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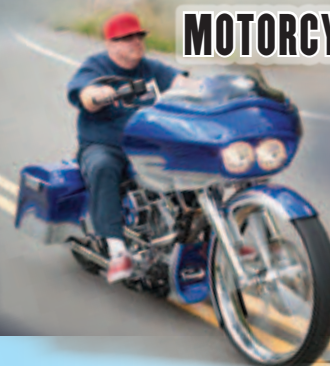
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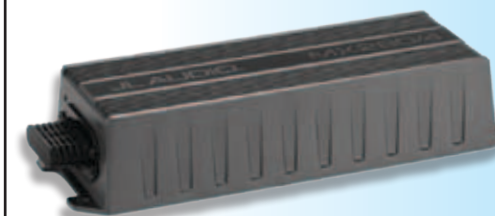
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LETTER FROM THE OWNER

Happy 4th of July!

Happy summertime! We have had a crazy start to a less-than-mediocre spring and I am hoping summer shapes up. We only have a few good months to ride in our great state so it sure would be nice if the rain would stop and the sun and warmth could come through and stay a while. I hope everyone has a nice holiday whether you spend it riding, camping, boating or just relaxing around the house—enjoy!

Be sure that you get your Free Ride Card and participate in the Ride 'n Win summer-long contest. You have a chance of winning prizes at each stop and you can check in every week. You are just throwing prizes away if you don't take advantage of this fun, no-catch contest.

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Now for some "Mo" Advice:

You can plan for what you think may happen, but chances are you will end up with just the opposite. So don't worry yourself over things, people, and outside circumstances you can't control. It always ends up working out just the way it was meant to in the end.

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Most of us will spend money on things, but what about spending money on yourself? It is definitely time to invest in yourself in order to move forward. The results may just make you blossom with a clearer mind and less haunting baggage. A Life Coach is exactly what you need for a healthier you. Life coaches can help you get past difficult obstacles and create strategies to unlock your potential. They show you how to redirect yourself and move towards your goals.

It's the same thing as taking a college class, only you are investing in your career and yourself. Coaching will help you better yourself and that leads to advances in your career. Life coaches are more accepted in today's society. More businesses and their management support their employees because they are seeing a significant difference in those employees with business and life coaches—so much that they are even paying for it! There are workable solutions to increase self-worth, goal setting, and personal organization.

This could be the answer you're looking for to make a change in your life. Solutions to issues and problems lingering in your current situation can be addressed. There are other things that we can remedy.

Your mind is a useful and powerful tool; remember, today's thoughts become tomorrow's reality. If you know how to properly use the Positive Shift Toolkit, you have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

The more you use it, the faster it comes, and the happier you will feel!

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

~ **Stacie René** www.positiveshiftahead.com

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THE FAMILY PANHEADS



Joe's is a 1950

Josh's is a 1951



From Joe

I got that 1950 Panhead when I got out of Vietnam in 1970; I was 21 years old. I got it from a good friend, Ken Reeves. He was a cool guy. I was so happy when I got it!

I put it in the trunk of my 442 and drove home. My dad thought I was nuts, but I just wanted something cool to do. So, I went to Sears and bought a welder, torches, tools, and took it down in my dad's basement. I started to work on that old pan.

I read books and talked to people about parts. I got some help from another one of my good friends, Donnie (aka "the old man"). I also met a man named Moe (Jody Mo's father), who owned Moe's Cycle Shop and he had lots of old parts. Moe, Bubba, and I all became good friends. Bubba and I used to go there and we did all the swap meets. We always had a great time.



Man, those were the good old days. I met a lot of awesome people. It was like one big family. I loved the feeling of freedom on the open road and still do. We did a lot of cool stuff. Got to meet Billy Lane, Peter Fonda, and Willie G. Davidson, of Harley-Davidson fame.

I've rode my Panhead to the Vietnam Wall in DC, Pike's Peak in Colorado, Sturgis/South Dakota, and Florida. I also rode to Milwaukee, Wisconsin for the 85th, 95th, 100th, and the 105th anniversary celebra-

tion of Harley-Davidson. It makes me proud to own "cheap thrills" since 1970. We've done a lot of stuff together and always made it through.

I would like to thank some of my good ol' friends: Bubba, Danny Hartfielder, Tiny, Dutch, Al, and Charlie.

My Panhead is definitely a bike that turns heads. I could write a book about her and my life. Like I said, me and that Panhead have been through a lot together and made it out alive.



From Josh

This is the story of my Panhead.

As a child, I remember riding on my dad's Panhead. Most of all, I remember the chrome shining and the thunder coming from the pipes. And all the new moms he would bring home...lol!

All jokes aside, I was hooked. Even as a kid, I knew I wanted a Harley, just like I knew it would be a Panhead to follow in my father's footsteps. It was the brotherhood, the culture, and the freedom of being on a motorcycle.

After many years of dirt bikes and a crotch-rocket, it was time for my build. My dad helped me pick the right hardtail frame. He knew my vision and was absolutely the man to help me. We started hitting up swap meets and looking through Bubba's parts and my dad's parts, because I had to build on a budget. I was 21 and a father myself.

After approximately two years, it was almost ready. We built the bike with no motor. When it was time for the motor, we went to see a great friend of my dad's named Danny Hartfielder. We were trying to buy a good pan motor. He was the man; he had a 1951 fresh rebuild sitting in the attic of his barn. A huge thank-you to Danny for the heartbeat of my dream.

There we were, tearing the bike back down for paint and reassembly. It was one of the best experiences in my life—building my dream bike with my dad. My pan is something I can cherish and pass on to my son.



Joe

Now it's up to my grandsons to carry on the "Panhead legacy." My cherished Panhead will be handed down to my grandson, Joe Reno.

Josh's Panhead will be handed down to my grandson, Jake Reno.

Watch out—there will be more Renos on the road!

God bless America and all of our friends here and gone.

Thank you, "Jody Mo"

PANHEADS FOREVER!

When the day came, it was done and ready to start. After a few kicks, it came alive! The feeling is unexplainable. My bike is more than a pan; it's a part of my and my dad's hearts. A family tradition. I have owned this bike for 18 years and cannot wait till my boy is on it and riding next to me. Thanks to all that helped in this dream. Ride safe and thank you.

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I had the opportunity to go to Orlando Florida for the NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcycles) meeting. OMG, what an awesome experience I had meeting all the reps from so many different clubs—including the National President and National Vice President—across the United States. I have a whole different outlook on the biking world when it comes to respect and how to appreciate what 1% clubs have to deal with on a daily basis. They are no different than any biker you will associate with. Many are so respectful and aware of what's happening in the biking world, from politics to motorcycle rights. When "Doc," the Florida ABATE President, was speaking, everyone shook their heads in disbelief at his message regarding the attacks on everyone with a patch on their backs. If I could ask all of you who are reading this to please do your part in helping anyone who rides; see if there is something you can do to help from supporting ABATE to your local clubs. They don't bite. They need support like everyone else!

