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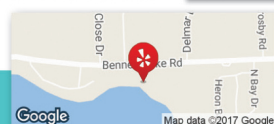
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# LETTER FROM THE OWNER *Big News...*

I am very happy to announce that Thunder Roads Michigan will be going back to publishing monthly, year-round. Also, I am super excited to announce a new partnership with ReasonsToRide.com. This partnership is huge! Correspondingly, this will give the magazine a big boost into the social media and digital world that society lives in.

My gratitude to be part of this extraordinary accomplishment is thanks to Derek Smith. Derek Smith is the owner of Thunder Roads Ohio, and he has teamed up with me on this exciting venture. Thunder Roads Ohio is the most successful magazine in the Thunder Roads network. I have always been impressed with their ideas, ability to dominate the motorcycle magazine/digital industry. Thunder Roads Ohio is a force that continues to grow and grow, despite any outer obstacles, like a pandemic. We are working to incorporate new features and approaches, both within the magazine and online – AND out on the road as we add new events and opportunities for riders.

After announcing this incredible partnership, if you are interested in advertising your business, or becoming part of the team, we'd love to hear from you! I'd invite you to check out ThunderRoadsMichigan.com. There you'll be able to find information on how you can easily join the Thunder Roads Network and offer our magazines to your customers. You can also post upcoming events online and have them show up in future magazines. Furthermore, we can also help with hosting upcoming shows, or bringing the Thunder Roads Crew to your stop!

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We all know today's society is aimed towards digital media. Even though it is aimed towards digital means, I will still be publishing hard copies of the magazine. Have no fear because I understand we all love to hold these physically in our possession! Be on the lookout for Thunder Roads Michigan like you have never seen it before. We are just getting started... get on board with your business and save extra for signing up now; even if it's just a business subscription, which is only \$20 per month!

I appreciate my loyal advertisers and readers' support, thanks to you, Thunder Roads Magazine is still MICHIGAN'S MOTORCYCLE MAGAZINE!

Riders can also subscribe directly online. Be certain not to miss a single issue! You can subscribe to Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan; subscribe today for only \$35 (12 issues) at www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com or mail check / money order to PO Box 1782 in Midland, MI 48641-1782.

Now for some "Mo" Advice:  
This one comes from Nick H-D mechanic, so funny:

I am definitely not that smart for there to be this many people to be dumber than me!

See you out on the Road!

*"Jody Mo"*

Publisher of Thunder Roads Michigan


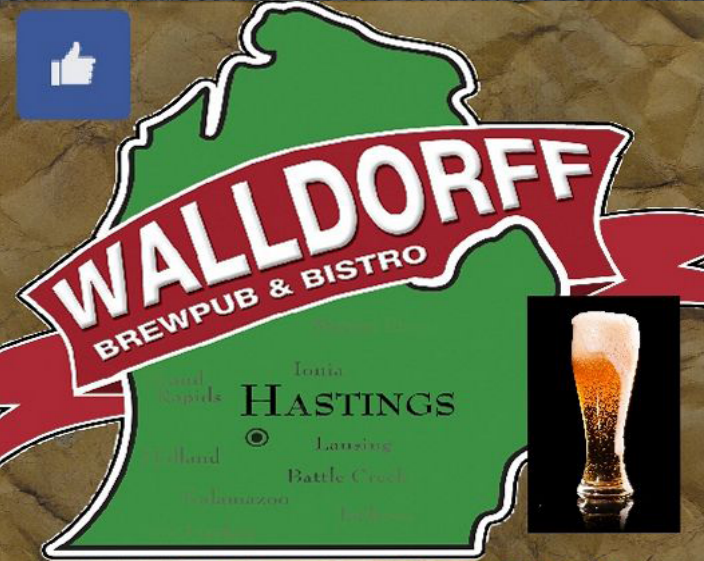


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Thinking about how pennies can be like people sometimes I pondered this thought. Some pennies have an easy "life" because they're all shiny and haven't been though much yet. Then you get the dirty ones, and you know that they've been through a lot, particularly, the ones who have indents or scrapes. The pennies that are between the shiny and totally dirty have had some hardships, but maybe they've been cleaned up. It's just like people, some of us are shiny and some of us are dirty and beaten up, and some have brushed themselves off and now hold their heads up high from their past.

How many times have you felt like "I'm one of those dirty pennies in the gutter" and you don't know how to get back to feeling shinny? Some situations can really put us through some tough challenges, struggles, and heartaches and even push us to the point of thinking some seriously ugly thoughts. As much as we don't like going through failure, struggles, falling down, sometimes it truly does make us stronger. How you handle each situation and outcome, is on you. Just like an indented penny, some will leave scares on you, but can shine right up when you brush yourself off and keep going. The next time you see a penny, ask yourself which one you are you, and what you are willing to settle for, or how you are going to shine yourself up? No one is better than you, and you have the same worth!

Until then, you can't lead a positive life, by staying as a dirty penny. Shine Bright!

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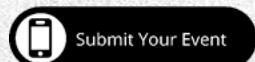
If you haven't been there already, I'd invite you to check out our new website. [www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com](http://www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com) If you have your smartphone out, you can simply point the camera at the QR code thing here. That will create a direct link to our website.

From our page – you'll be able to see upcoming motorcycle events all across Michigan. Clicking on the event, you can go directly to their website or Facebook page. In some cases, you'll also be able to register right there for the ride or get tickets for the events. All on the same page. It couldn't be easier – for you as a rider or for those hosting the events.

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You can also subscribe to the magazine, order gear, and even order advertising within the magazine through the website – it couldn't be easier.

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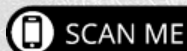
Pre-registration allows you to more accurately plan for your event by having a listing of participants already committed and invested in it. Pre-registration also helps protect your ride from cloudy days that might also have people staying home, but will choose to still come out since they are already pre-paid.

RtR is also able to offer RIDE SHIRTS and PATCHES as part of the pre-registration process as well. Shirts are a great way to promote your event and offer more value to those participating. With advance sales and riders indicating what size shirts they need – you'll also avoid having to invest in unwanted shirts. It's also a great way to eliminate the risk of adding additional items such as patches or pins. You can offer them as "add-on" sales with your advance registration and in many cases pre-sell enough to cover your cost before you even have to place the order to get them made.

RtR can also help develop graphics and promotional materials – including posters and cards to professionally represent your ride. This helps with sponsorships and encourages ride participation.

