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LETTER FROM THE OWNER

In the Heat of it ~ August in Michigan

I love August in Michigan because we usually have a lot more hot and sunny days, which allows us to take full advantage of all our state has to offer. You're not going to want to miss out on this month's festivities, so make sure to check out the events calendar to see what fun things are happening in Michigan this August.

Have you ever noticed how cheap junk food is and how much more expensive healthy food is? That's kind of like life in many ways! It's actually easier to just ignore people, not say hi, etc which is in comparison is like crappy junk food. It's harder to put a smile on your face when you're going through struggles, or in comparison work out vs. lying on the couch. It's harder to be kind when you'd rather tell someone where to stick it. A goofy comparison I realize, but there's some truth to it. How does the healthy food make you feel and how does being kind make you feel? Then ask yourself, is it worth it? I believe it feels much better to be the kind of person that even if you yourself may be going through hell you'll extend yourself to make someone's day, because you feel like you helped them when you yourself know you're experiencing your own hardships and struggles. To help others and to be kind to someone is life altering. Think about it... it's a domino effect. You were rude or mean to someone, which makes them angry, so they become rude and mean to someone else, etc or you smile and say something kind, which makes them feel good and so they in turn do the same to someone else they encounter. Being the kind of person that puts a smile on someone's face is way better than being the person that creates tears and sadness. Keep living life in this kind of way because I believe Karma is a bitch to those that don't.

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Saturday 7/31 – Short Track 3-5-7
Sunday 8/1 – TT Scrambles 8-10-12

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9/18 & 9/19 – Rain Dates

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The Positive Shift



The Importance of Disconnecting to Reconnecting

In this modern era, we no longer need to wait to find the answers we crave or the social connections we desire. We simply go to the internet, YouTube, ask Alexa or other social media sites to find our answer.
You have the option to be connected at any time, but is it really necessary?

What is lost when we are plugged in?

- You barely have any time left to learn, to create, and to live our lives.
- You can become sleep deprived and disconnected with reality.
- You are neglecting your personal relationships, work, hobbies, chores and who knows what else.

Mindless use of technology will ruin our real skills of imagination and connection with our fellow humans. It can take you and your children away from the real world.

When you disconnect, what you may feel, see or notice:

- You may see things differently and seem more concentrated and involved in family, friends and life around you.
- It helps your brain relax more, you'll laugh more, and you won't have that feeling that you're missing out on anything.
- You'll see the value in your reality and in your everyday achievements.

OVERALL, what I personally noticed... my mind and thoughts are clearer, my head isn't fogged up and I've remembered things better. I'm more focused than I have been in a long time, and can you believe...I feel more ALIVE and back to being Stacie!

I didn't get caught up in other people's issues, feel more accomplished because I got a crap load of things done and even refreshing my routines.

When are you going to disconnect to reconnect?
Until then.... you can't lead a positive life being plugged in to social media, other people's business, TV, and technology.

You can't lead a positive life with a negative mind.

~ Stacie René

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READERS RIDES

Paul

2005 Suzuki Boulevard

Through high school and college I rode friends' bikes but didn't get my own until after graduating. I got this bike from my neighbor at the time, who made the rear fender. I did all the ironwork on it, sissy bar is a forge welded cage spiral. I re-used the factory foot pegs for the highway bars after making the new foot boards. I also made the seats for it, including a removable driver's backrest. The best trip I have done was a week long ride around lake Michigan and camp from what I could carry in a pack.



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Hello My Fellow Patriots and Riders,
Hydrate, Hydrate and Hydrate even though the wind in your face feels good on these hot days you're still sweating and always carry water with you. Stopping for a beer is one thing but alcohol can dehydrate you so get a glass of water with that beer. Remember common sense goes a long way. For the new riders remember those black squiggly lines in the road bikers call snakes is TAR or crack filler in the heat they become very slippery. It's just another thing to look out for like grass clippings.

Speaking of looking out for slippery things the elections are getting underway (have I made up my mind yet, not exactly) but I have noticed some of the candidates are already collecting signatures (Ryan Kelly, Bob Scott) unless the rules have changed they are not allowed to get valid signatures for another 6 months? If they cannot read the campaign rules do they really expect us to let them lead the State?

