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# LETTER FROM THE OWNER

## My oh May...

It is mid-April as I sit in my office writing this letter. We had a few really nice days, but it has turned back to rainy and chilly, which is to be expected in Michigan. There is a lot of uncertainty yet in our state and in the world. We don't know as of right now if our governor is going to shut us down again or what is going to happen. This is causing a lot of stress for us all. Our future, our pocket books, any plans we have made -all in limbo. I hope that by the time this issue is out, if she did shut our state back down that we are re-opened. The stress is affecting us all. Even more if you have kids because I have a daughter in high school and she is back to online learning and all her sports are postponed and most likely for good this year. What is the positive? We must always try to find the positive in every situation, but this one it is truly becoming harder and harder to find the light at the end of the tunnel. May I remind us all, including myself that it is always darkest before the dawn, this too shall pass and what doesn't kill us makes us stronger and that is some bold, hard truth literally! No matter what you are going through try to remember that others are also going through this and some even more! Just because a person wears a smile on their face or sounds happy on the phone, remember they may be suffering and dealing with a lot, but keeping it hidden on the inside. Just Be Kind! Everyone needs to be kind to everyone because right now I can guarantee that the majority are suffering. Let us be there for one another and as I tell my daughter, "Be the kind of person that makes someone's day, not ruins it". As humans we hold a lot of power. Our words can do just that; make or break an attitude, make someone laugh, smile or cry... think about this for a moment. You hold that power! So let us decide each day to put a smile on our face even when we feel like crying, say something nice to someone even when you may want to throat punch them and make someone's day, instead of ruining it. Even if they ruined yours. This is a viscous cycle and it can be stopped by just being kind. I hope that this resonates with someone and serves as a reminder that you are not alone. Lastly, in my Mo advice letter this month as it appears, I want to remind you all that this month is Memorial Day. That day is to remind us all of our brave veteran heroes that lost their lives to give us Freedom as an American. Let us take a moment on that day and as many others as possible to show our gratitude to our living veterans by telling them, "Thank you for your service"! Please remember also that May is motorcycle Awareness month because it is usually when the weather officially turns nice and the bikes start coming out. Look twice, save a life. If you have kids, teach them this.

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### Now for some "Mo" Advice:

"There is only one thing more painful than learning from experience, and that is not learning from experience."- Laurence J. Peter.

Jody Mohowitsch  
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## The Value of Making Memories vs. Material Things!

We live in a consumer-driven society, largely dependent upon ad companies brainwashing us to believe that we need the newest things. Our income does not relate to our happiness level after our basic needs are met. We cannot buy happiness! The evidence from several studies is striking. Buying a lot of things diminishes our well-being. The more you have, the more you run around being a servant to your possessions.

So where do you begin? Recognize that you don't need anything additional in your life to be happy. If you have to buy something, then go for high-quality items you love. Try waiting one month to see if you really need it. Let's pay less attention to material things and focus on what's essential in life: the people we love.

I just learned the value of this while cleaning out my deceased mom's condo and father-in-law's home. Take a hard look around at what you have. It was a huge eye opener for me as I stood with tears rolling down my eyes. Everything my mom thought she needed, just sat for years, untouched and she kept buying more. Now, all being donated or thrown away.

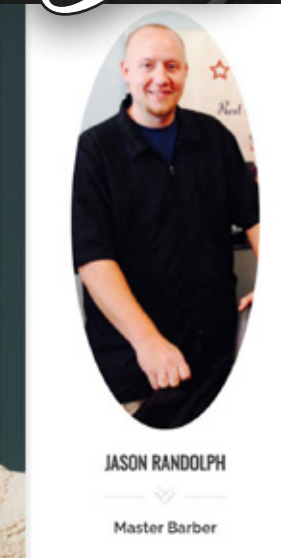
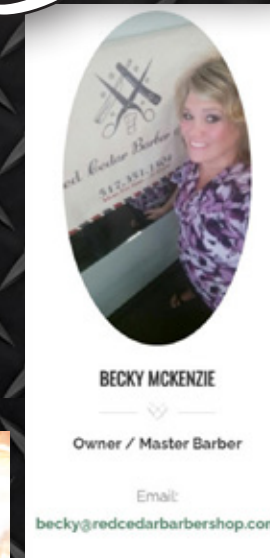
Moving forward, my eyes are open and I know that all I really need is my family, friends, memories and laughs. Until then, you can't lead a life with material things, but can lead a life with good people!

