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## LETTER FROM THE OWNER

### Happy 4th of July!

It is so nice to see people's faces!! Finally, seeing less and less mask covered people. This brings a smile to my face. It really makes you appreciate "normal" whatever that is. I am deeply sorry to anyone that has loss someone due to Covid or any other reason. There was a lady I called Agnes my angel that I recently found out passed away due to Covid. She was such a beautiful person. It was years ago when I was looking for a place to rent (was in a rush to get in somewhere because I was basically going to be homeless- bad break-up, lesson learned there) and she had a cute little house available. She was the only person that didn't require a timely background check, etc. I was in tears telling her what I was going through at the time and I remember her handing me the keys and telling me, "Go get your shit"! She was such a cool lady. She will be missed. When you think about how certain people have impacted you and your life also think about how You may have done the same! If you are not, then I believe you may not be living up to your true potential and giving your best version of yourself in this life and to others. That is my mission in life to affect people in a positive way. To live life to the fullest. I hope that people can say that I have helped them and truly made a difference in their life, in even a little way. Like Agnes my angel did for me many years ago. Like in the movie, Shawshank Redemption Morgan Freeman says, "Get to Livin' or Get to Dyin'".

I am very excited to announce that the September 2021- December 2022 16 month Thunder Roads Wall Calendars are finally here! I have been working on this for over a year. I am very proud of how awesome it turned out and I hope that you will purchase yours to help support this free publication that you love reading April thru September each year. Plus... thanks to my friend Troy who suggested I offer a Jody Mo wall poster, those will be available for the first time EVER! My photographer Rob captured some great images during my shoot and I (as critical as I can be about myself sometimes) actually liked several pictures so for a limited time until they sell out you can get a poster with the purchase of a wall calendar if you order at: ThunderRoadsMichigan.com Because I am including the poster and free shipping the cost is \$25, but look at all you are getting for that! Pretty cool, plus it helps support this publication. I also hope to see you all on Saturday, July 24th (see full page ad this issue) at the VIP Calendar Event. Be sure to RSVP via either Facebook or email (see all the details on the ad in this issue). I appreciate my loyal advertisers and readers support, thanks to you, Thunder Roads Magazine is the #1 Free motorcycle magazine in the state. Please like *Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan* on Facebook and follow me on Instagram; JodyMoThunderRoadsMI

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### Now for some "Mo" Advice:

Don't make promises you can't keep. Don't say you will when you know you won't. Don't think you can't when you know you can. Don't ever bite the hand that feeds you especially when they didn't deserve it.

Jody Mohowitsch  
"Jody Mo"

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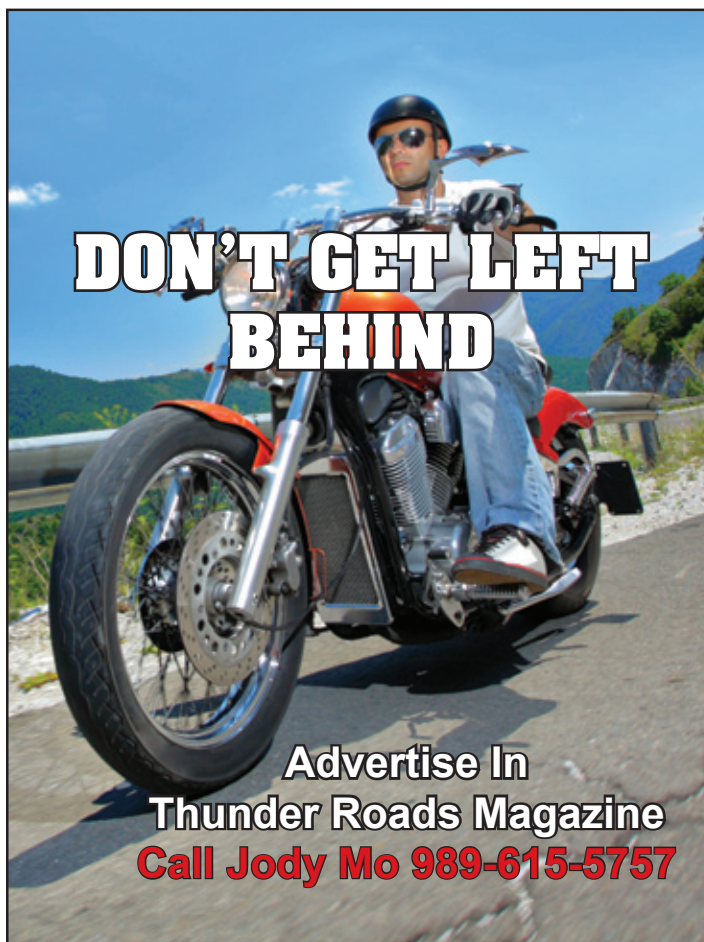
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## The Positive Shift



### You're Not Alone... We All Have Similar Struggles!

Knowing that you are not alone in life's struggles somehow makes the pain feel a little less heavy. By sharing honestly and authentically with others you'll find out quickly that others share similar circumstances that come about in life. All we really want is for someone to relate with us.

