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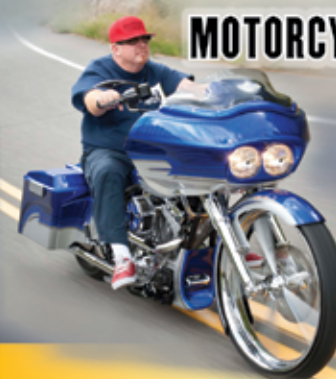
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LETTER FROM THE OWNER

*Get Your Motors
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I am so happy to be back in the publishing saddle again and soon on my bike saddle as well! Please remember that just like people that own bikes see bikers, people that own Jeeps see Jeeps, but non-bikers often don't see us so ride with caution, especially as the season starts.

I have a sad announcement...The Ride n' Win contest has officially finally come to an eternal end. With that being said, you can save them for the good memories, but we will not be doing the contest this year. We will however be providing you 6 great issues filled with all of your favorites and the best resource tool for bikers in the state of Michigan! Don't miss a single issue and subscribe for only \$20 (covers 6 issues) today at ThunderRoadsMichigan.com

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Thank you, readers, for your support and making *Thunder Roads Magazine* #1! Looking forward to the 2020 riding season and seeing all of you out and about at the events! Don't forget if you have an event to email the details to Jody@ThunderRoadsMichigan.com at least one month prior to be listed in the event calendar. We also offer charity discounts as well, just contact us and we can help you make to make your event a success!

Now for some "Mo" Advice:

You will be forced to face fear, but if you do not run, fear will be afraid of you.

Jody Mohowitsch
"Jody Mo"



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READERS RIDES

Tim VanderVoord

This is my 2014 Harley-Davidson Ultra Limited®. What inspired me to make a memorial on the front end of this bike is the loss of two very close friends. Sgt Chad Vollmer and Captain Drew Russell are true heroes in my eyes and many others. Just like all others that made the ultimate sacrifice for this great country USA.

Every year on Sgt Chad Vollmer, and Captain Drew Russell's KIA date, I do a ride out here where I live in East Tennessee. I wish that more people out there will continue the remembrance of our nation's heroes. Let them live on with just our efforts to remember all who did the ultimate. Thank you, Tim VanderVoord



Editors Note: Tim rode his bike up from Tennessee to be a part of the Honor Ceremony held for Fallen Soldier Sgt. Chad J. Vollmer in Grand Rapids, Michigan presented by the Freedom Cruise. He endured all types of weather including snow. I was able to meet Tim and speak with him about his bike and knew that those reading Thunder Roads would appreciate it as much as I did, for we support our veterans and honor our fallen soldiers. ~ Jody Mo



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COMMON ISSUES FACING VETERANS

Life after the military can pose many challenges to veterans and family members. For some, returning to civilian life may feel like another battle that poses a variety of challenges that must not only be fought, but also understood and accepted in order to be successfully overcome. There are many factors involved in a veteran's readjustment to civilian life, some of which include:

- Understanding and abiding by civilian legal standards that may be different from military standards.
- Coexisting with cultures, values, and norms different from those of the military.
- Dealing with authority figures.
- Re-establishing and even re-evaluating relationships with family and friends.
- Finding a new career path.
- Pursuing college/university education.
- Locating a new home.

Other factors of readjustment may even be a bit more complex. They may even be so complex for the individual veteran, that they prevent a progressive and positive readjustment towards a bright future. Depending on the individual veteran and whether or not he/she has the benefit of a positive support system, these intrinsic matters can be crucial to his/her overall transition and successful development. Such issues of concern include:

- Veteran's relationship with him/herself, their sense of identity, purpose, and self-worth.
- Reassessment of life goals and ambitions, followed by setting and achieving personal/professional goals.
- Coping with "starting over" in society. No longer holding the respect and authority afforded by a particular rank and/or billet, ultimately being regarded as "Joe Smith" versus "Sergeant Smith, the Platoon Sergeant."
- Psychological effects of traumatic experiences, which may inhibit personal and professional growth. Examples include PTSD, survivor's guilt, depression, and inclinations towards substance abuse/addiction.
- Physical handicap as a result of injuries sustained in combat. Such injuries may include disfigurement, amputation, and scarification.

As a whole, transitioning out of the military can be a very difficult experience, contrary to the common illusion of "everything being gravy in the civilian world." The reality is that the civilian world abides by many standards that are seemingly opposite of those of the military. A few comparisons of these phenomena are:

Civilian

- Individuality
- Purchasing all essentials
- Fragmented social structure
- Limitless morals/values

Military

- Unit Cohesion
- Issued essentials
- Organized social structure
- Uniform morals/values

It is therefore imperative that veterans and family members work alongside one another for the overall long-term benefit of everyone. Gaining an understanding of issues pertaining to a veteran's transition is important not only for the veteran but also the family as well. Many veteran service organizations such as the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), American Legion, and numerous others specialize in supporting those veterans transitioning from active duty to civilian life. Services range from veterans benefits processing, clinical treatment, life coaching, and confidential one-on-one consulting.

