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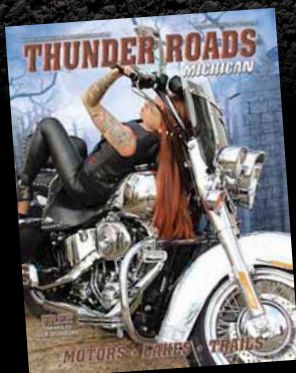
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## LETTER FROM THE OWNER

### *The Unknown*

As I sit in my office on this rainy, mid-May writing this letter I am in a place of the unknown. It is always hard to write ahead when working on the magazine each month, but this month it is even more difficult. We are supposed to be released by the end of the month from our Stay Home, Stay Safe order, but who knows. Our governor has extended it so many times that no one can really be sure. So many things are left in the unknown and completely up in the air. Events are not sure if they will be able to still be held, bike nights are left as an unknown unless the bars and restaurants are able to open back up. I find that most people I talk to are devastated by all of this and are left hurting financially, mentally exhausted and pretty much fed up with this order. Whenever it does go back to our new normal, it will be just that... a new normal. We all can be certain that this has changed our world and the people in it for the good and bad. I hope everyone is reaching out to friends and family at this point and trying to have some fun and live life as fully as possible during these trying times. Please help each other. Please support the advertisers you see in this issue that are still paying for ads and hoping that June brings back life in their businesses. Without them I would not be able to still publish this magazine for you to enjoy so please be sure to patronize these wonderful people and places.

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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 your event a success!

### Now for some "Mo" Advice:

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Courage to change the things I can and Wisdom to know the difference.

*Jody Mohowitsch*  
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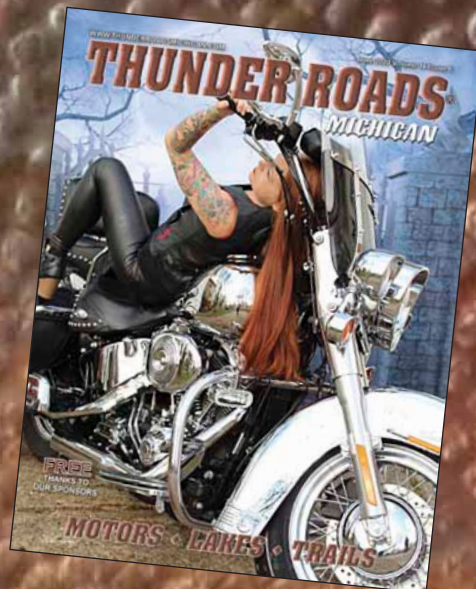


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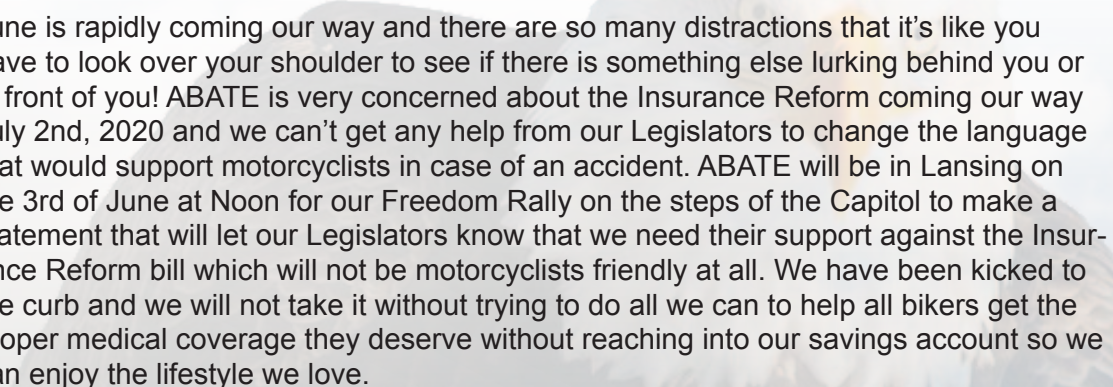
I bought the bike in 2017 from a Patriot Guard Riders member. The previous owner had a lot of pride in this bike. Unfortunately an illness took hold and he had to part ways with this one. It is a 2005 Harley-Davidson Heritage Softail. He purchased the bike brand new in 2005 from Shiawassee Harley-Davidson in Birch Run. In early 2006 it was disassembled and sent to Wisconsin to be dipped. I'm not sure which company did it but they did a fantastic job, Eleven thousand, two hundred dollars worth! I was fortunate enough to be able to purchase this beautiful bike and keep this beauty on the road to show off this piece of art. Yes, she is dipped not sprayed or wrapped. Last year I had the top end rebuilt. Top End Cycle of Burton is the shop that bored her over from a 88ci to 98ci. She has won a few shows and hopefully will continue to in the future. I wish I could take full credit for this bike but from one veteran to another, thanks for creating this beautiful machine. Bike Owned by Ralph Dickenson. Photos by our friend Tiffany McCain.