~ Stacie René

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## Shout Out



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# READERS RIDES

## David Clementz

It all started back in the 70's and I was around 7 years old. I had a broken rototiller and a mini- bike frame, so I decided to build my own bike. My Godfather took me to the ice races when I was a young kid and that's all it took, I was hooked! Back in the day, he ran a 1940 Indian Sports Scout in the Pre-40 flat track class all over the United States. Later in life, I started collecting all sorts of motorcycles. Any make and any style; including, Indians, flat trackers, Harleys, and Hondas. You name it and I've probably got one out back in my barn. A few years ago, I took my 1948 Indian Chief out to the West Coast for an Indian Larry tribute ride, what a great time and a great ride! One of my bikes was featured in the 2020 Thunder Roads Michigan wall calendar and now another one of my bikes will be in the upcoming 2021-2022 16 month Thunder Roads wall calendar.

This specific bike is a 2002 Pro Sport Big Dog with a 110 cubic inch motor. It's got 16,000 miles on it and I rebuilt the motor about 2 years ago. That re-build included some camshaft upgrades, a jetted Mikuni carburetor, inverted forks, spinner rims and a skull air cleaner. I am always on the lookout for rare finds and cool bikes to add to my growing collection. As you all know, this habit is not cheap, so I have also been looking for a Sugar Mama to help me afford my addiction. Oh Hell Yeah!!



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# NOT POLITICALLY CORRECT



Hello Fellow Riders and Patriots,

Riding season is here now if Michigan's weather will cooperate, that remains to be seen or better yet experienced. So are you tired of being told what you can and cannot do yet? They are coming at us AGAIN to try and make us wear helmets. I wonder if we are going to have to wear a mask while riding too. How about our riding Insurance not being fixed by our legislators and nothing being done about our election laws?

Yep our state is a mess, but Keep the Faith. The 2022 Elections can have consequences but we must start now! Call, write or better yet EMAIL your state Senator and Congressman and tell them to change our election laws to make them Safe, Fair and Secure for future elections and while you're at it change the insurance laws for motorcycle riders to make that fair too. So if you're going to complain, do it where it's going to do the most good. If only 1% of Michigan's residents send an email that's 100,000 emails a day to Lansing. Hmmm.

As for me, I am waiting to see how some personal events turn out in May. So stay tuned about the Governor's race because we all know Whitmer is a one and done Governor. If I run I prefer to stay two terms and get some things accomplished besides shutdowns.

Be Safe and God Bless

Earl Lackie



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# THE MULTISTRADA V4 UNLEASHES ITS SPORTY CHARACTER WITH AKRAPOVIC ACCESSORIES



The Multistrada V4 is the bike from the Ducati range designed to dominate all roads. An ambitious project in which performance and sportiness are combined with unprecedented ride comfort and versatility of use that allows the bike to be effective in all riding conditions.

The Multistrada V4 is "Sport" because it is light and compact, has electronic MotoGP aids and a chassis with agile dimensions for an exciting and effective ride in mixed terrain. It is "Touring" thanks to the main maintenance intervals set every 60,000 km, the great attention paid in the development phase to ride comfort, its Radar systems, the map navigator that can be viewed on the dashboard and to the cornering lights. It is "Enduro" thanks to excellent off-road capabilities, electronic suspension, smooth power delivery and gear ratios. It is "Urban" because it guarantees great ease of use at low speeds, but also thanks to its smart-phone connectivity and the careful study of thermal comfort.

To further enhance the sporty side of the new Multistrada V4, Ducati has collaborated with Akrapovič in the creation of two co-branded accessories: a racing-derived exhaust unit and an approved silencer. Both components are dedicated exclusively to this model and have a unique design that fits perfectly with the motorcycle.



The racing exhaust unit is made of stainless steel and is equipped with a silencer with titanium outer sleeve and carbon fibre end cap, for a combination of lightness and design that integrates perfectly with the lines of the new Multistrada V4. The materials are combined with the supplied dedicated mapping, which adjusts all the electronic parameters of the bike to the new performance. By mounting the Akrapovič racing exhaust unit the weight of the Multistrada V4 goes down of 5 kg, while maximum torque reaches 133 Nm and power 174 hp.