LINKS AND RESOURCES

- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Vet Centers
- American Legion
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Disabled American Veterans
- AMVETS
- Wounded Warrior Project
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- National Coalition for Homeless Veterans
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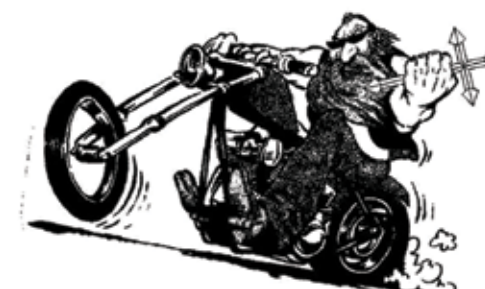
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New Motorcycle Law – Most Horrible Ever!

MICHIGAN NEW NO-FAULT “REFORM”

I reported on this about eight months ago. This new law is very important, and an update was needed, so I wrote this article.

Michigan has enacted a new law that drastically affects No-Fault auto law. The alleged reason for this law is to reduce premiums charged to drivers of “motor vehicles” (this means cars, trucks and vans, **not** motorcycles).

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

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

NEW NO-FAULT LAW

As of July 1, 2020, we will choose the amount of No-Fault PIP medical benefits for our ‘motor vehicles’ (not motorcycles). The incentive that enticed legislators to vote to change the law was a guaranteed reduction in premium for this small part of our total policies. The choices are:

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

THE HORRIBLE MOTORCYCLE PART

When a motorcyclist is entitled to PIP Medical benefits, the responsible insurance company that must pay the bills is the ‘motor vehicle’ involved in the crash. The new law allows people to

choose the amount of PIP Medical on their cars and trucks as outlined above. Therefore, the new law appears to state that a **motorcyclist will now be subject to whatever the negligent driver chose** for his medical coverage! For example, if the negligent driver chose the \$50,000 coverage, it seems that the motorcyclist is only allotted \$50,000 worth of PIP health benefits.

If the ‘motor vehicle’ involved in the crash is uninsured or unknown, a motorcyclist next goes to his/her own ‘motor vehicle’ (car or truck) insurance for PIP benefits. Therefore, I most strongly recommend choosing *unlimited PIP for your car/truck*. *It may be the policy from which you claim your No-Fault PIP in your motorcycle crash!*

POSSIBLE FIX

There are two bills that have been introduced to try to fix this horrible part of the law as described above. The first is House Bill 4812 which was introduced and referred to the Committee on Insurance on July 18, 2019 where it sits with no apparent action. The second is Senate Bill 528 introduced with ABATE’s assistance. It was referred to the Committee on Insurance as well on September 17, 2019 where it sits. Senate Bill 528 is a better choice between the two in this lawyer’s opinion. Contact your state senators to urge them of the important need to protect motorcyclists and fix this likely unintended terrible law.

SUMMARY ANALYSIS: This new law will create a hardship for injured motorcyclists and an extreme hardship for severely injured motorcyclists.

WHEN NEW LAW GOES INTO EFFECT: No-Fault PIP choice of coverage starts July 1, 2020.

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

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

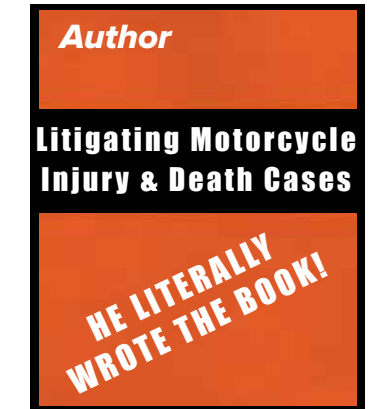
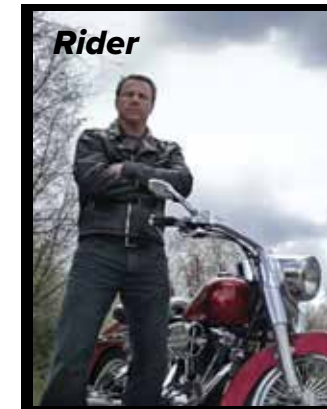


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I Love the South! It's the only area in the U.S.A. where country folks actually talk to bugs before killing them: "Oooo, you done flew up in the wrong house today buddy, now your ass is mine!!"