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Since so many events have been cancelled all over the State because of Covid-19, there have been many bikers out and about and I'm concerned for their safety. The Secretary of State hasn't done one single thing regarding May as Motorcycle Awareness Month! Like usual, we will have to take care of ourselves so please be extra careful when you are out riding. I saw a couple of ABATE Members in the Thunder Cam photos, Bea and Jerry from Region 6 which was very cool! I also saw a video about tire pressure and after your bike has been sitting for quite a few months and the temperature changes please check it. It's probably low! I will be doing a video here shortly about Awareness and Insurance Reform, so all of you reading the Thunder Roads magazine, please feel free to share it with everyone you can think of. Between this magazine and media outlets we can get a lot of coverage and maybe get the attention of our Legislature to help us make changes and get the public more aware of motorcycles. "Look Twice Save A Life Motorcycles Are Everywhere!"

One last thing, isn't it amazing how society accepts a new societal change when it comes to profiling? Before the virus was here if a biker wore a bandana on his face he was up to something but now when you wear a bandana you are protecting yourself from the elements (DA). What took the public so long to realize that we have been wearing a face mask for the same exact reason?

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

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# VETERANS CORNER



## COVID-19 AND HOW MICHIGAN IS HELPING THE VETERANS?

As I sit here pondering what to write this month, it has been hard to have an open mind on how the veterans in Michigan are being treated. Being a veteran myself I find it hard enough to deal with my disabilities so I can only imagine how hard it is for all of my brothers and sisters. See most of us have a hard time when life is normal now add this COVID 19, Stay Home Stay Safe and wearing protective mask just makes it even harder on us. Most of us rely on the ability to be able to meet up with our brothers and sisters to help us through our daily lives. Be it that we meet up and hangout out at our VFW, American Legion, coffee shops etc., and talk with each other and it our norm. Now we don't have the right to go meet and have coffee or get together and hangout and talk to each other like we use to. This now causes us to mistrust our government because we don't believe our politicians anymore. We deal with depression, anxiety and PTSD along with all our other illness we occurred while serving our country proudly I might add and would do it all over again if we had to.

So, as I do some internet research, I find there are quite a few other states doing a heck of a lot more to help their veterans out during this crisis than Michigan is. This makes me think as Senator Peters all of a sudden place his military service out there on his platform, but I have never heard him publicly mention it before. Do you think that the politicians really care about our vets? I ask myself this often, and I have read and visited many states that care about their veterans so much and are proud of them. I sometimes wonder if Michigan puts us in the same respectful category?

This is personal to me because since this started in Mid-March and its now May and soon will be June, I get the feeling we will still not get the help that we

truly need. We love our country and we don't ask for much or handouts but sometimes we need help. This lockdown has caused a lot of hardships for Vets so the next time you are out shopping, or see an Veteran organization that needs help think about one thing these men and women sign a blank check to protect this country and when we did that it doesn't stop just because we got out of the service. If we are needed, we are there for any and all.

If you have a motorcycle and get out and get some wind therapy, I recommend doing it as much as you can. If not remember there is always a brother or sister that will be right there for you if you call, message them please don't be to proud to ask for help we need you here with us.



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# THE MOTORCYCLE LAWYER ON THE LAW

## WARNING: New No-Fault Law Starts July 1, 2020

Michigan's new No-Fault law goes into effect July 1, 2020. The biggest change is that we now choose the amount of PIP Medical coverage we want on our "Motor Vehicles." "Motor Vehicles" is defined in our No-Fault law as meaning cars, trucks and vans. A motorcycle is not a "Motor Vehicle" under this law.