The type approved silencer made by Ducati and Akrapovič for the Multistrada V4 gives the bike a more aggressive character. The body made from special developed high grade titanium alloy and carbon fibre cap guarantee lightness and resistance to high temperatures and, combined with the honeycomb mesh in the end cap, give an even more unmistakable look. The type approved silencer is 0.7 kg lighter than the standard, thus improving the weight-to-power ratio of the bike. The Multistrada V4 S Sport is fitted with this accessory as a standard.

That of Ducati and Akrapovič is a success story born in 2014 with the project linked to the Ducati 1199 Panigale, continuing with the creation of a series of exhaust systems capable of making the performance attitude of Ducati motorcycles even more extreme.

The racing exhaust unit and the type approved silencer can be purchased in all Ducati dealers.

On Ducati.com there is also the section dedicated to the configurator where customers can view the accessories mounted on the different models of the Multistrada V4.

# VETERANS CORNER



## Memorial Day

As we prepare for the riding season, this month is also the time to reflect on those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. In doing so I participated in a ride to welcome home Michigan soldiers back home from overseas. This was an honor to escort them back to their unit. During the trip it gave me time to reflect on all those who didn't get a proper welcoming home when they returned. Every May for the last 6 years I have made the trip to Arlington to honor those who didn't get to come home to their families. The Gold Star families are a special group of people who has so much patriotism and respect for this country. They know that their loved ones did their duty for this country and gave the ultimate sacrifice. We should honor that each and every day just not on Memorial Day.

So, when you see a group of motorcycles riding remember that a lot of them are veterans that have served and they ride for several reasons. Some do it for the therapy; others do it for pleasure and fun, and most do it for the camaraderie. The ride for causes to support several organizations, to help the less fortunate. This we do to help others. With this in mind there is also the ones that give their time to also ensure that every veteran is given honor when they are buried. The Patriot Guard is an honor bestowed on them to ensure that happens.

So many of them continue to give even after the served, or retired. See there is an oath that we all have taken when we joined the military, and just because we get out or retire doesn't mean our oath stops. We took that oath because we believe this country is worth fighting for. We as Americans and of this great state of Michigan should also fight for it each and every day. I know that with the last year we all have had our struggles and lost so many to this pandemic, and we all have our own views on things and that okay because that is what this great nation was built on. Remember the Constitution and our Bill of Rights, and that "We the People" of the United States have rights, that doesn't mean you have a free pass to impose your beliefs onto another. You have a right to make a change in doing so I encourage you to do this by writing, emailing or calling your representatives. The only way you can say that you help make changes is if you participate in making them. Michigan Senators, Representatives, and Congressional District Maps - GovTrack.us

I am a Desert Storm Iraq & Afghanistan Veteran and I can tell you that as an American first I make sure that I

thank everyone of our veterans when I able to and I honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for this country and each and every one that is living in this great U.S.A. legally and illegally. I do believe that our veterans should be take care of always they should be our number one concern since they have given so much for this country. We should also honor the Gold Star families for they have had to endure the loss of those they love. So this Memorial Day let's not just make it about cookouts and parties, let's take a moment to honor those who have fought for your freedom and kept us free from all enemies, foreign and domestic. Let's take a moment to teach our young ones the history of this great nation instead of tearing it down. Let's make this country proud and worth fighting for each and every day. Because that is why every Soldier, Marine, Sailor and Airmen take an oath to do. Each and every day that we honor those who came home draped under our flag.



**SHARON K. HARVEY**  
(RET) TSGT, USA/USAF "RED"

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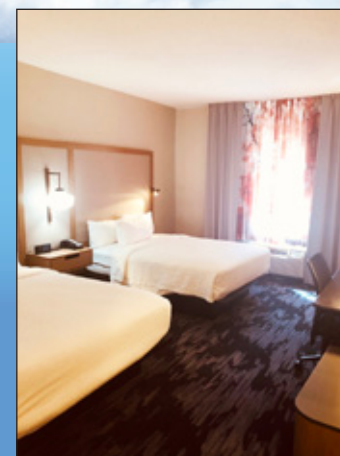


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## STATS: HELMET REQUIRED V. HELMET NOT REQUIRED



by Jason A. Waechter, THE Motorcycle Lawyer<sup>sm</sup>

Recently, the **University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute** released a 21-page report analyzing Michigan motorcycle accidents over a ten-year period, from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2019. The report compares crashes before the helmet law changed, when a helmet was required (January 1, 2010 - April 12, 2012) to those which occurred after the law changed, when a helmet was no longer legally required (April 13, 2012 - December 31, 2019).