**PRO TIP: You can add QR codes to your posters and event ads that take riders directly to YOUR unique registration page through Thunder Roads – even on the day of the event!**

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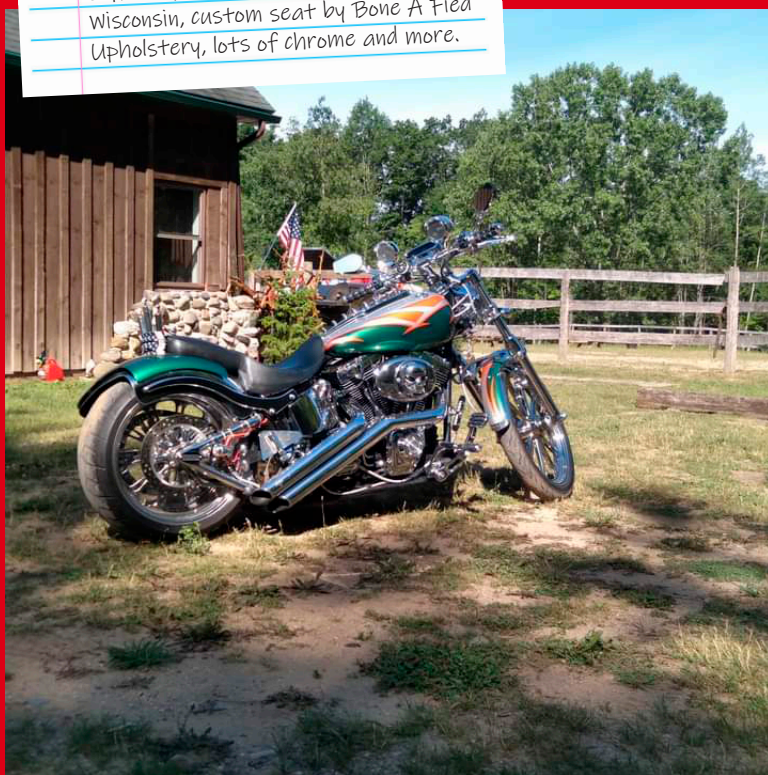
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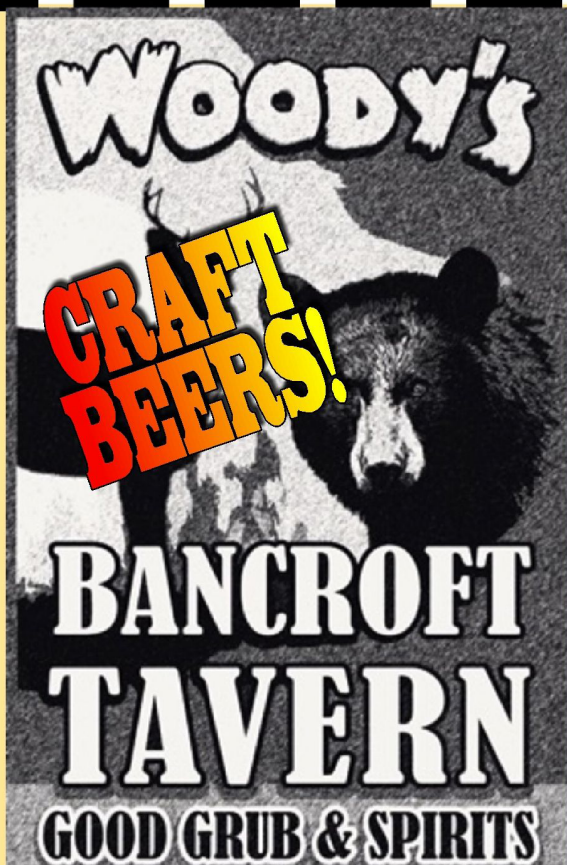


# READERS RIDES

My name is Jerry and I am a USMC Vet and I love riding my Harley. It is a 2004 Harley-Davidson Softail Deuce. I enjoy going for rides with my brother and friends. We like to go to the local bike events to help support the community. We also like to help them with setting up the rides and especially ones that have anything to do with helping veterans. I enjoy attending rallies and entering my bike in the shows. I am very proud to be a USMC vet and my custom Softail Deuce. Just to name a few of the custom features on it: air ride, LED lights, stereo, drag bars, digital speedo, Vance & Hines pipes, custom painted out of Wisconsin, custom seat by Bone A Field Upholstery, lots of chrome and more.







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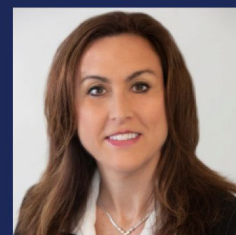
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# VETERANS CORNER



## Preparing for 2022 Riding Season

Welcome back, hope you all are doing well, if not, please don't hesitate to reach out for help.

I'm so ready for the riding season here in Michigan, actually I was ready 4 months ago LOL. I want to remind everyone before they go start up their bike that there are a few things you need to remember to do. First off, if you have been storing check for small animals or debris that may have gotten in somewhere they shouldn't have. If you didn't treat your fuel with a fuel stabilizer you might want to drain it. Change the oil and check all fluids. Inspect the Battery and check all electrical system. Examine the controls. Clean and lubricate chain, if it is belt driven ensure the belt is adjusted properly. Check brake pads and levers. Check Tires, tread and tire pressure. Inspect the spark plugs, let the engine run for a few minutes and listen for any strange noises. Check for loose bolts such as motor mounts, swingarm, axle, steering head fasteners, wheel balance and suspension. Also check the air pressure in the shocks for a comfortable ride. After performing a quick preventative maintenance on your motorcycle it's ready to ride, so enjoy your ride and be safe out there.

## How to Deal with Veteran's with PTSD

What is PTSD? (Posttraumatic Stress Disorder) is a mental health problem that some people develop after experiencing or witnessing a life-threatening event, like combat, a natural disaster, or sexual assault. It's normal to have upsetting memories, feel on edge, or have trouble sleeping after this type of event. It may be hard to do normal daily activities, to include spending time with people they care about. Most people start to feel better after a few weeks or months. If it's been longer than a few months you may have PTSD.

