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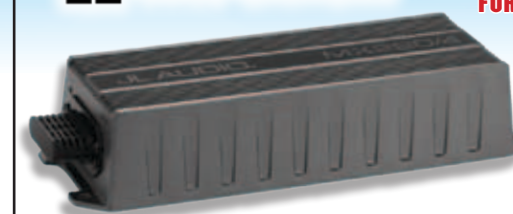
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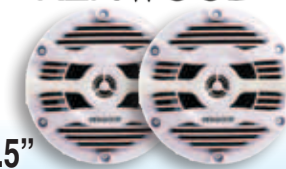
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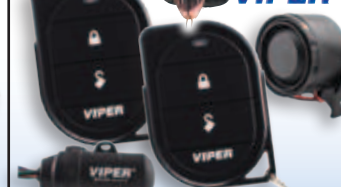
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LETTER FROM THE OWNER

May it Please Be Warm Now!

We Michiganders go through the same thing every year this time of the year—crazy teases of spring mixed with reminders that Michigan doesn't want to let go of winter yet. As I sit and write this letter, I am hoping, in a couple of weeks, when May issue is out on the shelves, that it will finally be warm and riding season will be in full swing. Unlike yesterday, which brought us 4 inches of snow in the middle of April! So come on, Michigan, let's spring into action.

The events are pouring in — there are many to choose from this month and many to mark on your calendars. Check out the pull-out calendar for our advertisers' events. Also, get ready to ride (or drive or float, as all vehicles now welcome to participate) in the 6th Annual Michigan Thunder Run Ride 'n Win Contest that will be starting soon! This is a summer-long contest (actually running from June thru September) where you can win prizes just for checking in at the Ride 'n Win Stops. We'll have the complete listing of where you can go to get your FREE Ride card as well as the places to check in for each month...all coming up in the June issue. We will give you a heads-up prior to the kick-off on the *Thunder Roads Michigan* Facebook page. Make sure to like us so you can keep up-to-date on this as well as each month's entire list of many, many winners! If you have a biker friendly establishment or a suggestion for one, please email me at Editor@ThunderRoadsMichigan.com and we will check it out.

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Jody Mohowitsch
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The Positive Shift

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Sometimes we listen, and sometimes we don't. Sometimes we take action; most times we don't. What's interesting, most of the time, if we don't listen, it won't go away. If you're given hints to slow down and you're not taking notice of this, you may get a slap to get your attention. This has happened to me several times. Even when I'm running on empty, I keep pushing, so the slap comes along and next thing you know...I walked into the bathroom, there was a dab of water on the floor, I wobbled and broke two toes. Yep, that simple.

Another time, I was finishing up a workout at the gym, my heel came down on a dumbbell that was on the ground and I broke my foot in two spots and tore three ligaments. If you think that's all that happened, think again! I was given several "Slow Down" nudges but I didn't listen. The only time I do is when it is mandatory due to injury, including dancing around in my kitchen being silly and I ended up tearing my hamstring. That one took me out for almost a year. Since then, I've started to listen, be observant and take notice of the nudges. No one has time to stop and slow down; I had no choice when I was limping around injured. The steamrollers of life will come and get us. That was clear and evident to me. I'm sure you can relate to my situation. Your wake up call can be a health scare, relationship breakdown, or many other things.

Sure, these can be hard and dark times, but in the end, they can be the best things that happen to us. What if we were to be proactive, listen to the nudges faster and react faster? I encourage you to act on your nudges. Take the chance and choose the path less clear—the one with more branches and cobwebs in the way, yet had a brighter, more successful outlet instead of the wide-open clear path with no obstacles; same routine, making you feel unsuccessful day after day. If you try the new path and it wasn't what you wanted, it isn't a wrong decision or a failure. It means it just wasn't the path for you and you would have never known that had you not tried. I'll bet you still learned new things along the way that will end up helping you in your next path. I've stepped into that situation a few times with no regrets. Just keep in check with your core values of what you are, what your passions are, and what is important to you. What do you enjoy and drives you?

What nudges or actions are you going to react to? Be more aware of these things and you will be surprised about what comes to you. Enjoy the journey of the unknown and you might just like it.

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

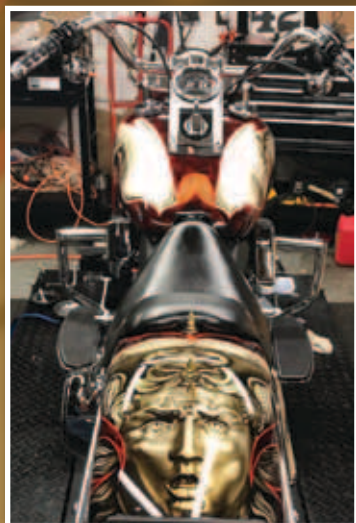
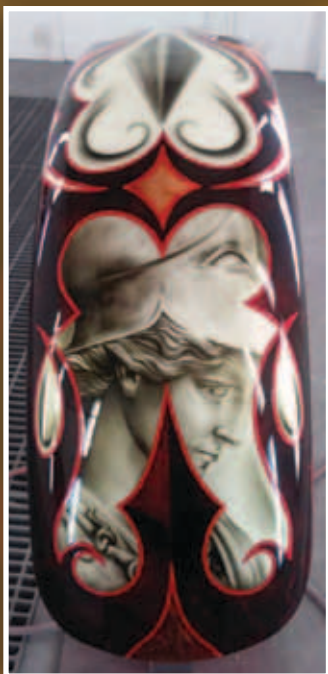
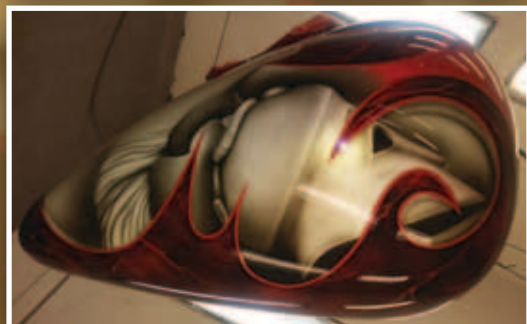
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Wendy Dalton