On May 23rd, Vince Consiglio and I were at the promotion for *May is Motorcycle Awareness Month* attended by Josyln Benson, Secretary of State. Their new campaign is "HARD TO SEE--Look Twice, Save A Life, Motorcycles Are Everywhere." This was not exactly what we had hoped for, but at least Michigan is doing something to promote motorcycle awareness. Maybe they will listen to the leaders of ABATE and formulate better ideas on what would work better at getting the message out to the general public. Just ask Kid Rock; he will tell you "All Summer Long." After all, ABATE is responsible for getting the bill passed (House Bill 4306) to get funding for the program!

The riding season is in full swing, so please be careful out there and be on the lookout for some dumb, distracted drivers. When you see them on their phone, give them the #1 sign and let them know that being distracted while driving can cause catastrophic consequences leading to someone being injured or killed. We all want to return home to our families after an event or a ride where we enjoy the privilege of interacting with other bikers.

Finally, I want to give a shout out to *Thunder Roads*; I am impressed with all the events you have and all the good you do! Thank you!

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While I sit here reminiscing on my travels to Washington DC, I find myself thinking of all of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for this country. My first visit is to Arlington Cemetery, to honor our fallen; very emotional yet honored for my brothers and sisters. Second is Rolling Thunder, which is a demonstration for POW/MIA started in 1988 seeking to bring full accountability for prisoners of war (POWs) and missing in action (MIA) service members of all US wars. Our group rides with them as Desert Thunder.

MY WAR

Persian Gulf War, aka Desert Shield/Storm, may have been swift and short but that is mostly thanks to the Vietnam veterans who were our leaders. They were going to ensure it wasn't going to be another Vietnam. We lost 383 during our war. On April 12, 1991, the treaty was signed and our war ended. America welcomed us home with a parade, but in our hearts, we truly were welcoming home the veterans of the Vietnam war and all the wars before ours. We deeply thank each and every veteran from the past and ensure every veteran in the future is welcome home with honors. The reason I go to DC every year is to make sure that our future generation knows what our war was about and ensure that our fallen are remembered. This war has been reviewed on how to effectively fight a war.

THE HISTORY OF THE PERSIAN GULF WAR

The long-running war between Iran and Iraq ended in a United Nation ceasefire in August 1988, even though the two states had yet to begin negotiating a permanent peace treaty. Their foreign ministers met in Geneva in July 1990. Prospects for peace seemed bright. It appeared that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was prepared to dissolve that conflict and return territory that his forces had long occupied. Two weeks later, however, Hussein delivered a speech in which he accused neighboring nation Kuwait of siphoning crude oil from the Ar-Rumaylah oil fields located along their common border. He accused Kuwait and Saudi Arabia of conspiring to keep oil prices low in an effort to pander to Western oil-buying nations thinking that it was his territory, which would cancel out \$30 billion of Iraq's foreign debt.

Did you know? In justifying his invasion of Kuwait in August 1990, Saddam Hussein claimed it was an artificial state carved out of the Iraqi coast by Western colonialists. In fact, Kuwait had been internationally recognized as a separate entity before Iraq itself was created by Britain under a League of Nations mandate after World War I. In addition to Hussein's incendiary speech, Iraq had begun amassing troops on Kuwait's border. Alarmed by these actions, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt initiated negotiations between Iraq and Kuwait in an effort to avoid intervention by the United States or other powers from outside the Gulf region.

Hussein broke off the negotiations after only two hours, and on August 2, 1990, ordered the invasion of Kuwait. Hussein's assumption that his fellow Arab states would stand by in the face

of his invasion of Kuwait, and not call in outside help to stop it proved to be a miscalculation. Two-thirds of the twenty-one members of the Arab League condemned Iraq's act of aggression, and Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, along with Kuwait's government-in-exile, turned to the United States and other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) for support.

Iraqi Invasion of Kuwait & Allied Response, US President George H.W. Bush immediately condemned the invasion, as did the governments of Britain and the Soviet Union. On August 3, the United Nations Security Council called for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait; three days later, King Fahd met with US Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney to request US military assistance. On August 8, the day on which the Iraqi government formally annexed Kuwait—Hussein called it Iraq's 19th province—the first US Air Force fighter planes began arriving in Saudi Arabia as part of a military buildup dubbed Operation Desert Shield/Storm. The planes were accompanied by troops sent by NATO allies as well as Egypt and several other Arab nations, designed to guard against a possible Iraqi attack on Saudi Arabia. About 697,000 US troops took part in the war, with 383 losing their lives.

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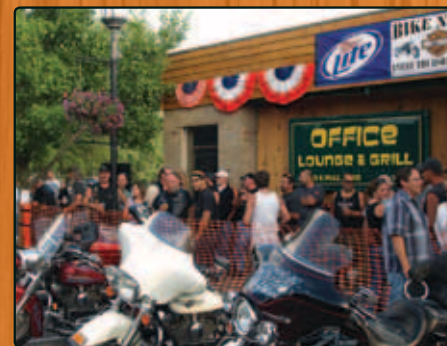
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The New No-Fault Law: How Are Motorcyclists Affected?

MICHIGAN NO-FAULT “REFORM”

Michigan has enacted a new law that drastically affects No-Fault auto law. The alleged reason for this new No-Fault law is to reduce premiums charged to drivers of “motor vehicles” (this means cars, trucks and vans, **not** motorcycles). Don’t think your cycle policy will now be lower. Michigan motorists currently pay the highest premiums in the country for their auto insurance because we have (had) the benefit of lifelong medical coverage for any care or treatment needed after a motor vehicle crash.

Only Michigan motor vehicle insurance policies have **PIP** (Personal Injury Protection aka No-Fault Coverage). The No-Fault benefits include up to three years of wage loss (presently approx. \$5,500 per month), \$20 per day for household chores, medical transportation/mileage, and all medical bill payment for life. This part of Michigan No-Fault law changes July 1, 2020.

To clear up a big misconception, no, you **cannot obtain No-Fault/PIP coverage on your motorcycle**. PIP coverage is often confused with purchasing separate medical coverage on your motorcycle. Further, a motorcyclist is entitled to PIP/No-Fault benefits, but **only** when a motor vehicle (car, truck or van) is involved in the crash.

NEW NO-FAULT LAW

In the effort to reduce auto premiums, the legislature provides four coverage choices for No-Fault PIP medical benefits, with a guaranteed reduction in premium for a limited period of time. They are:

- Unlimited coverage (same as old law) with 10% premium reduction for PIP health benefits
- \$500,000 coverage with 20% premium reduction for PIP health benefits
- \$250,000 coverage with 35% premium reduction for PIP health benefits
- \$ 50,000 coverage with 45% premium reduction for PIP health benefits (to some Medicaid recipients)
- Opt out of this coverage entirely, available to those with other insurance/Medicare covering car accidents injuries.

Author recommendation: Choose unlimited PIP for your car/truck. It may be the policy from which you claim your No-Fault PIP in your motorcycle crash!