Please do your homework for our next Governor there are RINO's all over (Republican In Name Only) Some candidates like Garrett Soldano who was with Stand up Michigan (and some think he still is running things) which is linked to House Representative Mike Shirkey which you should know by now IS a RINO so be careful of a wolf in RINO skin. Nobody's perfect including me but trading what Whitmer did to us for a republican RINO or someone who does not even know the rules is not going to make Michigan better. You have a choice, pick a candidate carefully. I myself prefer not to think of myself as a politician but as a Statesman - "Get in do your job the best you can and get out".

From the spiritual side of me I pray everyone who has read this is in Gods graces and may you be healthy and happy.

As always Be Safe and God Bless
Earl Lackie



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VETERANS CORNER



How Can I Help A Veteran?

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 we 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 VA. So how can we change that? That is a good question. How do we get our veterans the help they need?

Well first off if you know a vet that 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 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 D.C. to see their monuments. You can help sponsor one of those flights for as little as \$4. <https://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 donates them to local veteran organizations or 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 Flyer 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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10. Be Careful and Ride safely, with all the accidents that has happened in the last few weeks let's BE SAFE!!!

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Before the law changed in 2020, all motorists (including motorcyclists) paid an assessment on each vehicle insurance policy to fund the MCCA.

On July 1, 2020, PIP Medical choice became the law. We now choose the amount of PIP Medical coverage on our car, truck and van policies (**PIP Medical is not available for motorcycles**). Now unlimited medical coverage is only for those who choose it.

The only choice that is above the \$580,000 Catastrophic Max is the 'unlimited' choice. Anyone that chooses \$500,000 or less, does not have to pay the \$100 assessment because they can never have a claim that will qualify for reimbursement by the MCCA.

Motorcyclists are Shafted by MCCA

Car drivers and motorcyclists are treated differently here. Only those individuals insuring a car, truck or van that choose unlimited PIP Medical are required to pay the MCCA fee. However, **everyone insuring a motorcycle must pay this assessment**.

Not All Motorcycle Accidents Qualify for Medical Payment

Michigan motorcyclists only receive No-Fault benefits IF A 'MOTOR VEHICLE' (car, truck or van) is involved in the motorcycle crash. There are many kinds of motorcycle injury accidents that do not involve a 'motor vehicle.' For example, hitting a pothole or other road defect, striking a deer or dog, going wide on a curve, losing control because of loose gravel or being hit by another motorcycle. In each of these situations there is no 'motor vehicle' involved and thus, no No-Fault benefits/ medical bills will be paid. So why do motorcyclists have to pay the MCCA assessment?

Even Fewer Motorcycle Unlimited Medical Claims

A horrible result of the of PIP Medical choice being enacted, is that the motorcyclists who do qualify for medical coverage, the coverage is in the amount THE CAR



OWNER chose for himself! Motorcyclists are at the mercy of what the negligent driver chose for the car driver's own PIP Medical. If they chose \$50,000, that is all the motorcyclist gets.

The only way a motorcyclist's medical claim can be reimbursed from the MCCA is when there is a car

(truck or van) involved AND that car driver also must have also purchased Unlimited PIP Medical.

Why then should every motorcyclist have to pay the MCCA

assessment?

Minimally a reduced amount makes logical sense. Just another way Michigan motorcyclists get shafted under our No-Fault Law.



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Gypsy and Axe are sitting around watching a rerun of Rachel Ray when Axe says, "how come you're always watching these cooking shows but when it comes to cooking you really don't throw down so good at all?" Gypsy looks over at Axe and very calmly replies, "how come you're always watching those porn shows but when it comes time for action you really don't go down so good at all?"

My dog Brute was laying in the living room, doing his daily grooming and licking his balls. My buddy from work had stopped by for the first time to hang for a bit and he declared, "Man, I wish the hell I could do that!" I quickly relayed to him, "You might want to pet him first, he can be flat out mean."

So Gypsy and Axe are once again sitting around and watching Survivor on t.v. Gypsy gets all upset and declares "Ya' know they always make it out on these shows like women are so dainty and helpless. Let me tell you something Axe, a woman can do Anything that a man can do! Axe calmly looks over at Gypsy and says, "Well, let's wait and see if come bedtime she pisses on the campfire to put it out."