Teacher: Class, someone give me an example of a business failure due to Careless Management?
Lil' Joey is waving his hand frantically and the Teacher sighs and calls on him.
Lil' Joey: A prostitute getting pregnant.
Teacher: Please leave my Class.

Was at a buddy's house who always acts as if he's getting laid more than any guy we know. He was grabbin' us a couple brews and I spotted a Personal Journal on his coffee table. Yesterday's post read: Day 47 without sex....I went to the beach and just sat in the waves so I could feel somethin' slappin' my ass!

Got a friend actually nicknamed Joker. He was at the bar acting all butt-hurt so asked him what up? He looks at me all cra (cause he is) and says, "Bake a cake with Rum and nobody bats an eye. Bake brownies with laxatives and everybody loses their chit."

Skinny chicks love whining, "I'm getting thick."
Chick please....I've seen more butt on a cigarette.
Calm down there SlimJim.

'Dimwit Dewey' is sitting in a public bathroom on the toilet when he hears female voices at the sink. Realizes he's in the wrong bathroom.....yet again.

JLo be working a stripper pole at 50! in her new movie 'Hustlers'. I fall asleep wrong and my boobs tie together for The Next 3 Days! (*also great flick)

She was standing in the kitchen, preparing our usual Sunday soft-boiled eggs on toast for breakfast, wearing only the old, tattered Titans tee I'd given her many years ago. As I walked in the kitchen she turned to me and said softly, "You've got to make love to me this exact moment!". Damn the luck! Not wanting to lose the opportunity, I unzipped, picked her up and placed her adorable butt on the table and gave it my ole' 1-2 stroke. Immediately afterward without missing a second she ran over to the stove with her tee-shirt still around her neck. Happy but a bit puzzled, I asked, "What was that all about?" She just looked at me, flashed that grin of hers' and said, "The minute egg timer is broken."

Ole' 'Dimwit Dewey' started a new job as a delivery man today. When he got to his very first address there was a sticky note left on the door saying "Dear Mr. Delivery Man, we're out, please hide in the garage."
That was two hours ago and Dewey's thinking these people must be new to the hide n' seek game.

If someone looks at your black clothes and asks, "Who's funeral is it?" Just casually look around, nod your head and say, "Haven't decided yet."

Just Be Aware: ALL chicks have at least 50 screen-shot quotes waiting in the album ready to post when the chit goes down.

Betcha' it's called 'Almond Milk' cause' no one can say 'Nut Juice' with a straight face.

Guy laying there w/ big grin, "Did you cum?"
"Yeah, to my senses. Now get the hell out!"

Teacher: If I call on you, make a sentence using the word 'dough'.
Little Janey: In Italy they make pizza using special dough.
Tall Mary: My brother makes dinosaurs out of Play-Dough.
Teacher: Oh, very good girls. She's trying to ignore one student but he blurts out, as usual.....
Lil' Joey: My Mom told Aunt Becky that Dad is sometimes useless so she has to use a dill dough.

Ya' know, I'll never understand Why they say Silence Is Golden, when everyone knows that duct tape is obviously silver?

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NOT POLITICALLY CORRECT



Hello and welcome back to my NPC column.

You have heard this before but it's worth repeating. "Slow and steady wins the race" what I mean by that is not riding for a few months we can lose the little things that normally are familiar to us so take it easy to start and have a safe summer.

Now on to Politics! We only have a few months before Primary Elections and I am asking all riders in the 5th Congressional District (Genesee, Saginaw, Tuscola, Bay, Arenac and Iosco County's) for their vote. ABATE (which I am a member of) regions 6, 7, 10, 16, and 20 are in the 5th and I need your help.

If you know anyone that lives in the 5th and they want to support a rider of over 50 years to help pass laws like Anti-Profiling (and I have been profiled) or to keep our bike insurance down tell them to check me out. If you think your current congressman (do nothing Dan) in the 5th knows what we want and need, think again! "It takes one to know one" check out my website at EarlLackieForCongress.com. Along with your support at voting time I need your support NOW every little bit helps. If you can donate \$20, \$50, or \$100 and make it reoccur every month you can put a biker in Washington.

I know our legislative Eagle eyes will be watching my votes and I wouldn't expect anything less. I look forward to working with Eagle eyes like "Jinx" to make sure our riding freedoms remain FREE. The job I am asking you to "Hire" me for (Congressman) is a team effort and I still believe in "By the People, For the People, Of the People" so please visit my web page **EarlLackieForCongress.com** to learn more about to me (besides being a biker) and what I stand for and hope to accomplish for the American people.