Author’s analysis: Motorcyclists look to the vehicle that hit them for their No-Fault benefits. The new law, however, appears to state that a motorcyclist will now be subject to whatever the negligent driver chose for his medical coverage. For example, if the negligent driver chose the \$50,000 coverage, it seems that the motorcyclist is only allotted \$50,000 worth of PIP health benefits. Based upon my reading of the new law, and my discussion with lawyers well versed in No-Fault Insurance Law, this seems to be the case.

New lawsuits now allowed: An auto victim will now be able to sue the negligent driver for medical bills not covered by No-Fault.

Author analysis: The problem is, you are stuck with whatever Bodily Injury liability limits the negligent driver chose. Instead of going in the motorcyclist’s pocket for pain and suffering, the bodily injury coverage will now be used to pay doctors and hospitals. Because of this, it is even more important than ever that motorcyclists purchase uninsured motorists (UM) and underinsured motorist (UIM) coverage-- I now recommend \$1 million worth of coverage. This helps protect you and pays your unpaid your medical bills if the negligent driver is uninsured or has insufficient insurance—that is, unless your insurance company finds a way to exclude this protection; I would not put it past them.

Attendant Care: When an auto accident victim is injured to the point he or she cannot take care of their basic needs of daily living such as bathing, using the bathroom, getting dressed, walking, and eating, etc., friends/family members are able to be paid a reasonable hourly amount for taking care of the victim. The care could be 24 hours a day, seven days a week and for the remainder for the victim’s life, if needed. 24 hour a day/168 hour per week payment was allowed under the old law. Effective July 1, 2021, this new law restricts friend/family-provided attendant care to 56 hours per week.

Author’s analysis: I’ve represented many motorcyclists whose family members had to quit their job because they must care for an injured motorcyclist. The care giver relies on this attendant care money to pay their bills. This change in the law will negatively affect injured motorcyclists in a significant way.

Threshold level injury: Anyone in a “motor vehicle” crash had to prove they suffered a “threshold level injury” to qualify for pain-and-suffering compensation. The new statute codifies an existing Michigan Supreme Court decision. The law will require us to prove that the victim suffered 1) an impairment that is observable or perceivable from actual symptoms or conditions by someone other than the injured person which, 2) affects an important body function, defined as a body function of great value, significance, or consequence to the injured person that; and 3) affects the injured person’s general ability to lead his or her normal life, meaning it has had an influence on some of the person’s capacity to live in his or her normal manner of living.

THE MOTORCYCLE LAWYER ON THE LAW

Higher bodily injury limits: The old law required drivers to carry a minimum of \$20,000/\$40,000 worth of bodily injury coverage. This means \$20,000 worth of coverage for any one person injured and up to \$40,000 for two or more persons in the same car crash. The new law increases those minimum limits to \$50,000/\$100,000.

Author analysis: Negligent drivers, if they have insurance, will now have higher insurance limits if they choose the minimum coverage. This is great. However, as stated above, the bodily injury coverage may have to be used to pay noncovered medical bills or to reimburse health insurance liens, leaving the injured biker with little to no recovery for pain and suffering.

Doctors and hospitals will now be paid less: Under the old law, doctors were paid a reasonable and customary amount. The new law implements for the first time a No-Fault fee schedule based on the Medicare fee schedule. Doctors will be paid within a range of 190% to 250% of the amount payable under Medicare. This fee schedule goes into effect July 1, 2021. The No-Fault fee schedule will pay significantly less than what was paid under the old law.

Author analysis: Even if the doctor receives double what Medicare pays, most doctors polled state it is not a reasonable amount. As a result, I foresee fewer doctors accepting motor vehicle accident patients, and many rehabilitation facilities closing their doors altogether.

Less injury compensation left for injured biker: A government agency or a company with a contractual right, sometimes must be paid back any money it paid to or for the benefit of an auto accident victim. This right to recovery of payments made includes medical bill payments. If the injured victim receives money damages in the negligence claim/lawsuit, any medical bills not paid by No-Fault may have to be repaid by the victim. Under the old law this was rare because Medicaid or Medicare rarely paid medical bills from a crash because the No-Fault carrier was required to pay them all.

Author’s analysis: I suspect the injured victim will be confronted with many health care and disability liens and often end up receiving nothing because of this new change in the law. Under this new law, Medicare, Medicaid and some commercial health insurance plans will now be paying for auto-related medical treatment. Our commercial health insurance rates most certainly will increase, as will the cost of Medicaid and Medicare. In my opinion, severely injured motorcyclists requiring long-term care will be receiving a lesser quality care since many will only be able to treat with doctors that take Medicaid.

Summary Analysis: This new law is great for insurance companies. They will save tons of money. The new law should reduce our auto and truck insurance premiums a little but not for almost one year and not indefinitely. It will create a hardship for injured motorcyclists and an extreme hardship for severely injured motorcyclists. It reduces attendant care paid to families from 168 possible hours to 56 hours per week. Our health insurance premiums will likely increase. An injured motorcyclist’s pain and suffering compensation often will now be reduced to little or nothing because of new medical liens. Lastly, and worst of all, it seems that an injured motorcyclist who once received unlimited medical is now at the mercy of what the negligent driver chose for No-Fault PIP coverage leaving the motorcyclist to pay medical bills out of his /her own pocket. I predict bankruptcy filings to increase.

When new law goes into effect: Most significantly the No-Fault PIP choice of coverage starts July 1, 2020. The rate reduction is to last for eight years. No-Fault medical fee schedule is implemented July 1, 2021.

Action items for choosing insurance July 1, 2020: It is imperative that you act to protect yourself. Purchase uninsured motorist (UM) coverage and underinsured motorist (UIM) coverage **on your motorcycle** and other motor vehicles. I recommend \$1 million worth of coverage. Choose unlimited PIP on your personal motor vehicles (your car/truck), because it may be the policy that pays your medical bills in your motorcycle crash. Remember, you get your PIP from the motor vehicle involved. If that motor vehicle is uninsured, the next place you look for PIP coverage is **your** car or truck’s insurance, and it will be in the amount **you** chose, so chose unlimited.

There is more information not covered here, given the limited space. Please visit our website www.motorcyclawyerinmichigan.com for more information on:

- Changes to Mini Tort law
- The MCCA: how catastrophic claims are affected
- Changes related to the doctors insurance companies may use to examine victims
- Are victims who were receiving attendant care under the old law subject to the new 56-hour limit?
- So much more!

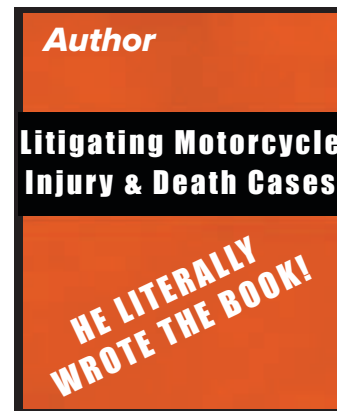
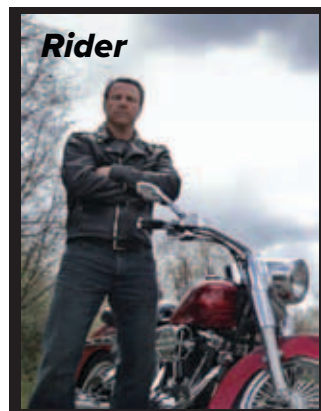


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Picked up a hitch-hiker. Seemed like a nice guy. After a few miles down the road he asked me if I wasn't afraid that he might be a serial killer? I told him that the odds of two serial killers being in the exact same car was extremely unlikely.