Our struggles are a constant reminder of our resilience, of our strength and determination. We can't just make our struggles disappear, but we can deal with them.

There is a valuable lesson to learn and it's about 'Vulnerability' — I know this doesn't sound like a strategy but it's a huge one for everyone. Opening up to others and sharing what you are going through is a fantastic way to release some tension and you will feel better to vent it out with a trusting friend, family member or co-worker, who doesn't judge you but accepts 'you' as you are. Once you have it off your chest, a sense of relief will come over you and it may trigger an experience they have gone through too and they may offer useful tips.

An important fact.... Once you have talked about it, released your struggle, and vented it out, MOVE ON! Don't let it linger or be a focus of attention for you. The more you dwell, fixate on it and concentrate on your struggle, the longer you are holding onto it keeping it in the present moment. You need to let it be, learn from it and move forward, keep it in the past... again, MOVE ON! If someone shares their situation with you that you can relate to, share it but don't let it back into your life and control your thoughts.

Personally, I think the world could use more people who are authentic, vulnerable, and honest with life's situations and hardships. People aren't perfect and if they are, they haven't lived life. Let's try to be more authentic and less polished.

You are not alone in your struggles, no matter how small and unrelatable you think they may be, no matter how sad or guilty or lost your struggles make you feel, there's someone else out there feeling that same thing.

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

Until then, it's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see.

~ Stacie René

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# READERS RIDES

## Jeremy

2001 Harley-Davidson Softail Deuce

I purchased this bike new at Motown Harley-Davidson in Taylor, MI. The original colors were purple and diamond ice, two-toned. In the winter of 2002 I started to strip it. I stripped it down to the bare frame to create my own customized bike. I have never been the one who settles for a stock look. I enjoy being innovative and putting my own twist on everything I own. I have owned several bikes throughout the years, this is definitely my favorite. I enjoy building them, creating the look, and being different than others.



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 Sunday 6/13 - TT Scrambles 8-10-12

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**JULY 9, 10 & 11**  
 Friday 7/9 - Short Track 4-6-8  
 Saturday 7/10 - TT Scrambles 11-1-3  
 Sunday 7/11 - Rain Date

**JULY 31 & AUGUST 1**  
 Saturday 7/31 - Short Track 3-5-7  
 Sunday 8/1 - TT Scrambles 8-10-12

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Hello My Fellow Patriots and Riders,  
 Keeping an eye on politics takes up a lot of time between what's going on in the state and at the federal level sometimes it's hard to find the time to ride. With that being said, I want to applaud the men and women of the MCOC, MRF and ABATE who keep an eye out for bikers rights and I would ask everyone who reads this to support these groups who are making a difference.

Here are some of my safety tips. I have been noticing lately a lot of gravel around corners and curves especially out in the country. This is dangerous for everyone especially new riders. Another place that people seem to like to hang out is in our blind spot behind us and both left and right. DON'T be that biker; riding in someone's blind spot is a good way to get side swiped in the front wheel. Another good rule of thumb is the bikers 2 second rule when following another bike I use the same rule when driving my truck. I know it leaves a lot of room for someone to move over in front of you but it's better than hitting the brakes when they are going to move over anyway.

With the upcoming 4th of July I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Holiday. Remember if were not for the Brave We would not be FREE.

As always BE Safe and God Bless.

Earl Lackie



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- Riverdale Tavern- Riverdale
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- 2 Wheel Tavern-Wolverine, MI

## Thursday

- Stingers Bar & Grill- Wixom
- Ghost Town Saloon- Elwell
- Merritt Auction House Bar & Grill- Merritt
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## Saturday

- Stingers Bar & Grill- Wixom (2 Wheel Weekends)

## Sunday

- Decker's Lounge- Midland (All Day)
- Woody's Bancroft Tavern- Bancroft (starts at Noon)
- Stingers Bar & Grill- Wixom (2 Wheel Weekends)



(These Bike Nights are supporters/advertisers of Thunder Roads Magazine of MI)



# VETERANS CORNER



As we prepare to celebrate this country's birthday and freedom after 2020 let's remember that there are many organizations and groups that will need our support. There are a lot of Brother's and Sister's who Ride. With that in mind this article is focusing on all of you out there that would like to ride or even volunteer to help other veterans. There are several motorcycle groups that veterans can get in touch with to ride or participate in with your Brothers and Sisters of Arms. I would like to introduce to some so you can find a place that makes you feel comfortable and still have some great camaraderie that most of us desperately yearn for.

