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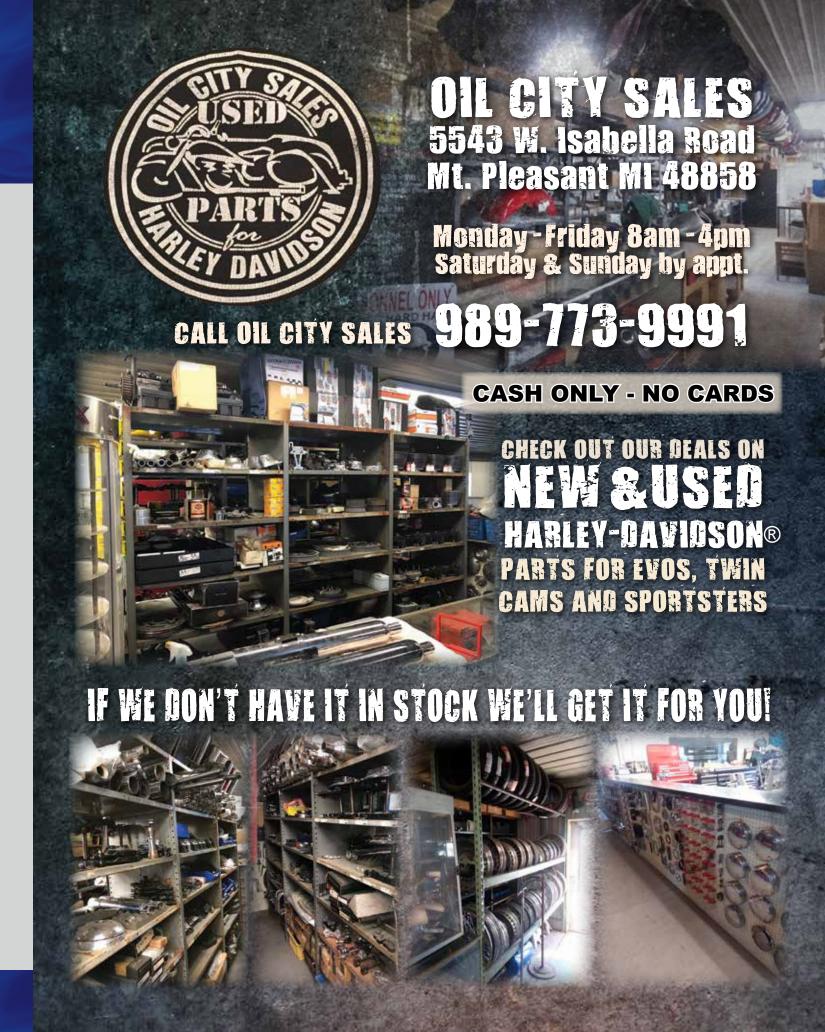
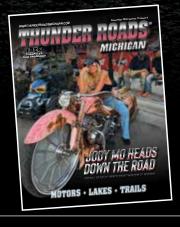


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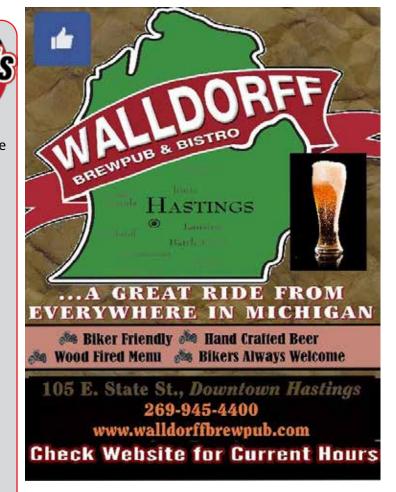
HOT RODS TOPICS

