, watching me over the frames of his glasses, whispering, “back and forth Ben, back and forth.”

To quote the movie *A River Runs Through It*, “I am haunted by waters.”



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# Biker Preacher's Corner

As the month of August is the eighth month of the year, I'm going to help you uncover the Biblical meaning of the number eight and what it means to you. In short, the number eight represents new beginnings; it also meaning a new order or creation, and that when we human beings truly turn to Christ Jesus we are "born again" which means we are resurrected from the dead into eternal life.

The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come."

Let me ask you an honest and personal question: "Are you a new creation?" You might be thinking to yourself...I don't know, I hope so, I want to be. Let me show you a few scriptures to help you understand what it means to have a new beginning in life.

**John 3:3—Jesus replied, "I assure you: Unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."**

What the Lord is talking about is not a natural birth but a spiritual birth whereby the Holy Spirit of God enters in and become one with your spirit, thereby being born again. We are born once naturally, but our spirits must be born again as well.

Why is this important, you might be asking? Let's look at what Jesus Himself said...

**John 14:6 Jesus told him: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."**

Let me be lovingly bold here. There is only one God. His name is actually Yahweh (Hebrew for THE LORD), He is your creator, the creator of all things. Because of sin, you and I were separated from our beloved Father, from birth, who originally created us to have a divine parental relationship with us, His children/creation.

Because of that long-ago sin, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, left His throne in glory, was born as all mankind is, lived a perfect sinless life, and died on a cross—to pay the penalty of sin for all mankind once and for all. He then rose again from the dead and ascended back to Father God in Heaven in front of his friends.

How are you made new? How are you born again? Romans 10:9 says it best.

**Romans 10:9: "If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."**

You see, it all comes down to putting your faith in God's only Son, Jesus. That's when we are born again and then all things are made new. Simply put: God's plan of salvation is Jesus!

If you're ready to be made new, to become a child of God, or maybe you've walked away from the Lord and need a do-over, accept Jesus with me by praying this little prayer, from your heart, out loud. "Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I truly believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my life of sin and invite You to come into my heart and life. I confess that Jesus is Lord! I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior from now on." AMEN

If you prayed that prayer with me, please let me know and if you're too far from Victory Biker Church, find a good Bible-teaching Holy Spirit-filled church.

Much love and respect,  
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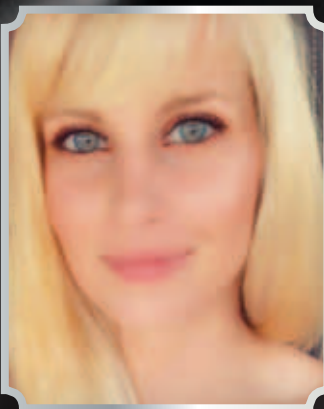
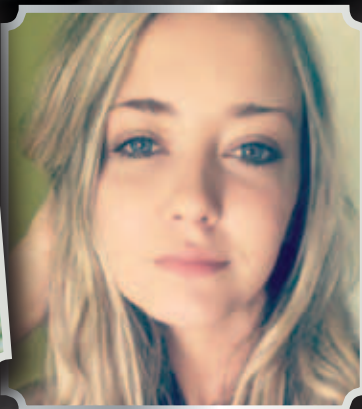
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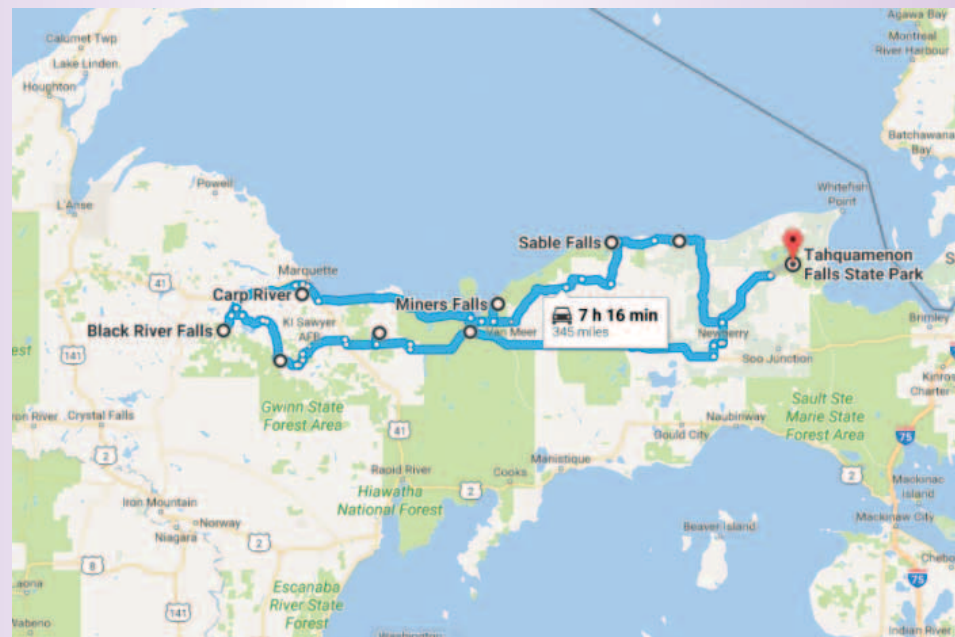
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# Here's The Perfect Weekend Itinerary if You Love Exploring Michigan's Waterfalls