Scientists have proven that the brain is the most outstanding organ in our entire body. It virtually works 24 hours, 365 days, from the exact moment of birth up until your first erection.

Bubba and Butch are sitting on the tailgate of Bubba's ole' Chevy and Butch is looking all down and out. Bubba says, "Look man, it was good for a while and then it wasn't. There's always something good you can take away from any break up, right?" Butch says, "Yeah, I reckon. She did say that even though we broke up it wouldn't change the fact that we'll always be first cousins."

Yet again Gypsy is in the living room and literally screaming at the t.v. "No, do not go in the church you stupid bitch, don't do it!!" Axe walks in the back door of the kitchen to grab a beer and hears Gypsy yelling with such passion. He walks in the living room and asks, "You watching the massacre scene of 'Kill Bill' ? Gypsy says, "No, I'm watching our wedding video."

I don't know who needs to hear this, women and men too, but your eyebrows should Not be the size of KFC potato wedges! Sakes alive, trim them dang thangs.

Squirrel and his wife, Sunshine, are talking with the Mortician and debating about burial verses cremation for Sunshine's great Aunt. Sunshine was obviously upset because her great Aunt was a favorite relative and visited several times a month as she loved playing board games. Squirrel suddenly jumps up and says all excited, "I have the perfect solution....we'll cremate her and have her ashes put into a large hourglass and that way she can still be included in Family Game Night!"

A baby's laughter is one of the most beautiful sounds you will ever hear. Unless it's 3 AM, you're home alone, and you do not have a baby.

Me (texting Boss) - Hey, are we still on for today? Boss texting back - Yes. You don't need to text me this every morning. We are still "on" for work every day except Sunday.

Jack-Hammer calls the police and says, " I need help, I kinda' think my wife might be dead." The officer at the desk asks, "Why would you think that sir?" "I aint exactly sure. The sex is about the same, but the dishes are piling up like crazy in the dang sink!"

I was buying summer squash at the local Farmer's Market and saw an obvious Grandma with her little grandchild. The child was walking quite a bit faster than the woman and she yelled out loud, "Degree, you wait up for Grandma now!" That name was so unique that I caught up with the Grandma and grandchild and asked respectfully, "Excuse me Ma'am, I couldn't help but hear you call your grandchild Degree and it's just so unique was wondering if it was a family name passed down or something of that nature?" She woman threw back her head and laughed and said, "No, nothing fancy like that. My husband and I saved for years to send our daughter to the finest college around and about a year later this is what she brought home."

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As I mentioned previously, there was a change to Michigan's No-Fault law which has devastating implications for motorcyclists. Since July 1, 2020 persons applying for or renewing their auto insurance are given a choice to cap their medical expense coverage at \$50,000.00; \$250,000.00; \$500,000.00; or to keep unlimited benefits. **THE DEVASTATING IMPLICATION:** When a motorcyclist is involved in an accident with a motor vehicle, the motorcyclist is bound by the cap that the motorist chose for himself/herself on his/her own auto policy!

As an attorney representing injured motorcyclists, I drafted House Bill 4809 that would allow injured motorcyclists to instead seek payment of their no-fault benefits from their own auto insurance, hence get the benefit of **their own choice.**

Bills have also been introduced to fix the damage that no fault reform did to medical providers. Now is the time to contact you legislators to support HB 4809 to right the wrong done to motorcyclists!

If anyone has any questions or if I can be of legal assistance to you or yours don't hesitate to call me at (248-569-4646) or e-mail at Dondi@buckfirelaw.com. Also, I give presentations to organizations state-wide and there is never a charge to have me out.

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One early summer day, a rider decided to attend a weekend rally that was a several hour ride from his home. As he rode, he started to coach himself on all the things he WASN'T going to do and made up his mind that he was just going to enjoy the weekend riding, relaxing and laughing with his friends. Well... come Sunday afternoon, he found himself back in the saddle riding home, but this time he wasn't coaching or even congratulating himself for behaving, but rather beating himself up, because he did everything, he said he wouldn't do. He yelled out, "Where can I find peace?" with such agony in his voice he said, "I've tried everything else, but nothing satisfies me! Nothing fills the void in my soul, nothing brings me peace!" Then the Lord Jesus spoke ever so gently to him, "I love you biker; I have what you're looking for, come to me"

Romans 5:8 says, "But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!"