I wanted to do this project for a personal goal I set for myself. We needed it done quickly for Autorama 2019. The theme of the paint job is based on Athena, the goddess of Wisdom and War, from Greek mythology. My bike is a 2009 Harley-Davidson Fatboy®.

My team included Doug Jersey (painter), Patrick Adkins (wrencher), and Duke Bobinac (pin-striper), and myself who painted the art, we were all a part of this project. If it wasn't for them, none of this would have been possible.

Athena's symbols include the owl for wisdom, the helmet and spear for war; her father Zeus, and her shield of Medusa.

In all the reference pics I found on the internet, Athena always had something gold on her armor, so I included gold leaf throughout, and gold spikes on the back fender and wheels. This custom paint and new part installation took approximately two months total. It was a great experience and I appreciate how everyone pulled together to create this one-of-a-kind piece of art..

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VETERANS CORNER



Yes, I served in the military. No, I am not a guy. I was offered to write a veteran's column for Thunder Roads and at first, I was hesitant to do it. After thinking about it for several days I agreed to do it. First of all, because I love this country and believe in it. Second reason: to help raise awareness on some important veteran issues.

I should probably introduce myself. I am Sharon Harvey, and I served 31 years in the military. Retired in 2015. I went to Basic in January 1984 and spent 10 years in the Army as a 64C/88M. I am also a Desert Shield/Storm Vet. In December 1994, I transferred to the Air Force until I retired. I am also an Iraq/Afghanistan veteran.

As a woman in the military, we endure different things than the men, but I never expected any special treatment. My motto was never making my troops do anything I wouldn't do myself. I am proud to have served my country and would do it again. So, I would like to enlighten some of the Women Veteran's and Desert Storm Memorials in my future articles, along with things that can help all our veterans here in Michigan and hopefully everywhere in the United States.

There are several resources that can help out our veterans here in Michigan.

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Stand Downs

Stand Downs are typically one- to three-day events providing supplies and services to homeless veterans, such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings and VA Social Security benefits counseling. Veterans can also receive referrals to other assistance such as health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment and mental health counseling. They are collaborative events, coordinated between local VA Medical Centers, other government agencies and community-based homeless service providers.

Below are upcoming Stand Downs. New events are added regularly, so check this page often for updates. To add upcoming Stand Downs not listed below, please submit a notice of proposed event form to the VA Homeless Coordinator or VA Stand Down point of contact (POC) at your local VA Medical Center.

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I am also a rider, so if you are out riding around and see me, don't hesitate to say hello. We are all here to help our brothers and sisters out. I am more than happy to help our veterans when I can.

Rolling Thunder says 2019 motorcycle rally will be its last in D.C.

A massive annual motorcycle rally staged in Washington will end next year, with organizers citing a lack of law enforcement cooperation and "increased harassment to supporters" as reasons for stopping the 31-year-old tradition.

Rolling Thunder began in Washington in 1987 after Artie Muller, who served in the Vietnam War as an infantry sergeant, sought to call attention to veterans in need and prisoners of war.

In a statement Thursday, Muller said Rolling Thunder XXXII, scheduled for 2019's Memorial Day weekend, would be "the final Thunder Run in DC."

"As a result of changing times, the organization and Mission needed to be reorganized and reevaluated," the statement said. "Reasons which determined our decision were the Pentagon Security Police/Washington Police officials continued lack of cooperation, increased harassment to our supporters and sponsors."

Pete Zaleski, national vice president of Rolling Thunder Inc., the nonprofit group that organizes the ride, said staging the event costs about \$200,000. The group lost about \$20,000 last year, he said, on a ride that drew hundreds of thousands of participants.

The ride begins at a Pentagon parking lot and passes across Memorial Bridge, down Constitution Avenue to the Capitol and back to West Potomac Park, along Independence Avenue.

Zaleski said the group would have continued operating in the red because the Pentagon sought additional security, prohibited the sale of merchandise and limited the involvement of sponsors. He also said some riders were directed "away from parking or participating" last year at the Pentagon.

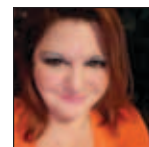
"It seems to me it's either a lack of communication or a lack of cooperation, and I can't really say for sure," he said. "It could be a combination of both."

Defense Department spokeswoman Sue Gaugh said that "the Pentagon is prepared to support the 2019 Rolling Thunder ride as we have for the last 31 years." She declined to address Rolling Thunder's criticism of the Pentagon's handling of the event.