These definitions are important because a person is only entitled to No-fault benefits when a "Motor Vehicle" is involved. Therefore, a motorcyclist is entitled to No-Fault benefits (this includes payment of medical bills), only when a "Motor Vehicle" is involved. Simpler put, a biker only gets his medical bills paid through No-Fault when a car or truck is involved in the crash.

If I'm driving my car and I am in a crash, I go to my own No-Fault policy for my No-Fault benefits; again, this includes the important payment of medical bills. If I am on my motorcycle and hit by a car, I go to the car driver's No-Fault policy for medical bill payment. Before this new law, every policy had unlimited medical coverage, but that now changes.

The biggest change in this new law is that everyone now chooses the amount of PIP Medical coverage for their "Motor Vehicles." Again, unlike being injured while an occupant of a car, motorcyclists first look to the insurance company of the car that hit him or her. With this new 'choice PIP Medical,' **bikers will now be at the mercy of the amount that the car driver chose for his (the car driver's) PIP Medical.** The amount could be as low as \$50,000, leaving the motorcyclist stuck with all the rest of the bills.

There is so much you need to know about this new law. It could not be covered in this short article. Therefore, I wrote the absolute best eBook guide on this subject:

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### Update on Bills to Fix No-Fault Law Shafting Motorcyclists

There were two bills that were introduced that attempt to fix the horrible treatment of motorcyclists under the new No-Fault Law. They are:

**HB 4812:** Nothing new. Zero movement since introduced July 18, 2019 and referred to Committee on Insurance the same day.

**SB 528:** Nothing new. Zero movement since introduced September 17, 2019 and referred to Committee on Insurance and Banking the same day.



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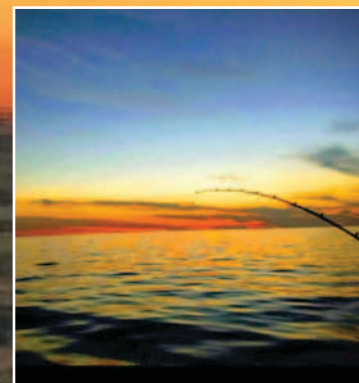


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# The JOKERS WILD

Husband to Wife: "How many people have you slept with?"  
 Wife: "I have only ever slept with you."  
 Hubby: "Wow, really?"  
 Wife: "Yeah, the rest managed to keep me awake."

Lil' Joey was talking with his teacher about whales. Teacher said it was 'physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, its' throat was very small. Lil' Joey stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the Teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; physically impossible. Lil' Joey said, "When I get to Heaven I will ask Jonah myself." The Teacher quickly asked, "What if Jonah went to Hell?" Lil' Joey replied, "Well, in that case, you ask him."

A guy in a library asks a college aged young woman if the only open seat in the library is o.k. for him to sit in. The girl yells out very loudly, "No! I do not want to spend the night with you!!" Everyone in the library looked up, staring at the guy, then looked back down. The guy was extremely embarrassed. The guy sat down in the only empty seat and waited for a few minutes to pass. The girl very quietly whispered to the guy, "I'm learning psychology and wanting to experience first-hand the theory of cause and effect. So you were obviously very embarrassed by my outburst, am I right? The guy turned towards her and with a booming voice announced, "\$200. just for an 'afternoon delight', forget it, that's way too much!!

Every single person, including the Librarian, looked up in total shock and just stared at the girl. The guy whispered in the girl's ear as he rose to leave, "I'm married to the most manipulative bitch in the world, and I definitely have already learned how to make anyone feel guilty. You're extremely mortified, am I right?"

Guys at the local watering hole talking about anyone every seeing an actual U.F.O. A regular whom everyone likes and respects his opinion stopped talking while he spoke. I personally saw a flying saucer this morning. It appeared right after the flying cup that my wife threw at me during breakfast.

She wears my Harley t-shirts to bed.  
 She wears my leather jacket when she's cold.  
 She even wears my boxer shorts when we cook breakfast together on Sunday mornings. But I put on her panties one time when we'd both had a tad too much to drink, and parade around the living room and suddenly, out of nowhere, I have "serious mental issues and I've "overstepped my boundaries". Women! go figure.