What are some of the symptoms of PTSD? There are four symptoms: reliving the event (nightmares, flashbacks, pr triggers), avoiding situations that remind you of the event, negative changes or feelings, feeling keyed up (hyper arousal). Remember symptoms may not be the same for everyone. There are many different treatments for many different people some can get rid of the symptoms altogether, others have fewer symptoms and others never get rid of them, but they learn to deal with it.

This is something I really need to address since so many veterans have PTSD or anxiety issues and there are so many people who have never been around or had to deal with someone with these issues. First and foremost, we are not proud or happy that we have this issue and most of the time we shut ourselves off from people due to it. But if you do have or know a veteran that is dealing with either or both of these please "LISTEN" If your veteran wants to talk about what they saw or experienced, encourage them to do so, **but MAINTAIN a non-judgmental attitude** as you listen, and be sure to give your full attention. If you want to ask questions keep them unintrusive. Don't ask if they have killed anyone. Don't ask them to put it behind them. Don't snap, even if they snap... go beyond by saying "Thank you for your service", most of them are going through a lot so they

would rather hear "Thank you for your Service, how can I help you? That way it gives the civilians a way to find out how they can get help if possible. Also, understand one thing if they do have an episode be understanding and don't take it personal. They are struggling so hard not to have this episode especially around people they love or know. It's hard enough for the veteran to be around people at times so try to make them feel comfortable and try to stay away from confrontational situations or issues. If you do find a veteran that needs help don't hesitate to reach out and provide them with information such as encouraging them to go to the VA for care, or connect them with the Veterans Crisis Line (800) 273-8255 or 211, or reach out to a family member or friend that can help or talk them down. There are so many rumors and myths about veterans and PTSD. After I had an episode around the holidays and how the person dealt with it -even though they were aware of it, not only upset me that it happened, but also upset me that they didn't handle it in a proper manner. So I'm asking all family and friends to be considerate and understanding and remember one thing don't take it personally...



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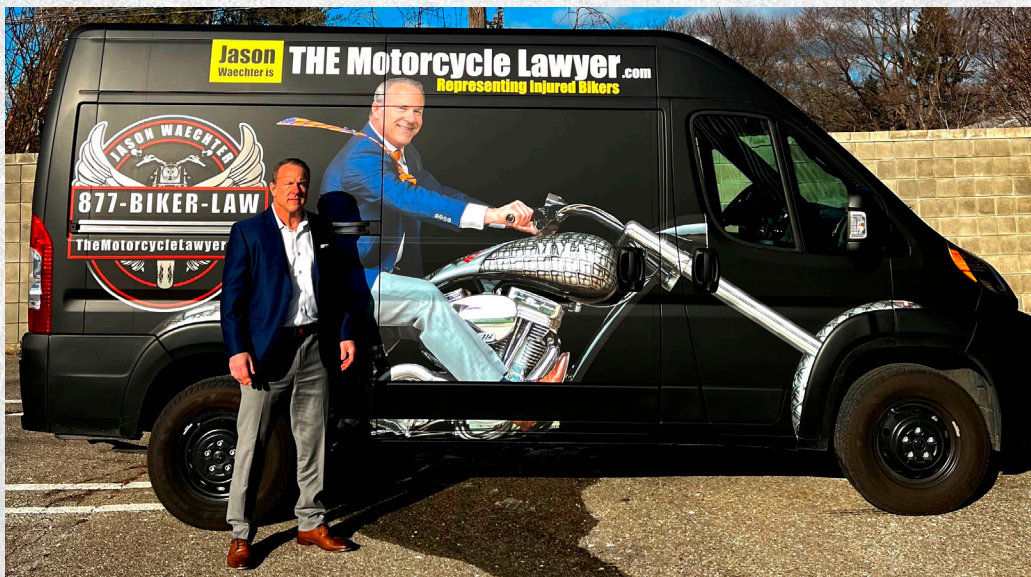
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## My Fellow Patriots and Riders,

It's the beginning of summer, don't forget to check your bikes and gear to make sure everything is up to par (that pun was for the golfers).

On the political front it's a mess to say the least. We have some Die Hard supporters for one candidate or another, some with good reason, some not. If you point out a reason not to vote for someone you get called a liar or at the least misinformed. I try to stay away from mudslinging, but I still believe (and this is just my opinion) we need a well rounded, Patriotic Candidate that can relate to the people of Michigan. What I mean by well rounded is someone with life's experiences, not someone who is in their 40's that's only had a couple of jobs. We need someone who has been in business for themselves, someone that can relate and understand the issues of small and big businesses, someone that understands the struggles of entrepreneurship. Someone who can actually say, "Been There Done That". Of the at least 17 potential candidates (it's really getting out of hand) I have yet to find ONE that can say that. We have doctors, real estate agents, police chiefs, millionaire businessmen and assorted other potential candidates- they all have their good points, but I have yet to see one well rounded with real LIFE experiences. However, if you watched the super bowl you may have seen a guy by the name of Perry Johnson jump into the game. As a former ISO 9000 auditor for GM this man may be worth taking a look at. I have been asked to run for Governor again (yes I ran the last time, but dirty politics kept me out), but I am going to sit this one out. However stay tuned...I have not given up on the people of the State of Michigan.



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# MOTO CAMPING: The Basics

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You've made the decision to start taking your scooter camping. Fantastic! It will add a whole new element of fun and a feeling of self-reliance to any long road trip and can also be a really enjoyable way to just have a weekend away on your motorcycle. If you have never taken your motorcycle camping it may seem a little intimidating. You might be concerned about having the right equipment. Maybe you saw some bike on the highway with gear stacked up twenty feet high and what looked like two hundred bungees and tie downs keeping it all in place. Breathe easy, it doesn't have to be that involved and it should always be fun.

For your first trip, you could load up and ride from Florida and California with plans of camping every night along the way. If you have never done this, though, I would recommend that you take a couple trips that are closer to home to start with. For the sake of simplicity in this article I will assume a basic overnight jaunt a few towns over and not a cross-country endeavor. I am very much a minimalist for trips on my motorcycle.

## To me - simple is better.

I know some of you prefer to have all the comforts of home. While it is entirely up to you what makes it enjoyable, to me a bunch of stuff detracts from the camp experience. When you start looking into gear remember to think small. Space on your motorcycle is at a premium. You will have to decide between what you NEED and what you WANT on a trip. I find most of my gear from the backpacking world. It is compact enough and perfect for motorcycle camping. After all, a sissy bar bag is essentially a backpack for your motorcycle.