D.C. police said in a statement that the department "welcomes those who come here to exercise their First Amendment rights in a safe and peaceful manner. The Pentagon Force Protection/Department of Defense was involved in the planning of this event and [DC police] did not have any influence as to the decisions surrounding it."

In the future, Zaleski said, Rolling Thunder rides will continue outside Washington in regional events organized by state chapters.

"Rolling Thunder is not going away," he said.



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MOTORCYCLE POTHOLE DAMAGE CLAIMS

The government entity that controls the subject road may pay for some vehicle damage caused by potholes—at least in theory. There is a system and procedure in place to accomplish this. If the damage is substantial and you have collision coverage on your motorcycle insurance policy, you may make a claim with your own insurance company. You likely will be out your deductible. If the damage is under \$1,000 you can make a claim directly to the proper government entity that is responsible for the road's upkeep. If the damage claim is over \$1,000, a lawsuit may be required.

Your first step is to determine which government entity is responsible to maintain the road where the damage occurred. This could be the State of Michigan, the County or the City where the pothole is located. As to the State of Michigan, MDOT should be contacted only if roads have the designation: "I-", "M-" or "US-." The next level down would be the County, typically the County Road Commissions and finally the City. The claim must be made to the proper entity. For example claims for the State of Michigan/ MDOT controlled roads include I-75, I-94, I-696, and other major highways starting with "I-_" [Interstate], M-1 (Woodward) M-22, M-24 (Telegraph Road) [Michigan Highway], US-23, US-10, US-131 [US Highway System].

For property damage claims the State and most counties, you are required to fill out a Damage Claims Form along with evidence proving your claim. I recommend photos of the damage of the motorcycle and the subject pothole, invoices and/or estimates showing the dollar amount and description of the physical damage to your motorcycle. The Claim Form will tell you what is exactly needed for that specific government entity. For a Damage Claims Form for the State go to: mdotcf.state.mi.us/public/webforms/public/3600.pdf

I've listed many of the most traveled counties' claims forms or websites with this information at: www.motorcyclawyeremichigan.com Menu tab: The Law- Pothole Claims.

The law requires you to prove that the governmental entity had actual or constructive notice of the defect, which is very difficult. In my estimation and investigation, virtually all these property damage claims are denied, stating officials did not have actual or constructive notice of the pothole, prior to the incident. Deepening my belief that most or all claims are denied were two news reports by established investigative reporters who did Freedom of Information Requests—both found that the number of claims made matched the number of claims DENIED!

How do you prove actual notice that anyone knew anything at any given time? It is virtually impossible for the layperson. Constructive notice is when a certain period of time goes by that the law will assume the state/county/city knew or should have known (that period of time is 30 days) the defect existed, however, even proving constructive notice bears the same difficult burden; thus, CLAIM DENIED.

MOTORCYCLISTS POTHOLE INJURY CLAIMS

If a motorcyclist is injured because of a pot hole, he or she may be able to hold the government agency responsible for his or her pain and suffering and other damages (medical bills, wage loss, etc.) Michigan motorcyclists who were in a crash because of a pothole should immediately contact an attorney specializing in injury defect cases, not only so they have the best shot at securing evidence and helping the victims, but also because there is a notice requirement.

The proper government entity must be provided written notice with certain information within a specific time frame (depending on where the crash occurred, it could be 60 days or 120 days). These claims are called Road Defect cases, and they are often confronted with the issue of governmental immunity, meaning the governmental entity in control or responsible for the roadway where the crash occurred may not be legally responsible. However, there is an exception: if the defect was known by the governmental entity or it existed for over 30 days (sound familiar?), there may be a case to recover money damages. I have been successful with these cases by canvassing the area of the defect and hiring certain legal experts such as road construction engineers.

We motorcyclists should report significant roadway defects such as potholes to protect fellow bikers. No one wants anyone to go down. Secondly, if defects are reported, there will be a record of the complaint which can be used later to prove the notice requirement for any damage or injury claims. To report a pothole on a roadway in the control of State of Michigan, visit <https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/>. To report defects in county roads, visit our website link listed above for many of the counties' contact information.

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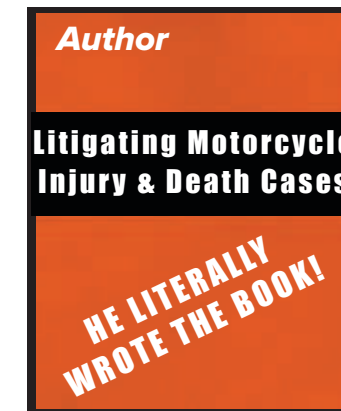
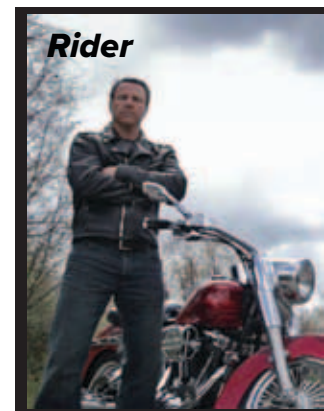
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The JOKERS WILD

Recently at a Wedding party, someone yelled out, 'All married people please stand next to the one person who has made your life worth living.' The Bartender was almost crushed to death.

'Buzzsaw' received the following text from his neighbor and friend, 'Hooter'.

'I am so sorry 'Buzz'. I've been ate up with guilt and now have to confess.'

'I've been helping myself to your wife, day and night when you're not home and sometimes even when you are home.'