## First a little history about veterans and motorcycle clubs.

Veterans and motorcycles. It's hardly a stretch to imagine the two together, thundering down the open road, soaking up sunshine, reveling in freedom, open to new adventures... And if you add just a few more riders to the scenario, you've got camaraderie, support, a shared sense of purpose... maybe even a kind of family. Which is what you had when you were in the military. At least that's what the members of the earliest, post-WWII motorcycle clubs found. Many fresh-from-the-war vets found that transitioning back into the American status quo was more difficult (and perhaps more boring) than they had imagined. Some could only find true understanding and appreciation in the company of other vets. Factor in the fact that Army surplus motorbikes were going for peanuts, and you've got an "outlaw" motorcycle club. It should be noted that the original "outlaw" tag wasn't necessarily because the first groups engaged in criminal activity, but because they refused to operate under the umbrella of American Motorcycle Association, which at that time was the largest official motorcycle club in the U.S. Since then, the term "outlaw biker gang (OMG)" has taken on a much more literal meaning. While nearly all of today's military-only clubs operate within the bounds of the law, there are a couple who have managed to blur the lines a bit. And, if we're to believe some reports, actual OMG's don't suffer from a shortage of veteran members. I have had the opportunity to meet some members from the following organizations and found the camaraderie and purpose of belonging along with helping out other veterans quite helpful to be able to reconnect with something they felt they have lost. So, whether you are active, guard, reserve or retired or just a veteran please take a moment to look into these groups they may be just what you need.

## The American Infidels

<https://americaninfidelsvmc.com/>

As a National Organization, American Infidels VMC can be found promoting the American Way and Veteran's organizations across the country. We host our own fundraisers, motorcycle rides, and parties as well as attend pro-veteran, pro-military, and pro-American functions.

## Michigan American Legion Riders

<https://michiganlegion.org/riders>

American Legion Riders chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans' homes, severely wounded service members and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in The American Legion Legacy Run to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001.

## Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association

<https://www.combatvet.us/>

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We don't care what you ride or if you ride, what your political views are, or whether you're a hawk or a dove. It is not a requirement that you be a veteran. It doesn't matter where you're from or what your income is; you don't even have to ride. The only prerequisite is Respect.

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Proper 'notice' must be sent to the government entity responsible for maintaining the road. This notice is just a letter, but it must contain certain information and must be sent within a certain period of time.

The time limit may be 60 days or 120 days, depending upon whether the defect is on a city, county or state road. Therefore, time is of the essence. If proper notice is **not** given within the specific notice time

frame, a case may fail—meaning, the case could be thrown out of court with no recovery for the victim.

## DOCUMENT THE SCENE

This advice is very important. We recommend immediately taking many pictures of the area. Take fifty pictures! Photograph everything: the defect close-up, from five feet away, ten feet away, from each point of view, and a series of photos showing your path of travel moving the camera forward ten feet at a time. Photos which document the signs in the area of the crash and the road construction project can be important. The bottom line is to take a ton of photographs of **everything**.

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In motorcycle road defect cases, there is typically no "motor vehicle" involved in the crash and, therefore, no-fault benefits will not be paid. However, all damages (medical bills, wage loss, pain & suffering) may be recovered from the responsible parties. This could be Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the State of Michigan or the construction companies that did or were doing work on the roadway.

## TIME LIMIT

The statute of limitations (the amount of time you have) to file a road defect case against a government entity is two years, and it is three years for those cases filed against a private construction company. Remember, the notice must be given within 60 or 120 days, as stated above.

Road defect cases are tricky. They often require a special notice and always require specialized knowledge of road construction or maintenance. Most personal injury attorneys do not specialize in these cases. Two of my top ten biggest settlements were road defect cases. Sometimes, I have joked and said that I feel like I could be an MDOT inspector.

*Ride Safe,  
Jason*



Attorney Jason A. Waechter is THE Motorcycle Lawyer<sup>sm</sup>, a Michigan attorney specializing in the areas of motorcycle and motor vehicle injury litigation, as well as Michigan's Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law. Mr. Waechter has collected millions of dollars in settlements, awards and verdicts for his motorcycle clients over the past 25+ years.