Let's begin at the beginning. Distance and duration or the two "D"s as I call them, will be determining factors for the gear you will need and the amount thereof. First and foremost, Is your motorcycle mechanically sound for the trip you are planning? I know it sounds obvious but give your bike a good once over. Check fluids, tires, signals etc. I promise it is much better to take extra time now rather than having the trip end with a flat tire was because you didn't look to see belts showing. Now you're hours from home with a flat, your motorcycle loaded with camping gear. Please check your bike before leaving.



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**Editors Note:** This is the first in our dedicated MOTO CAMPING feature, which we plan on running regularly. If you would like to submit an article for this or any other subject, please email us at [Info@ReasonsToRide.com](mailto:Info@ReasonsToRide.com). If you'd like to recommend a camping spot or possibly have us feature a place you own – just let us know!



Here is a quick break down of basic gear I think is essential:

- **Rain-gear.** This one can't be over emphasized. Nothing will make you more miserable than being soaked to the core when you get to your spot and still have to set up camp. It is better to have it and not need it than need it and not have it.
- **Shelter/Tent.** There is an abundance of options to choose from in this category, You will have to do some research to figure out your which will fit your budget and needs best. I started with a fifty dollar, two person tent from Gander Mt years ago when I first began and it served me well. I have since upgraded to a Vuz Moto tent and am quite pleased with that. There are even pop-up style trailers specifically to pull behind your motorcycle, the sky is the limit.
- **Sleeping Pad.** This is one area I recommend splurging. After a day on the bike a good comfortable sleeping pad is worth it's weight in gold. I use the Sea to Summit Ultralight Insulated Air. It is pricey, but I get a good night's sleep every time I use it.
- **Sleeping bag/Pillow.** These are definitely personal preference just be certain you bring the right one for the weather you're planning on being in. I believe its better to have a warmer one than you think you need.
- **Camp chair.** Unless you don't mind sitting on the ground. A simple sleeve chair like you probably already have works fine to begin. As you get more into packing up your motorcycle you may look into smaller micro-chairs for the sake of saving space. I like my Wekapo Air Sofa. It's compact, comfortable and easy to use, great after a long ride.
- **Fire starter.** Matches or a lighter is the simplest way to go and does suffice. However, I have found a product called FireFlame that is compact to carry and completely waterproof it burns for 5 minutes even after being completely submerged, enough to ignite even wet timber piles. You can find it online for about fifteen bucks.

It really can be that simple.

A few of the creature comfort items that I do bring are items like a change of clothes, my camp coffee pot, an extra couple power cells for my cell phone and maybe an adult beverage or two.

When it comes to securing everything to your motorcycle, there are a ton of companies that make bags and accessories to take gear. With so many different bikes out there, I can't begin to tell you the best way for you. I ride a Street Glide I have a sissy bar. Using that and my saddle bags I would have no trouble bringing the stuff needed for an overnight stay at any nearby campground. Just be sure once everything is latched down to flick the tie downs and say, "that's not going anywhere". All joking aside, do your due diligence in securing your stuff to your motorcycle.

There are many groups on social media dedicated to motorcycle camping loaded with people willing to help answer any questions you may have. The more trips you take the clearer it will be to you what you did and didn't need to bring to make your trip more enjoyable for you.



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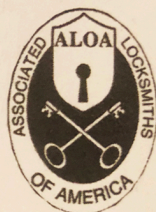
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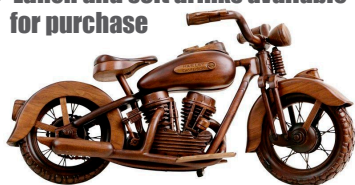
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# Biker Preacher's Corner

**Happy 2022 Riding Season my brothers and sisters!!!**

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Let me explain. There are times in life, and for people like me, in ministry that there are painful decisions that have to be made and then acted on. That's what happened for me last year – I had to make several decisions that affected some people that I dearly love. Yet, those decisions had to be made and I'm glad I did because the outcome has righted wrongs, has ushered in unspeakable peace and God is bring healing to people's lives and is making all things new. The Bible tells us in **Luke 7:35 "Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children."** (CSB)

So, it's springtime 2022 and maybe there are some things in your life that are demanding your attention. Some decisions that must be made and you find yourself in a mental struggle not even wanting to think about the issues and problems. Maybe there are a few 'friends' that you need distance yourself from because they lead you down roads of bad decisions or maybe there are habits and behaviors that must be corrected.

Let me share with you my process – it works!! First, go to God and Pray about the issues and situations – ask God for His divine direction and involvement – He will take you to His Word, the Bible, and show you your next steps and the reasons why. Know He will always be with you every step of the way.

Just remember God loves you so His direction is always in a loving fatherly manner and it's because He loves you that He works all things out for your good. We just have to follow His lead!

**Romans 8:28 "We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."** (CSB)

The best decision that you can make this spring – even now. Is to ask the Lord Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Savior. I'm telling you right now – no matter how difficult life gets He is always there for you and with you and knowing that He paid for your sinful life decision - takes a huge weight off the shoulders of your conscience. Jesus truly is the Prince of Peace.

Also, Romans 5:8 says "But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (CSB)

Please understand that because of God's love for mankind as a whole and you, as an individual, He made a way for you and I to have a divine relationship with Himself. His name is Jesus.

I pray we all have a very safe and awesome riding season this year! God loves you bikers and so do I.

Much Love, Honor & Respect,

**Apostle Brian "BMAN" McKay**

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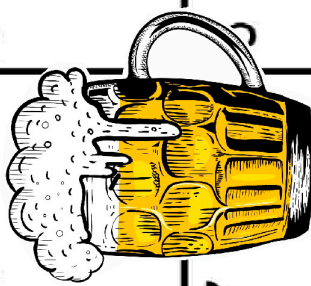
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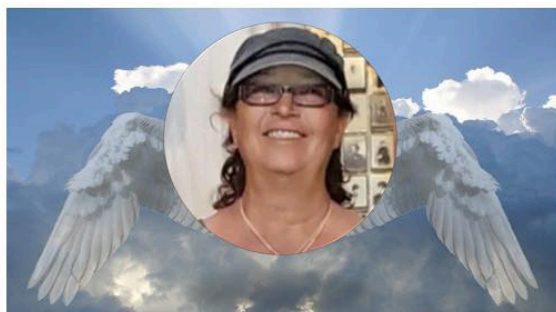
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# Sport Touring Corner

By Norm Kern, MSTA Editor /  
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## Getting Older Without Getting Old- Extending Your Riding Years

### Part 1- Downsizing

2021 has been a good riding season for me- attended a dozen sport touring rallies with over sixty travel days, enjoyed many one-day rides and even a few adventure and dual-sport events. Am fortunate to have had good health this year- plenty of energy and no aches or pains- but know it won't be that way forever. As the years continue to roll by, I'll have to make adjustments and eventually retire from riding, something all of us will have to face.