I am also the chair for the 5th Congressional District "Michigan 2A Sanctuary Counties" movement so please donate to a PATRIOT who believes "Shall Not Be Infringed" should remain just that!

As always, God Bless and Be Safe.

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Insurance, Insurance, Insurance. Just in case some of you bikers who are reading Thunder Roads have no idea what's behind the new insurance reform, you might want to get more involved with legislation that is going to change the way your coverage and medical expenses limit will protect you in case of an accident. ABATE is fiercely fighting for the motorcyclists' rights in case of an accident! Under Senate Bill 1, beginning July 1, 2020, motorists obtaining or renewing their auto insurance will be given the option to cap the medical portion of their no-fault benefits at \$50,000, \$250,000 or \$500,000. When a motorcyclist gets injured, they incur medical expenses in excess of \$500,000. So, if you were to get hit by a motorist who has only \$50,000 or \$250,000, you have to come up with the rest! This could cause you to file for bankruptcy or file for Medicare / Medicaid, putting additional burdens on these already strained entities.

The ABATE Attorney—Dondi Vesperini from Buckfire & Buckfire Law Firm—strongly urges motorcyclists to contact your Legislator to support Senate Bill 528 which fixes this situation by placing the motorcyclists' own auto insurance first in priority to pay the injured motorcyclists' no-fault benefits. This way, motorcyclists—like motorists and pedestrians—are provided a choice regarding their no-fault benefits. I know it's a lot to understand, but you might want to get more involved and contact your Legislator in your area and see where he/she stands on this very important issue.

I know everyone is getting the itch to get out and ride on the warm-enough days, but please be extra careful. Motorists are not aware of motorcycles at this time of the year, so please make your ride short and pleasurable. Spring is not far away! Everyone, please be ready for May as this is the month for Motorcycle Awareness. Those of you who read Thunder Roads please check for events in your area and see if there is something you can do to make a difference for the "Look Twice-Save A Life" campaign. Every little bit can make a huge difference. If you have any questions, please call 419-349-8075 and ask Hot Rod what you can do. Remember, the dumbest question or idea is the one you didn't ask.

If you're interested in hanging out with some ABATE members in April, Region 15 is putting on a bowling for motorcyclists' rights event at the Biddle Bowl in Wyandotte on April 11th. To find out more, just go to www.abateofmichigan.org to get all the information you need to be part of one awesome non-profit organization that care for all bikers nationwide. There is nothing more enjoyable than being able to be yourself and hang out with same-minded Americans! You can dress the way you want, ride free, and enjoy our great nation! Keep reading Thunder Roads and catch-up with Jody. She's an awesome gal and her magazine will help you go to some awesome events state-wide.

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

Hot Rod Beaton

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Registration 10am ~ All Bikes out by Noon

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SATURDAY JUNE 13TH

Nozzlemen M/C Ride

Starts at Skybox Bar & Grill,

2825 E. Highland Rd. just north of M-59

Registration 3:30pm ~ Ride leaves 5pm

\$20 Bike / \$30 with Rider

Food, Music & 50/50 Raffle Drawing.

For more info call **Michael Moore 734-386-9292**

SATURDAY JUNE 27TH

2nd Annual

BKMC 37 Burn Run

Registration 11am / Ride Starts at the

Richland Township Fire Station

8755 3rd Ave, Vestaburg, MI

Registration 10am, Kickstands up 1pm

Food, Drinks, Music

For more info go to **www.brotherskeepersmc.com**

SATURDAY JULY 11TH

3rd Annual

**Nozzlemen M/C Chapter 4
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Pre-Register by 6/29 \$25 Driver, \$40 Rider/Passenger

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SUNDAY JULY 12TH

**Red Knights Firefighters
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Meet at WOLVERINE HD

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Regis 11 am- 12:30 pm, \$15 per bike/ \$10 rider

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Facebook: **Red Knights Firefighters M/C MI 5 Events**

SUNDAY JULY 19TH

18th Annual

Niles Burn Run

Meet at RIVERFRONT PARK

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Registration 9am ~ Ride Leaves at Noon

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SUNDAY AUGUST 2ND

**Escort Kids to Camp
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APRIL

April 4

Ray C's H-D Customer Appreciation Breakfast of Champions Event

Ray C's H-D, Lapeer, MI. 11 am - 2 pm. For more info call 810-664-9261

April 11

Spring Kick-Off
Prejudged MC, Roseville, MI. Doors open at 7pm, \$10 includes AUCE
Raffles and 50/50. For more info go to Prejudged M/C page on Facebook

April 19

Birch Run Motorcycle Swap Meet
Frankenmuth Credit Union Event Center, Birch Run, MI. 10 am- 4pm, \$8 pp. For more info call 989-893-5187 (See ad this issue).