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That moment when you find a suppository in your ear and instantly know where your hearing aid has gone.

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A bus full of fugly (f'in ugly) people met after an accident, all of them dead.  
Before entering Heaven, they each were granted one wish.  
The first said, "Make me beautiful" and baam!, it happened.  
The rest followed with the exact same wish.  
When it came to the last person, he was laughing his ass off. A booming voice asked him, "Why are you laughing and what now will be your wish?"  
The very last person replied, "Make them all fugly again!"

Therapist: Your wife says you never buy her flowers. Is that true?  
Husband: To be honest, I never even knew that she sold flowers!

A woman with unusually small boobs buys an old mirror from an antique shop and hangs it on her bathroom door.  
The next morning, she playfully looks in it and says, "Mirror mirror on my door, make my boobs size 44!"  
There in a flash of light, her boobs grow to enormous proportions. She immediately runs down to her husband and shows him the startling results.  
They both go upstairs to the bathroom, and the husband crosses his fingers and says, "Mirror mirror on my door, make my penis touch the floor!"  
There's a flash of light and shazam, his legs are gone and his butt, his penis and the rest of him are sitting on the floor.

When my husband says "let me check with my wife"  
What he's really telling y'all is Hell No! He's just putting all the heat and blame on me.  
I soooo know this to be pure truth.

I asked my Grandma, "What's good for headaches" and she replied, "Stay away from the MFers who are giving them to you."

Did you know that sandwiches fit in the bags you use for weed?  
And if you mix them both you'll end up with a Happy Meal.

The first little bottle of Coca-Cola from 1894 contained apprx. 3.5 Grams of cocaine.  
Hello! this totally explains why our parents and grandparents could walk to and from school, uphill, both ways, in the snow, barefoot.

Girl and Guy in bar, both drunk.  
Girl points at the guy and yells, "You never listen to me. You only hear what you want to hear!"  
The Guy points back at her and replies, "Well, hell yeah, sure....I'll have another beer!!".

Another guy sitting at home on his couch, wasted and totally into his "pity party" looks down at his phone and asks, "Siri, why am I so bad at relationships with women?"  
And the answer comes back, "This is Alexa."

Have y'all ever met someone that lied for literally no reason whatsoever?  
Just walking around with a major case of Liabetes!

Ganga finally bought this pair of slick looking biker boots when they went on sale.  
He got home, put on his new boots and walked into the kitchen and asked his wife Joint if she noticed anything different? She looked him up and down and said "Nope."  
He stomped into the bathroom and stripped down buck naked except for boots and shuffled back into the kitchen, again asking Joint if she noticed anything different? Joint said, "It's hanging down today, it was hanging down yesterday, it'll be hanging down tomorrow." Ganga yelled, "And do you know why it's hanging down? Joint calmly replied, "Nope, not a clue." Ganga screamed, "It's hanging down because it's admiring my new damn boots!!!"  
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As I mentioned last month, there was a change to Michigan's No-Fault law which has devastating implications for motorcyclists. Starting July 1, 2020 persons applying for or renewing their auto insurance are given a choice to cap their medical expense coverage. Those choices include opting out completely; capping 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 a trial attorney who represents injured motorcyclists, I have drafted a legislative bill 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. The bill was introduced on May 6, 2021 as House Bill 4809. Please contact your legislators and urge their support of the bill!

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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# Biker Preacher's Corner

Independence Day, or the Fourth of July as we know it, is the day we honor and remember the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th 1776, in which we declared our independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain (United Kingdom), from tyranny and oppression.

Another historical fact is that our Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights (the basis of our law and nation) are founded on The Bible. Now, I understand that there are some that think this isn't truth, or at least don't want this to be true. But the historical facts still remain, we are and have been the greatest nation in the world because of our foundation in God and His Word – the Bible.

If you haven't stuck your head in the sand, you've probably noticed that the foundation of our country has been eroding away, by anti-American forces that have manipulated their way into positions of power. Our liberties and freedoms are being stolen right out from underneath us and many times we don't know how we got here or what to do about it. There is a reason for this though, we as a nation have been turning our backs on God for the last 50 years. Our national sin continues to separate us from the Lord and all of His blessings that we have taken for granted.

The Bible says in **2 Corinthians 3:17** "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." We have been the greatest nation in all the history of the world because of our faith and foundation in Christ Jesus. But over the years we have told The Lord, in effect, we don't need you. So, like the perfect gentleman that He is... His Spirit has lifted and now we are paying the price for our own choices.