y dear friend Jody, it was a very sad day when I heard you were not going to working on Thunder Roads Magazine anymore. You have been a true friend and your honesty and dedication to the biker world is second to none! You have helped our organization, which has grown and become exactly what we had hoped for by being a client of yours for the past several years. The opportunity we've had to help needy organizations, like AFSP, American Legion, Fisher House in Ann Arbor, Milan High School "Buddy Benches", AID in Milan, Compassion Ministry, Milan Police Department, Foster Care Children in Adrian, Ele's Place, Gabby's Ladder, Foundation 14, and local families for Christmas in these hard times has helped us fulfill our mission. You would be surprised how many bikers we run across in our poker runs and special events who tell us about the good things we try to do and you can take credit for spreading the word for us. We deeply appreciate all you have done to help support us. We would also like to shout out to Jason Waechter "The Motorcycle Lawyer" at 877-biker-law. He is one of the most honest lawyers a person could ask for. Hot Rods Motorcycle Awareness and Suicide Prevention Foundation will keep on truckin' but we will miss you dearly. As we close out yet another year, we send holiday greetings and wishes for a Merry Christmas and good things for the upcoming year!

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

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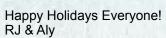
lease allow us to introduce ourselves: our names are RJ and Aly. For us to say that we are excited to share this journey with you, would be an understatement! For now, here is a little bit about ourselves. Although, we are planted in the Tri-City area, our roots travel throughout Northern and Lower Michigan. Our central location blesses us with many opportunities to discover new adventures and places to make new memories at. Combined, we have been riding for 40 plus years and yes, we do ride our own bikes most of the time! We don't care what you ride... as long as you ride! There might even be proof that RJ has ridden on the back of Aly's bike a couple of times, but good luck finding that proof...lol.

Our bucket-list is a long one and Sturgis is definitely towards the top of the list. I know, I know, we can't believe we haven't been there yet either! However, on the very top of the list for 2023 is to be married. We've recently become engaged and a lot of our friends and family are reading this and mumbling "it's about time", we couldn't agree more! We look forward to our future together, doing the things we love most and calling it "work."

Over the past couple years, we have both dreamt of melding our hobbies in such a way that we could call it work. In all of the ideas that we tossed at each other, we never thought of owning a magazine. Let alone, Thunder Roads Michigan! Well, it didn't take very long at all to realize that this was just what we were looking for. We have to thank God for opening the doors to this next chapter of our lives. There are no words to express our gratitude to Jody Mo for having the faith and trust in us to share such an opportunity as this is. We are honored to continue on with her legacy and expand on her vision. Also, a huge thank you to the founders of Thunder Roads Magazine®; Toni and Brian for believing in us. The strength and support they have shown to us is a testament to the Thunder Roads® network.

As we begin our journey as the new owners / publishers of Thunder Roads Magazine® Michigan, we have found that our passion for Ridin' and Jeep'n is shared with a lot of other Michiganders who also enjoy the seasonal outdoors that our beautiful state has to offer. Yes, we'll always be Michigan's Motorcycle

Magazine first, and we will continue to keep the magazine FREE to you the readers (thanks to our sponsors). We look forward to sharing our vision and new adventures with you in the MOTORS LAKES TRAILS segment.