One way to keep riding at an older age is to downsize to a lighter bike. My Yamaha FJR weighs about 650 pounds. The full body work can make a simple tip-over a traumatic and expensive event. Getting turned around on a narrow country road requires care and strength, especially if there's any loose gravel around. That's the situation now. In the future, I may have no choice but to ride a smaller, lighter bike due to declining body strength and other health issues



It's time to find out how well I can get along with a smaller, lighter bike, so last Fall I purchased a 2017 Suzuki 650 V-Strom XT. (Suzuki also makes a 1000cc V-Strom, so the 650 is often

referred to as the "Wee" Strom) It's a versatile road bike that can do everything from long distance trips on highways to hilly, twisty back roads. I was already familiar with the V-Strom line, having



ridden one about 1800 miles on a UK trip in 2016. The Wee weighs about 480 pounds and its two cylinders make about 72 HP, placing in right in the middle between the 140 HP FJR and my 315 pound, 40 HP, single cylinder Suzuki DRZ400 dual sport bike.





Even though the Wee is a lighter bike, the ergonomics are quite good for me- wheelbase, footpegs, handlebars, seat height etc, are very comparable to the way my FJR is set up. The 5.3 gallon tank provides a solid 200 mile range. The gearing and low vibration characteristics of the 90 degree V-twin motor offer plenty of acceleration and enough power to do long runs on the interstate.

OTOH, the Wee seat was only good for about 100 miles before pain set in. Getting used to it extended the pain threshold to 200 miles, but I was long since spoiled by the Russell Day-Long seat on the FJR. With it, there's never any pain regardless, so I had a Russell Sport model seat made for the Wee. The Sport model has slightly smaller support "wings" on the sides than the regular model and is a perfect match for the Wee's other intended purpose, which I'll talk about next.



Back when I was young I rode enduros and other off-road events, so I love exploring back roads, especially ones with gravel and dirt. When I pass them on the FJR, I want to explore, but it's not the right bike for the job. I still have the Suzuki DRZ400, which is great for that and much rougher stuff, but it's uncomfortable and tedious to ride for any distance on pavement. There's no way I would ride it a hundred miles or so on pavement with its full knobby tires and limited top speed.



Besides, the roads I currently want to explore are the nicer, improved dirt and gravel roads- no big ruts, piles of rocks, deep creek crossings, steep hills or mud. The Wee is a road bike, but has adequate suspension and ground clearance for riding on roads like these, and the larger 19 inch front wheel of my XT model rolls over rough stuff more easily than the 17 inch one found on most V Stroms.

The Wee is not a premium bike and its biggest weakness is the front suspension. The springs are too soft and damping is too stiff, so I installed a Cogent Dynamics spring and valving kit that improved it considerably. I also added a tank bag mount, GPS & phone mounts, heated grips, heated gear controller, taller windshield for cold weather, hand shields and a throttle lock. (Do miss the electronic cruise control like on the FJR though!)

I rode the Wee about 7000 miles this season, including a couple of rallies. (rode about 12000 on the FJR) It's the ticket for poorly maintained county back roads, mild dirt and gravel. The Michelin Anakee Adventure tires do an adequate job loose surfaces while being excellent on pavement, so I can throw the Wee around with a bit more freedom than the FJR. Absolutely love the flexibility of the bike and will probably ride it even more next season!



Has the FJR's day in the sun passed? Eventually it will be too big and heavy for me, but that's a ways off. For now, if the rally destination roads are all pavement, a long haul, or weather could be dicey, I will be on the FJR. The electric adjustable windshield and fairing protect me better from rain and cold. Electronic cruise, smoothness and power make 500+ mile days easy. Superior brakes, suspension and good handling make it fun in the twisties despite the weight, and I can still ride the wheels off of it.

Having both of these excellent road bikes on hand now enables me to make a smooth transition in the future as needed.

**Next month, we'll explore another tool for extending your riding years in Part 2: Trailering to Events**

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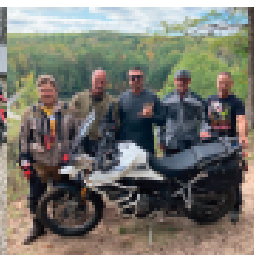
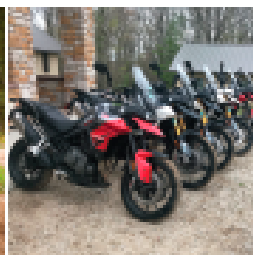


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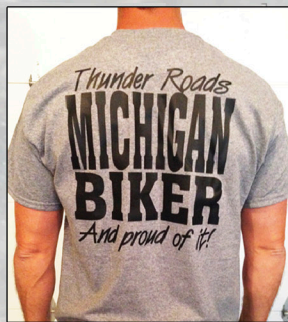


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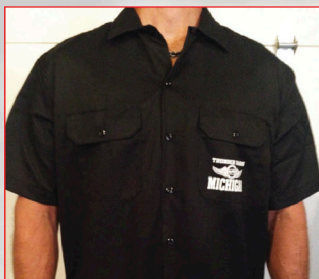
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## NOW WHERE WERE WE?

BY RICK WYATT



Well did y'all miss me? I hope so because I missed doing this article the last few months. Now with the customary pleasantries out of the way, I will start right in being a pain in the ass, hopefully for you own good! Last year I told you on more than one occasion that if you put your hunting firearm (s) were not working properly when you cased them up at the close of hunting season, there was no reason to believe they would work any better when you get them back out in the fall. I mean I have never heard of a "gun shaman" or "munitions mystic" that flits about in the dead of night repairing bang sticks with magical incantations or outright voodoo. Folks, that just doesn't happen, so we must do the next best thing, take the problem somewhere and get it fixed! This is probably the best time of year to get repairs done because the gun business tends to slow down after Christmas and then it picks back up at tax time, then it slows down again when the refund checks stop. Anyway, most shops that have a repair services available would welcome the work for their smith and help avoid the usual last-minute panic we all see just before hunting season.

