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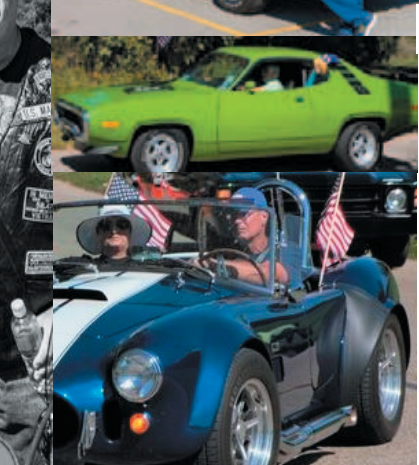
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LETTER FROM THE OWNER

That's a Wrap

Although the events and the season are still in full swing right now, they will start wrapping up soon and become less and less frequent as we head into fall—and then, well, you know what's next after that. I am not even going to say it. However, with that said, this is the last issue of the year for *Thunder Roads Michigan*. I will be focusing on the events and trying to hit as many as possible before end of season. I will be bringing the 2020 *Thunder Roads Michigan* wall calendars with me, and even some of the models for autographs and photos with purchase. If you preorder, you will save on shipping and you can still bring your calendar with you for autographs and photos. You can pre-order yours and get free shipping by going to www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com > Thunder Store > 2020 Wall Calendar.

I will be set up at Freedom Fest in Akron, MI on Saturday and Sunday, as well as Bikes on the Bricks Saturday and Sunday. Come by and grab some swag and a sexy *Thunder Roads* wall calendar. I will be posting updates to *Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan* Facebook page, so be sure to like it and so you can stay informed



The *Ride 'n Win* summer-long contest is still in full swing, so read all about that in this issue as well. Sign up if you haven't already; everything moves at your pace and your schedule.

Thank you to all of our loyal advertisers—we appreciate you! Thank you, readers, for your support and making *Thunder Roads Magazine* #1! See you out and about at the events and we'll be back to publishing again in **April 2020**.

Now for some "Mo" Advice:

Seize the moment! Contact that old friend, take that trip, and buy that bike! Life is too short to just think about doing something. If it's backed up with love, kindness and goodness, then do it!

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The Positive Shift

Change Your Mindset Using, "I Am" Positively

I wish, I want, I need...we all have said this several times and maybe even multiple times a day. After we say or think this, our minds start to drift off to the negative because those wishes, wants and needs aren't being met or they aren't happening fast enough. Ever wonder why that is? Of course, you do!

You are the creator of making those things happen or not making them come to you. I'm going to put this in the simplest terms for you to understand and think about this the next time you say those things and how to redirect what you're saying, in the right way.

Here goes...if you find a lamp, rub it, a genie comes out and asks what your three wishes are; therefore, you expect it to happen because you asked for it. I mean, seeing the genie come out of the bottle is proof that it magical, therefore it must be true. Well, as the saying goes, you don't get wet from saying the word "water." You have to spill the water on you or you must drink the water to know it's real. You breathe air even though you don't "see" the air. Hopefully, you're getting the idea.

I know this from experience and have seen the forthcoming of being "lucky" just by my words, feeling it and believing it. I recently went on a golf outing with three people. One golfer I recently have gotten to know and the other two, I didn't know very well. I wrenched my back that morning but still went golfing. I said, "I am going to have the best golf game ever." That I did—I even had them video me because I knew no one would believe that I could hit the ball as far as I did and as straight as I did!

Since then—in less than one month—I have proclaimed "I am lucky" and won a free nights-stay at a hotel, a raffle basket at an event, and purchased two winning scratch-off tickets. As if that weren't enough, I found out that I won the Governor's Service Award for Mentor of the Year!

"I Am" is your own personal genie. You rub your own words and thoughts to make things come to you. Negativity will cancel out your positive streak, so don't let it get in the way of your "I Am". It breaks down to this...when you are saying "I am", you are declaring it to be a fact. If you say, "I am overweight" or "I am sick" or "I am tired" or "I am depressed" or "I am stupid" or "I am poor"...well, you get the point! The genie—aka your own wishes—is giving you what you want; more of your "I am".

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

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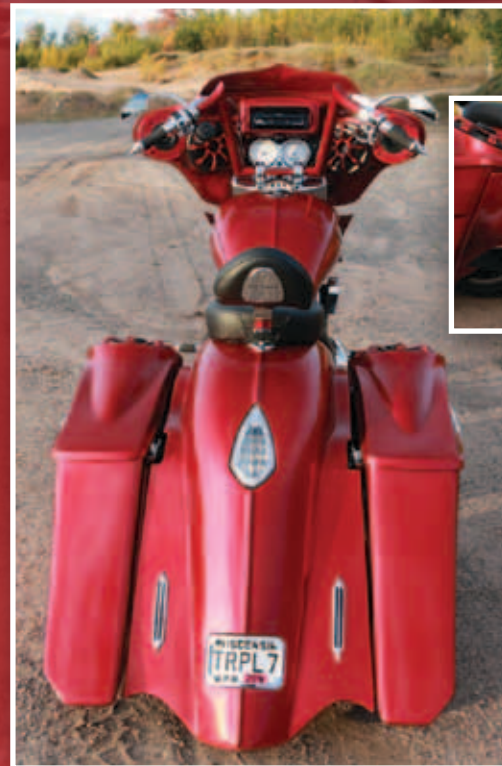
Dan Lantagne



Hello - my name is Dan Lantagne. I'm from Kingsford, Michigan; yup, a Yooper!

The bike is a 2006 Victory Jackpot that I converted to a bagger. It's a 100-ci six-speed engine. Exhaust is a one-off custom, built by myself and Toxic Pipes. The rear fender is all metal. I did all the fabrication and paint work.

The front wheel is a 26 Ruthless Designz replica of the stock rim. Custom-cut front fender. WOC fairing made to fit the rake. Audio system—JL Audio, Crescendo, and Pioneer. I compete in bike audio shows. Full air ride and center stand.