Little Mary Margaret was not the best student in her Catholic Sunday School class, but she did have a perfect attendance record. She'd show up and sleep through the entire class. The teacher Nun thought she'd test her to see if she was just listening with her eyes closed. Teacher Nun inquired, "Tell me Mary Margaret, who created the universe?" When Mary Margaret didn't stir, Lil' Joey, her best buddy, took his pencil and jabbed her in her butt. "God Almighty!" Mary Margaret shouted out. Teacher Nun was very pleased. A while later Teacher Nun asks, "Mary Margaret, who is our Lord and Savior?". Once again Lil' Johnny came to the rescue and stuck his pencil in his friend's butt. "Jesus Christ!!!" Mary Margaret again shouted very loudly. "Very good" was Teacher Nun's reply. Teacher Nun in closing out class for the day and asked of Mary Margaret, "What did Eve say to Adam after she had her 23rd child?" Lil' Johnny yet again came to the rescue. Mary Margaret jumped up and screamed out, "If you stick that damn thing in me one more time, I'll break it in half!" Teacher Nun fainted.

I heard the government is wanting to put chips inside of people. Wow! I hope I get Doritos.

During these trying times I feel we've all learned a valuable lesson; Hangovers are temporary, but Drunk stories, yeah, those are Forever!

My neighbor just got arrested for growing Weed. Apparently, my property line isn't quite where I thought it was.

These diva-wanna-be chicks acting like they're too good for McDonald's fries be all, "I actually care what goes into my body". Bitch please, I've seen all your exes, so yeah, no you do not.

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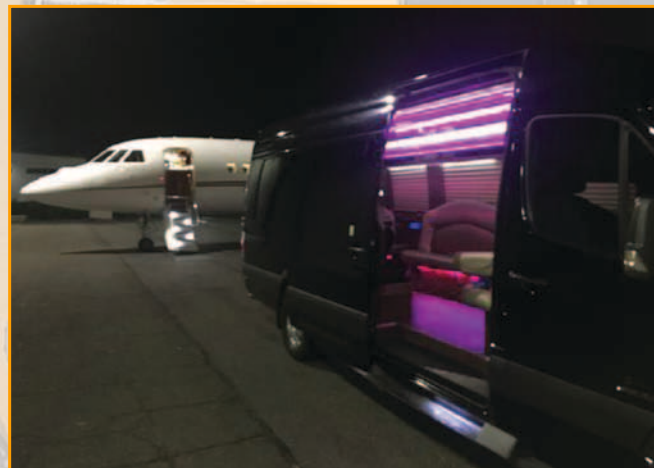
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## An Interview with Professional Bass Guitarist Matt DiRito on his charity organization STAR TREATMENTS



**Jody Mo:** Can you tell me a little about the non-profit charity you founded called Star Treatments?

**Matt DiRito:** Star Treatments offers sick kids rides to and from their doctor appointments in VIP level transportation. It might be a sprinter van, limo, or even a tour bus.

**Jody Mo:** How did you come up with this idea?

**Matt DiRito:** There is a family I knew whose daughter was diagnosed with cancer that inspired the idea. Just watching them go through it was difficult. They would try to keep their kids busy so their focus wasn't on the disease, but instead on healing and doing something fun to keep their mind busy. I thought it would be cool to offer a sick kid a VIP experience during a time where they might feel really scared or sick. It also gives the parents a break and helps out in the event that they don't have reliable transportation of their own or cannot afford the costs of travel.

**Jody Mo:** Have you ever surprised any of the kids and showed up too?

**Matt DiRito:** Yes, I have been able to surprise some of the kids and show up at the hospital to greet them!

**Jody Mo:** Is this for Michigan kids only or is it nationwide?

**Matt DiRito:** It is nationwide. We help families wherever they need it. We partner up with third party transportation companies and coordinate the travel in that specific area.