The purpose of this article is to list some of the report's findings that the readership of this magazine may find interesting. Because of the limited space allotted, the information included is slightly generalized and rounded to the nearest percentage. I have made the full report available on our website, listed at the end of this article.

### What Kinds of Motorcycles are Crashing?

For this information, the report looks at the years 2015 to 2019 which had a total of 13,895 motorcycle crashes reported. These included autocycles (only to the first six per year), scooters (about 40 per year), off road bikes, (about 23 per year), cruiser style bikes (combined to include their categories: cruiser, tour ring, and standard motorcycles) and sport bike style (combined to include their categories: sport, sport touring, Super Sport, unclad sport) to relay their statistics. It may surprise you to know that only 26% of the total crashes during this period involved sport bike style motorcycles, while 68% involved cruiser style motorcycles.

According to the U of M report, over 46% of all motorcycle accidents in Michigan were single vehicle crashes - this would include things like being run off the road, or taking a turn too wide and laying the bike down. The vast majority of motorcycle crashes occurred during daylight hours (72%) and in good weather conditions (81%).

### Helmet Use

Before the helmet law changed in 2012, 97% of all people riding on a motorcycle were wearing a helmet. This makes sense - it was the law. After the law changed, however, that number began to decline. In 2017, the Michigan State Police reported that helmet usage had dropped to 71%.

The U of M report breaks the percentage down per year from 2012 (74%) to 2019 (65%). For the most part, it seems that slightly fewer people, each year, have decided to wear their helmet.

### Regarding Injuries Comparing Helmet Use v. Non-Helmet Use:

The final line in the U of M report is the authors' estimate that there would be 'X' fewer fatalities and 'Y' fewer serious injuries, annually, if helmets were used. What gives me pause is a lack of details or reasoning discussed as to how they come up with their estimation. It seems out of the blue.

I am aware that this can be a very personal topic. The report lists the actual numbers, but I do not feel comfortable doing that (this is why I use X and Y). To be fair, not much information is provided in the report, and I do not feel the need to generalize or analyze this issue.

### Motorcycle Endorsements

When reviewing crashes between 2015 and 2019, when a helmet was not required, the study found that 63% of the motorcycle operators were endorsed riders. It was also determined that those endorsed riders were more likely to wear helmets - 71% compared to 65% for operators with no endorsement.

### Alcohol Use

The use of alcohol was also analyzed. The report alleges that motorcycle operators had a higher incident of alcohol involvement than non-motorcycle drivers.

Please see the full report on our website for more information on these findings. ([www.motorcyclelawyermichigan.com](http://www.motorcyclelawyermichigan.com)) This allows you to draw conclusions based on your own analysis and interpretation. The fact that these are sensitive issues is not lost on me and, I assure you, I am not taking a side.

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# The JOKERS WILD



A man appeared before St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. 'Have you ever done anything of particular merit?' St. Peter asked.

'Well, I can think of one thing,' the man offered.

'On a trip to the Black Hills out in South Dakota, I came upon a group of bikers who were lewdly joking with a young woman, but I couldn't tell if she flirtingly liked it or was in peril. I was confused.

I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen.

So, I approached the largest and most tattooed biker and smacked him in the face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his eyebrow piercing, and threw it on the ground. I yelled,

'Now, back off or I'll kick the living crap out of all of you!' St. Peter was impressed, 'When did this happen?'

The man stuck out his chest in pride; 'Couple of minutes ago.'

The weather ahead is good, so we should have a smooth uneventful flight.

So, sit back, relax, and....OH... MY....GOD!'

Silence followed.

Some moments later, the Captain came back on the intercom. 'Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm sorry if I scared you. While I was talking to you, a Flight Attendant accidentally spilled coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!'

From the back of the plane, an Irish passenger yelled..... For the luva Jaysus,...you should see the back of mine, then.

A blonde and a lawyer were seating next to each other on a flight. The lawyer asks if she would like to play a fun game. The blonde, tired, just wants to take a nap, so she politely says no and turns to the window for a nap.

The lawyer insists and explains that the game is easy and very fun. He explains, 'I'm going to ask you a question, and if you do not know the answer, you'll pay me \$5, and vice versa.'

Again, she declines and tries to get some sleep. The lawyer, now agitated, says, 'Okay, if you do not know the answer, you pay me \$5. and if I do not know the answer, I pay you \$500.'