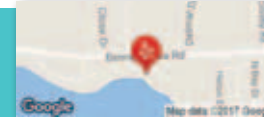


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NOT POLITICALLY CORRECT



September already? That means Labor Day—the last big picnic or ride before school starts.

Any bus with flashing RED lights means you MUST STOP (stricter law enforcement needed here, in my humble opinion).

As a UAW member, Labor Day reminds us of the sacrifice that was made by union members of the past (I'm referring to the Flint sit-down strike of 1936-37, along with others) which helped get union members the benefits they have today. But it appears the unions have taken a back seat today. When workers demand \$15.00 per hour and the industry gives in, the workers think they have won the fight until the boss comes out and says, "These new kiosks have replaced you, so we are letting you go."

Be careful what you ask for. Common sense—where has it gone? The left feels we should let our country be flooded with illegals; apparently, they don't understand the meaning of the word illegal. It almost seems like they have become unionized. I am still proud to support and buy Made in America.

On a lighter note, "Labor Day" can have a completely different meaning. Of course, I am talking about childbirth. For those of us who have witnessed—speaking to the men, of course—the miracle of childbirth (especially our own children) it is truly a "labor" of love. I would like to say to all the mothers who have kids, please enjoy this weekend. The pain you endured during your "Labor Day" is something us men will never understand, but we will love you for it the rest of our lives.

So, for the two-wheeled cowboys and cowgirls, when you throw a leg over that steel horse and grab the reins (handlebars) on this Labor Day weekend, please remember a little common sense goes a long way.

Look twice and don't let someone else's driving make you mad—that's when stupid mistakes happen. This is the last printed issue for the year, but keep up with what's happening at ThunderRoadsMichigan.com

May the road rise to meet you and keep the shiny side up!

As always, may God bless you and BE SAFE.

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VETERANS CORNER



HOW CAN I HELP A VETERAN?

First off, I want to send my deepest apologies to a wonderful organization that I didn't mention in my last article.

Forgotten Eagles of Michigan <http://forgotteneagles.org/>

Forgotten Eagles®, Inc. a non-profit organization formed in 2002 by a group of concerned veterans that have come together in a common desire to ensure our nation does not set aside the needs of veterans and their families.

With holidays coming up in the fall, let's look at how we, as vets, can help each other every day. With us losing 22 veterans a day, we need to help end this. Did you know that in Michigan had an estimated 8,351 experiencing homelessness on any given day? Between 560 to 646 are women veterans. The help is there—it's getting the veterans the help. The problem is, most vets don't trust the government, or the VA.

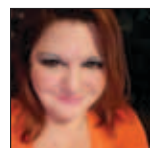
So how can we change that? That is a good question. How do we get our veterans the help they need? Well, first, if you know a vet that's in trouble and needs help, talk to them and give them this info. Use this link <http://vafvets.org/resources-vetera/links/> it will give you a list of help for veterans.

Here are 9 ways you may help a veteran.

1. Pick up a veteran's tab for a coffee or meal, but don't limit yourself to that; you could pay for a tank of gas, a prescription, or a cart of groceries.
2. Offer to drive a vet to his/her appointment. If you have a driver's license, you can volunteer at several organizations to drive (DAV, VTS). Veterans can also contact MTS (810) 257-3068 in Genesee County. Many local counties offer vets a lift to their appointments.
3. Help Sponsor an Honor flight. Many of the veterans who fought for our freedoms have never seen the national memorials honoring their efforts—and their fallen friends. Honor Flights helps send veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam to Washington DC to see their monuments. You can help sponsor one of those flights for as little as \$4. www.honorflight.org/
4. Write a letter or help by putting together care packages for veterans—a small backpack with essentials for the homeless vets—and donate them to local veteran organizations. VA Operation Gratitude has sent more than 1.5 million individually addressed care package to the military community. The packages are sent to current military members as well as veterans, wounded warriors, and their caregivers. As more American troops return to civilian life, the Operation Gratitude veterans' program has been growing. It also has a letter-writing campaign encouraging everyone to write handwritten letters of gratitude to veterans.
5. Volunteer at your VA Hospitals; reading a book, playing cards, just listening to them. Find out what the policies are at your nearest VA hospital for interacting with patients or volunteering, and spend the day with a veteran. Many VA facilities will have events on Veterans Day or a special lunch you can help

prepare. Even if you never interact with a veteran, helping at a facility is a way to give back.

6. Donate your Frequent Flyers miles, The Fisher House Foundation has a network of homes on the grounds of military and VA hospitals around the country. These homes help family members be close during the hospitalization of a loved one for a combat injury, illness or disease. Fisher House operates the Hero Miles Program, using donated frequent flier miles to bring family members to the bedside of injured service members. You can also volunteer or donate household items.
7. Sponsor a companion dog for veterans, Service dogs are a great help to veterans with mobile disabilities and post-traumatic stress disorder, helping them rediscover physical and emotional independence. It takes approximately two years and \$33,000 to properly train one service dog, so donations and training volunteers are critical. Even if you aren't equipped to train a dog, some organizations need "weekend puppy raisers," which help service dogs learn how to socialize, play, and interact with different types of people. There are several organizations that provide this service for veterans, including Patriot Paws and Puppy Jake.
8. Get Outdoors with a Veteran. This is huge for a veteran! Invite a veteran or a military family to explore a national park—admission is free for all veterans. Being outside helps improve physical and mental health, boosts emotional well-being, and is a great way to celebrate the day with a veteran.
9. The biggest way is to say thank you. It's simple, but it can make an impact. And so many veterans have never heard the words: "thank you/welcome home". If you know a veteran or see someone in a military uniform, say something. It may make his/her day and yours.



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THE MOTORCYCLE LAWYER ON THE LAW

Finch & Waechter: The Last Two No-Helmet Tickets

As most of you are undoubtedly aware, Michigan does not currently have a helmet requirement for motorcycle riders. This, however, has not always been the case. For the final issue of 2019, and in honor of his induction into the **Sturgis Motorcycle Museum Hall of Fame**, I thought I'd share a funny story about renowned artist and bike-builder **Ron Finch** and how he and I managed to snag the very last two 'no helmet' citations in the state, before the law changed in 2012.