'I've kinda' gotten greedy and actually helping myself to it more than you. You and probably the whole neighborhood knows I don't get it at home. There's no shame in that, truth is truth but that's not an excuse. I just can't live with the guilt anymore and I hope you'll accept my apology with the promise that it won't ever happen again.'

'Buzz' in complete shock and anger grabbed his 38 in one hand and holding the disaster text in his other was walking across his lawn onto 'Hooter's'

lawn getting ready to climb the 4 short steps and just walk straight into his living room and open fire when his phone dinged and 'Hooter's' text showed 'Damn spell check. I meant wi-fi, buddy.'

A wife, being the romantic sort, sent her husband a text: "If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing, send me your smile. If you are eating, send me a bite. If you are drinking send me a sip. If you are crying, send me your tears. I love you!" The husband, typically non-romantic, replied: "I am on the toilet. Please advise."

So....if a cow doesn't produce milk, is it a Milk Dud or an Utter Failure?

An old man goes into a drug store to buy some Viagra. 'Can I get 6 tablets, cut in quarters?'

'I can cut them for you' said Dan the Pharmacist.

'But a quarter tablet won't give you a full erection.'

'I'm 92' said the old man.

'I don't want a full erection. I just want the dang thing to stick out far enough so that I don't piss all over my dang shoes anymore!'

A 60 year old billionaire takes his new, jaw-dropping gorgeous 25 year old wife into his favorite bar for the first time to introduce her around.

He goes up to the bar and motions for Alex, the bar owner to come over.

Alex walks up and says, 'Well, heard you got married. She's a stunner. Did you pull your standard lie and tell her you were 45?' 'Hell no, I didn't want to lose this one. I proudly told her I was 95'.

A Cowboy, a Head Banger and a Biker are all on Death Row and slotted to be executed on the same day. The dreadful day arrives and they are brought to the gas chamber. The Warden tells them all that their final request, within reason, will most assuredly be fulfilled.

The Cowboy says, "Well now, I'd sure nuff be mighty obliged if y'all would play 'Achy Breaky Heart' fer me one last time.'

The Head Banger replied, 'Yo, play me some of the hardest ass rap before you walk me to the bitch chamber.'

Lastly, the Warden turns to the Biker, the one slated to be gassed last. The Biker looks at the other two, shakes his head and directs his request in a loud voice to the Warden....'Kill me first.'

Having downed a few extra dry martini's, 'Loosey Lucy' turns to the guy on the barstool next to her and sexily purrs, 'I'm a woman of my own mind and I screw anyone, anytime, anywhere, in the office, in the parking lot, on the ground, standing up or sitting down, buck ass naked or with clothes still on, doesn't matter to me, I just love it.'

The guy on the next barstool dressed up in his seven piece suit has now focused every bit of his attention on 'Loosey Lucy' and his eyes are wide with excitement and interest, he slowly responds, ' No kidding. I'm in Government too. Which Party are you in?'

I may be a tad 'Chunky Monkey', but I identify as 'Skinny'. Therefore I'm what you call 'Trans-Slender'.

Little boy in bath with his mum.

Boy says, 'What's that hairy thing mum?'

Mum kinda' not knowing what to say just replied, 'Oh, that's my sponge.'

Little boy says, 'Oh yeah! the babysitter's got one.'

I seen her washing Dad's face with it.'

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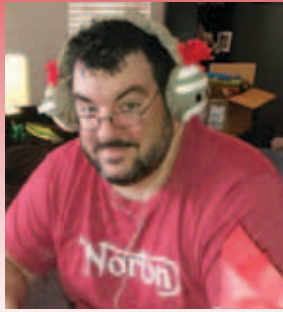
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MIDLIFE CRISIS

PART II *continued from last month*

BY Ben Schanz



There is the “legend” of the gray AMF as illustrated by those two bikers in that bar so many years ago. The sentiment this machine evokes is not only my own. At a bike show I entered it into recently, a man passed by, looked at it and asked, “Who is keeping that thing alive?” That guy either gets it, or has no clue. I’d like to think the former.

The AMF-era sportsters, and even before AMF, are nicknamed “ironheads” due to the cylinder heads being made of cast iron. Ironheads are notoriously temperamental and can be difficult to start. Ironhead engines—along with its big brother the shovelhead—are called by many the last true Harley-Davidson engines. They were the last engines designed and built by the motor company in its original state, before AMF and before Willie G.

The ironhead engine has a very loyal and devoted following that spans the globe. My Ironhead (XLCH) is a kick starter only and it starts on the second kick. It wasn’t always this way, but it is now. It explodes to life with a puff of smoke and a lot of noise. At a popular car show in my area, I was getting ready to leave at the end of the evening and a woman approached and said, “Oh, a Honda.” The man she was with said, “Oh no, that’s all Harley.” In my opinion, it is much more Harley than the “recliners on wheels” you see people riding today with their big fairings and windshields to block the wind, heated grips to keep their hands warm, inflatable seats to keep their asses comfortable. Many even have a radio and navigation to tell them where they are going. My bike calls to an older time. A time when things were simpler. A time when a machine could develop a soul.