This catches the attention of the blonde and, imagining that there will be no end to this torment unless she makes part of his game, she agrees to play.

So, she reluctantly, but with full confidence agrees to his game and his rules.

The lawyer asks the first question, 'How far is the Earth from the Moon?'

The blonde did not say a word, opened her purse, took out a \$5 bill and handed it to him. 'Okay,' said the lawyer, 'it's

your turn to ask.'

She asks the lawyer: 'What goes up a mountain with three legs and comes down with four legs?'

The lawyer, perplexed, picks up his laptop and searches all his references — no answer. He searches the net and the library of Congress, no answer. Frustrated, he sends emails to all his friends and co-workers but, also, no answer. After an hour, he wakes the blonde and reluctantly hands her \$500. 'Thank you,' the blonde says, and goes back to sleep some more. The lawyer, annoyed, wakes her up and asks, 'Well, what is the answer?'

Without a word, she takes her purse, hands him \$5. and goes back to sleep.

Well played, blondie!

Ole' 'Scrappy' is sitting at the bar, totally trashed, and yet again feeling sorry for himself he yells out, 'you know if I had a dollar for every woman who finds me gross and unattractive, I would eventually have enough money that you'd all be cat-fighting over me'.

A recent study has proved that women who carry a little extra weight on them live longer then men who mention it.

An older lady was somewhat lonely and decided she needed a pet to keep her company So, off to the pet shop she went.. She searched and searched. None of the pets seemed to catch her interest, except this ugly frog. As she walked by the jar he was in, she looked and he winked at her.

He whispered, 'I'm so lonely, too. Buy me and take me home... you won't ever be sorry.'

The older lady figured, what the heck! She hadn't found anything else. So, she bought the frog. She placed him in the car, on the front seat beside her. As she was slowly driving down the road, the frog whispered to her Kiss me and you won't be sorry!'

So, the older lady figured, WHAT THE HECK, and kissed the frog. Immediately the frog turned into an absolutely gorgeous, sexy, young, handsome Prince Charming.

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# Biker Preacher's Corner

Hello everyone - Welcome to May!! It's really shaping up to be a beautiful new riding season!

This month I want to talk to you about the results of the decisions that we make throughout our lives. There are decisions that we must make in life and many times the correct decision is the hardest decision, I'm not talking about these kinds of decisions.

So, the decisions we make have different types of outcomes – good or bad. The rule of thumb is this – Good decisions, which are not based on selfishness, produce great results for everyone around you as well as yourself, and Bad decisions, which tend to be selfish in nature, have adverse consequences for others around you and always come back on you.

The Bible says: <sup>7</sup> Don't be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows he will also reap, <sup>8</sup> because the one who sows to his flesh will reap corruption from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So we must not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, as we have an opportunity, we must work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith. Galatians 6:7-10 (HCSB)

Ok ok – You might be saying what does this mean preacher!? To be deceived is the believe a lie or be hoaxed/duped. Using farming terms, the Apostle Paul is saying you get what you put out. To 'sow to the flesh' is talking about things like selfishness, greed, lying, perversion, drunkenness, murder, etc. The results of these are corruption/death. But the one who sows to the Spirit, notice the capital S – this is a name the Holy Spirit) will reap eternal life.

So, how do we sow to the Spirit you ask? First, ask the Christ Jesus into your heart, ask Him to forgive you of all your sins, and to be your Lord and Savior. Now, start to get to know Him by reading The Bible and prayer (which is just having regular conversations with Him – don't worry He doesn't only speak King James). Also, join a Bible Believing, Spirit-filled church like Victory Biker Church, which shuns religion for a true relationship with God, in Christ Jesus.

Also, start showing brotherly love for others, being friendly, being compassionate, and care for others. Jesus said in John 13:35 "By this, all people will know that you are My disciples if you have a love for one another."

My brothers and sisters – let's start sowing good seed so that we are a blessing to others and so that we, most importantly, will reap eternal life.