The Man, The Myth, The Legend

Over the last 50 years, Finch has built some amazing motorcycles, from the ground up (not just assembled, like some of the show motorcycle fabricators). His unique works are fully functional – literally art in motion. In 1969, the Detroit Institute of Art even displayed one of Ron's incredible creations. His works were the first choppers to be considered 'art,' creating a little bit of controversy with the people in the art world. (www.FinchsCustoms.com)



Get In.

In early April 2012, Ron invited me to check out his studio, and see the many motorcycles he's built. After giving me the full tour, he asked, "Have you ever been in a sidecar?" I shook my head. He pointed to his sidecar and, in a gravelly voice, said, "Get in." He saw me looking a hundred yards or so in the direction of my truck, then back at the sidecar. My helmet was in that truck. "We'll just go around the block. Get in."



Ron fired it up and we shot down a residential road. We tooled around in a subdivision for a few minutes, which led us onto a semi-main road. That's when we saw the patrol car. Of course, we got lit up. Ron pulled over and, ultimately, we were each issued an equipment violation ticket for no helmet. Afterwards, at the officer's request, we rode directly back to Ron's shop. He looked at me and said, "Here, you're the lawyer - get me out of this."

Everyone in my office thought the case was absolutely 'un-winnable,' wanting to know what I was even going to say in court.

"I don't know," I said, "I'll think of something."

Two days later, the law changed. Then, months later, we went to court, where I argued that the law changed. The prosecutor pushed back, saying that, **at the time the ticket was issued**, a helmet was required. In the end, the tickets were dismissed – a happy end to a crazy story.

Congratulations, again, to Ron Finch, for his induction into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum Hall of Fame!

Since this column is usually for motorcycle law and related topics (not fun stories), I'll close with the law. You can legally ride without a helmet, but only if you meet these requirements:

1. You're 21 yrs of age or older,
2. You've had a motorcycle (CY) endorsement for 2 years or taken an accredited motorcycle safety class,
3. You carry at least \$20,000 of First Party medical coverage on your bike's insurance policy.

Ride Safe.

-JW

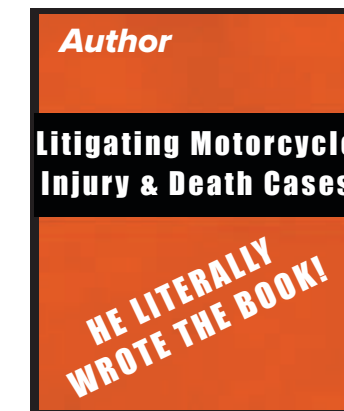
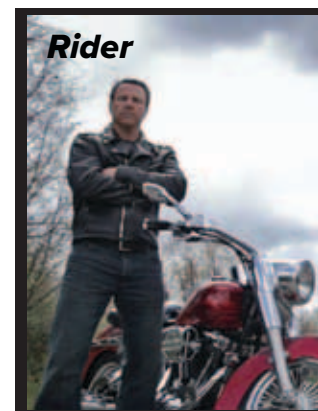


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A man goes into his local book boutique and asks the young lady at the service counter . . .
 "Do you have the new book out for men with short penises? I can't remember the title".....
 She replies, "I'm not sure if it's in yet." The man said, "Yes! That's the one.....I'll take a copy."

A blonde decides to try horseback riding, even though she has had no lessons, nor prior experience. She mounts the horse unassisted, and the horse immediately springs into motion. It gallops along at a steady and rhythmic pace, but the blonde begins to slide from the saddle.
 In terror, she grabs for the horse's mane, but cannot seem to get a firm grip. She tries to throw her arms around the horse's neck, but she slides down the horse's side anyway. The horse gallops along, seemingly impervious to its' slipping rider.
 Finally, giving up her frail grip, the blonde attempts to leap away from the horse and throw herself to safety. Unfortunately, her foot has become entangled in the stirrup, she is now at the mercy of the horse's pounding hooves as her head is struck against the flank of the horse.
 As her head is quickly moving toward being banged against the ground and she is mere moments away from unconsciousness, to her great fortune, a biker named "Justice Joey", sees her dilemma and unplugs the horse. Thank God for Bikers!

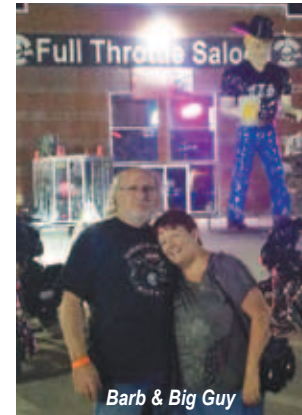
An old Chinese Doctor was answering questions at his book signing and imparted this wisdom:
 Q: Doctor, I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?
 A: Heart only good for so many beats, and that it... Don't waste on exercise. Everything wear out eventually. Speeding up heart not make you live longer; it like saying you extend life of car by driving faster. Want to live longer? Take nap.
 Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?
 A: Oh no. Wine made from fruit. Beer also made from grain. Bottom up!
 Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?
 A: YOU NOT LISTENING! Food fried in vegetable oil. How getting more vegetable be bad?
 Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: You crazy?!? HEL-LO-O!! Cocoa bean! Another vegetable! It best feel-good food around!
 Q : Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?
 A: Oh no! When you exercise muscle, it get bigger. You should only be doing sit-up if you want bigger stomach.
 Q: Is swimming good for your figure?
 A: If swimming good for figure, explain whale to me.
 The Doctor finished up by passing out candied apples to everyone saying, 'Eat up, it good fruit underneath.'