April 25

47th Annual Kalamazoo Motorcycle Swap Meet
Wings Event Center, Kalamazoo, MI. 10 am- 4 pm, bikes, parts, leather, food, beer. For more info call 800-800-6034 (See ad this issue)

April 26

15th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
Walter & Mary Burke Park, New Baltimore, MI. Beverages, patches, vendors, food. For more info call North Shore Church 586-273-7044

MAY

May 3

21st Annual Blessing of the Bikers
Church of the Living Word, Ovid, MI. Hog roast AUCE \$5, charity ride, ride in bike show regis by noon, 50/50, no pets. For more info go

to COTLW.org (See ad this issue).

May 3

Ride with the Eagles Early Bird Poker Run
Walled Lake Eagles, Walled Lake MI, Regis 9:30- 11 am, rain or shine, \$20 per rider, \$15 per passenger, \$10 dinner only, 50/50, games, raffles, cash prizes. For more info call Jim 734-657-1046

May 10

40th Annual Mother's Day Swap Meet & Bike Show
Midland County Fairgrounds, Midland, MI. 10am - 4pm, Ride In Bike Show sign up from 10am to 1pm, show ends at 3pm. Event ends at 4pm. \$5 admission, children under 12 free! For more details call Bubba 989-697-5525

May 15 & 16

Dell 4 Vets Annual Tribute to Vets Concert & Camp Out
Lazy K Ranch, Harrison, MI. Free 2 day concert & camping, music, food vendors, Sat poker run. For more info email Wayne: sell4vets@gmail.com

May 16

12th Annual Biker Blessing & Ride
Merriman Rd Baptist Church, Garden City, MI. Gates open 10 am, blessing 1 pm, ride 2 pm, free food, free bike wash, music, bike show, door prizes. In case of inclement weather rain date is Sat, May 30th. For more info go to mrbcfairriders.com (See ad this issue)

May 16

16th Annual Holiday Camp Benefit Motorcycle Ride
Cabela's, Dundee, MI. \$25 solo rider, \$10 passenger, Regis 11 am, Leaves 12:30

pm, ends at The Point Pub & Grub, free continental breakfast, blessing at noon, police escorted, meal at the end, door prizes, raffles & more. For more info visit Law Dogs of Monroe on Facebook (See ad this issue).

May 22-25

25th Annual Memorial Weekend Motorcycle Rally & Blessing
Hudson Leather, Pioneer, OH. Sat bike show, all makes/models, live bands, vendors, blessing Sunday. For more info go to Hudson-Leather.com (See ad this issue).

May 23 & 24

Bubbas Memorial Weekend Classic
Bubba's Tri-City Cycle, Linwood, MI. Saturday charity bike show, Sign up is 10-12, Sunday charity poker run., Sign up is 10-12, \$10 donation asked for bike show or poker run. 100% of the money raised is donated to Camp Fish Tales, a local barrier free camp. For more details call Bubba 989-697-5525

JUNE

June 6

Great Lakes Burn Camp (GLBC) Flint Axemen ~ MI 6 Fun Run
Meet at Scooters Bar & Grill, Flint, MI. Regis 10am ~ All Bikes out by Noon, Donations Only. For more info call Halsey at 517-861-0457 (See full page ad this issue).

June 7

Blessed in Hell
Hell Creek Ranch, Hell, MI. Gates open 10:30, \$10 per bike, bike show, live band, 4 blessings; 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, over 20 vendors.

For more info go to Hell-CreekRanch.com (See ad this issue)

June 13

Great Lakes Burn Camp (GLBC) Nozzlemen M/C Ride Starts at Skybox Bar & Grill, 2825 E. Highland Rd. just north of M-59
Registration 3:30pm ~ Ride leaves 5pm, \$20 Bike / \$30 with Rider
Food, Music & 50/50 Raffle Drawing. For more info call Michael Moore 734-386-9292 (See full page ad this issue).