A teenager, wanting to earn some extra money for the summer, after listening to her parents tell her that at her age there were no high paying jobs for being on social media practically all day long and she needed to go back to "old school" tactics, she decided to hire herself out as a "handy gal". She started in a nearby well-to-do neighborhood. She knocked on the very first door and asked the owner if he had any "handy gal" jobs for her to do.

"Well, I guess we could use someone to paint the porch", he said. "How much will you charge me?"

Delighted, the girl quickly said "How about \$50 bucks?" The man agreed and told her that the paint brushes and everything she needed was in a corner of the garage. The man's wife, whom had overheard the conversation asked her husband, "Does she realize that our porch goes all the way around the house?" The man replied, "That's a bit cynical isn't it?". The wife quickly agreed by saying, "You're right, my gosh, I guess I've just heard too many stories from the neighborhood Moms".

Later that day the girl came to the door again to collect her money. "Wow, finished already?" the husband asked. "Yes" she replied, "and I even had enough paint to give it two coats." Impressed the man reached into his pocket and pulled out a \$50 bill, along w/ a \$20 for a tip. The girl thanked him and said to please refer his friends, and turning away casually stated, "Oh, and by the way, it's not a Porch, it's a Lexus."

Paddy & Mick are in the Pub talking about their sex life when Paddy boasts "The wife and me we get it on like rabbits almost every night". "You lucky turd" replies Mick, "I only get it once a month, and then I call it 'The Bruce Lee' night". Paddy quickly asks, "Why the hell do you call it that then?" Mick leans back in his barstool and says very seriously, "Aye, because it's the only night I enter the dragon"!!

Sex Education Class: Teacher: Tell me the difference between a Callgirl, Girlfriend and Wife. Lil' Joey yells out, "That's easy.... Prepaid, Postpaid and Unlimited.

Pregnancy Q&A (in case you were wondering)

Q: Should I have a baby after 35?

A: No, 35 children is definitely enough.

Q: I'm two months pregnant now. When will my baby move?

A: With any luck, right after he graduates.

Q: What is the most reliable method to determine a baby's sex?

A: Childbirth.

Q: My wife is five months pregnant and so moody that sometimes she's borderline irrational.

A: So, what's your question?

Q: My childbirth instructor says it's not pain I'll feel during labor, but pressure. Is she right?

A: Yes, in the same way that a tornado might be called an air current.

Q: When is the best time to get an epidural?

A: Right after you find out you're pregnant.

Q: Is there any reason I have to be in the room while my wife is in labor?

A: Not unless the word 'alimony' doesn't give you great concern.

Q: Is there anything I should avoid while recovering from childbirth?

A: Yes, pregnancy.

Q: Do I have to have a baby shower?

A: Not if you change the baby's diaper really fast!

Q: Our baby was born last week. When will my wife begin to feel normal again?

A: Remove the word 'normal' from your vocabulary.

Paddy has broken his leg and Mick comes round to check on him. "Aye, says Paddy, I'm glad you're here. Go grab my slippers upstairs will ya' then, my fookin' feet are freezing". Mick goes upstairs and passes the open door of Paddy's twin daughters' room who partied hard the night before, lying in bed barely awake. Mick quickly says, "Your Dad sent me up here to have sex with the both of you then". The one says, "Get out with ya', prove it". Mick yells down, "Paddy, both of them?" Paddy yells back, "Of course both of them, what's the point of fookin' one?!"

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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.

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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.
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THE STOPS

For the month of July 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 month's 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-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. 2 winners each month of a \$50 mystery gift bag.

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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)

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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 (6)

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)

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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) 891-0100 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)

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THE STOPS continued

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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

Wil-Lew Lounge (g)
3005 E. Midland Rd, Bay City, MI 48706. (989) 684-
9109 Hours: M-Fri 11 am-?, Sat/Sun 7 am-?. 1 person

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- ½ 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 &
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16718	Baldwin Bowling Center	11808	Sidney Tavern
NO CHECK-IN BY 10TH	Dan Dan the Mattress Man	NO CHECK-IN BY 10TH	Stables
05357	Decker's Lounge	16112	The Blue Bar & Restaurant
05566	Ghost Town Saloon	NO CHECK-IN BY 10TH	The Evening Post Bar & Grill
12614	Great Lakes Harley-Davidson	11812	The Rusty Nail
17271	Hell Saloon	09179	Wet Spot/Beach House
17088	Hi-Way Inn	07409	Wil-Lew Lounge
11245	Iron Horse Bar & Grill	12552	Woody's Bancroft Tavern
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"Happy Fourth of July"... or are we not allowed to say that now?

It's been 75 years since the parents of the Baby-Boomer generation went to war. One of the biggest battles fought was the D-Day invasion.

Today we have our own D-Day invasion going on—it's called the dumbing-down of our kids and grandkids, aka Common Core. A poll was taken recently, and the younger generations were asked what D-Day was. Surprisingly, almost 90% of those asked did not know!

When they were asked "Why do we celebrate the 4th of July," some answers were "...something about rocket's red glare," and "because it's on the calendar." Another favorite reply: "School's out and we graduated, so we are celebrating." Too bad our schools let these kids graduate. They flunked history.

Now, for those of us who enjoy the freedom of the wind in our hair, sun on our face, and the feeling of the open road, be forever mindful of the road in front of you. All though we all like green, I prefer it in my wallet or bank account, and NOT grass clippings on the road. We have already had some fellow riders go down because of grass in the road, so be careful.

Personally, I would like to see a state law on the books to make grass on the road illegal. Call your legislators; we CAN make this happen! The people who blow grass clippings into the road have no common sense or decency toward the safety of others, so it's up to us to do it for them.

As for the Fourth of July celebration, please BE SAFE and enjoy the fireworks. Maybe tell your kids, grandkids, and even (if you have them, like me) great-grandkids the true meaning of the July Fourth Independence Day celebration. Like the old saying: "If we do not remember the past, we are doomed to repeat it."

Remember to thank a vet—a simple "THANK YOU" means a lot.

Have a Happy 4th and, as always, may God bless you.

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The run is a motorcycle event open to the public (anyone can ride!) and begins at Great Lakes Harley-Davidson (their sponsor) located at 3850 S. Huron Road, Bay City, MI on Saturday, August 3, 2019. Registration takes place between 1-2:45 p.m. with kickstands up at 3 p.m. The ride is police-patrolled and traffic-directed at major intersections. You can expect over 200 motorcycles adorned with teddy bears and other stuffed animals.

This year includes a new route, which captures fifty scenic miles and arrives Covenant at 4 p.m. for the Teddy Bear presentation to the hospital. Some lucky riders even have an opportunity to enter the hospital and present their teddy bears in person. Upon completion, everyone is invited to Patty Fleming's, 6540 State St, Saginaw, MI (where the ride will end) for food and drink specials and a social time.