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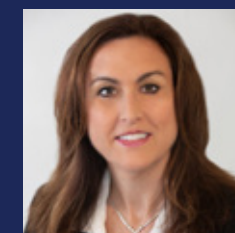
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## May

**May 2**  
**21st Annual Blessing of the Bikers**  
**Church of the Living Word, Ovid, MI.** Hog roast all you can eat \$5, charity ride, ride in bike show, regis by noon, 50/50, no pets. For more info go to COTLW.org

**May 8**  
**Blessing of the Bikes**  
**American Legion Post 141, Howell, MI.** 11 am- 4 pm, \$5 donation, group blessings every hour on the hour, lunch & soft drinks avail for purchase, all bikes welcome. For more info call Ranger Rick 517-803-7650

## June

**June 5**  
**Great Lakes Burn Camp (GLBC) Flint**  
**Axemen ~ MI 6 Fun Run**  
**Meet at Scooters Bar & Grill, Flint, MI.** Regis 10am ~ All Bikes out by Noon, \$10 per bike/ \$5 passenger. For more info call Halsey at 517-861-0457 (See full page ad this issue).

**June 5**  
**Trinity Strong Poker Run**  
**Ryder's Bar & Grill, Midland, MI.** Regis 9:30 am, kickstands up 11:30 am, \$15 single, \$25 couple, lift music by Night Shift, silent auction, raffle, food, ice cold drinks, cars welcome. Benefit to raise money for Trinity diagnosed with Cardio Myopathy. For more info call Kim 989-954-8284

**June 6**  
**Blessed in Hell**  
**Hell Creek Ranch, Hell, MI.** Gates open 10:30, \$10 per bike, bike show, live band, 4 blessings; 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, over 20 vendors, food vendors/ live band. For more info go to HellCreekRanch.com (See ad this issue)

**June 11-12**  
**1st Annual Mackinaw City Motorcycle Rally**  
**All bikes welcome, vendors, beer tent, poker run, bike show, blessing of the bikes, parade across the Mackinaw Bridge, live music & more.** Go to [www.Mackinawcity.com](http://www.Mackinawcity.com) for more info (See ad this issue)

**June 11-13**  
**ABATE of Michigan Field Meet 2021**  
**Sturgeon Valley Campground, Wolverine, MI.** ABATE members only (you may join at event), \$15 in advance, \$25 at gate, 50/50, camping, food, music, games, no children. For tickets call Eric 269-435-2058

**June 12**  
**Great Lakes Burn Camp (GLBC) Nozzlemen M/C Ride**  
**The Lift Sports Bar, ends at New Hudson Inn.** Food, Music & 50/50 Raffle Drawing. For more info call Michael Moore 734-386-9292 (See full page ad this issue).

**June 12**  
**3rd Annual Justin Beutel Memorial Ride**  
**Sanford American Legion Post 443, Sanford, MI.** Regis 10 am, kickstands up 11 am, drinks, dinner, entertainment, silent auction. For more info check Facebook

**June 12-20**  
**98th Annual Laconia Motorcycle Week**  
**Laconia, New Hampshire.** For more info go to [laconiamcweek.com](http://laconiamcweek.com)

**June 18-20**  
**3rd Annual Michihistrigan Rendezvous**  
**Upper Peninsula Motorcycle Rally, Gould City, MI.** Facebook for more info

**June 26**  
**2nd Annual Great Lakes Burn Camp (GLBC) BKM 37 Burn Run**  
**Richland Township Fire Station, 8755 3rd Ave, Vestaburg, MI.** Regis 11am, kickstands up 1pm, \$20 rider, \$10 passenger, \$10 meal, Food, Drinks, Music. For more info go to [www.brotherskeepersmc.com](http://www.brotherskeepersmc.com) (See full page ad this issue).

## July

**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).

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## Jody "Mo's"

# THUNDER FUN

### Inspiration

I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul.  
—William Ernest Henley

Have faith and pursue the unknown end. —Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

The greatest of work is inside man. —Pope John Paul II

A fool may talk, but a wise man speaks. —Ben Jonson

### Motorcycle Quotes & Sayings

"Riding a bike doesn't make me a bad person, just like going to church doesn't make you a good person."  
—Vampress Bathory

"The only thing better than one Harley, is two Harleys."  
—Kris Jacobs

"You call it, a Midlife Crisis; I call it, a Midlife awakening."  
—Rhonda Lemons

"Sometimes your knight in shining armor turns out to be a biker in dirty leathers." —Lisa Bellini

"The road is a good listener." —Anonymous

## HOT ROD'S TOPICS

I honestly believe every month should be Motorcycle Awareness Month but our government agency who handles the account for motorcycle awareness which was brought into existence by ABATE, is so lame and out of touch with the sole idea about helping the general public understand how to act around bikers that it's disheartening how they go about trying to promote motorcycle awareness around the state. As far as I know, not one of the administrators is a biker so how and the hell can they understand what it's like to ride a motorcycle in Michigan.