My dear friends, while we were still trying to fill the lonely hole and emptiness in our hearts with everything but Jesus, which He is the only that can fill the void. God made the way - He bought our peace. Ya see, Jesus paid the price for ALL of us by laying it all on the line. He took the punishment that should have been ours. His blood was spilled so that we wouldn't have to pay the price for our sin and so that we could be restored to a rightful relationship with God.

John 15:13 "No one has greater love than this, that someone would lay down his life for his friends."

Listen my brothers and sisters, God loves you no matter where you've gone, what you've done or said - He loves you and stands ready, willing and able to bring that peace that your heart so longs for, the peace of forgiveness and the peace of knowing that sin, guilt and shame have been washed away by the blood of the risen savior, Jesus.

Accept Jesus today; He's just a prayer away my friends - He's got what you're longing for... true joy and peace. His love is out of this world! Listen, there is a Son, Jesus, that loves you and will make you feel so good inside. The warmth of His love is what we all truly need.

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August

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Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Races
Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Club, Deford, MI. Sat 7/31 Short track 3-5-7, Sun 8/1 TT scrambles 8-10-12 For more info go to: LuckyThumbMotorcycleClub.com (See ad this issue)

August 7

17th Annual Car, Truck, Bike, Rat Rod & Semi Show
VFW Field, Marion, MI. 8 am- 2 pm, entertainment, food & drink, giveaways & more. For more info call 231-679-1265

August 8

Motormen Breeze-Out
Motown HD, Taylor, MI. Regis 9 am- 10:45 am, KSU 11 am, \$25 rider, \$35 with passenger, police escorted ride for Sgt Lee Smith. For more info call 734-560-4660

August 8

6th Annual Barryton Days Car & Bike Show
Fork Township Community Center, Barryton, MI. Regis 11 am, noon- 5 pm show, \$10 vehicle, trophies. For more info go to: barrytondays.com

August 13-15

Elkhart County ABATE Summerfest
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August 13-15

LoudFest IV
10520 Iosco rd, Fowlerville, MI. Fri 7 pm 3 bands, Sat noon bands all day, food, cold drinks. \$10 to enter.

August 14

Tribute to Vets Poker Run
Lazy K Ranch, Harrison, MI. Noon- 4 pm, \$20 rider, \$10 passenger, food, drinks & entertainment, proceeds benefit "The Retreat" a free retreat for veterans. For more info call 989-544-1543

August 14

Motorcycle for Mutts
K9 Camo Companions, Sparta, MI. 9:30 am, scenic motorcycle ride around West Mich, \$25 rider, \$35 couple. For more info call 616-866-1081

August 15

Three Oaks Mason Scholarship Ride
Featherbone Bar & Grill, Three Oaks, MI. 11 am- 5 pm, KSU 11 am, \$20 bike, \$10 more passenger. For more info call Jerry 269-612-7412

August 19

Tecumseh Classic Car & Bike Show
Old National Bank parking lot, Tecumseh, MI. 6 pm- 8 pm, regis free please bring non perishable food item, entertainment, prizes, eat, drink & more. For more info call 517-424-6555

August 20-22

Easyriders Rodeo Tour 2021 Fowlerville
Fowlerville Fairgrounds, Fowlerville, MI. Live music, camping, barstool races, vendors, rodeo completion, food & beer, fire dancers & aerial performances & more. For more info go to EasyRiderEvents.com (See full page ad this issue)

August 22-27

Gold Classic XXXVII
Comfort Inn & Suites, Mt. Pleasant, MI. American Gold Wing Assoc rally, rides, bike show, food & more. For more info go to agwa.com

August 27-29

NHDRO Motorcycle Madness Nationals
US 131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI. 3 day weekend of fast bikes & competition. For more info go to: facebook.com/events/220177679636918/

September

September 2-6

Easyriders Rodeo Tour 2021 Chillicothe
Ross County Fairgrounds, OH. Live music, camping, barstool races, vendors, rodeo completion, food & beer, fire dancers & aerial performances & more. For more info go to EasyRiderEvents.com (See full page ad this issue)

September 10-12

Bikes on the Bricks
Saginaw St, Downtown Flint, MI. Police skills competition daily, beer tent, live entertainment, Tim Dyson FMX freestyle moto-x extreme entertainment, Rockabilly pinup girl contest. For more info go to BikesontheBricks.com (See full page ad this issue).