If you don't ride a motorcycle and want to help with a donation of a teddy bear, stuffed animal, or monetary contribution, you can always drop them off at Great Lakes Harley-Davidson, beginning July 1. There will be a box inside the dealership for your drop-offs.

Tri-County Michigan H.O.G. Chapter #2250 and Great Lakes Harley-Davidson are the largest donors to Covenant for Kids. This ride provides enough Teddy Bears and stuffed animals to Covenant Kids for AN ENTIRE YEAR!

The cost? A Teddy Bear, a stuffed animal (wrapped in plastic, if possible) or a cash donation.

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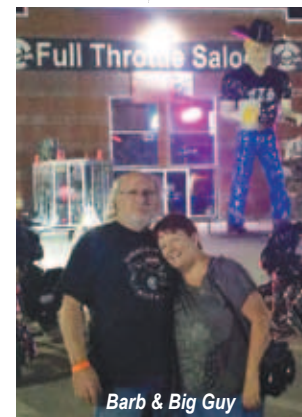
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Barb & Big Guy

Since late 2017, Big Guy and I have been rockin' the roads on our Tri-Glide. We love finding new places to drink and eat, to meet up with old friends, and make new ones. Nothing better than following the asphalt on a sunny day and seeing where we end up. No bad destinations on two wheels, right?

In early June, we got back from Ohio Bike Week. Sandusky sure has changed since we lived there forty years ago. The once-rugged blue-collar downtown has transformed into a revitalized community, full of great restaurants, craft beer breweries, and sleek condos overlooking Lake Erie. During our visit the roads were also packed with motorcycles from all over the US; there to see and be seen, visit dealers, buy from vendors, and have some summer fun.

After some time in Sandusky, we detoured down to Athens to ride Ohio's Windy 9. Terrific riding; I never knew Ohio had so many beautiful hills. And—of course—on our way home, we spent a couple of days camping in Hell, MI so our bikes could get blessed. More trip details next month...

Can't help but remember what we were doing in July 2018. This time last summer we were all about getting ready for our trip to Sturgis, South Dakota. Our dearest friends, also bikers, were sharing our adventure, so we opted for staying in a cabin on-site at Full Throttle Saloon, the world's largest biker bar. (see the pic below) I shared the story about Big Guy's missing wallet with you last month; that sure started our trip off with a bang. While in Sturgis for the ten-day event, we spent time exploring all the fabulous riding in that area. Devil's Canyon? Check. Needles Highway? Check. Mount Rushmore? Check.

The South Dakota roads were packed with riders from all over the world, including large contingents of bikers from outside the US. It was a real experience to walk through the streets of Sturgis and hear Spanish, Italian, German, and various Asian dialects spoken with authentic accents. Guess it goes to prove motorcycle-riding really is international — and riding with the wind needs no translation!

Readers, hope you are counting down the days to the Denise Dehn Memorial Ride (formerly the LUV Ride), held on August 10. Registration starts at 9:30/last bikes out at 11:00 a.m. Price is \$15 for a solo rider, and \$25 for rider and passenger. Staging area is Midland Eagles parking lot, located at 2934 E. Monroe Road, Midland. Questions — call Midland Eagles @ 989-631-7270. The ride is carefully planned every year, and the funds raised go to support children with cancer. Eagle Riders of F.O.E. Aerie #2110 would love to ride with you.

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To say I was mesmerized would be an understatement. I won't soon forget the first time I encountered a feeding school of dolphin (mahi-mahi) on a boat. I'd like to compare the experience to a wide-eyed child, seeing Dorothy wake up in Oz for the first time, turning a dark and drab world into one of vibrant color and life. It was like a psychedelic dream of darting blues and greens and yellows, contrasting the emerald blue Atlantic Ocean, like little blunt-nosed bullets frantically scattering to and fro.

We'd been looking for hours, skirting weed line after weed line, looking for signs of life. Twelve miles into the Atlantic Ocean, off the shore of West Palm Beach, can be a lonely place, with the tallest of buildings merely a speck on the horizon to the west. It's not hard to lose yourself so far from land. Surrounded by deep blue ocean, tan Sargasso seaweed patches floating on the surface and a big blue endless sky, it's easy to feel small. Few boats venture out this far, with most weekend warriors contented with dragging rigged ballyhoo over the 120-ft reef to scare up a kingfish or drop sardines to the waiting mouths of snapper and grouper. Normally, we would fall into the same pattern but today, Captain Charlie asked, "You want to run?" We decided to give it a go, he throttled up and off we went, kissing the tops of the waves as we passed.

When we reached far enough, Charlie throttled down the engines and we got to work, Tom, Charlie and I, started rigging the trolling rods and planning our attack. There were weed lines and patches as far as the eye can see. When chasing dolphin, anything floating is a good thing. I've heard stories of people

catching slammer-sized dolphin under a length of rope floating far out at sea. Something as mundane and out of place as a length of rope can attract bait fish and in turn, lure the predators out of the depths. Another thing you should look for when fishing offshore are birds because the birds follow bait. Today, we saw no birds, but decided to troll up and down the weed lines to see if anything wanted to come out and play. As Charlie maneuvered the boat between the weed patches, Tom and I tossed chunks of bait at them to see if anything came out from the cover of weeds and ate the bait. After what seemed like a lifetime, someone said it.

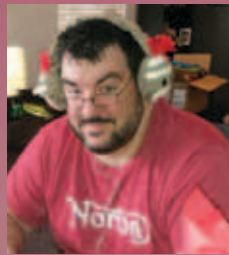
"Dolphin."

Charlie set the throttle levers in neutral and began cranking up the trolling rods as Tom and I grabbed spinning rods and put a small chunk of bait on our hooks. As soon as Tom's hit the water he called, "fish on!" He fought the fish for a short time before it gave in and stopped the struggle. I watched my baited hook slowly sink, with small fish grabbing it, but not getting it all the way in their mouth. After a few fish took turns mouthing my bait, one sucked it in and I set the hook. The fish swam straight up and jumped out of the water, nearly as high as the T-top on the boat. I lowered my rod tip to avoid the fish shaking the hook loose and watched as this little green and yellow fish flipped nose over tail and descended to the water to reenter, nose first, with little splash. She



BY Ben Schanz

PHOTOS
Jerrett Montgomery



tugged and fought for several minutes, repeating the aerial display a few more times before finally, with no more energy left, settled into a position right beside the boat, as if waiting to be taken from the water. By the time I had my fish worn out, Charlie had grabbed a rod and hooked up. At one time, all three of us had fish on the line. It got so chaotic that we stopped taking the fish off the hooks and just flipped them in the boat and grabbed another rod. After maybe twenty minutes, we had eight or nine fish and no more rods to use. As we began untangling the mess and putting the fish in the fish box, the school grew tired of us and swam off.

I think I was in shock once we got everything back in order. I had never experienced anything quite like that. There were fish under the boat everywhere you looked, rushing and retreating with an iridescent glow. The colors were like neon. In the middle of the ocean, with the bright sun on our shoulders, these fish turned the water into a painting.