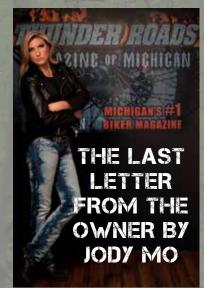








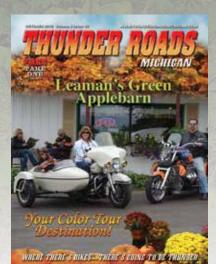




 ¶ here do I even begin? Looking back over the last 10 years I am filled with so much
 gratitude and joy having been able to own/publish this great magazine. I remember when I first took over thinking, "Who am I to do this", "Will people accept me as the new owner". "Will I be good enough?" I knew I could not compete with the great Joe and Pam legacy, nor did I want to, I just knew I had great shoes to fill and had to believe in myself in order to be successful. Hence the beginning of. "Jody Mo"- with the help and training from Joe and Pam and Freddy P (all previous owners) I began my journey. What a great journey it has been. I have learned so much over the last decade and will forever be grateful to have had the honor and privilege to represent Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan and the biker community. I truly feel so blessed for having had this experience. I felt like everything in my life had led me up to doing this. There are so many people that have helped me and been a great part of this publication throughout the last decade. I will do my best to mention everyone, but I know there are so many others that I can't possibly list everyone, but thank you for being a part of something greater than ourselves and helping in whatever ways it was to make this publication what it is, thank you! To everyone that has helped and supported me throughout this journey, thank you! Thank you to the advertisers that have been with me since the beginning and have never stopped supporting the publication (even throughout a pandemic): Tombstone Hearse Co., Hunts Hog Shop, Jason Waechter- The Motorcycle Lawyer, and seasonally Walldorff

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A DECADE TO REMEMBER...



2012

October 2012 Cover: One of this first covers I directed featuring my daughter Emilee in my mom's sidecar, my mom reading a Thunder Roads Magazine® Michigan in the background, Gary Warner (sales rep at the time), and my cousin Eric (sales rep) that passed away tragically years ago and his wife Brenda.



2014 Very First Thunder Fun Night 2014

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October 2014 Cover- Billy D gets new camera equipment and we do a photo shoot in the dark, so funny! We all have learned along the way.

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2015

March 2015 Cover-Features Herman Moore **Detroit Lions Legend**





May 2015 Cover- My first time featured on the cover. I thought the background didn't matter, thanks again Ed for saving me on this one. Many lessons learned









2016

February 2016 Cover- features a very special Breast Cancer ribute bike built by Jody owner of Reflections Custom Cycles (loyal advertiser for many years).



June 2016 Cover- So many good memories from this rally sure do miss it!

2017

June 2017 Cover- What a monster this issue was at 96 pages! Not the highest page count I ever had (100 pages was

the highest), but I remember laying on the floor in my office after already working 110 hours that week on the magazine absolutely exhausted. Also such a proud moment when I partnered with Ogemaw Hills and featured their Rally Guide in that issue.



The 5th year for the Ride n' Win Contest. It was a huge hit, but a lot of work for me. Many hours/days working each month on this.





2020 Thunder Roads® Michigan's 1st Calendar (Mama Moe said Jody you

need to be on the cover of this calendar, so I was cover/back cover and each month featured a different model/bike).

2021

The year I went to only

2021 Thunder Roads® Michigan's 2nd Calendar (I learned a lot from the 1st one, which I am proud of, but this one I am super proud of). Plus it features a few celebrities like Matt DiRito (now former bassist from Pop Evil).



My first Jody Mo poster.





2022

Pic 13? not in folder?

A DECADE OF MEMORIES...









MET SOME CELEBRITIES...























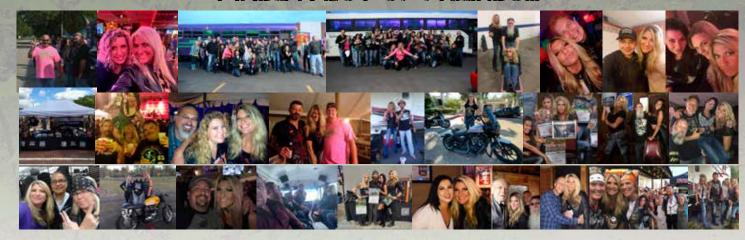




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MADE A LOT OF FRIENDS...



THANK YOU...

Lastly, but most importantly, thank you to my dad who taught me about riding and working on bikes. So many memories out in my dad's motorcycle shop- Moe's Cycle Shop, forever grateful for those times. RIP Moe. Thank you to my mom, many people call her, "Mama Moe" for supporting me by helping me deliver mags all these years and setting up the display at countless events. We have had a lot of fun. Also, thank you to the founders of Thunder Roads, Toni and Brian for giving me a chance and believing in me. I hope that you all will support the new owners as you have done for





me. They are such amazing people and have so many wonderful ideas on growing this publication. I could not ask for 2 more perfect people to continue on a cherished magazine, I know it is in good hands. So let's support them in their new journey as owners/publishers of The Thunder Roads Magazine® of Michigan.