September 11 (Rain Date 18th)

Hot Rods Motorcycle Awareness & Suicide Prevention Foundation Car & Bike Show
Wilson Park, Milan, MI. Regis 10 am- noon, cars \$15, bikes \$10, 9/11 tribute, 50/50, prizes, dj. For more info email: hotrodbeaton@gmail.com (See full page ad this issue).

September 11 & 12 (Rain Date 18 & 19)

State Championships Lucky Thumb M/C
Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Club, Deford, MI. Sat 9/11 Short track 3-5-7, Sun 9/12 TT scrambles 8-10-12 For more info go to: LuckyThumbMotorcycleClub.com (See ad this issue)

September 19

Michael J's Annual Fun Run
Bomber's Bar & Grill, Coleman, MI. Regis 9 am, Spaghetti dinner & auction (riding for Chelsea), \$8 rider/passenger, \$10 at door, departs 10:30 am rain or shine, all welcome. For more info call Michael J 989-387-0916

October

October 9

1st Annual Vettes 4 Vets Color Tour
Elks Lodge #1400, Alma, MI. Regis at Eventbrite.com by 9/25, free event, donations welcome at door, 8 am- 7 pm, silent auction, 50/50. For more info email Mike @ veterans4usa@yahoo.com

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Motorcycle Quotes & Sayings

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Phil Comar's NO HAND Ride 2021



After 7 years of attempts to reach my goal, last year I succeeded in completing the **680 miles** and set another **NEW WORLD RECORD**.

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750 Miles, Non-Stop and of course **NO HANDED**.

The reason for this ride, as well as the other rides, is to raise awareness for the need to find a cure for the devastation caused by Parkinson's disease, and to raise funds for the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. After watching the progression and finally losing my father to this disease in 2008, I have made it my personal mission, with my talent for riding, to do what I can to aid in finding a cure for this disease.

Since my first ride on 10/10/10, I have ridden thousands of miles no handed, set 5 world records, raised over \$64,000.00, yet in spite of helping to make many breakthroughs towards a cure, I feel my part is not done.... over Five million people world wide are living with Parkinson's disease - a chronic, degenerative neurological disorder. In the United States, 60,000 new cases will be diagnosed this year alone.

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7. South on I-275 at Novi
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Each puzzle has 9 boxes. Each box has 9 squares. Write #'s 1-9 in the squares without repeating the same # from side to side, top to bottom or within the same square.

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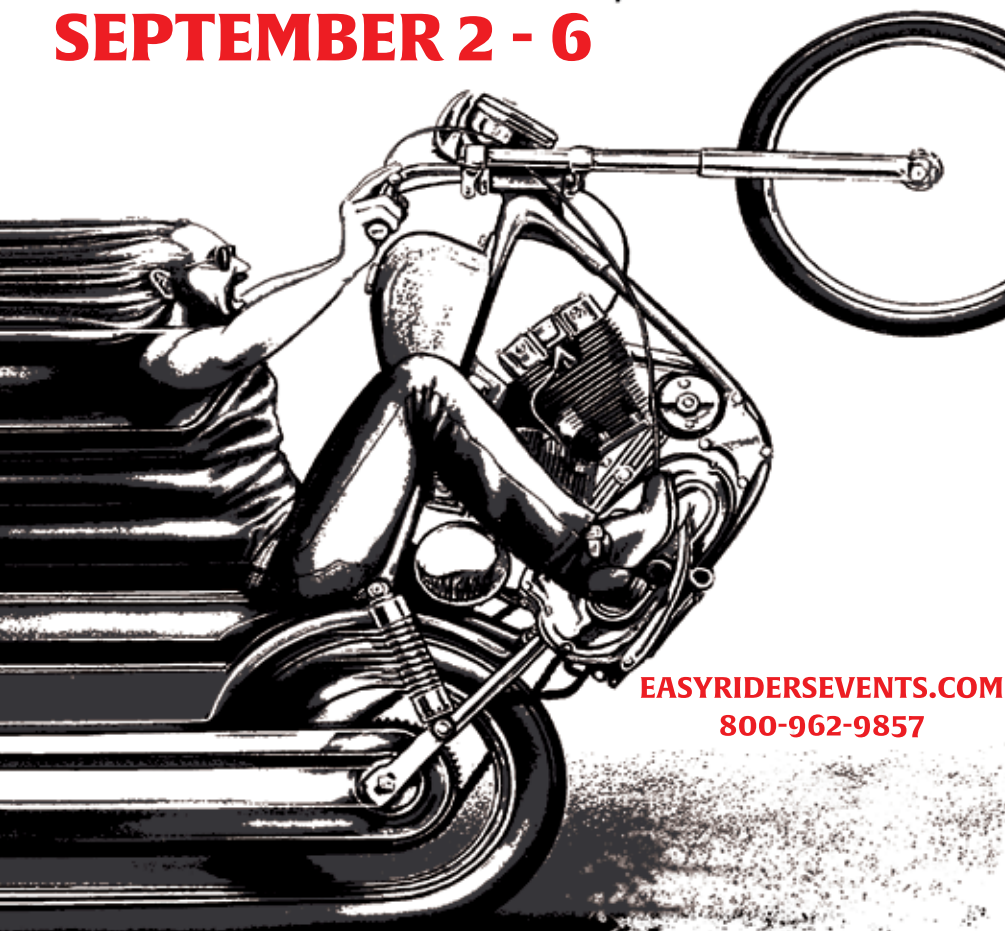
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What do one of Michigan's most respected law firms and one of Detroit's favorite Red Wings have in common? The Call Sam Chopper Shop! This summer, The Sam Bernstein Law Firm is partnering with Red Wing great, Darren McCarty, to document the build of a one-of-a-kind custom chopper in a show airing on various social media outlets.