# WATERFALLS

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Of course, feel free to adjust the route to fit your needs, interests, and timeline — but this is a great schedule to follow if you want take planning out of your own hands! In total, the driving time is approximately seven hours, and we've planned this trip to take place over the course of a Saturday and Sunday.

## 1. TAHQUAMENON FALLS (PARADISE)



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Tahquamenon never fails to impress, no matter how many times you've visited. With over 46,000 square acres of wilderness around the falls to explore, you've stepped into a true natural wonderland. When you're ready to grab a bite to eat, head to the nearby Brown Fisheries Fish House for a delectably fresh seafood meal.



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This one is a no-brainer: begin your trip with a short hike to Michigan's most famous falls.

## 2. SABLE FALLS (SENEY)



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After lunch, make the hour-long drive to Sable Falls. They're slightly smaller than Tahquamenon, but no less delightful. Enjoy a relaxing hike through the wooded areas surrounding the falls and cool off after your hike with a visit to the nearby beach. If you want to make the trip to the lakefront, though,

be prepared: there are quite a few stairs to climb on the walk from the falls to the water. But we guarantee that the sweeping views are well worth the trek!



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## 3. MINERS FALLS (MUNISING)



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Finish your first day of exploration with a visit to Miners Falls, which sits approximately one hour away from Sable Falls by car. This waterfall is certainly a highlight of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, and there's no more scenic way to round out a long day of natural exploration. After admiring the 40-foot drop of this forceful waterfall, head into the quaint town of Munising for the night. If you're looking for beautiful lakeside views, check into the town's Holiday Inn Express — it's situated directly on the waterfront. And, of course, you simply can't leave town without grabbing a pasty or two at Muldoon's!

## 4. CARP RIVER FALLS AND "UNNAMED FALLS" (MARQUETTE)

These falls aren't as well-known as many of their neighbors, but that doesn't make them any less spectacular. Make the scenic drive 50-minute from Munising to Marquette and lace up your hiking boots for the trek toward



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the falls. If you choose the "Unnamed Falls" route (sometimes known as Morgan Falls), you'll even get to check out a bonus waterfall on your jaunt toward Carp River Falls! After spending an hour or two in the beautiful U.P. wilderness, you've earned a quick stop in the neighboring college town of Marquette. Treat yourself to a pint of craft beer at the famous Blackrocks Brewery.

## 5. BLACK RIVER FALLS (ISHPEMING)



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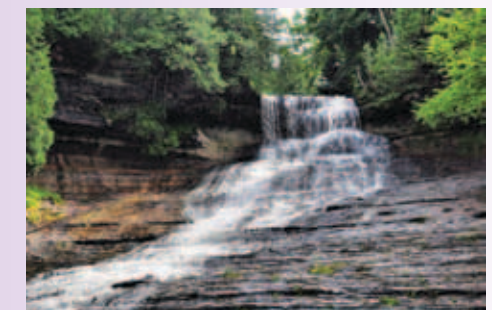


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These falls are nothing short of majestic, and they're the perfect place to spend an afternoon. The hike to the falls is brief and direct, not to mention incredibly scenic. Wander through rows of towering pine trees until you hear

the distinctive sound of rushing water from Black River Falls. You could spend all day just marveling at the beauty of this natural area, this is an ideal spot to stop and snap a few photos, the surrounding wilderness, and maybe even a selfie or two.