But here is the good news - There is the fix for this issue! **2 Chronicles 7:14** says "and [if] My people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."

If we as Americans would humble ourselves, repent for our mistakes and turn back to God, He will forgive us and restore us. **1 John 1:9** says "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

This 4<sup>th</sup> of July, I encourage all my brothers and sisters to remember from where we have fallen, turn back to God and watch Him bring the peace, liberty, and freedom that we ALL want.

There is no substitute for the real thing – Jesus!

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## July

July 3

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RedBud MX, 13638 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI. For more info go to: [mxsportsproracing.com/event/redbud-national](http://mxsportsproracing.com/event/redbud-national)

July 4 & 5

**Bad Pig Customs  
Motorcycle Swap Meet  
1806/1810 E. 9 Mile Rd, Hazel Park, MI. 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend Sunday & Monday 9 am- 4 pm, vendors welcome to set up 3<sup>rd</sup> 3 pm-9pm. For more info call 248-544-7447 (See full page ad this issue)**

July 9 & 10

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Thunder at the River Manistee VFW post #4499, Manistee, MI. Escort Vietnam Memorial Wall, 2 pm stage for escort, 3 pm depart to Little River Casino. All vehicles welcome. 10<sup>th</sup>- Regis 9- 11:30 am, 9 am-6 pm Memorial Ride noon- 3 pm, limited discounted hotel rooms avail call 888-568-2244. Call John 231-477-5162 for more info.

July 9, 10, 11

**Anniversary Weekend Lucky Thumb M/C Motorcycle Races  
Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Club, Deford, MI. Fri 9<sup>th</sup>; Short Track 4, 6, 8 pm, Sat 10<sup>th</sup> TT Scrambles 11am, 1 & 3 pm, Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Rain Date. For more info go to [luckythumbmotorcycleclub.com](http://luckythumbmotorcycleclub.com) (For details see ad this issue).**

July 10

**Hotter than Hell Great Lakes Burn Camp (GLBC) Charity Event  
Axemen M/C Detroit, \$20 includes food, doors open 3 pm, includes food, drink specials, music. For more info call Tiny 313-410-0904 (See full page ad this issue).**

July 10

**Nozzlemen M/C Great Lakes Burn Camp (GLBC) Scavenger Hunt  
Uncle Lyles, Dundee, MI. Regis 10 am, last bike in by 3 pm, any style vehicle welcome, \$30 rider/driver, \$20 passenger. For more info call Dave (Pappy) 734-735-7831 (See full page ad this issue).**

July 10

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Lyon Ride & Classic Car Show  
James F. Atchison Memorial Park, New Hudson, MI. Regis 11 am- noon, kickstands up 12:15, \$20 rider, \$20 passenger, incl lunch and event t-shirt, car show (free) 11 am- 4pm, proceeds for Operation Injured Soldiers. For more info call 248-437-3130

July 11

Talons Out Day of Honor Car & Bike Show  
Wings Stadium, Kalamazoo, MI. Car & bike show, bike run, beer garden, vendors, raffles, kids area & more. For more info go to: [talonsouthonorflight.org](http://talonsouthonorflight.org)

July 14

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Wheels & Heels 2021 Bike Show  
Scooters Bar & Grill, Flint, MI. Regis 5-7 pm, ladies only motorcycle show, prize raffles, \$10 donation to enter, must ride in to enter show. Trophies 8 pm. For more info call 810-655-6884

July 14-18

Muskegon's Rebel Road Motorcycle Rally  
Western Ave, Muskegon, MI. Live music, bike show, stunt shows, contests, vendors, veteran tribute, beer & more.  
For more info go to [rebelroad.org](http://rebelroad.org)

July 15

Tecumseh Classic Car & Bike Show – July  
Old National Bank parking lot, Tecumseh, MI. Registration is free, please bring canned goods or non-perishable food item, 6 pm- 8 pm. Many cars & motorcycles, entertainment & great places to eat/ drink. For more info go to: [downtowntecumseh.com/events/multi-month-events/2019-tecumseh-classic-car-bike-show-series](http://downtowntecumseh.com/events/multi-month-events/2019-tecumseh-classic-car-bike-show-series)

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July 24

9<sup>th</sup> Annual Megan Rose Memorial Ride & Dice Run Fundraiser  
Sneakys Bar & Grill, Woodhaven, MI. 11 am- 5:30 pm. For more info call 734-692-7470

July 25

Calhoun County Red White Blue Heroes Parade & Event  
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July 31