Boudreaux (who's a tad bit hard of hearing) was out in da field in Louisiana, talkin' wit his friend Thibodeaux. Thibodeaux said, "Boudreaux , you see dat ole barn out dere? Well man, its completely infestered wit' rats. I tried everything I know an' can't get rid of dem." Boudreaux say, "Thibodeaux, I know zactly how to get rid of dem rats. You gotta get you one of dem bull constrictors." Thibodeaux say, "Whats a bull constrictor?" Boudreaux explains, " Man. Dats one of dem big ole snakes and he loves to eat rats and swallers dem whole, all at once." Well, da nex' day Thibodeaux went down to Kliberts reptile farm and bought him da biggest bull constricter dat dey got. He brought dat snake to da barn an let him loose right in da middle and just sat dere and watched. Well, Thibodeaux was watchin' for a long time, I mean long, an dere wasn't nuttin' happenin'. Dat big o le snake jus curled up hiself in da middle of dat barn and slept all day. He didn't even move and dem rats jus run all around. Thibodeaux got real frustrated and he called up Boudreaux on da phone, "Boudreaux, man, dats some bad advice bout dat snake. Dem rats play all day long. "Boudreaux say,"Man,Thibodeaux, I know just what to do. Give dat snake some Viagra. "Thibodeaux say, "What! Viagra! What's dat gonna do?" Boudreaux say, "I was just listening to da radio and de man say dat Viagra is da best ting' to use for a reptile dysfunction."

So two blondes had hit the road and were so excited about their long planned "Disney Destination".
 They were talking and thought they may have missed a turn, as they were now way out in the country.
 They looked around and saw an old, scratched up sign that read: Disneyland Left
 They started to cry, turned around, and headed home.

Wild and Three



Barb & Big Guy

Summer wouldn't be summer for us without camping and riding the trike. Seriously ... anyone who knows us is aware we live for those few months where we get to spend time rolling on asphalt and camping inside our "Love Shack." We have been lucky enough in the past couple years to hit a few major bike rallies and go for some awesome destination rides.

Sometimes when you are together and enjoying some relaxation around the campfire, odd things happen. I'm talking about things that negatively affect your trip. This could be everywhere from a mechanical component in the truck, toy hauler, or—God forbid—the trike, to wet firewood, warm beer, and realizing you left your credit card home on the kitchen table.

At any rate – on our recent trip to Manistique, the wheel of bad luck spun around and landed on my number.

As so often happens, we realized we were out of a few things and decided to visit the local hardware store to stock up. While I was walking out of the store, I tripped over a parking curb. Even worse - I heard a loud crack as I fell onto the asphalt.

Big Guy loaded me up in our truck and we headed for the hospital. I wasn't shrieking in pain...but I will admit I was gnashing my teeth. It was disturbing to see my foot expanding like an inflatable toy; by the time we got to the hospital, it looked like someone had stuck a grapefruit on top of my foot.

The ER doctor got me fixed up with a really stylish walking boot after examining me and taking X-rays. When I inquired about some pain medication, he asked me if I really thought I needed something.

Ummmmm.....say what?! Didn't he just tell me I had a broken bone in my foot?

With great ceremony—and okay, some minor groveling on my part—he presented me with a single pain pill in a little paper cup. Guess I should be grateful he didn't offer me a piece of leather to bite on. Man, these Yoopers are some tough folks!

For the next several weeks, keep your eyes peeled for the crazy redhead in the motorized cart zipping through the grocery story. I'm an unlicensed driver, and I am using motorcycle hand signals for my turns. Consider yourself warned!



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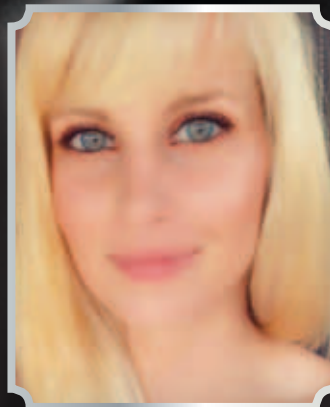
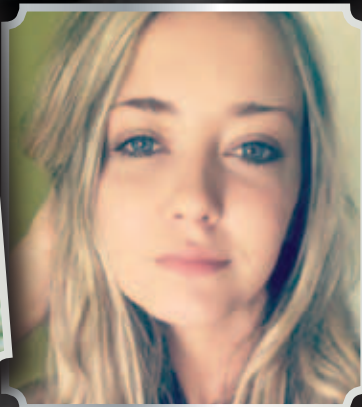
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ABATE—American Bikers Aiming Towards Education—is a political organization that helps protect the rights of all motorcyclists, regardless of your status as an independent or club member. The organization will be there, no matter what, to protect your rights and try like there is no tomorrow to keep you safe on the highways and byways. Lately there has been a change of guard in Lansing due to term limits and elections—it's like starting over every election to find supporters and sponsors for the bills we would like to see supporting bikers all across Michigan. It's no easy task when you have limited funding. Running any organization has costs and since the helmet laws were changed to allow you to have your choice whether or not to wear a helmet, bikers around the State of Michigan have not donated time or money to ABATE. It keeps getting harder and harder to get things done in Lansing. It's the same old adage: "I don't care if it doesn't affect me."

Well, when ABATE can't help you and you get pulled over for profiling, harassment, or authorities call you a gang member and you don't have the resources to help yourself, then what? We are fighting these issues on a daily basis with the MRF (Motorcycles Riders Foundation). Our State MRF Rep Jinx can inform you of all the work that is going on right now nationwide. He is the RC in Region 13. Just check out the Michigan Rider and you will be able to get ahold of him.

The American Legion Post 268 had a blood drive recently and I felt the need to donate, along with many of our members from Region 14. With all the accidents that are happening lately, please try to give blood. It will save lives!

ABATE instructors across the state have been doing classes at a furious pace, especially during the summer months with large classes. It's vital to teach the next generation of automobile drivers how to share the road with bikers, how to interact with them, how to respect them, and how to drive safely around them. Some instructors in ABATE have been doing this for a lot of years voluntarily and I say "God bless 'em all!"

On August 24, Region 14 will be doing a Suicide Prevention and Motorcycle Awareness Event at the Milan Legion Post 268. We are privileged to have great sponsors like A & M Leather and so many more businesses who have stepped up to help prevent suicides. Look it up on Michigan Rider ABATE Region 14-Facebook if you would like to participate in our Motorcycle Awareness and Suicide Prevention Event. Saving lives is what we are trying to do!