I promised myself when I got the bike back into shape that I would take it back to Ron and show it to him. He asked Pops several times over the years if I still had it, and even passed along some old parts he found in his garage. I made good on that promise one day. I rode it over to show Ron his old sporty. I rode with my friend who knew him well and when we pulled into his driveway, he stopped raking leaves, looked at it and smiled. I shut it down as he approached. I don’t remember what he said exactly, but I could tell by the look in his eyes that he was glad to see her. Ron circled the bike several times, commenting on the pipe wrap, and other subtle touches I have done to make it mine (and more reliable). When he owned the bike, he had hair down to the middle of his back and kept a hair tie on the throttle grip in case he needed it. I have always kept one on the grip. The original finally succumbed to age years ago, but I replaced it, because it belongs there. I don’t have long hair and I probably never will, but in honor of Ron, I will have a hair tie. I asked Ron if he wanted to take it for a spin for old time’s sake. He was surprised I asked, but took it around the block. He got back, shut it down and thanked me for letting him take it out and for bringing it by for him to see it. The smile he had on his face when he returned, and the vigor in his handshake before we left was further proof to me that the bike has that “quality that arouses emotion and sentiment.” I made an old man’s day, and in doing so, made mine as well.

Shortly before I turned forty, I found myself in a position that I would have never predicted. After moving back from Florida to be nearer

aging parents and growing nieces and nephews, I lost my job. I was then convinced that the career I had spent the last decade in had worn me out and it was time for something else. I was not happy doing what I was doing and it showed. The stress was no longer worth the reward and it was stealing my soul. I knew I needed to find a different career and I just felt stuck. I would take the bike out to clear my mind, like the wind was washing my stress and uncertainty away. The rides were never very long, for a couple reasons. The first is it never takes long for the bike to help you hit the reset button and the second is...well, if you ever have ridden an ironhead sportster, you know. They just aren’t good distance machines.

The process of getting the bike roadworthy was a long one. It took twelve years and countless new beginnings. It was a struggle. It also was a learning process mechanically and personally. It taught me that it was okay to start over. It might be painful, it might be difficult, but it was okay. My on-again/off-again restoration project gave me the courage to seek out a new career, and although I have a few steps to get to the end result, as I did with the bike, the end is worth the journey. I have worked hard to get that bike to the point that it starts on the second kick, and keeps most of its fluids on the inside. I have worked hard to reunite the bike with a man whose heart broke a little when he sold it. I have worked hard to preserve the soul of that bike and now, I am working hard to preserve my own soul. I know that I may still run into challenges and road blocks and obstacles, but if I keep the end result in focus, as I did with the bike, I will get there.

When I started this piece, I named it “mid-life crisis”, because, well, I am in my early forties and if you do the math... Some people buy sports cars or take lavish trips when they reach a point in their lives that they realize the vision they had in their twenties is not the reality they live in today. We’ve all made fun of the middle-aged man with the brand-new Corvette.

Many people drudge along day to day in a job they hate, making money to pay for stuff they don’t really need. Most of those people will never have the kind of feeling you get when you grab a fistful of throttle on an open road and let her rip. Most people will never have the feeling of being reunited with a machine you truly adored, nor will they have the feeling of being the person that made the reunion possible. They won’t have an appreciation for what it takes to keep an old bike or car functional. They won’t know the feeling you get when you have an old machine that you have worked on for days, weeks, months, or years and that machine finally roars to life. I feel sorry for those people. I also feel that maybe the soul a machine develops isn’t actually a soul of its own but rather an extension of its owner’s soul. Each person leaving a little mark, a hair tie on the throttle, or header wrap on the exhaust that carries over to the next owner.

I hope sharing my journey will encourage someone to get that old bike or car running, or decide to make a career change to something they enjoy doing that also pays the bills. I hope it inspires someone to inspire someone. I hope it leaves a little mark.



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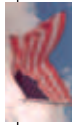
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May 5
20th Annual Blessing of the Bikers
Church of the Living Word, Ovid, MI. 9:30 am-10:30 am arrival, free refreshments, biker service 10:30 am-11:30 am, live music, hog roast 11:30 am- 1 pm \$5 all you can eat, bike show regis by noon, blessing 1:30 pm, charity ride 1:45 pm \$10pp, raffles & more.

May 11
1st Annual Chris Cares Homeless Ride & Blessing
Retail Warehouse, Sturgis, MI. event starts 10 am, ride 1 pm, food, door prizes, 50/50, activities for kids, bake sale, family friendly. For more info email: info.chriscares@yahoo.com

May 12
39th Annual Mother's Day Swap Meet & Bike Show
Midland Co. Fairgrounds, Midland, MI. \$5 admitts, 12 & under free, 10 am- 4 pm, ride in bike show 10 am- 3 pm, regis 10 am- 1 pm, sell your bike or parts. For more info call 989-893-5187 (See Great Lakes H-D ad this issue).

May 18
TTBAD Customs Annual Customer Appreciation Day (In the Shop with Ron author)
5912 Mulliken Rd, Charlotte, MI. 2 pm, food, drinks, live music by Homespun from 6 pm-?, everyone welcome. For more info call 517-983-9327

May 18
11th Annual Biker Blessing & Cancer Ride
Merriman Rd Baptist Church, Garden City, MI. Starts 10 am, blessing 1 pm, ride to follow, \$20 rider/ \$25 w/passenger, free food, music, bike show, door prizes & more. For more info go to www.mrbcfairriders.com (See add this issue).