**Jody Mo:** How do you select the kids and how many a month do you do?

**Matt DiRito:** There is a Contact link on our website, [www.StarTreatments.org](http://www.StarTreatments.org) and anyone can fill out a submission form for their child or someone they might know. Any child that needs constant treatment to and from medical appointments is eligible, as long as they are cleared by a doctor to travel. We limit it to 2-4 VIP rides a month right now, due to our fundraising efforts and the time it takes our staff of volunteers. Each ride costs on average about \$700. Many of them fly, so we will pick them up at the airport and drive them to their appointment. Each case is different, so we put a lot of time and thought in to each one. We find out what the kids interests are and set them up with care packages for each ride, including snacks. Sometimes they get in the vehicle to find their favorite movie playing!

**Jody Mo:** Any personal stories about the kids that have left an impact on you?

**Matt DiRito:** One kid had to go in every other day for 9 years. The treatment center was 77 miles away. The dad couldn't drive it and continue keep his job and they were constantly going through vehicles breaking down. We worked with that family for the last 10 months of his life. This gave them an opportunity to just be there with their child. So many families

have to declare bankruptcy while their child is fighting for their life, and we really try to give them one less thing to worry about.

**Jody Mo:** How can others help?

**Matt DiRito:** The best way is to spread awareness by sharing the stories and social media pages. We rely heavily on donations, and there is a spot on our website where you can make a onetime donation or sign up to give a small monthly donation. Of course, any donations are met with a tax deductible receipt.

**Jody Mo:** Where can they go for more information about Star Treatments?

**Matt DiRito:** [StarTreatments.org](http://StarTreatments.org) or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StarTreatmentsOrg>

**Jody Mo:** Anything exciting going on with you that you would like to share?

**Matt DiRito:** We have been working on a new album, and hope to have it out this fall. Since we have not been able to tour, I have been spending a lot of time working on Star Treatments and building guns.

**Jody Mo:** What is your experience with motorcycles?

**Matt DiRito:** I started riding at an early age and it's a bigger part of who I am than playing music is. We have played at Sturgis every year for the past seven years or so, and perform at bike rallies all over the country. I almost always find a couple of weeks throughout the summer to follow our tour bus on my Harley, just to make sure that I don't end up missing out on the best part of riding season.





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### June 7

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### June 13 \*\*\*\*EVENT CANCELLED

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  
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### June 13 & 14

Lucky Thumb M/C Racing  
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### June 20 \*\*\*\*EVENT CANCELLED

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### June 27

2nd Annual Great Lakes Burn Camp (GLBC) BKMC 37 Burn Run  
Richland Township Fire Station, 8755 3rd Ave, Vestaburg, MI. Regis 10am, Kickstands up 1pm, Food, Drinks, Music For more info go to [www.brotherskeepersmc.com](http://www.brotherskeepersmc.com) (See full page ad this issue).

## July

### July 11

Great Lakes Burn Camp (GLBC) Hotter than Hell  
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### July 11 \*\*\*\*EVENT CANCELLED

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### July 19 \*\*\*\*EVENT CANCELLED

20th Annual Nile Burn Run for Great Lakes Burn Camp (GLBC)  
Riverfront Park, Regis 9 am, ride leaves noon, \$30 bike/\$35 with rider, bike show, food, vendors. For more info go to [nilesburnrun.com](http://nilesburnrun.com) (See full page ad this issue).

July 21 (Rain Date July 28) Rescheduled from June 9 date  
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# Biker Preacher's Corner

Here we are the beginning of June and hopefully everyone has been able to get back to work and start resuming their normal daily lives and routines. As we all know this Coronavirus has caused a lot of destruction – physically, financially, emotionally and in families all over the world.

But that's not exactly what I want to talk about today. I want to talk about the hope that we have in Christ Jesus especially during troubling times like these. My scriptural text comes from Psalm 91.

**Psalm 91:1 says "The one who lives under the protection of the Most High dwells in the shadow of the Almighty."**

Do you notice the words "The one who lives"? This refers to the person/people who have a relationship with God. This verse goes on to say "under the protection of the Most High". The focus in this verse is on having a relationship with, having faith in God as your Lord, savior, and protector.

You might be asking protects us from what? Psalm 91:6 & 7 goes on to say.

**Psalm 91:6 the plague that stalks in darkness, or the pestilence that ravages at noon. 7 Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, the pestilence will not reach you.**

This virus that had us all sheltering in place because, as we're told, it is part of the broader term of plague. But my faith is in God who protects us even though a thousand falls at my side and ten thousand at my right hand. He is our protector.