They fought hard. Harder than anything I had experienced thus far. Growing up in Michigan, I have caught many Northern Pike; large- and small-mouth bass; brook, rainbow and brown trout, among others and nothing fought so fiercely as these did. I felt as though I had just watched a magician, and although I already knew his tricks, was still amazed when he pulled the rabbit from the hat. From that moment



forward, I was a different person. I was a different angler. I was now in an exclusive club. I caught dolphin. None of that could prepare me for the events soon to come. I was still fairly new to offshore fishing. Although I had already caught some respectable kingfish, that fight like the devil and have a mouth full of teeth, they would not leave such an impression on me as the dolphin did.

We decided to troll home. We set out our spread of skirted ballyhoo. The skirts gave the baits a touch of color and some caused jets of bubbles to trail them, all making the baits more attractive to potential game fish. Our trolling spread had five lines out, one in each outrigger, one on each corner of the stern and one in the center of the stern, let out just past the edge of the prop wash. The two outrigger lines were set out a decent distance, with the two stern rods a bit shorter. The spread looked like a "V" following the boat. It was a fairly typical set-up for offshore trolling. The starboard outrigger was set up with a bait that was used on the way out that had been knocked down from the outrigger by a strike, but failed to hook a fish. The fish that made the strike managed to eat half the bait and miss the huge 4/0 hook it was rigged with. Being lazy, I left it on, figuring that we were on the way home and we already hit a home run with the school of dolphin so I was not expecting much. I set it back further than normal so our spread actually looked like a "V" following the boat, with one side being much longer than the other. Our ride home was tedious as the weed lines began to break up and scatter, causing our baits to get fouled with weeds and require cleaning. Every few minutes a bait would stop running properly and instead of skip on the surface, would drag and chug along. It became an exercise for Tom and I to check, retrieve, clean, and reset all of the baits in our spread. I looked at the starboard outrigger line, way back behind the boat, skipping along the surface with a funny way about it. Thinking it had been fouled with weeds, I pulled the trolling rod from the rod holder, slid the drag lever on the Shimano TLD25 to the strike posi-

tion and gave it a few quick and violent tugs on the rod and cranks on the reel. Sometimes this method will cause enough disruption to shake free weeds from trolled bait. What happened next made time stand still.

Behind the boat, roughly a hundred yards behind and to the starboard side, a green and yellow bruiser of a Dolphin rocketed from the deep, did a pirouette of sorts and landed with the entire length of his body splashing back into the surface.

"Fish, fish, fish," Charlie called out.

The rod in my hand started to curl into a deep bend and the reel, the biggest I have ever used, began to sing as the fish began a run that peeled a serious amount of line from the spool.

"I know, Charlie, got 'em right here," I replied.

Charlie then sprang into action again, quickly turning around one of the chairs for me to sit in, wasting no time getting the fighting belt around my waist. I guided the end of the fishing rod into the fighting belt, sat down and the fight was on.

"You have to get the line tight, Ben, or you'll lose him." At the time of his coaching, 30-lb test line—which this fish had no problem taking—entered the water directly behind the boat. The fish was jumping a couple hundred yards behind the boat to our left, causing the line to make a wide arc towards the fish.

"It's not going to get any tighter." I could feel what seemed like the weight of the entire ocean on the end of that line with the resistance and stretch of the 30-lb test monofilament the only link between I, and the largest fish in the world. My world.

Charlie maneuvered the boat so the line was straighter and the fight raged on. For about twenty minutes—maybe more, maybe less—I fought that fish, with Charlie putting the boat in position as needed. Tom helped out by keeping the other equipment out of the way and grabbing the leader when the fish was close

enough. When a big fish is beaten and beside the boat, it will position its body at a slight angle, away from the boat. This causes resistance as if to say "I have given up, but I will not give in," and many a fish have been lost at this point by being mishandled.

Tom had the leader in his hand at that stern on the starboard side and Charlie had the gaff in hand, ready to bring the fish aboard. He instructed me to walk back towards the port side of the boat, pulling the fish within range. With one quick motion, Charlie gaffed the fish and over the gunwale and onto the floor of the boat. We slid the fish into the fish box, on top of the smaller schoolie dolphin we caught before. We exchanged handshakes and hugs, opened a beer each to celebrate and began to prepare the boat for a high-speed ride home. My arms and shoulders were exhausted. I could barely make a fist, and squeezing anything was out of the question. Despite the fatigue, I began to feel a great sense of accomplishment start to set in. A slight grin crept onto my face as I held onto the center console while we headed back to the dock.

The drone of the outboards and the wind rushing had a certain hypnotic sensation. I didn't realize this then, in fact, I didn't realize if for some time but that day, Charlie's question and that fish all meant something bigger than I knew at the time. I had already developed a love for the ocean. I would go to the beach weekly to unwind. The beach trip was not to bathe in the sun and take a dip in the ocean, but rather sit at the edge where the sand meets the dune grass and watch the ocean. Learn how she moves, advances and retreats. I would listen to the sound of the ocean breeze, the sounds of the birds and the sounds of the waves as they meet the sand.

When we got back to Charlie's house, it was picture time. I hoisted the fish from the fish box and held it up, fork of tail to my chin, and nose below my knees. It was heavy, in the thirty-pound range. Not huge by dolphin standards, but it still is the biggest fish I have been able to catch. With that said, I met a man once who told me, "A single person doesn't catch a trophy dolphin, the boat does. Just because the rod is in your hands doesn't make that fish yours. It takes a crew to have everything right at the right time."

He was right. It took the three of us, a little adventurous spirit and a half-eaten ballyhoo to connect me with the biggest fish of my life. We'd have other good days on the water, and find a school of dolphin or two, far off shore, willing to paint the ocean in greens and blues and yellow. We'd make more memories aboard that boat, but none as permanent as my first time.

Charlie and I lost touch over the years. We'd catch up to each other once a year or so, laugh and smile about that day, and all the others. We'd make plans to get together at the dock and relive some of those old trips, but those plans never resulted in a boat heading out to sea, just a passing thought in a sea of others.

I'm not sure if you'll ever see this, Charlie, but thank you for fostering my budding love for the ocean. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to connect with that fish and thank you for asking, "You want to run?" Love ya, buddy.

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By the Numbers

- 288:** The most number of years a library book was overdue.
- 1000:** The number of species of bananas; we only eat one of them.
- 2-3:** The number of hours an elephant sleeps per day.
- 1.2 million:** The number of mosquitos, sucking once each, that it would take to drain all the blood from a human.
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As we celebrate the 4th of July (Independence Day) this month, we need to remind ourselves what this day really means.

The 4th of July is the day we honor and remember the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, in which we declared our independence from tyranny and oppression.

Another historical fact is that our Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights (the basis of our laws and nation) are founded on the Bible. Our founding fathers were all Christians. This is why we are and have been the greatest nation in the world because of our foundation on God and His Word—the Bible.