May 19
Faith Christian Blessing of the Bikes & Muscle Cars
25201 W. Outer Dr, Melvindale, MI. Noon- 4pm, special speaker Pastor Robb Stancer, 1 pm deadline for prizes, vendors, stunt motorcycle riders, family fun, free giveaways & more. For more info see ad this issue.

May 18
2nd Annual 22 Veteran's Ride
Lansing Blue Angels Clubhouse, 1121 May st, Lansing, MI. \$15 per rider, plus \$5 passenger, Regis 3 pm, kickstands up 4 pm, rain or shine, food, dj, 50/50. For more info email: oneofmanyveteranslansing@aol.com

May 24-27
24th Annual Hudson Leather Memorial Weekend Motorcycle Rally & Blessing
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May 24-June 2
Ohio Bike Week
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May 25-26
Bubba's 19th Annual Memorial Weekend Classic
804 S. Huron, Linwood, MI. 2 days, sat charity bike show, regis 10 am-noon, sun charity poker run, regis 10 am- noon, proceeds to Camp Fish Tales. For more info call 989-697-5525

JUNE

June 1
WACU Motorcycle Charity Ride & Bike Blessing
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June 2
Blessed in Hell
Hell Creek Ranch, Pinckney/Hell, MI. gates open 10:30 am sharp, \$10 per bike, 4 blessings, ride in bike show, over 20 vendors, food vendors, live band. For more info go to Hellcreekranch.com (See ad this issue).

June 8
Flint Axemen MI 6 Fun Run (GLBC)
Scooters Bar & Grill, Flint, MI. Regis 10 am, bikes out by noon, \$15 single, \$20 double. For more info call Dan 248-227-8055 (See full page ad this issue).

June 8-9
24th Annual Vintage Motorcycle Show / 2 Day Swap Meet
Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI. Sat swap only, Sun show & swap. To regis or for more info go to gilmorecarmuseum.org (See ad this issue).

June 11
Wheels & Heels Ladies Motorcycle Show
Mug Shotz Bar & Grill, Clio, MI. Regis 5 pm- 7 pm, \$10 p/bike, must be driven by lady, first 25 get a goody bag, raffles, 50/50, winners announced at 8 pm, trophies awarded. For more info see ad this issue.

June 15
Nozzlemen M/C Ride
Brighton HD, Brighton, MI. Regis 3 pm, ride leaves 4:30 pm, \$20 bike, \$30 with rider, or \$50 ride with food, music, 50/50. For more info call Michael 734-386-9292 (See full page ad this issue).

June 15
Just One More for Ty
Downtown Gladwin, MI. Motorcycle parade starts at noon, ends at Sage Township Hall 1831 Pratt Lake Rd, Gladwin, MI. All bikes welcome, fish fry & luncheon/drinks at Sage Hall. For more info call/text Lacey 989-329-5612 (See ad this issue).

June 15
Justin Beutel Memorial Run
American Legion Post 443, Sanford, MI. Regis 11 am, kickstands up noon, dinner 5 pm, music, silent auction, event goes to 9 pm. For more info go to Justin Beutel Memorial Run on Facebook.

June 15
Ride with the Eagles Benefit Ride
F.O.E. 3565 Davison Rd, Lapeer, MI. Regis 8:30- 10:30 am, kickstands up 10:30 am, \$15 per driver, \$10 passenger, any wheeled vehicle welcome, food, prizes and more. For more info call Steve 810-793-7300

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Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Club, Deford, MI. 15th- Short track 3/5/7 pm, 16th- TT Scrambles 8am/10am/12 pm. For more info go to luckythumbmotorcycleclub.com (See ad this issue).



June 22
19th Annual Great Lakes H-D Street Party
Great Lakes H-D, Bay City, MI. Noon- 6 pm, entertainment, adult beverages & more. For more info call 989-686-0400 (See ad this issue).

June 22
3rd Annual Team Candy Benefit Ride
River Rock Bar, St. Louis, MI. Regis 10 am, breakfast avail 7 am, \$10 per rider/non-rider, kickstands up 11 am, rain or shine, entertainment, auction, food & more. For more info call/text Lenny 989-763-1113 (See ad this issue).

June 22
Annual Charity Ride & Membership Drive
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ABATE (American Bikers Aim Towards Education) is very active right now working on the upcoming insurance reform. Our Legislation team wants to make sure all motorcyclists in the State of Michigan don't get left behind. This is an issue that every single biker in our State of Michigan will want to be involved in; you can do this by contacting your State Representative and Senators to let them know that Bikers Lives Matter! Please, if you have questions regarding what will happen to you and your family if you are involved in an accident, call your local ABATE Region. Ask how you can get involved before it's too late and you're stuck with bills you can't afford and you lose your hard-earned possessions. Yes, it is that important! As a group, we can help ourselves. You can make a difference. Our lawyer, Dondi Vesprini of Buckfire and Buckfire, can help answer your questions if you are a member of ABATE. Contact him at www.buckfirelaw.com

Another important issue facing bikers right now is the E-15 at the pump. Do not put this in your machine. You can ruin your motor and your warranty can be voided.

The month of May is Motorcycle Awareness Month and ABATE members across the State will be standing on street corners holding up signs and letting the public become aware that Motorcycles are Everywhere. Saturday, May 4th from 1 – 3pm., if you see an ABATE Member out there with signs, please stop and ask if you can help in some way. We want to help save lives and that life could be yours or one of your friends or family members.