Thanks to all of you who read Thunder Roads. You will not meet a nicer biker than Jody, the editor-in-chief who keeps you informed with happenings all across the State.

Congratulations to Vince Consiglio, our President of ABATE for his award in the Sturgis Hall of Fame for all his hard work over the last 25 years! Without his leadership, we would be in big trouble. Thank you, Vince!

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

Hot Rod Beaton
 ABATE State Awareness Director

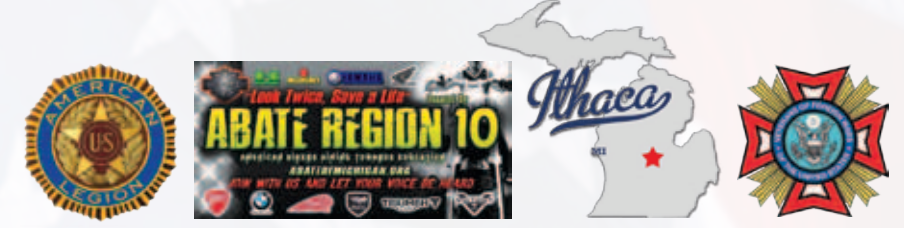


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4pm - 10pm: Beer Tent Open	8pm: Tim Dyson FMX Freestyle
5pm: Tim Dyson FMX Freestyle	

SATURDAY

"DOWNTOWN STREETS CLOSED TO VEHICLE TRAFFIC"
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8am: T-Shirt & Saturday ride registration sales	10am - 5pm: T-Shirt Sales
8am - 10am: Police officer training on Flat Lot	10:30am: Law Enforcement Skills Competition
8am - 11am: Ride registration at Vehicle City Harley-Davidson	Noon - 5pm: Beer Tent Open
10am - 10pm: Beer Tent Open	12pm: Tim Dyson FMX Freestyle
11am: Police escorted ride leaves VCHD	Noon - 4pm: Genesee Ramblers playing in Beer Tent
12pm: Tim Dyson FMX Freestyle	Salvation Army Flint Citadel Family Fun Block Party
1pm: Police escorted ride arrives in Downtown	1pm - 2pm: Police Last Man Standing Finals on Flat Lot
1am - 4pm: The Blue Hawaiians playing in Beer Tent	1pm - 3pm: Motorcycle Show Judging
2pm: Rockabilly Pinup Girl Contest on Main Stage	2pm: Tim Dyson FMX Freestyle
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2pm - 3:30pm: Police Last Man Standing Preliminaries on Flat Lot	3:30pm: Police Competition Awards Ceremony on Flat Lot
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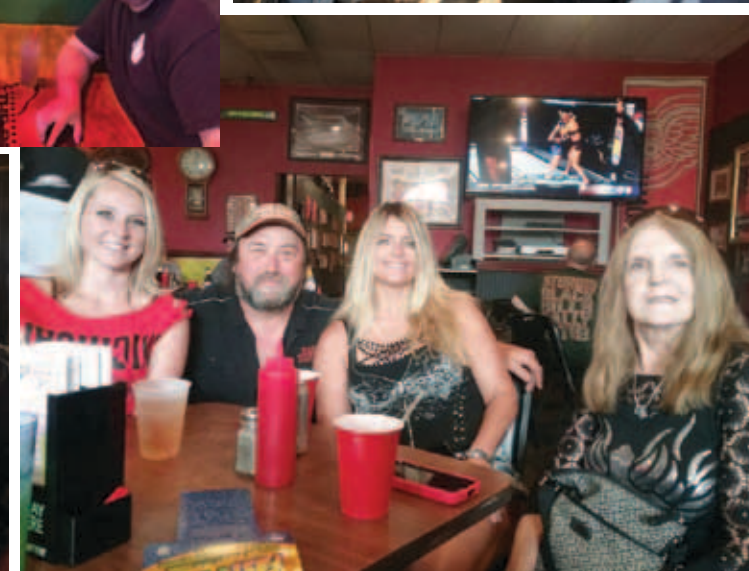
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August 29-September 2
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show, vendors, live music, food,
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August 30-September 2
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September 6-8
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ad this issue).

September 7
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Regis 9:30-11:30 am, kickstands up
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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).*

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

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

After Dark Fantasies (2)
152 E. Saginaw Rd Suite 1, Sanford, MI 48657. (989) 687-9669 Hours: Sun 11-6 pm, M-Th 10 am-9 pm, Fri/Sat 10 am-10 pm. 1 winner receives choice of a \$50 mystery gift basket or choice of \$25 gift card each month. Biker 20% discount - mention Thunder Roads, loyalty rewards, small business with the best customer service, friendly & knowledgeable.

Bad River Bar & Grill (3)
103 N. Saginaw St, Saint Charles, MI 48655. (989) 865-6500 Hours: M-Sat 11 am-2 am, Sun Noon-Midnight. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. Great food, daily drink specials, great service & a great ride from anywhere in Michigan!

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

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

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

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

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

Hell Saloon (D)
4095 Patterson Lake Rd, Pinckney (Hell), MI 48169. 734-648-0669 Hours: Open daily at 11 am, T, W, Th until midnight, Fri & Sat until 2 am, Sun & Mon until 10

pm. 1 person wins an awesome Hell Saloon T-shirt. Great atmosphere, Hell themed fun, bike, horse, kayak & "whip" friendly! Sun live music 2-6, Fri & Sat bands 9pm-1 am.

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

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

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

Midland Brewing Company (5)
5011 N. Saginaw Rd, Midland, MI 48642. (989) 259-7210 Hours: Sun 11-8 pm, M-Th 11-10 pm, Fri/Sat 11-11 pm. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card each month. Best patio in town, cornhole, firepit, great food & beer.

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

Riverdale Tavern (G)
6681 NW Lumberjack Rd, Riverdale, MI 48877. (989) 833-7042 Hours: Mon-Sat 8 am-10 pm, Sun Noon-8pm. 1 person wins a \$10 gift card each month. Bike Night Wednesdays, outdoor area, 50 cent wings, monster 1/2 lb footlongs- dress your dog.