But what happens when people try to change the foundation of a nation? They destroy it! America has been the bastion of freedom and liberty for 243 years. We've defeated tyranny around the world, we've overturned dictators, protected the weak, and destroyed evil. Yet, today evil is trying to take over our country by manipulating and usurping the hearts and minds of people to institute an evil form of government that has killed approximately 100 million people since it was devised: socialism.

The only cure for this creeping evil is for America to come to her senses, repent, and turn back to God. **We need God in America again!** But you say He abandoned us? Not so fast... The truth is we forced Him out of our homes, courts, classrooms, media, etc. Now we must ask Him to come back and take His rightful place in America again.

The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 3:17 "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." We have been the greatest nation in all the history of the world because of our faith and foundation in Christ Jesus. But over the years, we have told the Lord, in effect: we don't need you. So, like the perfect gentleman that He is... His Spirit has lifted and now we are paying the price for our own choices.

But here is the good news. There is a fix for this issue. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says "and [if] My people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."

If we, as Americans, will humble ourselves, repent for our mistakes, and turn back to God, He will forgive us and restore us. 1 John 1:9 says "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

This 4th of July, I encourage all my American brothers and sisters to come to an honest understanding of where we are at as a nation, turn back to God, and watch Him bring the healing, liberty and freedom that we ALL want.

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An Interview with Vince Consiglio



We were lucky enough to recently have gotten the chance to talk with Vince Consiglio, the president of both ABATE of Michigan and the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation). Also joining us was the Legislative Officer of ABATE, Jim Rhoades.

BBB: What does ABATE stand for?

VC: Originally it stood for *A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments* but now it is more commonly known as *American Bikers Aiming Towards Education*.

BBB: Is ABATE set up in every state in the U.S.?

VC: For the most part, yes, but some states have different names but are doing the same thing, like the Texas Motorcycle Riders Association, CBA operates down south and the MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) is basically ABATE of America.

BBB: What year did ABATE get set up in Michigan?

VC: 1975.

BBB: Have you been the president of ABATE of Michigan that entire time?

VC: Our first president presided for about two years before I became president and have been ever since.

BBB: The AMA (American Motorcyclist Association) does the same thing you do, but on a federal level as opposed to the state, correct?

VC: That's fairly accurate, we actually had some friction from the AMA when we first got started. Thankfully, Senator Michael O'Brien from Detroit at the time was extremely beneficial in proposing some bills that ABATE supported but the AMA opposed. Since then, we formed a very good coalition with that group and have moved forward in a positive direction ever since. The former senator was also a partner with Gary Milligan at GM Cycle in Garden City.

BBB: Has it always been as well organized as it is today?

VC: No, we didn't initially have a lot of direction and we would burn helmets on the steps of the Capitol building to get attention. Then we realized we would get much further and be taken seriously as lobbyists. At the start, people would avoid the groups of bikers entering the building but now they come up to greet us, especially now that we've learned the game and that money talks. The PAC (Political Action Committee) helps tremendously in that area.

BBB: Are the politicians in Lansing actually willing to help you now in the political arena?

VC: Fifty-six votes in the House is the magic number to pass a bill in legislation, so that's what we are always aiming for. Studying political science in school has really paid off with this. Our aim was to make bikers relevant, which wasn't always the case.

BBB: Have you found recognition on a federal level as well?

VC: Congress has recently made *May as Motorcycle Awareness Month*, so that's a huge step!

BBB: Michigan had a major change of the guard at our Capitol recently, how do you feel about our new legislature?

VC: Not quite sure yet, the leadership of the House is now largely comprised of northern Michigan residents which is new and different for us and them.

BBB: What about the no-fault law in Michigan?

VC: We fought hard for that and we are the only state in the country whereas if you are hit on your motorcycle by another motorized vehicle (car, truck, or bus), your medical bills are completely covered. I have a

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ABATE of Michigan
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needed us to incorporate safety into the training. We had Dr. Don Smith come down from Michigan State University to teach us a class at what was Garden City West High School, now Schoolcraft Radcliffe campus, which ironically became one of our training areas. That led me to applying with the foundation to become a chief instructor.

After a trip to Maryland, I became certified in 1980.

BBB: How do you become a coach trainer for the MSF?

VC: The best way is to go directly through Schoolcraft College. They run the program for all of southeastern Michigan.

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Bullet Points

UNEDITING HISTORY

BY RICK WYATT

Before I get started, I want to share something which some would say would be most appropriate in the *Chaplin's Corner*, but you are stuck with it here anyhow. Ever since Christmas, I had been having some serious health problems. Being purely stubborn, I did not address them until I was nearly dead. To make a long story short, I had an echocardiogram that indicated I had mitral valve leakage, so they did a transthoracic echo which showed that the leakage was moderately severe and probably getting worse. Surgery was scheduled and they had me on the operating table getting ready to crack my chest when they did another transthoracic echo and discovered that the condition had reversed, and surgery was no longer necessary. The doctors can't explain what happened, but I know it was the prayers of family and friends that brought me His favor. Did I deserve it? No, but I am not complaining and nobody will ever convince me that there is no God!

As I write this, we have just passed Memorial Day and are headed toward Independence Day in July. According to revisionist history, America is an illegitimate nation founded by a bunch of rich white guys who built their fortunes on the backs of slaves. This view is taught in many universities and has crept into secondary education via rewritten history books used to reinforce the lies being used to tear our nation apart. This view of our founding was uttered on more than one occasion by none other than President Obama, his attorney general Eric Holder, and others in his administration. Some philosopher a long time ago lamented that history is dictated by the victors. That may be true, but without an understanding of where we come from, we are doomed to repeat our mistakes over again.

Times and social morals change along with attitudes as we learn to become more civilized about how we look at human existence. At the time of our founding, slavery was an acceptable institution practiced literally all over the world, and while slavery is and always has been an abomination, only narrow-minded ideologues refuse to acknowledge historical truth before passing judgement on our nation and its founders. If you take the time to study our founding documents—beginning with the Declaration of Independence—you will see where men guided by the hand of their Creator established a government with the capacity to change and become more inclusive in the ways the people are governed.

As for the founders themselves, they are often described as all being "men of means," but I guess that would depend on how you define "means." Most of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were working men who earned what they had, and the

level of comfort that came along with it.

History says they were lawyers, plantation owners, businessmen, and craftsmen; but remember we are talking about the 18th century and things were different. Lawyers didn't have paralegals or stenographers, so they wrote everything out by hand with quill and ink because there were no formatted computer programs and laser printers; many of them worked other jobs or farmed to supplement their income. "Plantation owner" is also misleading because the men from the northern colonies involved in agriculture were farmers who worked their land with their families, and even the real plantation owners often worked in the fields beside the slave labor. Businessmen and craftsmen were at the mercy of the royal tax system to get their wares and materials and every one of them—from the lawyers to the farmers to the businessmen and craftsmen—were subject to the king's army taking everything they had and putting them out of their homes and off their lands. The rebels all knew that the British would hang them for treason and that their loyalist neighbors would gladly hand them over and probably supply the rope, yet they all pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

Of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration, seventeen fought in the revolution, five were captured and imprisoned, two had their wives imprisoned with one dying in captivity, most had their property vandalized and tangible assets seized by crown loyalists, and eleven had their properties completely destroyed by the British.