Since Thunder Roads has now resumed publication, I would like to hear from the readers of this biker magazine and continue to keep all bikers aware of what ABATE is doing and address any concerns you might have. After all, ABATE is doing all it can to preserve the rights of all bikers. We are not perfect, but who is? We will be in Lansing to fight for bikers' rights. Please help us by joining your local Region and help make a difference. We can always use it. Go to www.abateofmichigan.com for more information or to join.

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Biker Preacher's Corner

Last month I wrote about a serious issue that many people deal with—depression. I spoke about my own dealings with depression and how I overcame and continue to defeat it in my daily life. I hope it ministered to many people. With that in mind I'm going to pick up where I left off.

John 8:36 says "Therefore, if the Son sets you free, you really will be free." I know this verse is the absolute truth—not just because I believe in Jesus and His entire Word but because I've experienced this myself. Jesus has truly set me free!

Luke 19:10 says: "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost." Let me put it this way: Jesus came looking for you. He came to find you, restore you to your Heavenly Father and to heal your mind, body, soul, and spirit.

1 Peter 2:24 says: "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; you have been healed by His wounds."

Jesus bore our sins and diseases in His own body while He hung on that tree. If we will place our trust (faith) in Him, he will bring you to an abundant life! God isn't going to make you choose; He did everything to show you His love, and He did everything to help your decision-making to be as easy as possible. The choice is up to you.

Jesus said in **John 10:10**: "A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance."

The thief (Satan, whose previous name was Lucifer) is not only a thief, but he's a liar, and a fraud. His goal is to kill, steal, and destroy you and I only because we're created in God's image (Genesis 1:26) and because God loves us! Jesus came so that you and I may have an abundant life and that life can only be found in Him!

So, how does one enter into a relationship with God? Accept and confess Jesus is Lord.

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."

Will you allow Jesus to set you free? You've tried everything else; it didn't work, did it? My friends place your faith and trust in Christ Jesus.

God, I ask you to forgive me of all my sins and to save me. I believe that Jesus is your son. He was born of the Virgin Mary, lived a perfect and sinless life, was hung on a cross and died and went to Hell for me and on the third day He rose again. I BELIEVE and confess JESUS IS MY LORD AND SAVIOR. In Jesus's name I pray, AMEN!

Much love and respect,

Apostle Brian "BMAN" McKay
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SEEIN' RED

BY RICK WYATT



First, let me say I am sorry I missed my article last month, but I have had some recent health problems that have required my absolute attention. Not to worry; I have a tankful of sarcasm that needs this outlet—so let's have at it!

The gun grabbers are still busily chipping away at our constitutional protections with their all-out assault on the second amendment. In the process, the first amendment (freedom of speech and press), fourth amendment (protection from unreasonable search and seizure), and fifth amendment (right to life, liberty and property) are being trampled under the jackbooted heels of politicians and special interests who view disarming us as their sacred life mission!

The new Congress wasn't even in session and its newest members were crowing about how there were going to be drastic changes in the laws that govern the ownership of firearms even if it meant removing the second amendment from the constitution. One of the first (and loudest) to speak out was the new representative from the Bronx—Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC for brevity's sake) who proclaimed that gun ownership is not an individual right and must be regulated by government. This is from a person who has a masters in economics from Boston College. However, prior to election, she was working as a bartender instead of an occupation worthy of her degree because try as you might, you can't fix stupid.

But AOC is far from having a corner on the 'ignorance market' when it comes to constitutional protections. Following the recent mass shooting in Christchurch, the New Zealand prime minister declared that military-style assault weapons and semiautomatic firearms were going to be banned in the island nation. A week later, their legislative body made it so in a typical globalist knee-jerk reaction. Seeing how quickly NZ banned guns, practically every Democrat running for president and a whole host of politicians and bureaucrats howled in unison that if New Zealand can do it, we can do it, too; no matter what the Constitution says. The way I see it, the verbiage the right to keep and bears arms shall not be infringed is pretty damn clear and any attempt to modify the language would be a governmental overreach—which is why we have a Bill of Rights and a Second Amendment.

Fortunately, much of the gun control effort is being waged at the state and local level where the prevailing plan is to throw as much against the wall as you can and see what sticks. With the influence of more conservative judges being put on the bench, less mud is sticking lately. Example: California's magazine capacity restrictions which, until recently, was ten rounds. Having been declared unconstitutional in a federal court, maybe the precedent can be used to fight capacity restrictions in other states.

Some of the newest and most troubling "mud" has to do with what are called "red flag laws." Under these laws if the police, family, or friends petition the court that an individual may represent a danger to themselves or others, a judge can sign an order to confiscate otherwise legally owned firearms from an individual.

Understand that if you are on the receiving end of one of these orders, your first hint that something is going on will probably be when the police show up to take your guns because there usually is no formal hearing for you to confront your accusers. Many times, the orders lack structure as to when and under what circumstances your firearms will be returned, and just like the "domestic violence" gun prohibition, such laws can often be used for payback against ex-friends and spouses, former significant others, and a new way to harass neighbors you don't get along with. Think it can't happen? Talk to any of the former police officers who lost their jobs over false accusations under the domestic violence laws. Did I tell you, there are lawmakers in Lansing chomping at the bit to bring a red-flag law to Michigan?