Eddie's 2nd Annual Ride 4 Autism Awareness  
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July 31 & August 1

**Lucky Thumb M/C Motorcycle Races  
Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Club, Deford, MI. Sat 31st; Short Track 3, 5, 7 pm, Sun 1<sup>st</sup>; TT Scrambles 8 am, 10am, and noon. For more info go to [luckythumbmotorcycleclub.com](http://luckythumbmotorcycleclub.com) (For details see ad this issue).**

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## SAVE THE DATE:

September 10-12

**Bikes on the Bricks  
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September 11 & 12

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## Inspiration

Even a thought, even a possibility, can shatter us and transform us. –Nietzsche

Things cannot always go your way. Learn to accept in silence the minor aggravations, cultivate the gift of taciturnity, and consume your own smoke with an extra draught of hard work, so that those about you may not be annoyed with the dust and soot of your complaints. –Osler

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## HOT ROD'S TOPICS

Can you believe that this is the July issue already?! It just gets crazier and crazier how fast time flies! With all the events coming-up, the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions being eased by the CDC - it's like the dam burst and you don't know which way to go.

Our organization has a few things going on. We are working with the Milan City Police Department to help get funding for training the Police Officers as well the Auxiliary Force.

We've also hooked-up with Bikers against Trafficking (BAT) Michigan Chapter and we couldn't be happier being associated with them. Their mission is to help eradicate human sex trafficking and restore those impacted with various resources. Check them out at: [bikersagainsttrafficking.org](http://bikersagainsttrafficking.org)

The Secretary of State Office has launched their "Motorcyclists Are Hard to See" campaign for Motorcycle Awareness Month through Social Media, buses, outdoor billboards, radio, and television monitors at gas station. This is out there all because of the motorcycle license and endorsement fee biker's pay for.

Sadly, motorcycle deaths have increased lately. Motorists just don't realize the need to BE AWARE - MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE! A family friend was recently killed on her bike and all our hearts are broken for Lisa Diane Fulgham. Please everyone be safe out there. Everyone is precious. A Biker life lost is one more honorable human being gone. God bless all who have lost someone no matter what the cause. All of our lives matter!

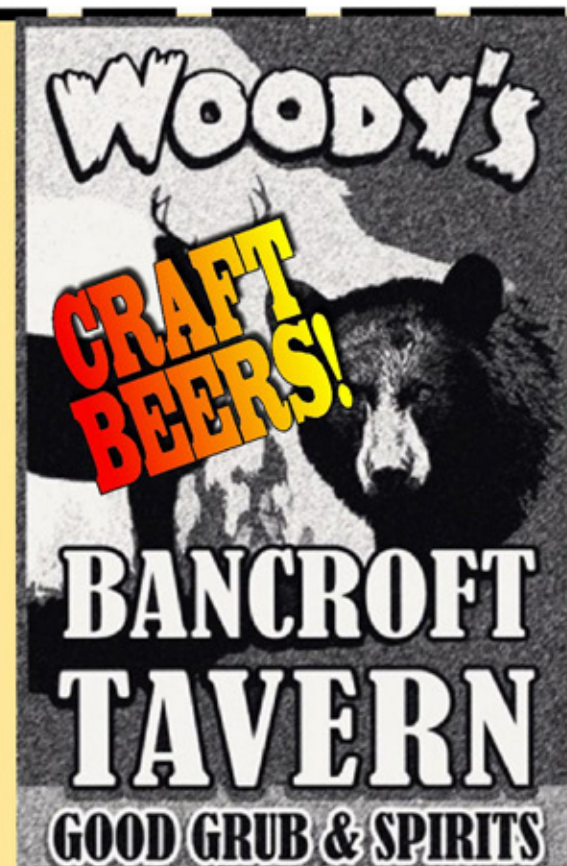
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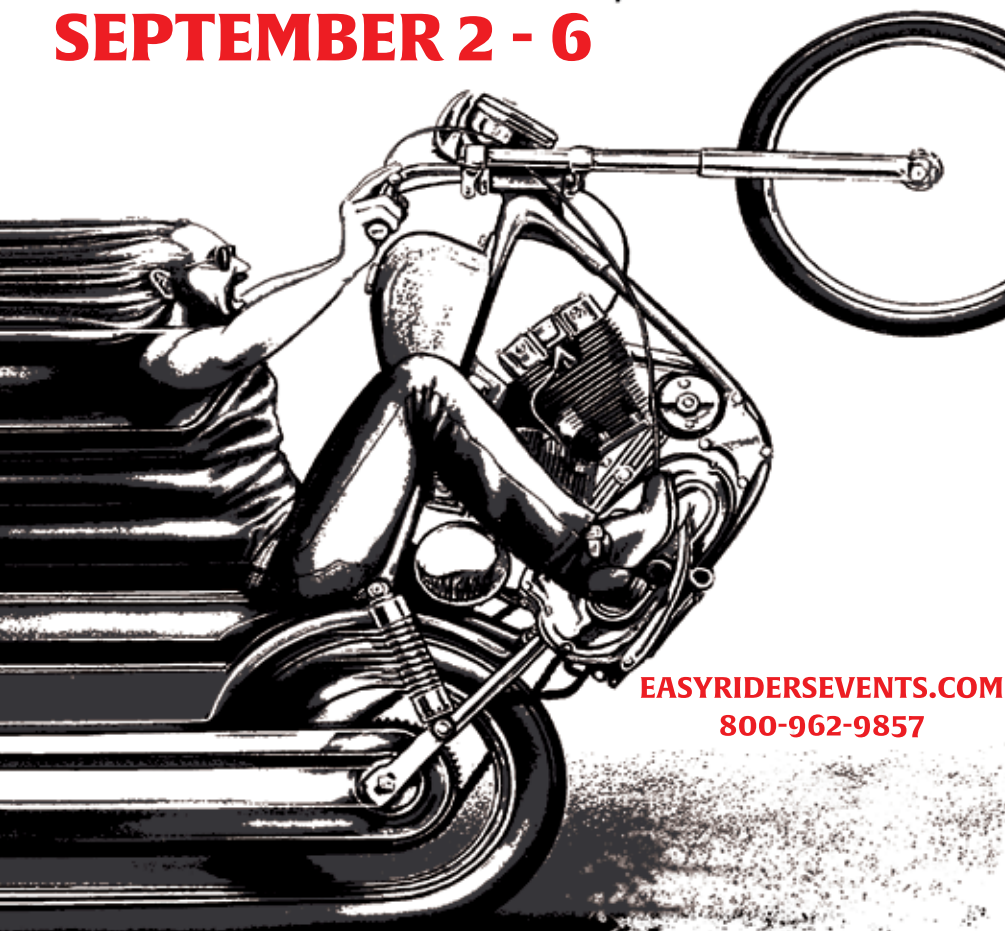
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## IT IS BIGGER THAN ME PART I (TBC in September 2021 issue)