June 13 & 14

25th Annual Vintage Motorcycle Show & 2 Day Swap Meet
Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI. Sat swap only, Sun show & swap 9 am - 4 pm, rain or shine. Regis or for more info go to GilmoreCarMuseum.org (See ad this issue)

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MEMORIAL WEEKEND

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MOTORCYCLE RALLY & BLESSING

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A celebratory graphic for Thunder Roads Magazine's 21st anniversary. The background features a close-up of a motorcycle's fuel tank and handlebars. The fuel tank has a 'THUNDER ROADS' logo and a picture of a sunset over a road. The handlebars have a 'T R' logo. The graphic is surrounded by numerous balloons in red, yellow, and blue, each with the 'THUNDER ROADS' logo. A large, 3D yellow '21' is the central focus, with 'est. 1999' written below it. Text around the '21' reads 'THUNDER ROADS MAGAZINE® IS CELEBRATING ITS' and 'ANNIVERSARY THAT'S 21 YEARS OF ...'. Below this, there are logos for 'JOKERS WILD' (a skull with a jester's hat) and 'Thunder Paws' (a paw print with a lightning bolt). At the bottom, it says '21 YEARS OF... THE LARGEST FREE MOTORCYCLE PUBLICATION OF NETWORKED PUBLISHERS IN THE WORLD!' and 'WHERE'S THERE'S BIKES.....THERE'S GOING TO BE THUNDER!'. A copyright symbol is at the bottom right.

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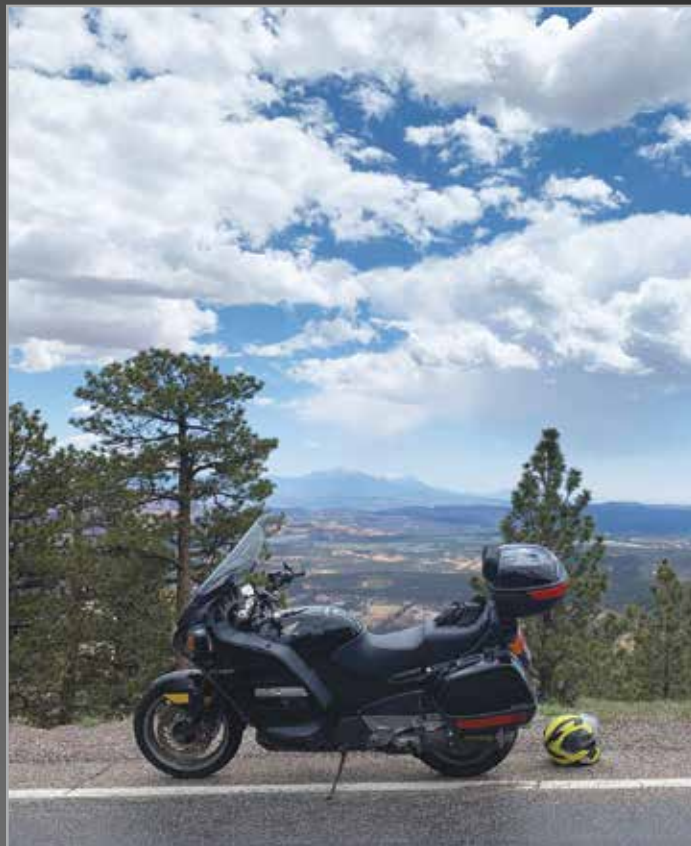
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Motorcycling in a Pandemic

BY NORM KERN, MSTA EDITOR / REASONSTORIDE.COM CONTRIBUTOR

March 17, 2020- I don't usually date my columns, but the information on the coronavirus pandemic is changing so fast that it might all be out of date by the time you read it. We're doing the best we can. This is not a good time for most of the activities we traditionally enjoy, but what about motorcycling?



Thoughts about riding your motorcycle

As long as you're moving you are safe. You are not close to other people. You're getting fresh air and shaking "cabin fever," which is good for your morale, as well as for your health. Gas is cheap and readily available right now.

The risk comes when you stop for a break or fuel at a gas station. First, you handle the pump hose which has been touched by many others. When you go inside to pay or pick up a snack, you encounter other people. If you pay with cash, you get change and a receipt that has been through many hands.

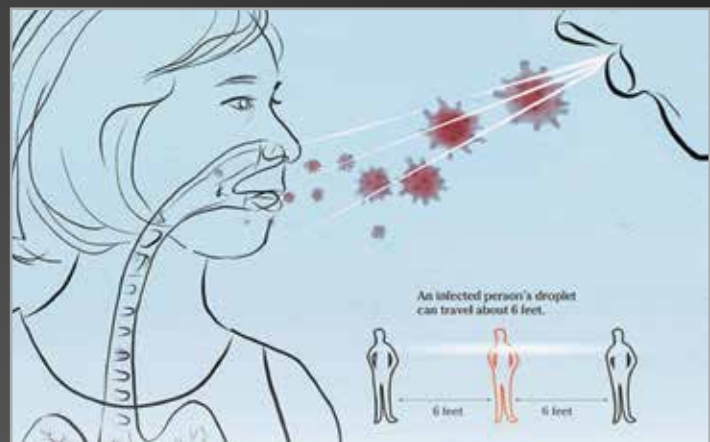
This is not a time to travel either. Restaurants are closed for all but take out food. Hotels can put you in close contact with other people and buffets and free breakfasts ought to be strictly off limits.