Another soap box sermon from last year has to do with ammunition, more specifically the availability of many of the most popular hunting calibers. I know that there is a lot of ammo on the shelves right now, but let me assure you that what you are seeing may be an optical illusion and it is possible the specific rounds you want are not available, and even if they are available now, there is a good chance they may not be come hunting season. The simple remedy is when you find what you use on the shelf this time of year buy what you will need for hunting season and set it aside. As tempting as it will become to dip into your hunting reserve ammunition, don't do it because it is incredible how fast shelves empty if there is a bullet panic like the ones we have seen over and over again the last couple of years and as far as waiting for the prices to come down—shop around but as a general rule it ain't gonna happen in this political climate.

Now for something fresh. Part of my bucket list is to go on a true western elk hunt and see if I can bring home a giant rack and a freezer full of meat. At the same time, I have come to realize that I no longer enjoy the recoil generated by the most common trophy elk calibers such as the .300 and .338 magnums and while I don't remember the kick when I have pulled down on a buck on the hunt; I do remember being left black and blue after sighting in a couple of different rifles and

one particular shotgun I have owned. Anyways, a couple of years ago I started reading accounts of trophy elk and mule deer hunts and noticed that many of the hunters were using a 6.8 Western in place of the heavier recoil magnums. It took a while, but I finally started looking into this round and was impressed with what I learned. First, the 6.8 Western is the same diameter as the .270 but has a longer, heavier projectile which translates into greater penetration down range. This characteristic also makes it superior to the plethora of 6 and 6.5 mm available and shoots much flatter than .308 and 30.06. But the beauty of the 6.8 is found in the recoil charts where it is seen to be a pussycat compared to the traditional elk guns but still capable of being effective out to as much 1,000 yards. Beyond that the heavy magnums still rule but how many of us will be in a position where we will be taking a thousand-yard shot? I don't know about you but I am not into self-abuse for the sake of bragging rights.

I took enough interest to look at availability of firearms in the 6.8 caliber and discovered that both Winchester and Browning have builds available, of course they are also the predominant manufacturers of the 6.8 cartridge. The most noticeable difference between their offerings is that Winchester comes in a 1:8" twist and the Browning is slightly tighter at 1:7.5". Projectiles for the rounds are boat tailed 165, 170, and 175 grain; all boat tails with the 165gr leaving the muzzle at 2900fps and the 175gr still holding 1774 ft-lb penetrating energy at 500 yards, hitting harder than a 180gr 300 WinMag. I have not been able to track down any information, but I think the faster twist in the Browning barrel will stabilize the 175gr projectiles faster and shoot flatter and offer better performance in the long run than the 165gr. By the same token it is possible that the slower twist Winchester is well suited for the 165gr offering optimum performance but may be a bit slow for 175gr. By elimination I suspect that the 170gr bullets are built to give adequate but not optimum performance from either barrel, more importantly it won't offer near as tight of groups at long range as you may want.

I probably should not have written this article because I think I will be looking in earnest to find a 6.8 that I can at least get in my hands and hopefully shoot a couple of times. If it is near as good as I have read, one will find its way into the safe before fall, strange how that happens isn't it?

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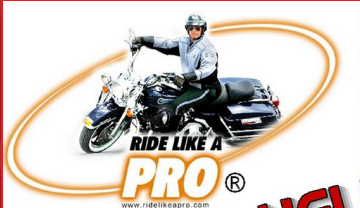
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4/02/22 07:00 PM

### Bowling for Motorcycle Rights

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708 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte, MI 48192  
Tony 313-613-4703

tmedina415@gmail.com

4/03/22 10:00 AM

### 39th Annual Grand Rapids Motorcycle Swap Meet

Admission \$9 per Adult, Children 12 and under are FREE Bike Judging by Dan Lummis from Diggers Speed Shop  
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Grand Rapids, MI 49544  
800-800-6034  
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## NORTHERN MICHIGAN EVENTS

4/03/22 11:00 AM

### Kickstart Sunday Service

KickStart Sunday Service is our weekly Sunday morning worship service at Victory Biker Church International.  
Victory Biker Church

12190 Miller Rd, Lennon, MI 48449  
810-271-0002

info@victorybikerchurch.org

4/06/22 07:00 PM

### Pit Stop Bible Study

PitStop Bible Study is our weekly time of prayer, worship, and Study of God's Word - the Bible.

Victory Biker Church  
12190 Miller Rd, Lennon, MI 48449

810-271-0002

info@victorybikerchurch.org

## CENTRAL MICHIGAN EVENT

4/09/22 10:00 AM

### Motorcycle Mecca Motorcycle Show

The Motorcycle Mecca Bike Show will be held on Saturday, April 9th - Sunday, April 10th, 2022 in Warren, Michigan. This Warren motorcycle event is held at Macomb Community Colleges Sports & Expo Center .  
Macomb Community College

14500 E 12 Mile Rd, Warren, MI 48088  
Ty Hicks 248-722-0098

thicks@motomecca.bike

4/09/22 02:30 PM

### Run for the Son Bowling Tournament & Auction

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## SOUTHERN MICHIGAN EVENTS

4/16/22 10:00 AM

### Motorcycle Safety Refresher Class

Refresher class. For more info contact Brian.

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4/16/22 08:00 PM

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**4/16/22 10:00 AM**

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**4/19/22 09:00 AM**

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**4/23/22 10:00 AM**

### **Chapter Meeting & Ride**

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**4/23/22 10:00 AM**

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## CENTRAL MICHIGAN EVENT

**4/24/22 12:00 PM**

### **2nd Annual Blessing of the Bikes**

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**4/24/22 10:00 AM**

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## SOUTHERN MICHIGAN EVENTS

**4/30/22 08:00 AM**

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**4/30/22 07:00 AM**

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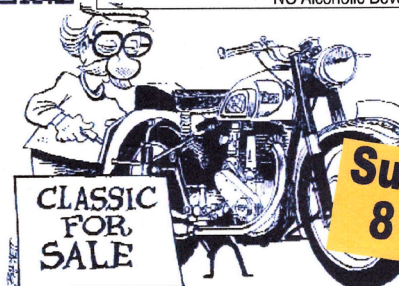
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**SUNDAY**  
**MAY 29, 2022**



**Saturday May 28, 2022 - Bike Night Candlelight Vigil**

Location - Sandy's Harley Davidson Fremont, MI. 3pm - 7pm

**Sunday May 29, 2022, Ride for Freedom**

Location - Hot Rod Harley Davidson Muskegon, MI. Kick stands up 8 am.