Design and fabrication is being handled by Bad Pig Customs in Hazel Park, MI. The team of mechanics, led by Dave Foster, bring years of wrench-turning, fender-welding experience to the project. Think American Chopper – minus the drama and for a great cause. The finished bike will be donated to Volunteers of America Michigan (VOAMI) and raffled off to one lucky winner.



The Sam Bernstein Law Firm created The Call Sam Chopper Shop based on inspiration from their motorcycle-riding clients who were injured while doing what they love. The firm knows that riding is a way of life and despite overcoming horrific injuries and obstacles, many riders get back in the saddle and continue to ride. They know you can't keep a rider down, just like a veteran who's down on his or her luck – sometimes they both need a little help.



Attorney Mark Bernstein explained, "We're constantly in awe of the unrelenting determination and positive outlook of both our clients and our veterans. This project is meant to bring bikers together while supporting Michigan veterans who have selflessly served our nation."

Several of The Sam Bernstein Law Firm's attorneys and staff ride and know first-hand the dangers that bikers face. Mark said what riders everywhere already know – distracted drivers are everywhere and accidents happen in the blink of an eye. He added, "Knowing the complexities of Michigan's motorcycle law and No-Fault system is key to receiving the compensation a biker deserves. Being motorcycle enthusiasts ourselves, we take these cases personally because that's what family does."

The Sam Bernstein Law Firm and VOAMI will be attending as many motorcycle events as possible this summer to give away Call Sam Chopper Shop merchandise and sell raffle tickets.

Raffle tickets to win the Call Sam Chopper can be purchased through VOAMI throughout the summer. There's no limit on how many you can purchase and each one is a chance to win the bike. All raffle ticket proceeds go directly to VOAMI to help Michigan veterans.

Curious to see how this custom bike turns out? So are we! Catch the latest episodes of the Call Sam Chopper Shop on Youtube, social media, or at callsam.com/chopper-shop/. Find out who will take home this one-of-a-kind chopper when the winner is announced September 24th during Imlay City's Bike Night.