By Jon B aka Smoke

This riding season has started off special to me because of all the uncertainty due to the COVID-19 B.S. So I have vowed to ride for charity this year. I have selected a school to raise funds for and doing so by riding the HOGG. The criteria set for myself is as follows; To ride up to 6K miles for the cause for the year, the goal is to donate .25 per mile up to \$1500 USD, complete at least one 1,000 mile run in a day (Thow Wow/ Iron Ass), do a one week run, meet like-minded riders, attend at least three events in a different state, and have as much fun as possible. This must all be completed between May 1- Dec 31, 2021.

This year has started off great. The first official ride, started Friday, May 8, 2021 with the goal of passing through 11 states in 9 days. It began in Michigan and before long, I was in the thick of things and a light rain began, but it was no problem because I had on my heated gear, which happens to be water resistant. My 2011 Harley-Davidson Road Glide Custom handled the weather like a true touring HOGG. After two hours of riding, a gas stop, a quick snack, and an energy drink, I was ready for my next two hour voyage. So I learned, after the motor work I am only getting 165-185 miles per tank. Word of advice, learn your tank.

Over the next eight days, I managed to enjoy tons of landmarks during my pilgrimage as I passed through Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, back through Ohio and Michigan. During the journey, safety was the most important factor, so I learned not to ride while I was tired. I also completed several of my goals, a Thow-wow in one day and visit an event in another state. Rare Breed's Jacksonville Annual was the mission and I can now say-mission complete.

A few last tidbits were reminders, but lessons none the less. I learned to keep booster cables in my bag, and most importantly, I learned there are so many brothers and sisters out there and our bond is the interstate and traveling on bikes of all types. (No matter what race, creed, bike manufacturer or religion) In conclusion, I made it home safe after 2,653 miles on May 16, 2021. May the angels stay around you and have a safe riding season. Hope to meet some of you this summer on 2s.