Here are some very important ideas they should be working on:

- 1.) Driver's Education classes and the way motorcycle awareness is discussed.
- 2.) Highway bill boards.
- 3.) Yard signs everywhere to keep refreshing the general public's mind on motorcycles.
- 4.) Public Service Announcements (PSAs) on radio and television stations about motorcycles.
- 5.) Addressing texting and distracted driving.

Those of you who wouldn't mind doing a little work to help save lives, please call your legislators and ask them if they are part of the oversight committee which keeps track of how the money is spent on motorcycle awareness through Guud Marketing. We can't expect anyone to help us. We have to help ourselves and maybe you could save someone's life!

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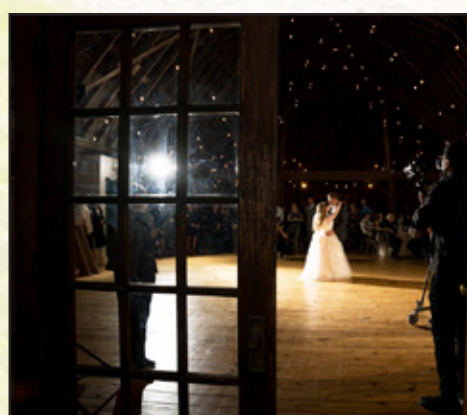
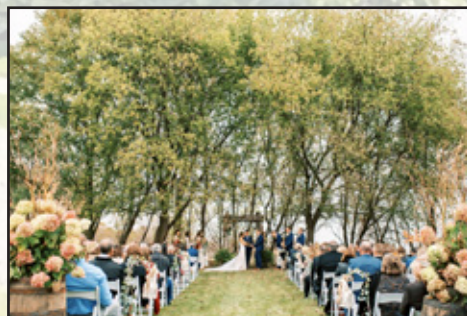


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# STONE HOUSE FARM Bancroft, MI



Editors Note: For the May cover we chose this location because our cover sponsor, Max the owner of Auger Insurance Group works with them and he suggested the location. What a beautiful place! Many people book this place for their wedding venue because it is absolutely beautiful and it offers so many additional amenities that really make their special day one to remember for not only the happy couple, but their guests as well. Photos do not do this place justice. If you plan on getting hitched and would like a county farm like wedding you really should check this place out, but do it well in advance because they book up quickly. While you are in Bancroft be sure to stop by the biker and family friendly Woody's Bancroft Tavern for a cold beer and really great food!

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Hello, my name is Max Auger. I'm married with 2 children: a 6-year-old daughter and 4-year-old son. I'm a Marine Corps veteran with a background in automotive finance and mortgages prior to becoming an agency owner with Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan. The biggest reason for my change in career was to spend more time with my children. I was working 70 hours a week in the car business and felt like I was a stranger to my own kids. I had to make a change; I wanted to be there more, to be able to sit down and have a dinner with my family, versus coming home at 9 or 10 at night just to kiss the kids goodnight. Although I've been successful in every job, all that success was at a cost to my family because of the hours required to make a good income. I needed a change. I needed to have a career in which I could work from home more and help my wife with our children. I started at Farm Bureau as a solicitor's agent in November 2018. I worked under a local agent while building my book of business. This career isn't for the faint of heart. You've got to be able to handle the ups and downs (and rejections) while working in this business. I started my own Agency June 1st of 2020 and have excelled to be a top producer amongst new agents with Farm Bureau. My business was built with help from my friends and family and I couldn't have made it this far without them! The absolute biggest supporter in my business and in my life is my wife of 10 years, Angela Auger. She is not only the best wife a guy can ask for, but the most amazing mother to our children. Without her support this career could never have had the success it's had. They say behind every successful man is a strong woman; this is only partly true, she has to be strong, but more importantly she is by my side, not behind me. Thank you Angela! I am a Multi-Line Insurance Agent. My agency specializes in Home, Auto, Commercial, and Life Insurance Policies. We have a fully-staffed office ready to care of your needs in all things insurance. Whether you need better coverage or lower rates on your home and auto or commercial and life insurance- I can help. Please feel free to call my office. I am eager to help and I assure you I will work hard to earn your business! Thank you!