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BULLET POINTS

ALL PRACTICE IS GOOD PRACTICE

BY RICK WYATT



One of my favorite duties is teaching the Concealed Pistol License class. I have been a firearms instructor since the late 1970's and have become very proficient in my craft and one of the main points I try to instill in my students is regular practice. As a matter of fact, I stress that if an individual is not willing to practice on a regular basis, they probably should not carry a handgun. My criticism is not limited private individuals licensed to carry; I cast a much larger net to include law enforcement agencies that have cut back mandatory practice and limited firearms qualification to an annual event. What government views as a cost cutting measure can be more of a trap for officers and their agencies when reasonable people look at the inherent liability caused by the discharge of firearm in the line of duty. Responsible officers dig into their own pockets for ammunition in order to keep their skill set sharp, they are the ones that realize that firearms proficiency does not come with their badge. Unfortunately, there are too many uniformed police who will not practice until their qualification day is on top of them and they head to the range in a bit of a panic – and the way they shoot shows it! Quite honestly what I have seen scares me and these are supposedly responsible adults entrusted with the duty of possibly having to discharge deadly force to protect an innocent public. I remember an incident years ago when several officers engaged what they reasonably thought to be an armed individual and between them in excess of 80 rounds were fired with less than 10 hitting their target and the rest went screaming down the avenue into a residential/small business area. That is how police involved firearms tragedies occur, and in a lot of ways it is not much different than a random drive by shooting.

Civilians who choose to carry a firearm should take the example I just gave to heart because once you start slinging bullets you are responsible for the damage and/or injuries that result; and there is no calling the bullet back once it has gone bang. Some of you are probably thinking that it is easy for me to preach practice because I work in a gun store and get a discount – wrong – where I work employees do not get a discount on ammunition, so we pay the same price as regular customers. We know how expensive practice can be so we have found ways to cut the cost of maintaining our skill level. All practice is good practice that will hopefully help you manage the costs.

1) Every chance you get work on dry fire drill to practice fundamentals. All you need for dry fire practice is a safe area (away from where you keep your guns and ammo), your completely empty carry gun (leave the bullets in another room), a small target to aim at on a surface and in a direction where a negligent discharge will not cause damage or injury to others if feces (shit happens) occurs. With dry fire you work on the fundamentals of pistol marksmanship; aiming, breath control, hold control, trigger control and you watch for muzzle jump when the firing pin drops, a sure sign you need to work on staying focused on the front sight. To make it dry fire more

interesting try balancing a coin on top of the front sight blade as you work on trigger pull, start with a quarter and when you can keep that on the front sight ten times in a row try a nickel and then a penny. The drill will piss you off but as you get better at keeping the coin in place you will notice your shooting improve dramatically during live fire.

2) Dry fire is great to practicing fundamentals, but you still need to make the gun go bang to see if your fundamentals are sound. I know that the availability and cost of ammunition has become a major consideration so please find a cheap and reliable source for ammunition. Troll the internet for good deals and look for bulk discounts remember the more you buy the better price you will get so consider getting friends to order with you to get the best price. Look at historically cheap ammo like the steel/aluminum cased rounds from Tul Ammo or Wolf or any of the companies many of us used to looking down our noses at. The biggest problem with this ammo is that it shoots dirty and makes it a pain to clean the gun when you are done. Now while I won't use these brands in my higher end firearms it is great for Glock's, Smith M&Ps, and Springfield XD's, etc., all of which are "battlefield" arms, built to shoot whatever you can scrounge up. Consider purchasing a practice gun such as a good quality rim fire pistol to do most of your practice with. Remember "all practice is good practice" so use the cheaper alternative to do your precision work (bulls eye practice which everybody should work on) but before you leave the range pull the target up to 3 to 5 yards and shoot your carry gun for groups and to ensure it is properly operating. I know that rim fire ammo is hard to get, but it is still cheaper than even the cheapest 9mm.

3) Now here is a suggestion that you probably thought you would never hear from me, consider the purchase of a quality air pistol for practice. I am not talking about grandpa's ancient BB gun, rather look for a true pneumatic (air) operated pistol that has a reasonable trigger pull (spring operated "air guns" are notorious for crap trigger pull) and there isn't much that can be done to correct it. Before you assume that I am completely off my nut consider that air guns are used in many different pistol and rifle competitions, and you can't argue with the accuracy the competition platforms provide. Cost, if you shop around you can find decent pistols with adjustable triggers start around \$400 up through oh my god, you gotta be kidding when you get into the major names. But you don't have to spend thousand (s) of dollars to get a decent practice air pistol, and better yet you can set up an air gun range in your basement, garage or pole barn without having to install a venting system. And by using a carpet lined metal bullet trap most of your pellets can be reused several times so CO2 cartridges will be your major expense, and they are a damn sight cheaper than buying real bullets right now!

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