These were not men who were motivated by race, they were driven to realize the freedom that comes from divine providence. To insinuate that this nation was founded on racism is the product of a special kind of ignorance; the kind that drives us apart as a nation.

I am getting sick and tired of the popular idea that if we disagree, or certain groups don't get their way, it's because the decisions were founded on race rather than merit. There are far too many people who find a racist under every rock they trip over. Racism is ugly; I know because I have seen it, have been a victim of it, and told by the race-haters that I could not be a victim because I am white. An old black gunnery sgt once told me that the people who scream racist the fastest and loudest usually are and the last fifty years have proven him right.



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BY Ron Johnson

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This month in the shop, we are doing a structural repair of a nut allocation on the fairing of a 2002 Harley-Davidson FLHTPI/Road King Police Edition.



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If you run into this problem it is possible, with a little finesse and a lot of patience, to

get a wrench on the hex part of the nut allocation and hold it while getting the bolt to come free before it breaks the composite material. If it does indeed break—like this one did—again, with a bit of patience, it can be repaired. I'm not sure how well this will show up in the pictures, but if you can see it, the tower for the nut allocation is hollow, as is the base where it broke off from.



To make this repair, we will be using a two-part epoxy material that is compatible with the material we are repairing. The first step—and probably the most important—is to make sure all the mating surfaces are clean and free of any dirt, grease, oil, wax, and paint. I use a wax- and grease-removing solvent. The next step is to lightly sand the mating surfaces so the epoxy repair material can get a good bite. This repair will require the addition of some type of reinforcing in order to make it strong enough to allow tightening of the bolt and also not break loose due to engine and road vibration. In this case a section of 1/4 x 20 coarse thread bolt fits perfectly in the hollow part of the tower and base.



Make sure the bolt is clean. Also, we want the epoxy to stick to the bolt as well as the composite material. It is important to test-fit everything dry to make sure everything lines up where it should, including the allocation lining up with the hole in the inner fairing. This is also the time to figure out a way to clamp or hold things in place while the epoxy dries. I cut the bolt off to the correct length to allow the bolt to go into the

bottom of the base and all the way into the tower while making sure the tower and base come together as they did originally.

The next step is to put some epoxy in the hole of the base and tower. Not too much; we need to make sure the reinforcing rod (cut-off bolt) bottoms in base and tower. Now we can use a liberal amount of epoxy on the mating surfaces and around the outside of the tower and base and clamp in place.



Allow epoxy to dry thoroughly before removing the clamp. Carefully run the bolt in and out to make sure it threads in easily with no resistance before we bolt the inner and outer fairing together.



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July 12, 13, 14, 27 & 28
Lucky Thumb M/C Motorcycle Races
Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Club, Deford, MI. For more info go to luckythumbmotorcycleclub.com (For details see ad this issue).

July 13
3rd Annual Nozzlemen M/C Chapter 4
Poker Run Starts / Ends at Uncle Lyles 108 Tecumseh St, Dundee, MI Regis 11am - 1pm All Welcome, Food, 50/50, Prizes & More
Pre-Register by 6/29 \$25 Driver, \$40 Rider/Passenger or day of event \$30/\$50 For more info call Dave (Pappy) 734-735-7831 (See GLBC full page ad this issue).

July 13
Operation Injured Soldiers Lyon Ride & Classic Car Show
James Atchison Memorial Park, New Hudson, MI. Regis 11-noon, kickstands up 12:30, \$20 pp, includes ride, food, event t-shirt. For more info or to pre-register go to injuredsoldiers.org (See add this issue)

July 13
Garden Party & Studio Tour
Ron Finch's Customs
Finch's Custom Cycles, Pontiac, MI. Must purchase tickets in advance, \$10pp, includes beverages & apps, tour of Ron Finch's custom motorcycles & Metalife art. To purchase tickets go to orionartcenter.org/studio-classes

July 13
1st Annual Horseshoe Tourney & Memorial Ride
Roadside Bar, Pinconning, MI. Regis 10 am- noon, cash bar, all bikes back by 5 pm, hosted by Abate of MI region 6.

July 13
Strength In Numbers Veterans Run
New Back Door Lounge 5015 N. Lake Rd., Columbiaville, MI. Regis 9-11 am, \$15 person, \$20 couple, 50/50, raffles, live auction, to support our veterans, beautiful new route. For more info call Renee 810-877-3326

July 14
Red Knights Firefighters M/C Poker Run
Meet at Wolverine HD 44660 N. Gratiot Ave Clinton Twp, MI 48036 Regis 11 am- 12:30 pm, \$15 per bike/ \$10 rider Food, Door Prizes, 50/50, Music & More For more info call Chris 586-557-0892
Facebook: Red Knights Firefighters M/C MI 5 Events (See GLBC full page ad this issue).

July 18
Lingerie & Adult Toy Party / Bike Night Event
Rocco's Bar & Grill, Essexville, MI. Also Bike Night, 6 pm- 9 pm or later, drink specials, prizes & special discounts. Ride Card sign-up & more. Everyone welcome. For more info call sponsor-AfterDark Fantasies 989-687-9669 (See ad this issue)

July 20- 21
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July 26 & 27
Rockin Rivertown Ride & Music Festival
Downtown Cheboygan, MI. Music, poker run, Rolling Thunder parade, bike show. For more info go to cheboyganmusicfest.com (See ad this issue).

July 27
6th Annual Bike Run
Red's Sports Bar & Grill, Midleville, MI. Regis 10-11:30 am, kickstands up noon, \$20 bike, \$10 rider, dinner, drinks, music, prizes. For more info call 269-205-2727 (See ad this issue).

July 28
19th Annual Mystery Ride
Shiawassee Sports Center 11901 N. Beyer Rd. Birch Run MI. Regis 10 am-noon, \$15.00 pp incl scenic 100 mile self-guided ride, coffee & donuts, excellent dinner, lots of door prizes, 50/50 drawing, all riders/bikes are welcome. For more info call Dale at 810-577-136



AUGUST

August 3
Ink Out Abuse Motorcycle Rally
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August 3
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August 4
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August 10
Denise Dehn Memorial Ride (formerly the LUV Ride)
Midland Eagles parking lot, located at 2934 E. Monroe Road, MI. Regis starts at 9:30/last bikes out at 11:00 a.m. Price is \$15 solo rider, and \$25 for rider/passenger. For more info call Midland Eagles @ 989-631-7270.

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 (See 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 23-25
Sawtooth Wolves M/C Annual EOS Party
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August 24
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August 24 & 25
Lucky Thumb M/C Motorcycle Races
Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Club, Deford, MI. For more info go to luckythumbmotorcycleclub.com (For details see ad this issue).

August 29-September 2
Easyriders Rodeo Tour
Ross County Fairgrounds, Chillicothe, OH. Rodeo competition, wall of death, wet t-shirt contest, bike show, vendors, live music, food, camping & more. For more

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