**Psalm 91:9-10 says 9 Because you have made the Lord—my refuge, the Most High—your dwelling place, 10 no harm will come to you; no plague will come near your tent.**

King David is pointing out here that because "you have made the Lord – my refuge, the Most High your dwelling place" NO harm NO plague NO coronavirus will come near you or your home.

Let me ask you – where is your faith today? Is it in the fear mongering that the media continues to spread or is it in God who alone can and will protect you? I can say this as a matter of fact, not just because it's written in the Bible but because I have watched God perform His word in my life and in the lives of all those in my family, extended family and my church family.

Are you suffering today? Look to Jesus **1 Peter 2:24 says 24 He himself carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we would be dead to sin and live for righteousness. Our instant healing flowed from his wounding. (TPT)**

God is faithful my brothers and sisters and watches over His word to perform it – will you put your trust in Him today? Ask the Lord Jesus into your life and to forgive you of all your sins today.

God loves you and so do I!

**Apostle Brian "BMAN" McKay**

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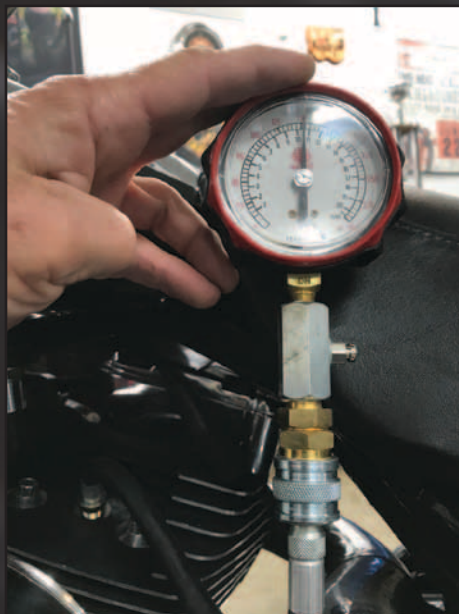
# IN THE SHOP WITH RON

BY Ron Johnson

I hope everyone is doing well during this difficult time. I had an article planned for this month but decided to go in a different direction. I've had quite a few calls from people who are looking for project dirt bike/quads/side by sides etc., also people wondering what is necessary to get a machine running after sitting for some time. This month in the shop I am going to outline what I normally do when I'm getting a machine running after a lengthy period of sitting idle in the back shed.

For this article we are not going to speak about any specific make or model just some basic guidelines on reviving a neglected or forgotten machine. The internal combustion engine has three basic requirements necessary to make it run; Compression, spark, and fuel (several other factors influence how well it runs but we are being very general here).

The first thing I always do is a compression test and since we've covered this in another article I won't use space to detail that procedure again.



Next on my checklist is spark. Like the song says, "you can't start a fire without a spark" and there are several methods for checking. The most important part is to be sure the spark plug or tester is grounded well.

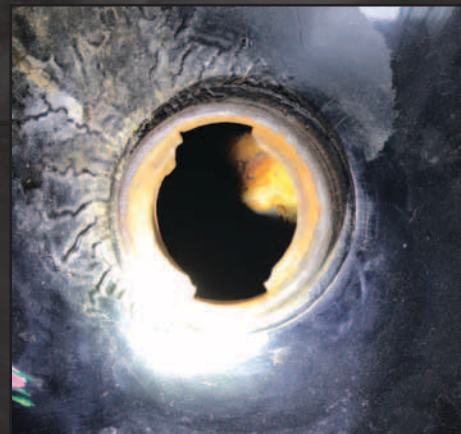
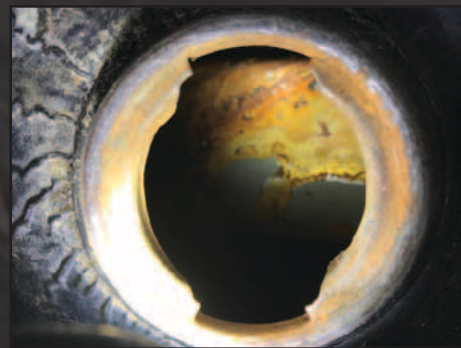


Some of the early CDI (Capacitor Discharge Ignition) systems will overload and be permanently damaged if you crank the motor excessively and the spark plug or plug wire is not grounded. If there is no spark the ignition system needs to be tested at which point you would need to follow manufacturer's procedure for the specific make and model.