How can we minimize the risk of infection?



Dress for the ride- I always wear full gear, including full face helmet and full-fingered non-porous leather gloves. If you want to be extra safe, wear disposable surgical rubber gloves under the leather ones.

At gas stops, I leave my helmet and gloves on while I gas up. I carry my credit card in a sleeve pocket I can reach with my glove on. Pay at the pump. Do not go inside the store. If you want food or drink, pack it on your bike and bring it from home.



If the situation forces you to be around other people, do not make physical contact and try to maintain a distance of at least six feet.

Using the restroom at a gas station/convenience store is probably the biggest risk of all as it is full of contaminated surfaces. You cannot get out of some rest rooms without pulling a door handle or turning a knob. The rest room might not have paper towels- just a blower hand dryer that is like a carburetor for vaporizing pathogens and filling the air with them.

This may sound barbaric, but stopping at the side of a deserted country road to urinate is safer than using a public restroom. You could also limit your time on the bike so you are home by the time you get the urge. Restrooms in rural public parks with few visitors might be an option. Just bring your own toilet paper, napkins, towels, etc, and keep your hands clean.

When you get home, remove your gloves and gear. Get the credit card you used for gas and wipe it off with an alcohol wipe, hand sanitizer or soap and water. Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water. Avoid touching your face unless you have washed your hands recently.

That sounds pretty good for now when there are very few known coronavirus cases in your area, but are there additional considerations if very many other people get sick? YES.

Our medical system will likely become stressed in the case of widespread illness. What if you crash your bike? Will there be emergency vehicles and personnel available to treat you? If you are taken to the hospital, there may not be adequate personnel or facilities to care for you there either. Given the contagious nature of the Corona virus, being in the hospital at the same time there are many virus cases is probably not a good thing.

The risk of exposure

For our children, Corona virus is not a big risk. Effects for them are mild in most cases and mortality is low, but risk increases with age, rising sharply past age 60.

FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC): **Older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions** like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness. Please consult with your health care provider about additional steps you may be able to take to protect yourself.

Since the situation changes day by day, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/> for the latest information.

A FINAL THOUGHT

We have some of the best medical care in the world, but our system can still be overwhelmed if we have too many cases at one time. That might be the best reason to stay home and sit this one out.

You can find Sport Touring articles from Norm in the Blog / Feature section of ReasonsToRide.com – with new ones added each month.

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Bullet Points

Welcome to SILLY SEASON (REDUX) BY RICK WYATT

Well here we are again at the beginning of election season 2020, and we are all suffering from electoral fatigue. Being bombarded with endless radio and tv commercials, unsolicited campaign information stuffed in our mailboxes or shoved inside our doors, junk emails, campaign phone calls, yard signs, bumper stickers, etc., etc., etc., is more than enough to turn an otherwise sane person into a babbling, pants wetting, window licker on the short bus to the laughing academy. The amount of money spent on advertising alone proof positive that there is way too much money spent on our electoral process which results in information overload and drives normally responsible citizens away from the polls. Sometimes I suspect that it is by design intended to manipulate elections and control total vote counts.

The problem with this year's election is that there has never been as much at stake for the future of our children and grandchildren. When Woodrow Wilson became president in 1913, he set in motion what would become the base of the modern progressive movement. Twenty years later FDR set much of that foundation in cement under the guise of recovering from an economic depression. Which left us as a nation ill prepared for WWII. For over a hundred years progressivism has eaten away at the vision of the founders of self-governance by the people and created an unmanageable federal bureaucracy that forces its will on all but the super wealthy or politically well heeled. God help anybody who dares rock the progressive boat or expose its ugly underbelly.

I am not going to mince words, every Democrat running for their party nomination is a socialist and the only difference between them is how quickly they intend to impose their doctrine on us. Sanders and Warren are true died in the wool socialists, who will quickly transition us to an authoritarian top down governmental system with absolute power out of Washington crushing the heartland to placate the costal population centers. The others will be more incremental, much like the frog in the pan of water on the stove who doesn't realize what's happened until he's cooked. Even the most moderate of these democrats will tell you what they intend if you take the time to listen. Maybe that is why they are all supporters of radical gun control, Joe Biden came right out and declared that he would use the military, if necessary, to take "assault rifles" from the people. All I got to say to Joe is, "good luck bitch!"