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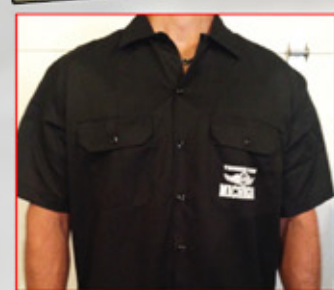
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# BULLET POINTS

## PAYING ATTENTION – YET?

BY RICK WYATT



In case you have not noticed ammunition is in real short supply, and what is out there has become prohibitively expensive. A year and a half ago domestic manufactured 9mm was readily available and could be purchased for \$11.00 a box and up with eastern European steel cased rounds available for a couple of dollars less. AR ammo, .223 and 5.56 was priced starting about \$9.00 a box of twenty and bulk packaging of five hundred rounds could be found for under \$200.00. Then the Corona virus hit, and people started hoarding drinking water, food and toilet paper and as an afterthought overstocked up on bullets too so they could guard their stored booty. Ammunition flew off store shelves, poured out of distribution centers, and cascaded from manufacturers warehouses while the assembly side of those operations were determined to be non-essential industries and closed during the nation-wide lock down.

Making matters worse, Remington, one of the largest makers of firearms and munitions in the world, went through bankruptcy and got split up by the courts to satisfy creditors. This corporation operated two of the largest state of the art ammunition making facilities in North America that produced a large percentage of the domestic ammunition supply under several different corporate names. Let me simplify this, an ass wipe panic led to a rush on bullets, which stripped the on-hand supplies, creating a vacuum effect on existing inventories, that depleted the source supply of ammunition available for civilian sales. Hand in hand with ammo shortages came a crunch on what I would call quality firearms because people were witnessing open anarchy in the streets and they were justifiably scared. And the cycle perpetuates itself.

In 2012 a mentally challenged, disturbed young man killed 20 first graders and six school employees at Sandy Hook elementary school in Newton, Ct due primarily to his mother's complete lack of common sense. In that case the anti-gun crowd demanded that the government confiscate what they like to call "weapons of war" or "assault weapons" created a rush of guns and ammunition. This instance was compounded when the Justice Department purchased \$1.7 billion from the civilian ammunition market for "training" and more than depleted the markets where the public goes to buy ammunition; and because of licensing rules ninety percent of manufacturing had to dedicated to completing the government order before normal civilian production could resume. It was about 2 years before both prices and availability stabilized so that shelves were filled available and reasonably priced bullets. And in that panic, quality firearms also disappeared from dealer shelves. Are you beginning to see a pattern?

And it is not just bullets that are in short supply! Individuals who reload their own ammo are having trouble getting components such as primers, propellants, and decent brass. Part of the components

issue goes back to the Obama era EPA closing domestic lead smelters and brass works over air quality issues. Lead, copper and brass are key materials in the production of ammunition, and while there is still domestic copper available most of the brass and lead is having to be imported from, guess who, CHINA who has obvious designs on conquering the world. So once we have the raw materials issues settled we may be looking at about two years for the supply and price of ammo to become more reasonable, that is unless the government interferes.

Rahm Emanuel, former Mayor of Chicago and advisor to Presidents Clinton and Obama, was quoted as saying "Never let a crisis go to waste." If nothing else, we should have learned over the last ten years that crises are easily created if you have appropriate resources and a lap dog media willing to prostitute themselves for their shared ideology. If you haven't heard, there are rumors of a pending environmental emergency lock down that will be even more restrictive than the one imposed to control Covid. Such an action would be tantamount to declaring martial law and could be enforced by the National Guard and military reserves. A couple of years ago we might have laughed about such rumors, but when you watch how autocratic the executive branch has become you should get at least a queasy feeling in the pit of your stomach.

Question is, how are you going to act? First if you have plans to buy a firearm, do it! Look for quality and realize that there are not many used firearms in the market right now because owners are hanging on to them. If you are looking for a handgun, I suggest you stay away from .380 because it is the first caliber to disappear in an ammo shortage and the last to come back. If you are buying a gun, buy it someplace where you can get ammo at the same time because a firearm without bullets is just an expensive club. About ammo, start putting some away now so you don't become a victim of a panic in the future. A couple hundred rounds (rifle, shotgun and handgun) of each is peace of mind. Set a reasonable minimum per caliber and don't drop below it except in an emergency. As you build your stores don't tell the world what you have, guns or ammunition, because in a true panic you may become a target for thugs wanting to arm themselves or linguin-spined friends and neighbors who will snitch on you to get in good with a police state as happened in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. I guess what I am saying is use a little common sense and prepare for future panics which you can always bank on in these trying times.

By the way, not to beat a dead deer to death, hunters it is time to get your ammunition, so you don't go all ugly on your local gun store the week before deer season because they don't have the rounds you are looking for! Safe riding, till next month.....

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