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BY RICK WYATT



In the 1890's Ivan Pavlov experimented with conditioned responses in dogs where he was able to make them salivate by ringing a bell. Dogs naturally salivate when given food, so the conditioning was simply ringing a bell as food was presented. It was not long before the dogs started to salivate when the bell rang whether food was present or not and soon the conditioning was so ingrained that the dogs would become anxious when the bell rang, and the food never came. Much the same thing happened when in the fifties and sixties with nuclear attack drills conducted in the public schools. After Nagasaki and Hiroshima, once the devastating power of atomic weapons was realized, schools in conjunction with Civil Defense developed plans and conducted drills where a specific bell code was sounded in the schools and students were told to get under their desks and cover their heads. These drills were often conducted shortly after the kids saw films that showed the power of atomic weapons and stressed that quick reaction was vital to save your life. It was not uncommon for some children to be visibly upset by the ordeal and any time the bell rang unexpectedly some kids showed signs of panic.

What is the point you are probably asking, and the answer is that we are all victims of what appears to be a well-coordinated intense conditioning campaign where the goal is to subvert the free will of the population. We often joke about television weathermen and that must be the only occupation where you can be that wrong that often and still keep your job, well they are no longer alone! If you have been paying attention you must have noticed by now that Dr. Tony Fauci, the official mouthpiece for Covid-19, has for the most part been about as correct as the local weathermen. I don't know how often he has changed positions, but every time he does sets off a new panic. Couple that with politicians, such as our own Governor Whitmer, imposing draconian restrictions which have destroyed our state and local economies while hiding behind the mantra "follow the science," and the nervous Ned and Nellie crowd dives under their desks, cover their heads and whimper in fear. Problem is that as long as they have you under that desk you can't see what a sham most of the Covid-19 response has been. Keeping people in fear means that they (our governmental overlords) don't have to explain why states with far fewer restrictions have had lower mortality rates and events like Bike week at Daytona, spring break at the gulf beaches, and Sturgis were all decied as potential "super spreader" events, that never materialized. Events such as this year's Run for the Wall/Rolling Thunder have been canceled, not so much out of fear of the virus as much as looming threats by local and state politicians of mass arrests, and stiff individual and group fines for participants. I have a real problem with government that bullies patriots who want to gather to honor our nation's heroes.

The hourly, daily and weekly statistical reporting of doom and gloom in the major media, often using inaccurate and severely biased numbers, has also taken a toll. Rates of depression, spousal abuse, substance abuse and suicide are at record highs in the hard lock down states. Kids missed over a year of school, I do not consider zoom to be an appropriate educational medium, and the social contact that goes along with attending class and school events is a critical part of real education. Schools have been one of the primary focal points of our sense of community for generations. They are places where social and political differences are set aside to support the students in whatever activity is going on. By the same token churches and places of worship also engender the same sense of community as do local diners, coffee shops, restaurants, social clubs, taverns literally any place where people gather and engage in social discourse. When the petty dictators shut these places down; arresting barbers, beauticians, and restaurant owners for trying to support their families and save their businesses it is hard not to believe that the intent isn't in part to destroy our sense of community and the relationships that bind us together. And worse, elements of government openly encourage the web billionaires to control free speech by ending anything that might make big brother look bad. We were warned that what is going on now could happen and the only way to stop it is to evangelize the gospel of "We the People."

While most of us have gotten the crap kicked out of us during this pandemic there have been some winners we should note. The political class has grabbed unprecedented power by stripping what the constitutions set aside as individual rights and states' rights. Most of us have taken a hit in our budgets because of the costs of Covid response, and we have been promised that taxes are going up to pay for the bloated BS economy that is being force upon us. And it should not surprise you that the billionaire class, who financed the campaigns of the very politicians who have destroyed our economy, have had theirs enhanced. Amazon and Wal Mart have cleared an additional \$116 billion, and Michigan's own Mark Zuckerberg allegedly doubled his profits through Facebook. Not only did the billionaire boys club make record profits, but they also locked up a monopoly controlling the free flow of information (that old first amendment thing) and have used it to control the behavior to many American people. I find this to be obscene, and it is time for Washington to be reminded that they work for us!

Now some of you may be uncomfortable about some of what I have said and that is alright because we are all entitled to our opinions. But as far as opinions go, I have a DD-214 that says I have paid for the right to express mine!

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