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

Rocco's Bar & Grill (8)
692 West Center, Essexville, MI 48732. (989) 778-1399 Hours: M/T 10:30 am-8 pm, W/Th 10:30 am-11 pm, Fri/Sat 10:30 am-2:30 am, Sun Noon-8 pm. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. Bike Night Thursdays -half lb burger/dom beer for \$6.50, Fish fry Fri perch/ cod 4-9 pm, grilled steak dinners Sat 4-9 pm, Karaoke Fri/Sat

Ryder's Bar & Grill (r)
2650 W. Bay City Rd, Midland, MI 48642 (989) 423-1990 Hours: Sun Noon-8 pm, M/T 11 am- midnight, W-Sat 11 am-2:30 am. 1 person wins a \$25 gift card. Bike Night Sunday 4-7 pm, cold beer, great food.

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

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

Shot n Shell Bar (9)
201 Woodside Ave, Essexville, MI 48732. (989) 894-4290 Hours: Sun noon-2 am, M-Sat 10 am-2 am. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. Bike Nights Wednesday & free pool, great food, outdoor seating with entertainment on weekends in summer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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- 1/2 Lb Burger & Fries with Domestic Draft \$10*

Zone 18 Bar & Grill (L)
700 East Houghton Lake Dr, Prudenville, MI 48651. (989) 366-7750 Hours: M-Th 11 am- Midnight, Fri & Sat 11 am- 1 am, Sun Noon- Midnight. 1 person wins a \$20 gift card each month. *Bike Nights Wednesday, 75 cent wings, Long Island Ice Tea specials.*

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16796	Rocco's Bar & Grill		

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

Biker Preacher's Corner

MAN! It's September already! Where has the riding season gone?

Back on July 8th, I was in a motorcycle accident; first one in 30 years of riding. What happened? A young guy pulled right out in front of me. I laid on the rear brake, threw my rear-end to the left to go around him but he panicked and stopped. My left saddlebag rail caught his bumper and before I knew it—me and my 2009 Ultra Classic were over on our sides. Praise God I had no major injuries or broken bones; just a little road rash, a bump on the back of my head, a very mild fractured rib, a sprained right wrist and a whole lot of bruising on my right hip and lower back. That still hurts a bit today.

But what I want to write about this month isn't so much about my accident, but what the Lord has done in my life since the accident. About His loving care, protection and provision. Yes, I was in an accident but God's loving hand was upon me—it could have been waaaaay worse.

The Bible says in **Psalm 34:7: "The Angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and rescues them."** I truly believe that the Lord's angels were and are encamped around me and all those that believe in and have a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. He protects us!!

I also want to talk about how the Lord is taking care of the repairs to my bike. If you didn't know, under the corrupt no-fault laws here in the state of Michigan, motorcycles are not covered. So, when there's a car/motorcycle accident and the driver of the car is at fault (even with full coverage) the repairs to the motorcycle are not covered. So, it goes back to the motorcycle insurance and if there's no collision policy, the motorcycle repair is not covered. That was my case.

Philippians 4:19 says: "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Since the accident, this is what the Lord has done: Two of my brothers at Victory Biker Church have "blessed my socks off." One brother, who had bought a new HD a couple months ago, gave me his 2005 Ultra Classic. The second brother is a professional car/motorcycle painter and an air-brush artist. He is fixing and painting the damaged areas on my 2009 Ultra Classic FOR FREE! All I have to cover is the paint and broken latches. GOD IS GOOOOOD!

Please hear me out: I am not more important to God than anyone else. What He has done and continues to do for me, He will also do for everyone else. He loves you! The key is to be in a relationship with Him. There is only one way... Jesus Christ.

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

God loves bikers and so do!!!!

Much love and respect,

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WE ARE IN TROUBLE

BY RICK WYATT



I know that November 2020 seems like a long way off, but politics are like going to a horror movie where you know what is going to happen when you buy your ticket, giggle and tee-hee at the melodrama, and still crap your pants when the monster finally reveals itself. Such is the body politic in the 21st century where we know that one ideology is invested in taking control of every aspect of our lives. While telling their minions fairy-tales about how much better life will be when they are in charge, they scheme, plot, and lay the groundwork to destroy the foundation our freedom sits on. They all profess to love their country, yet love is such an easy word to throw around it has become almost meaningless. An easy gauge of how people really feel is to examine the right side of the "but." I am not talking about staring at somebody's ass; rather listening for what comes after the conjunction used to qualify the emotion. Just like people love, if there is an addendum, then we are not loved for what we are as much as what we can turn us into. Most of us have been in personal relationships that have left us feeling used and betrayed, so the honey-sweet promises of modern liberalism qualified with an "if" or "but" or "when" should send reasonable people packing for the hills.

Just listened to the "dirty two dozen" engaging in character assassination under the guise of a debate. There really wasn't a lot to debate, since they all believe that it is their personal calling to fundamentally transform the US into an old Soviet-style Marxist Garden of Eden where life will be peaches and cream. Old-fashioned fairy-tales always started "Once upon a time" and ended with "happily ever after," but the modern version seems to be "once I am elected" and will ultimately end in a third-world economy with little if any hope in a forever-after. In the old Soviet economic system, you worked—and at the end of the week, they sent you what they thought you needed and the check was always the same, no matter how much overtime you worked. If those clowns debating get their way between Medicare for all, erasing our borders so we are overrun in a welfare-for-all stampede, and enact the radical environmental agenda, tax rates are going to double, and then double again. This will happen because they will quickly run out of "other people's" money when they destroy the upper 10% of

wage earners and have to destroy us, too, in order to support the bottom feeders who have no interest in taking care of themselves.