Arriving to the Belding War memorial 9:30am. Capital Harley Davidson at 1pm to line up for the demonstration ride to the state capital.

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**5/01/22 09:00 AM****5th Annual Metro Detroit AMCA  
Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet**

This is an antique centered swap meet where it is encouraged that the parts or bikes for sale are primarily of 35 years or older.

**\*\* Pre-registration highly encouraged \*\***

Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds  
751 S Almont Ave,  
Imlay City, MI 48444  
Ryan Curtis 248-842-6799  
metrodetroitamca@gmail.com

**5/01/22 11:00 AM****Kickstart Sunday Service**

KickStart Sunday Service is our weekly Sunday morning worship service at Victory Biker Church International.

Victory Biker Church  
12190 Miller Rd, Lennon, MI 48449  
810-271-0002  
info@victorybikerchurch.org

**5/01/22 08:00 PM****22nd Annual Blessing of the Bikers**

The Blessing of the Bikers. Started in 2000 it has become a premier event to kick off the riding season. More than just another "blessing" it is an opportunity to see Truth presented and lives changed. Of course, we have good food and fun at the same time.

Church of the Living Word  
1100 N. Ovid Rd, Ovid, MI 48866  
989-834-5950  
info@cotlw.org

**5/04/22 07:00 PM****Pit Stop Bible Study**

PitStop Bible Study is our weekly time of prayer, worship, and Study of God's Word - the Bible.

Victory Biker Church  
12190 Miller Rd, Lennon, MI 48449  
810-271-0002  
info@victorybikerchurch.org

**5/05/22 08:00 AM****Midwest Motorcycle Training Class**

Great class for beginners soon after you get your license. Get more confidence riding Your own Motorcycle. 8am-4pm

The Range  
1639 East 14 Mile Road,  
Troy, Michigan 48083  
248-855-4444

mmtkathy@aol.com

**5/06/22 07:00 AM****48th Annual Original Mini-Rally**

BMW Club of Battle Creek will return to Circle Pines Center in Delton, MI for the 48th Annual Original Mini Rally in 2022.

Circle Pines Center  
8650 Mullen Rd, Delton, MI 49046  
Mike Hart 269-317-9951  
batharx46x@comcast.net

**5/06/22 03:00 PM****GingerMan Raceway Bike Night**

Join Sportbike Track Time for a motorcycle track day at GingerMan Raceway and enjoy the thrill and excitement of your motorcycle's true power in the safest way possible! Our Bike Nights run the standard 3 group format (Intermediate, Advance and Novice). Registration opens at 3 p.m. and the track is hot from 5 p.m. until dusk!

GingerMan Raceway  
61414 Co Rd 388,  
South Haven, MI 49090  
888-390-4020  
info@sportbiketracktime.com

**5/07/22 10:00 AM****International Female Day Ride**

Calling all the ladies! Sheri Alley makes her first debut at MotorCity Harley, while she hosts the 1st Annual International Female Day Ride! Donuts/ coffee for those who attend the 50 mile ride. Afterwards, come check out the vendors, have some lunch, & get a FREE bike wash. Registration starts at 10am, don't be late!

Motor City Harley-Davidson  
24800 Haggerty Rd,  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
248-473-7433  
marketing@motorcityharley.com

**5/13/22 10:30 AM****49th Annual Blessing of Bikes  
Festival**

There will be vendors set up all over the town of Baldwin coming from all over the country, and giant food fest all week end. Camping is available. Sponsored by Para Dice Motorcycle Club

Lake County Chamber of Commerce  
895 Michigan Ave, Baldwin, MI 49304  
800-800-6034  
paragonleather@yahoo.com

**5/13/22 05:00 PM****Grattan Raceway Track Time Race  
Certificate Class**

Join us for track time at Grattan Raceway the day before WERA! Track direction will always follow the same direction WERA is running that weekend. If WERA changes direction, STT will change direction to follow.

Grattan Raceway  
7201 Lessiter Rd NE, Belding, MI 48809  
888-390-4020  
info@sportbiketracktime.com

**5/13/22 08:00 AM****Baldwin Blessing of Bikes Festival  
2022**

Paragon Promotion presents the 49th Annual Blessing of Bikes Festival in Baldwin Michigan  
Camping is available.  
Baldwin, Michigan, 49304  
(800) 800-6034 - Gill  
paragonleather@yahoo.com

**5/14/22 12:00 PM****Bea Malleck's Memorial Run**

Camping, Entertainment, Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle/ Rain or Shine  
Sanilac County Evergreen Park

4731 N. Van Dyke Road Cass City, MI  
Merry 734-652-9739  
abatemichsecretary@frontier.com

**5/14/22 12:00 PM****ALR-141 Blessing of the Bikes**

Join the American Legion Riders of Devereaux Post-141 (Howell, MI) for their annual "Blessing of the Bikes" on Saturday, May 14, 2022, beginning at noon. A \$5.00 donation will go to support the veteran services of the Post. Food and beverages will be available for sale.

American Legion Post 141  
3265 W Grand River Ave,  
Howell, MI 48855  
thehowellamericanlegion@gmail.com

**5/19/22 06:00 PM****Tecumseh Classic Car & Bike Show  
- MAY**

Come show off YOUR classic car or motorcycle! Plaques will be given to the first 50 cars & bikes that are registered. Free registration. Canned good donation suggested.

Old National Bank  
205 E Chicago Blvd,  
Tecumseh, MI 49286  
517-424-6555

**5/21/22 10:00 AM****2022 Demo Days**

It's our 2022 DEMO DAYS! Join us to test ride the 2022 Harley-Davidson models!