## 6. LAUGHING WHITEFISH FALLS (MUNISING)



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As you head toward Laughing Whitefish Falls, you've started to loop back toward your original starting point. Of course, feel free to extend your travels in any direction you please, but this is where our pre-planned itinerary draws to a close. Laughing Whitefish Falls will completely take your breath away, and there's truly no better way to finish off a weekend of outdoor exploration. There are even observation decks at Laughing Whitefish, so you're guaranteed to experience stunning views of the rushing water. When you're ready to hit the road toward home, make one final stop in Munising for a cup of coffee and a muffin or two from Falling Rock Cafe & Bookstore. After all, you'll need your energy for that long drive back to "real life."

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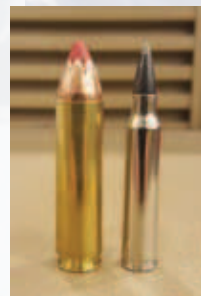
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# Bullet Points

## MULTI-TASKING

BY RICK WYATT

There is so much I want to cover (accurately) and that is the reason that this article is going to go in two separate directions. First, I want to remind those of you that hunt that this is the time to be getting the deer and/or turkey gun to the range and begin sighting in for the coming seasons. Yes, the bullet travels different in the hot humid summer atmosphere than it will when the seasons turn, but now is the time to make sure the gun(s) are in good repair, upgrade your optics, and start putting away ammunition while it is plentiful and relatively inexpensive. This is also the time to think about upgrading or replacing your firearm if that has been in the back of your mind since last season, because there are a lot of guns available now that will quickly disappear as we approach season. An added bonus of doing your hunting season shopping now rather than at the last minute is it gives you an opportunity to build a relationship with your local dealer and the smaller shops really appreciate the business because the dog days of summer are hard on gun dealers.



Speaking of deer hunting, I have been looking at the Winchester 350 Legend. All in all, I still prefer the 450 Bushmaster for hunting lower Michigan deer. Looking at the data, the first thing I noticed was that there is a ton of comparison of the 350 to rounds such as the .223, .240, and the .270 which are all verboten in the straight wall cartridge zone. In the materials I have seen, the only comparison they make between the .350 and the .450 is in the felt recoil, which shouldn't be a

primary consideration. In order to compare apples to apples, I got into Hornaday's ballistics and what I found is that at 300 yards, the .450 drops less and hits harder than the little brother. Sure, faster and flatter is nice but it's the energy the projectile hits with that most consistently puts meat on the table.

If you think recoil is a big issue, you can do some things to mitigate it, learn to manage it, or use a combination of the two to stay in a more effective firearm. How do I mitigate recoil? Here are some easy suggestions. Buy a rifle, not a carbine, because the longer barrel decreases muzzle flip which tends to exaggerate the shock and then look into adding a muzzle brake to further dampen what you feel. There are tons of bolt-on brakes available, claiming recoil reduction up to 70%; just make sure that you buy one that bolts down from both sides of the barrel for safety reasons. Adding weight to the gun by replacing the synthetic stock with a heavier wooden stock (you will get to carry all day) also helps dampen perceived recoil; Boyd makes a line of very nice drop-in units for all of the popular 450s in the market. These are things the average klutz can do without ruining their firearm, but



if money is no object, take your gun to a high-end gunsmith and have the barrel ported and stock replaced and not achieve any better results.

Recoil management is nothing more than going old-school in the way you shoot. First—and maybe most important—is to wear layers of clothing like you would during hunting season whenever you shoot your firearm. There is a world of difference in what you will feel shooting a large-caliber rifle or big shotgun if all you are wearing is a T-shirt versus the cold weather gear you will have on during hunting season. Next, get your elbow as high as you can to form a good deep pocket in your shoulder to put the butt of the stock in, then pull the gun back firmly with that strong hand and use your weak hand as more of a rest than an anchor so as not to affect accuracy. Place your cheek firmly on the stock and establish a good cheek weld to move your head with the recoil rather than eat the scope. Finally, as you start to increase pressure on the trigger, quietly chant, "I am not a sissy, I am not a sissy, I am not a sissy" through discharge and recoil; or do the practical thing and use a combination of these ideas to keep shooting fun.