That brings me to "the squad," which is what they are calling four freshmen representative who have been sucking up all the headlines as they offend large portions of the populace with their words and deeds. What else would you expect from people who pal around with the likes of Linda Sasour, who openly advocates the overthrow of our government; Louis Farrakhan and his open anti-Semitic and racist rants; and groups and organizations that advocate for anarchists and terrorists? These people are not countercultural icons; they are revolutionaries who would gladly hold tribunals in abstention where everything we have worked for is declared criminal proceeds stolen from the world's poor. They want to impound it in the name of equality—and after our stuff is redistributed, we can live in poverty just like every other third-world society. These people are dangerous because they have the ear of the young anarchists and wannabe-terrorists who really want to destroy all of our heritage and are just looking for a voice to follow—and the "squad" loves the limelight.

Proof that they are dangerous, the "dirty two dozen" have all felt compelled to sign on to the "squad-leader's" Green New Deal. Rep Ocasio-Cortez's chief of staff Saikat Chakrabarti, who inherited billions from his parents estate, is alleged to have actually authored the "Deal" but he accidentally let the cat out of the bag when he spouted that the Green New Deal has nothing to do with the environment; its real intent is to collapse the economy in a bid to institute social justice. AOC has a master's degree in economics from Boston College, a long-time breeding ground of un-American sentiment, where she met her future campaign manager who became chief of staff. And the "squad"+one have cultivated a minion army who have fallen for the promises of the "deal" and are convinced the world will end in twelve years without it.

We are well past the sentiment "not my circus, not my monkeys"—and if we don't start paying attention we are going to find ourselves hip-deep in ape crap with no trees in sight!

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Inspiration

It is better to ask some of the questions than to know all the answers. ~ James Thurber

A right is what someone gives you; it's what no one can take from you. ~ Ramsey Clark

Resolve to be thyself; and know that he, who finds himself, loses his misery. ~ Matthew Arnold

This above all: to thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.
~ Shakespeare

Motorcycle Quotes & Sayings

"All girls like guys who are tough. Obviously, riding a motorcycle - I don't want to say that there's a bad boy quality - but there's definitely a tough and macho thing about a guy who rides a motorcycle and that element of danger. That's really sexy." ~ Marisa Miller

"I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness." ~ Emo Philips

"You do not need a therapist if you own a motorcycle, any kind of motorcycle!" ~ Dan Aykroyd

"My first car was a motorcycle." ~ Jody Mo

IN THE SHOP WITH RON

By Ron Johnson

STARTING FROM SCRATCH

This month in the shop we will be starting a project that will take a couple of articles to completely outline with time and space available and may not run concurrently. The project we are starting is a complete refinish on the tin of a 1988 Softail Custom. My definition of complete refinish is any and all old paint, body filler, decals, etc. stripped down to the bare metal (including all undersides) an epoxy sealer applied to the properly prepared bare metal, any body work done, primer surfacer applied to the body work, primer block sanded to remove any sand scratches or imperfections in the body work, a urethane sealer applied to the primer, and finally the basecoat (color) and clearcoat. Any custom paint (graphics, stripes, and artwork) would be applied over the basecoat (color) and before the clearcoat.

The first step after the tin has been removed from the bike is to remove any hardware, trim, or accessories (you will want to completely drain the fuel tank). The next step is to remove the old finish. There are several ways to do this and for this project we went with a chemical dip process that not only removes the old paint, but, also does a good job of removing rust. This process also does a good job of cleaning up the inside of the gas tank in case there are any issues in there, or you plan to reseal the inside of the tank, which I strongly recommend. Once the parts come out of the dip tank for all intents and purposes they look like new metal.

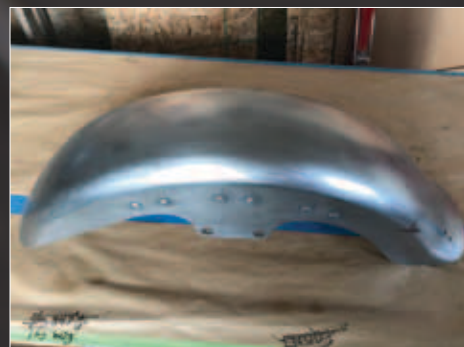
The stripping process will reveal any body filler, which will have to be removed also.



Next if there are any nooks or cranny's, cracks or crevices, where any paint or rust was missed by the dipping process I lightly sandblast these areas. If you do any sandblasting on the gas tank be sure to seal any openings so absolutely no sand enters the tank. It will be difficult if not seemingly impossible to completely remove. Next, I sand the entire surface with 80 grit sandpaper followed by 150 grit. I use an air powered dual action sander where access will allow and do the rest by hand.



Once everything is sanded the next step is to thoroughly clean the metal with a wax and grease remover.



You can't be too clean at this point I wear nitrile/latex gloves from the time the parts come out of the dip until the epoxy sealer is applied to avoid touching the bare metal with my hands. Salt and oil on your skin will leave deposits on the metal that after painting can cause rust to form and actually cause the paint to bubble or blister. The epoxy sealer I use is a two part catalyzed product that requires a 30 minute induction period meaning the two parts have to be mixed together and allowed to sit (marinate) for 30 minutes before spraying this allows the product to cross link. I like to hang the parts so you have access to all areas and be careful to coat all surfaces, spray from many different angles to get everything covered with two coats of the epoxy.



As you can see this is a very labor intense undertaking that's why it will take a couple of articles to fully explain. The next installment on this project will be doing the body work and applying the primer surfacer. Hope you can all enjoy some of this beautiful riding weather.

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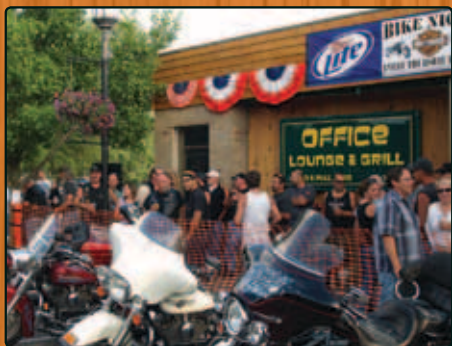
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Our trip began Sunday night with a beautiful sunset over Wiggins Lake in Gladwin. We had a beautiful morning to start our five-day journey to the Michigan UP. We packed the rest of our gear and headed out on our bikes across the Mackinac Bridge.