The next step (usually the most likely culprit) is fuel. Anytime fuel has been left in the tank for more than 1 year without fuel stabilizer added I would recommend at the very least completely draining the entire fuel system (tank, lines, sediment bowl/pet-cock, and carburetor) and adding fresh fuel. If fuel has been in the system for a longer period of time a more thorough cleaning of the fuel system maybe in order. Fuel available today seems to degrade more rapidly. To clean the fuel system I start at the top (fuel tank) and work my way to the bottom (carburetor) and thoroughly clean everything in between with a high flash point solvent, something that will evaporate quickly.

Check all fuel lines for cracks, deterioration, or brittleness, and replace as necessary. I recommend replacing the fuel filter also because over time gas can become gummy and plug or restrict the fluid flow. The next stop is the carburetor, drain all fuel from the fuel bowl and remove it to make sure the float and the needle and seat are not plugged or gummed up. Once everything is cleaned and solvent has had time to completely evaporate, fuel lines and filter are back in place you can put fresh fuel in the system.

## PROJECTS



A final note here; If the vehicle has electric start make sure the battery is fully charged and in good condition. A battery can appear to be charged and not have enough muscle to turn the starter motor with enough power left to fire the ignition. This is especially important on fuel injected machines. If all seems to be in order and you still have a no-start condition, more detailed testing is going to be necessary. Have fun with those projects. If you need advice or have any questions, as always feel free to give us a call. Happy to help if we can. Phone advice is free.

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Who dares to teach must never cease to learn.  
—John Cotton Dana

That was once thought can never be unthought.  
—Friedrich Durrenmatt

### Motorcycle Quotes & Sayings

"The older I get, the faster I was. There are old bikers and there are bold bikers, but there are no old, bold bikers." - Evel Knievel

"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 motorcycles 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

## NOT POLITICALLY CORRECT



Hello Fellow Riders and Patriots, As I write this there is a lot on our minds these days, should I get the bike out and go for a ride or mow the grass (if you do make sure the clippings are not in the road) and stay safe at home. Are we really safe at home? Even taking the bike out for a spin most accidents happen within 25 miles of home and then there's COVID-19 a lot of us wear a mask when riding anyway and being on a bike (unless you're the back seat rider) we are already social distancing. Now let's look at what's happening in Sweden (herd mentality) no masks, no social distancing and their numbers are low. And with COVID being able to infiltrate the White House the most secure building in the World can we really protect our self's from this? Before I really make you mad (sorry) I would encourage everyone to join ABATE and MRF they are working hard to make sure our riding rights shall not be infringed (sound familiar) as it says at the bottom of their magazine "A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments". Speaking of Totalitarian acts did everyone notice how it took 6 State Troopers to deliver a piece of paper to a 77 year old man who cuts hair in Owosso on the order of the Governor and after her initial Executive Order time had expired and NOT renewed by our Legislature she still tells us "The Executive Order is Not a Suggestion" "This is an ORDER" (mad yet?) Now here is some really scary news after talking to a MDOC official about the number of positive COVID inmates I was told there is about 40 to 50 % infected, but yet they have no way to Quarantine them and that the Governor may have to call in the National Guard. Now I have no way to verify this, but what if it's true and releasing the 225 to over 300 non-violent inmates per week and even 1 of them is positive they could infect (In the Governor's word's) 1000's this would keep Michigan at the top of the worst infected states list and this fall give her reason to enact another Executive Order and shut the state down hence mail-in voting.

I for one believe if we can social distance at Wal-Mart and Home Depot we damn well can do it at the Voting Booth. Pay attention Stay informed and Stay involved VOTE it's your right (and for those of you who have a felony you CAN vote in Michigan). I am looking forward to fighting for Bikers and my fellow Michiganders in Washington but I need your help please donate to my campaign to help me keep bikers safe and change laws against bikers and stop profiling and one sided insurance laws.