The second thing that needs to be addressed is of paramount importance for every firearm owner in the United States. Something to mull over is that no matter what else you think about President Trump, he has stood up to the gun-grabbers in the United Nations and told them that the individual ownership of firearms by American citizens will not be abridged on his watch, which is more than can be said for the current slate of Democrat contenders who can't wait to impose oppressive regulations on the ownership of firearms.

All the political theater playing out in the media is serving as little more than a distraction to what is really going on behind the scenes. Nevada has passed a law, financed by billionaires George Soros and Michael Bloomberg, which makes all gun regulations local with no state or federal oversight for individual rights. One county has already moved to make it illegal to modify a firearm, claiming the language of the ordinance prohibiting the installation of bump stock devices is so broadly written that it is also illegal to do a trigger job, upgrade a slide release, change barrels or a myriad of other tweaks done to personalize a gun. At the other end of the country, the governor of New Jersey wants to make it prohibitively expensive to own or carry a firearm. He has proposed raising licensing and registration by several hundred percent and placing a new excise tax on firearms and ammunition. Please keep an eye on our governor and/or attorney general, they are cut from the same cloth!

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# IN THE SHOP WITH RON

By Ron Johnson

## A PERSONAL CHOICE

This month in the shop we have what I call a budget personalization project. To be specific, we're going to put some tape pin-stripes on a 2017 H-D Street Glide. This is a fairly inexpensive project and adds a bit of a personal touch. Having the bike parked and the seat removed, the first step is to thoroughly clean the area to be striped with a solvent-based wax and grease remover.



Use the feature lines or contour lines as a guide to maintain a symmetrical layout so both sides end up (hopefully) looking the same. For this project, we went with a simple single color two-stripe design in a dark gray metallic color with one 1/8th-inch stripe and one 3/16th-inch stripe with a 1/8th-inch space in between.



For the next step, I use 1/8th-inch fine line masking tape to lay out how and where I want the stripes. By using the masking tape, I can reposition or smooth out any lines without much problem. When laying out the masking tape, keep in mind you want to use it as a guide and run the tape stripe next to it so the masking tape needs to be 1/8th-inch or so away from where you want the actual tape stripe to be.



The stripe tape is actually three layers: the backing, the stripe(s), and a clear film on top to keep the stripes aligned with each. To apply the stripe tape, cut a piece from the roll that is plenty long enough to do the area you plan on striping—you don't want to run short in the middle of a panel; i.e., gas tank, side cover, fender etc., and have to splice the stripe. It can be done, but just doesn't look too good (solely my opinion). Next, peel the backing away, leaving the stripes attached to the clear film. Work with a short distance at a time; start at an end and guide the stripe with one hand while gently

smoothing with the other hand. I stress the word gently because by not pressing too hard if you make a mistake, you can carefully raise the tape and reposition if necessary. Leave the clear film attached until you have the stripes exactly where you want them. To trim the stripe carefully, lay a razor blade on the stripe and using the part you want to remove pull the stripe up against the blade. DO NOT PRESS BLADE INTO THE STRIPE! You will cut the surface of the paint! If it's on metal, it will eventually rust—if it's on plastic or fiberglass, it will cause chipping or flaking.

Now firmly press stripe from start to finish, with clear film still in place. Once satisfied everything is in place, carefully remove the clear protective film, leaving just the stripe. Next time you're out with a few other black Street Glides, yours won't be hard to find.



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**August 10**  
10th Annual Logan's Heroes Run  
Millington Inn, 8487 State Rd, Millington, MI. Regis 8:30-10 am, departs 10:15 am, \$15 at door, everyone welcome, incl dinner, dessert, raffles, auctions, ride ends at Davison Eagles 4 pm. For more or to regis in advance go to [www.logans-heroes.com](http://www.logans-heroes.com) or call 810-223-7544

**August 16-18**  
**Easyriders Rodeo Tour Fowlerville Fairgrounds, Fowlerville, MI.** Rodeo competition, wall of death, wet t-shirt contest, bike show, vendors, live music, food, camping & more. For more info go to [easyridersevents.com](http://easyridersevents.com) (See cover and full page ad this issue).