Not only that, we have a new governor more than willing to sign it! Never forget that the gun control debate is not about public safety.

Instead, it represents a deep state governmental desire to control—institute absolute control—over every aspect of our lives without fear of us fighting back.

Earlier, I spoke of AOC and the stupid drivel that flows from her mouth. Some of the most ignorant output has to do with what she calls her "green new deal."

Under her proposed environmental plan, the use of fossil fuels would be outlawed in ten years, with economic and social chaos to follow. The cost of such a program would exceed one hundred trillion dollars over 30 years, or every bit of currency in the world economy.

Such a plan would require the government to have absolute control over every aspect of the economy, energy production, and the lives of our citizens—which could only be implemented under martial law at the muzzle of a gun. AOC has found allies for her plan both in Congress and hidden in the bureaucracy of Washington. But the "green new deal" is an awful lot like a watermelon: pretty and green on the outside but when you slice into it you find that it is really communist green, through and through.



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Motorcycle Knowledge Test

The following are questions every motorcyclist should know the answers to. Let's see how you do. The correct answers are shown below. Courtesy of www.Michigan.gov

1. It is most important to flash your brake light to warn drivers behind that:

- a. They are following too closely
- b. You will be slowing suddenly
- c. There is a stop sign ahead

2. The front brake supplies how much of a motorcycle's total stopping power:

- a. About one-quarter (25%)
- b. About one-half (50%)
- c. About three-quarters (75%)

3. The key to making a quick turn is:

- a. Shifting your weight quickly
- b. Turning the handlebars quickly
- c. Getting the motorcycle to lean quickly

4. If a tire goes flat while riding and you must stop, it is usually best to:

- a. Relax on the handgrips
- b. Shift your weight toward the good tire
- c. Brake on the good tire and steer to the side of the road
- d. Use both brakes and stop quickly

Answers: 1) B 2) C 3) C 4) C

IN THE SHOP WITH RON

By Ron Johnson

RAISE EM UP

the service manual, I still tag each wire as I disconnect them to ensure I don't miss any during reassembly.



This month in the shop, we will be installing a set of taller handlebars on a 2017 Harley Street Glide Special. The handlebars we're going to use are approximately four inches taller than stock. By using handlebars of this size, we won't have to extend the front brake line or the hydraulic clutch line. Because we decided to run the handlebar switch wires inside the handlebars, we will have to extend those harnesses. I have mentioned before and will again—when doing a project like this (or almost any other), a service manual specific to the year, make, and model of the motorcycle you're working on is a very valuable resource. Judging by the price, the suppliers of said manuals agree.

The first step is to remove the main fuse. Make sure you follow mfg. instructions—you don't want to trigger the security system. Next, remove outer fairing and windshield and pay attention to the length and location of fasteners; they're not all the same. With outer fairing removed, I like to take a picture for possible reference when it's time for reassembly.



On this model, we can remove the inner fairing as an assembly. The service manual explains exactly what needs to be disconnected. Pay close attention here—you don't want to unhook anything that's not necessary. Even though it's spelled out clearly in

Securely fasten phish line to harness and again, spray both harness and inside bars generously with window cleaner. While pulling on line and pushing harness at the same time, carefully feed wire harnesses through bars. Patience is king during this procedure. Now we can reassemble controls and switches, front brake and clutch master cylinders, inner fairing, outer fairing, and windshield. When reassembling, I check for clearance and wire length after each component is installed. Be especially careful not to pinch wires or cause any wires to be stressed. Make absolutely sure everything lines up and lays where it should. This model had rearview mirrors mounted to the inner fairing so we removed them and added an aftermarket set that mounts to the hand controls.



Reinstall main fuse. Be sure to check all switch and control functions: lights, horn, front brake and clutch, and throttle. Do this while turning handle bars full right to full left.

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During reassembly, I remove each tag as I connect the wires. If I have any wires left with a tag, I know something didn't get reconnected. Now we can remove the clutch and front brake master cylinders and switch housings. This bike has the throttle by wire system and the wires are run inside the stock handlebars, so be very careful when removing them. I have found that spraying the wire harness and inside the handlebars with window cleaner helps the harness slide through the bars and the window cleaner will then evaporate. If we have done things correctly, we should be left with a bare set of handlebars that we can now remove.

With the new bars mounted in the clamp and positioned, we can start running the wires inside the handlebars. To be able to run the wires inside the bars, we need to run a phish line through the new bars.



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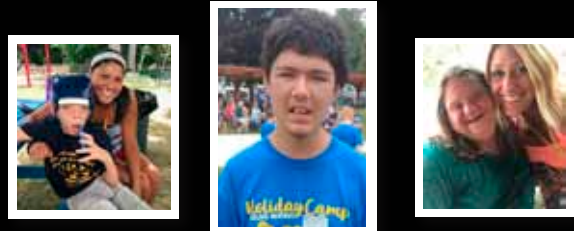
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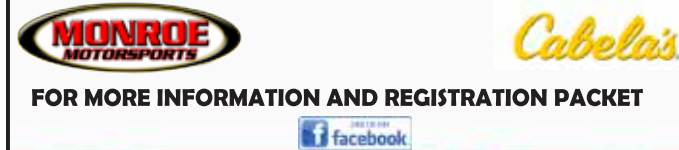
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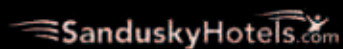
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