As for my campaign I am still asking for support from the biker community especially in the 5th Congressional District (Genesee, Tuscola, Saginaw, Bay, Arenac, Iosco) please pass the word to help support a fellow rider in this election. Send a biker to Washington to fight for your riding rights, if you want more information about me or to donate go to EarlLackieForCongress.com

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# BULLET POINTS

## NOW FOR THE GOOD STUFF

BY RICK WYATT



Anybody tired of the lockdown, oops stay at home order, yet? I know old news and we are all tired of it, so I have something new for you. I have to be real with you about the new guns this year, ain't much to get excited about. The Taurus G2c is much improved and selling like water at a fire sale, but it is still in the realm of inexpensive guns at the lower end of what I would trust my life to. I find the Hellcat to be innovatively unimpressive, looks good until you pull the trigger, which tends to be anything but crisp and smooth. The Glock G44 is a .22 cal. that shoots and feels like any other Glock and the price isn't much more than a .22 cal conversion for you full size 9mm or .40 cal. Only one new pistol in the new market really trips my trigger and it is from a company I have some real mixed feelings about, Sig Sauer.

My biggest problem with Sig is how they appear to have manipulated quality standards attempting to stay in the military/law enforcement market. Fifteen years ago the whole Sig line up was top notch, but not so much anymore. Sure, they still build some outstanding handguns and they come at a premium price, but if you are buying a Sig based on Sig reputation you may be disappointed by quality or performance so it is going to pay to do some research.

Sig built some good 1911s, but they come at a premium price because they have gotten into fancy finishes such as the Spartan or Emperor series. These are very handsome firearms that come near and dear to my heart because I am a true 1911 fan and these are well built machines. But you are paying a premium for a lot of flash that does not translate into improved performance. The P226 Legion is another noteworthy member of the Sig lineup, a hammer gun that is available in single action/double action or single action only and other than a spongy trigger feel in the uptake is a good performing serviceable handgun. There are others, but you got the idea of what I am trying to say.

All of that to say that if you are looking for new and quality, it is time to take a serious look at the Sig P320X5 Legion. Built as a competition platform performance is its middle name. Before you even pick it up it will catch your eye like that hard bodied cutie you once had the hots for. It's a big gun with a 5" barrel encased in a skeletonized slide mounted on what appears to be an oversized frame, but it still looks business sleek. Don't be fooled though it is all business.

Picking it up the first thing you will notice is the weight, but that comes from all the steel used in construction and a titanium infused polymer grip module, which work together to reduce muzzle flip. The grip feels massive, but very comfortable in the hand and looks good with the skeletonized flat competition style trigger that boast a 30% reduction in trigger pull which is fairly short and crisp, especially for a striker fire. Bringing it to eye level you will find a fully adjustable Dawson square notch rear slide mounted on a base that can be removed and replaced with a Sig Romeo1 Pro optic. At the other end of the barrel is a Dawson fiber optic front sight which is very serviceable, but I think I would have preferred a front Ameri Glo style sight with the tritium center. Take it to the range and start dinging targets and you will discover that you have a real shooter in your hands, and if you aren't convinced turn it loose on the plate rack and you will be smiling by the time you empty the magazine. Yes it's going to set you back an Alexander Hamilton and maybe a Franklin or two but all in all it is worth it if you value quality firearms.

Now back to the ongoing horse crap coming out of Lansing and elsewhere in the liberal world. Whitmer has given a big double finger to the First Amendment by banning Confederate Flags from the state capital and capital grounds. Why is flag burning considered to be free speech but displaying the Southern Cross or swastika deemed to be insightful and racist? People say it is a question of taste and I tell you that maybe they are symbols of the frustration people are feeling because of the way they are being ruled because governance went out the window a couple of months ago. And as far as constitutional encroachment, there are a lot of police agencies in Michigan using drones procured from the Chinese to spy on us in the name of preserving social distancing. Problem is that the data collected by the drones is routed through computer facilities owned by the Chinese Military. It would be laughable if there weren't so many people, or sheeple, willing to march though the gate and get bent over the barrel by the governor her ilk. I got news for all of them, when I went in the Marine Corp I swore an oath to the constitution, not some arrogant politician (s). If you feel something slipping remember the Marine Corp motto "God, Country, Corp" and Act Accordingly. Semper Fidelis my friends.

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