**August 17**  
**Blacktop Saints Riding Club MAD Ride**  
Zeigler Motorsports, Kalamazoo, MI. Regis starts at 10:30am ~ Kick stand up at Noon, \$20 per rider/ \$10 per passenger. North through scenic Gun Lake & Gull Lake area. For more info see GLBC full page ad this issue.

**August 17**  
Thunder on the Iron Range -Country Music Fest 2019  
Iron Street - Downtown Negaunee, MI. Featuring David Allan Coe. 2pm until midnight. For more info or visit the link below  
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**August 17**  
Warthogs M/C Annual Event Ride  
VFW 12250 US 27, Dewitt, MI. \$25 per rider, \$15 per passenger, includes lunch. Open to all, 50/50, silent auction, police escorted. Kickstands up noon.

**August 18**  
Legion Riders Fun Run  
American Legion Post 239, Crump, MI. Regis 9 am-noon, return 5 pm, luncheon to follow, 120-140 mile ride. For more info call Bill 269-223-2969

**August 23-25**  
Sawtooth Wolves M/C Annual EOS Party  
3800 19 Mile Rd, Barryton, MI. \$25 pp, \$25 for electric, 18 & over, no fireworks, no bad attitudes, live music, bike show, Texas Hold em Fri night, dinner Saturday. For more info call 989-285-2265

**August 24**  
Suicide Prevention & Awareness Event  
American Legion Hall, 44 Wabash St, Milan, MI. Breakfast 9-11 am, \$5 pp, bike run \$20 pp, \$30 couple, regis 10-11 am, kickstands up 11 am, includes ride, lunch, entertainment, door prizes, raffles, 50/50. For more info email [HotRodBeaton@gmail.com](mailto:HotRodBeaton@gmail.com)

**August 24 & 25**  
**Lucky Thumb M/C Motorcycle Races**  
Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Club, Deford, MI. For more info go to [luckythumbmotorcycleclub.com](http://luckythumbmotorcycleclub.com) (For details see ad this issue).

**August 28-September 1**  
**15th Annual Freedom Fest**  
Iron Horse Bar & Grill, Akron, MI. Music fest live bands & dj's, charity bike run Sunday, hog roast, vendors, free rustic camping, beer tent, 50/50, no cover all weekend, vendors contact Rich 989-551-5440 (See full page ad this issue).

**August 29-September 2**  
**Easyriders Rodeo Tour**  
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**18th Annual Motorcycle Stampede**  
Hudson Leather, Pioneer, OH. Live bands, vendors, big sale, food, bike show Sunday- all makes/models, show coupon this issue to save. (See full page ad this issue).

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**September 6-8**  
**Bikes on the Bricks**  
Saginaw Street, Downtown Flint, MI. Police Skills Competition, Rockabilly pinup girl contest & more. For more info go to [bikesonthebricks.com](http://bikesonthebricks.com) (See full page ad this issue).

September 7  
16th Annual Save the Girls Charity Ride  
Motown Harley-Davidson, Taylor, MI. Regis 9:30-11:30 am, kickstands up 11:45 am, \$30 bike/\$10 passenger, 50/50, raffle, music. For more info call Karen 313-969-9206

September 15  
Michael J's Annual Fun Run Riding for Ty  
Juicy Bone Bar & Grill, Beaverton, MI. Regis 9 am, departs 10:30 am, \$8 per rider/passenger, \$10 at door, rain or shine, all vehicles welcome, last stop/dinner at FOE, Beaverton at 4 pm, dinner 5 pm. For more info call Michael J 989-387-0916

**September 22**  
**Freedom Cruise Honor Ride**  
Fifth Third Ball Park, Comstock Park/Grand Rapids, MI. Check in Noon, details and registration at [freedomcruise.gr.com](http://freedomcruise.gr.com) (See inside Front Cover this issue)

## OCTOBER

October 5  
Fallen Heroes Memorial Run  
Shielded Souls Le/MC, 21038 Middlebelt Rd, New Boston, MI. Regis 8-10 am, starts 9 am, \$20 rider/\$10 passenger, last bike in by 12:30 pm, police escorted, dedication ceremony 1 pm, after party to follow, 50/50, raffles. For more info email [jimschultz@caveradiobroadcasting.com](mailto:jimschultz@caveradiobroadcasting.com)

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