\*weather-permitting, endorsement required  
Battle Creek Harley-Davidson  
5738 Beckley Rd,  
Battle Creek, MI 49015  
Kelly 269-979-2233  
kmoakley@battlecreekharley.com

**5/21/22 07:00 AM****Grattan Raceway Track Time**

\$10 gate fee per day (bring cash with you)  
Gates open around 5pm Friday and close at midnight, then 7am Sat & Sun  
Camping is allowed  
Tech 7:30am (you must register before you tech)  
MANDATORY riders meeting 8:30am  
No concessions available (closed permanently); PLEASE COME PREPARED!  
Garages available with electricity

Grattan Raceway  
7201 Lessiter Rd NE,  
Belding, MI 48809  
888-390-4020

info@sportbiketracktime.com

**5/21/22 11:00 AM****19th Annual Dillinger Ride**

\$15/person \$25/couple. Sign up 11am. Run starts at 12pm. Meal after run. Raffle & prizes.  
Lewisville Smoke  
4711 E. Kinde Rd, Port Hope, MI 48468  
989-428-3056

**5/22/22 08:00 AM****Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet**

Buy, Sell, Trade - All kinds of New & Used Motorcycle Parts and Accessories  
New and used parts for American, Japanese, British, Euro, Dirt Bikes and More. Leather, Patches, T-Shirts, Jewelry and all kinds of bikes and what-nots for sale.

Monroe County Fairgrounds  
3775 S Custer, Monroe, MI 48161  
Buzz Walneck 630-985-2097

**5/22/22 09:00 AM****Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet and  
Vintage Motorcycle Show**

Thirteenth Annual Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet and Vintage Motorcycle Show. Motorcycles and motorcycle parts 1987 and older. Admission \$5.00 under 16 Free. Rain or Shine Food Vendors on site.

St. Joseph County Fairgrounds  
498 E Main St, Centreville, MI 49032  
David Lehr 269-599-2938  
detourdad@aol.com

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# FUNNY STUFF

An 80 year old man went to the doctor for a check-up and the doctor was amazed at what good shape the guy was in. The doctor asked, "To what do you attribute your good health?"

The old timer said, "I'm a dirt biker and that's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up well before daylight on Sundays and out sliding around corners, "shootin" sand washes and riding up and down the steepest, gnarliest hills I can find at the crack of dawn."

The doctor said, "Well, I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your dad when he died?" The old timer said, "Who said my dad's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean you're 80 years old and your dad's still alive? How old is he?"

The old timer said, "He's 99 years old and, in fact, he went riding with me this Sunday, and that's why he's still alive... he's a dirt biker."

The doctor said, "Well, that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it. How about your dad's dad? How old was he when he died?"

The old timer said, "Who said my grandpa's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean you're 80 years old and your grandfather's still living! How old is he?"

The old timer said, "He's 117 years old."

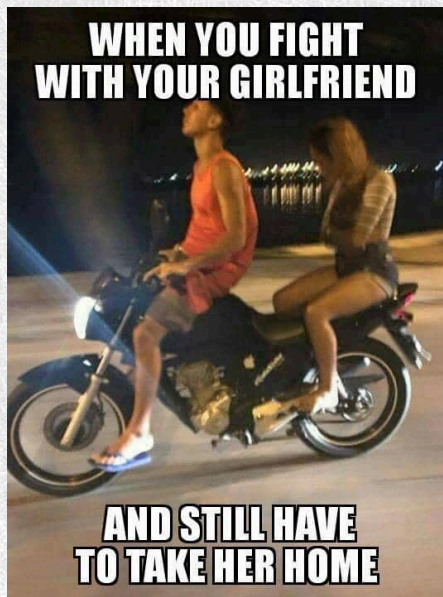
The doctor was getting frustrated at this point and said, "I guess he went dirt bikin' with you this Sunday too?"

The old timer said, "No... Grandpa couldn't go this week because he got married."

The Doctor said in amazement, "Got married!! Good Lord!!! Why would a 117-year-old guy want to get married?"

The old timer said, "Who said he wanted to?"

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Driving through Southern California, I stopped at a roadside stand that sold fruit, vegetables and crafts. As I went to pay, I noticed the young woman behind the counter was painting a sign. "Why the new sign?" I asked. "My boyfriend didn't approve of the old one," she said. When I glanced at what hung above the counter, I understood. It declared: "Local Honey Dates Nuts"

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Old ranch owner John farmed a small ranch in Montana. The Montana Wage and Hour Department claimed he was not paying proper wages to his workers and sent an agent out to interview him.

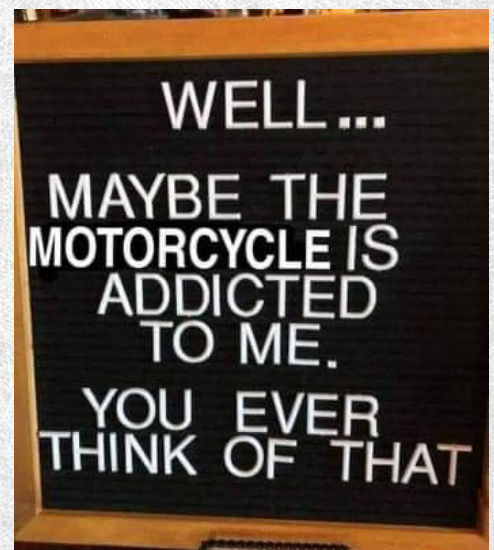
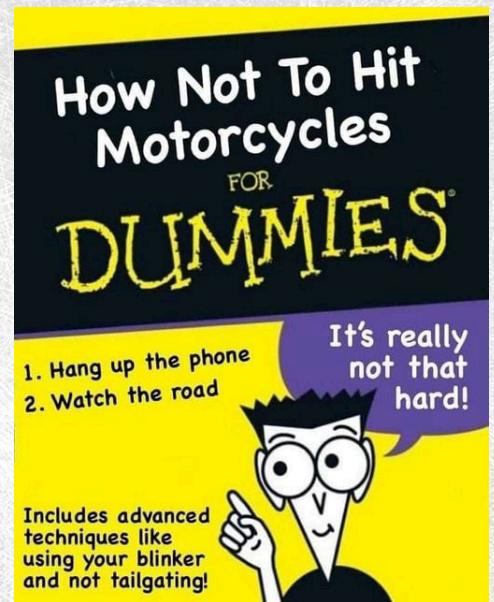
'I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them,' demanded the agent.

'Well,' replied old John, 'There's my ranch hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$600 a week plus free room and board. The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$500 a week plus free room and board. Then there's the half-wit who works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own room and board and I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night.'

'That's the guy I want to talk to, the half-wit,' says the agent.

'That would be me,' replied old rancher John.

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