As we made our way west on HWY 2, heading to Manistique for the night, we were treated to the beautiful views of Lake Michigan. The next day, we made our way up through the UP on 41, stopping in Marquette at Bald Eagle Harley-Davidson for some shopping, then we decided to have lunch at Queen City Burger Co. (This place is a must-stop for burger lovers. Everything from PB&J burgers to mushroom-bacon burgers!)

After stuffing ourselves with goodness, we made our way through town and up

41 until we reached the small town of L'Anse, where we stopped for a quick cool drink and shelter from the heat. We turned at the town of Eagle River. Going up through 26, we reached the Jam Pot, a quaint little bakery run by the monks from the Holy Transfiguration Skete. After filling up on cookies, getting homemade jams and candies, and stopping for photos, we made our way on the winding road up to Copper Harbor. Chilling for the night at The Pines Resort, a little place with no air conditioning—as they only need it up there for one week of the year, and it happened to be the week we were there! Yes, it was HOT!

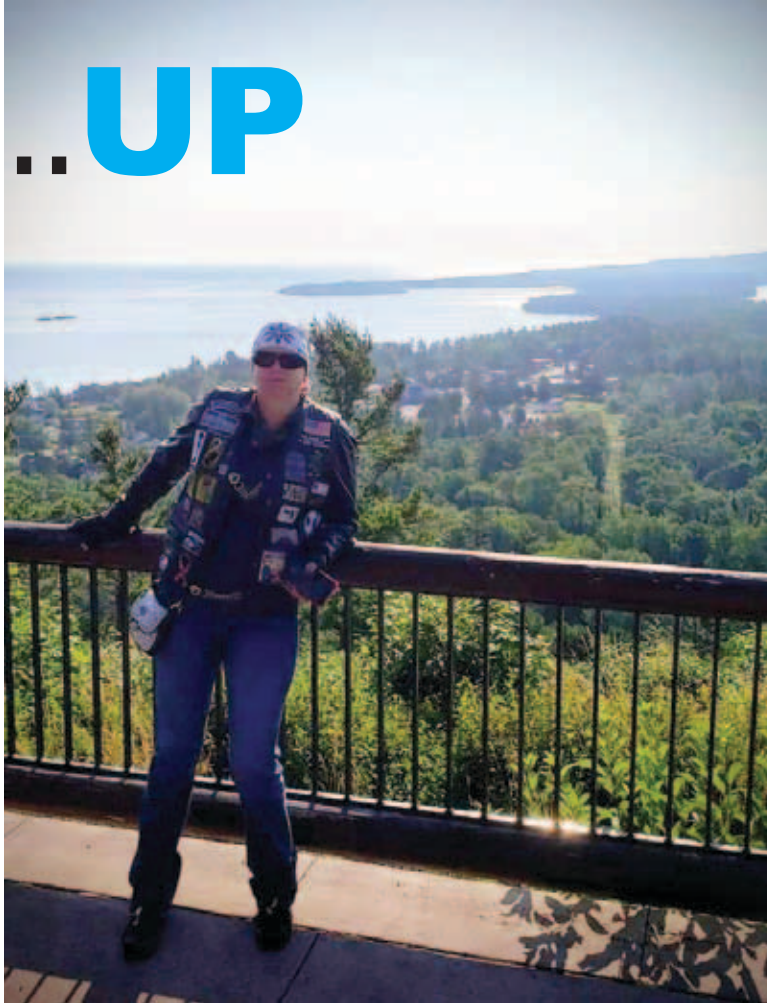
On Tuesday, we left early, stopping at Brockway Mountain Lookout. This is a MUST-SEE for anyone going up to Copper Harbor. The view is spectacular! Making our way back down 26, snaking through the curves, we had to stop at Eagle River Falls. We hit the popular stop The Gay Bar, in Gay, Michigan, got our souvenir T-shirts and photos, and headed back down the peninsula. At Presence Chainsaw Sculpture, in Houghton, you must stop and see the chainsaw carvings. Absolutely breathtaking.

Along the way, we stopped to see the world's largest working rifle and chainsaw at DaYoopers Tourist Trap. It's a great place to stretch your legs, see some stuff, and get a few souvenirs. Also, you must stop at Lakenenland, located just outside of Marquette. It's a great place to see some interesting art works, made from anything and everything. You can drive it in car or motorcycle, or you can walk through it. There's also a picnic area.

Later on, after checking into our hotel in Munising, we headed back about eight miles to Christmas, Michigan to Foggy's Restaurant for some delicious parmesan-crusted whitefish and Bourbon steaks. After a night of soaking in the hot tub and drinks by the pool and a fire alarm that my husband and I slept right through—complete with a maintenance man on a ladder, front desk lady and our roommate standing at the end of the bed with the alarm going off—we got a later start, due to some storms that were going through the area.

We left the hotel and headed our way on H58 and all the great curves that the road has. I had never been on it and was a little nervous as a fairly new rider, but I loved it! We made our way up to Grand Marais, had lunch at Lake Superior Brewing Co. and then stopped for photos at the Pickle Barrel House Museum. Then we headed back, but not before we got our H58 patch and pin at the general store there.

On our way to our hotel for the last night, the views were spectacular. We made it to Newberry where dinner was at the delicious Sedars Pizza for some "stinky" bread. On our way home on



Brockway Mountain Lookout



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the last day, we stopped in Mackinaw City for a drink, some fish to take home and an unexpected boot "blowout," resulting in my husband buying a new pair of boots from the Harley store there. After that, we headed to the Tunnel of Trees and potpie lunches at The Good Hart General Store. (Quick tip: If you call ahead 30 min-

utes before you get there, your pie will be hot and ready for you!) With a full belly and a good sunburn on our arms and faces, we headed back to Gladwin. All in all, it was a great week of fabulous views, great friends, new challenges, and fun. And I can't wait to do it again next year in Tennessee, on the Tail of the Dragon!

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