What scares me is the pretty packaging progressives wrap the turd they call freedom and fairness in. After all who would turn down free medical care, free child care, free education, free paid leave from work, free, free, free, you get the idea and lots of people who have never been completely responsible for their lives will be more than happy to allow the government to be their new mommy and daddy. What they don't understand is that under the "free stuff" government they will never have anything or own anything that is truly theirs because at any time a bureaucrat can step in and seize it all. My grandfather's family owned a coopery in England for several generations where they were curved wood craftsmen. They built the staircases in the grand salon on the original Queen Elizabeth ocean liner as well as the curved face cabinetry in all of the staterooms and humped back trunks used by the affluent to move personal belongings from home to the ship in preparation for an ocean voyage. After the First World War the three youngest sons (grandpa included) were given money to immigrate anywhere in the world they wanted to live because while the business was successful, their father knew that it would never support the families of all six boys. Following the Second World War, when Great Britain went all in on socialism, the government stepped in and said they needed the property the coopery sat on for a housing project and shut down the operation and seized the property, which employed over a hundred master craftsmen and supported numerous other local businesses. By the time they were done former workers were left to feed their families off the government teat, other local businesses were forced out of business and a whole community was crushed by a socialistic grand scheme. That will be the fate of the mid-west if we allow progressivism to dig its roots deeper into the fabric of America.

Too many of our fellow citizens are little more than single issue voters who refuse to recognize the potential price of their narrow point of view. Imagine a nation without gasoline, or diesel fuel where the cost of common utilities soars well above what the typical family can afford to pay. How do you feel about standing in bread lines or waiting for rationed food, clothing and even toilet paper? Well it's in the works; the progressives call it the "green new deal" supported by every candidate seeking the Democrat nomination. Think about it!



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Motorcycle Quotes & Sayings

"Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass: it's about learning how to ride in the rain!" ~ Anonymous

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IN THE SHOP WITH RON

BY Ron Johnson

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Before we get started this month, I would like to welcome everyone back to *THUNDER ROADS of MICHIGAN*. It has been a long strange winter here in our great state but hopefully spring has indeed finally sprung.

When you folks have a chance, give a shout out to Jody Mo; she faced a difficult decision to print the magazine only during the riding season. Whenever you can, please patronize the businesses and service providers that advertise in this (FREE) magazine, after all, they are all the ones that make it possible.

Getting ready to ride for the upcoming season is very exciting but let's not get so excited we need to first go over our bikes to insure our riding season is as safe and trouble-free as possible. The riding season here in Michigan is already too short—you don't want to miss any of it because of something that could have been prevented with normal maintenance and/or service procedures.

I prefer to change the engine, transmission, and primary oil every spring, regardless of mileage. If you prefer to wait until mileage dictates that it is time for normal service that is your decision. For purposes of this article, we will skip the oil change. Before starting the motorcycle, make sure the battery is fully charged. Check the connections at the battery for tightness and make sure they are not corroded or frayed.

Give the entire motorcycle a thorough visual inspection. Look for anything that looks out of place. Check for loose or missing bolts, any signs of rodent activity, or any leaks that may have developed during storage. If all looks well, start the engine and let it run until it is up to normal operating temperature. While the bike is warming up, check for any oil leaks. I always put a clean piece of cardboard on the floor under my bike; this saves the question of rather or not that spot was already on the floor.



Now is a good time to check all lights, turn signals, brake lights (front and rear), high- and low-beam on headlight, and four-way flashers, if so equipped. Check the horn. At this point, I shut off the engine. While it is cooling down, check the air filter, and service or replace as necessary. With the air filter off, it's a good opportunity to look things over in the carb/throttle body area. Check all hoses and wiring for any cracking, splitting, dry rot, etc. This is a good time to lubricate throttle cables and or any linkage, if necessary.

Next, start looking at everything from the tires to the tips of the grips. Check tires for proper air pressure; tread depth, bulges, etc. Look closely at the sidewalls for any signs of cracking or splitting.



If your wheels are spoked, check for loose or missing ones. Check mag and aluminum wheels also, as potholes have a way of taking their toll. Make sure you check brakes, both front and rear. Lift the wheel off the ground and turn the wheel while applying the brake, and listen for any grinding noises. Check for any binding or tight spots and verify that the pads released. Check pad thickness. Check drive belt or chain for excessive wear, alignment and proper tension, look at drive pulleys or sprockets to make sure there are no worn or missing teeth and nothing is bent. Check the front fork tubes for rust or corrosion. Look at seals and dust covers for rips, tears, or leaks. Turn the handle bars from full right to full left (preferably with wheel off the ground) check for any rough or binding feeling in the steering head bearings; make sure cables are not restricting movement. Look over rear shocks as well for leaks or worn bushings.



Think back to the last couple of rides of the last season. Was there anything going on that you were going to "take care of in the off season" that may have slipped your mind?

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