NOW FOR SOME "MO" ADVICE: THERE'S A LOT THIS MONTH

You never know what life has in store for you. Follow your heart and your direction on the path to take will appear. Always believe in yourself. When you no longer are growing then it's time for a new path. Always live life to the fullest, because you never know if there will be a tomorrow. Do good things in life because Karma is a bitch. Be grateful for what you have in order to get more of it. Take time to enjoy the fruits of your labor. Don't be afraid to love, take chances or fail. None of us get out of here alive, so get to livin'.

God Bless Everyone, Thank You for 10 Amazing Years!





Roads Magazine® of Michigan Signing off

READERS RIDES JUSTIN JOHNSON (JJ)

McCord's All American Cycle Shop Jackson, Ml

This is my 1948 Harley-Davidson WL Sport Solo My name is JJ and I have worked in the motorcycle industry since 1997.

I currently serve as Assistant Sales Manager at Vehicle City Harley-Davidson in Flint, MI. I purchased this bike as a basket case about 5 years ago and spent the following 2 years turning it into the period correct bobber you see here.

The bike was built with the intention of taking it to the Race of Gentleman in 2020, however due to the pandemic those plans were not feasible.

The bike was invited to be displayed at Randy "Detroit" Hayward's Detroit Antique Motorcycle show in 2021.

This bike has since been used as an almost daily rider for bombing around the Dexter area where I live, and exploring all of the wonderful dirt roads of Southeast Michigan. My future plans include participating in the Motorcycle Chase cross country endurance ride









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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL THE VETERANS!

■he holidays are often a joyous time for many — full of festivities, time with family, and the hustle and bustle that comes along with the season.

However, sometimes it can be a challenging period when a person may not feel up to celebratory company. The holidays can even be a lonely time for those who are separated from beloved family and friends. "It's the most wonderful time of the year" may not ring especially true for some veterans, active-duty military members and their families. These groups can be susceptible to feelings of sadness, confusion and isolation during this time as a result of their experiences, distance or time away related to their service. For those suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder, social events, loud noises and other things related to the holidays can be overwhelming at the least and triggering at the worst.

"If a veteran knows that he's going to have a hard time going out in public, then it would helpful if he could trust his family members and friends enough to say, 'I'm going to have a hard time going out in public". While difficult to statistically quantify PTSD in veterans with exactness, it does vary by service area".

According to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and the National Center for PTSD, between 11 and 20 percent of veterans who served in either Operations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom have PTSD in a given year. It is estimated that 30 percent of Vietnam War veterans have experienced PTSD in their lifetime. "The focus is not on people that have psychotic disorders such as schizophrenia or anything that's considered a severe persistent mental illness. It's more focused on PTSD, adjustment disorders, depression, and anxiety,'

PTSD, deployment and the residual effects of being in the service can have an impact on the entire family. "It is especially hard for the children who are very young when their mom or dad has been deployed that they don't recognize their father or mother when they

"There is a readjustment and learning period that goes on when a deployed person is reintroduced into his or her family's daily life. Additionally, as families adjust the veteran or service member is also adjusting. He or she may be getting reacclimated into civilian life, while also struggling with the traumatic experiences they witnessed overseas." When a loved one is suffering from PTSD it can be hard to know how to act around them for fear of startling them or making them uncomfortable."It can have a huge impact on the family."

"So, a lot of family members feel like they simply can't be themselves. That creates a whole set of stressors for that family member." Although PTSD is not uncommon in veterans and military members, there is still a stigma attached to mental illness. One veteran confessed that he didn't want to be seen as the "weak link in the chain" but then realized the strongest thing he ever did was seek help.

Seasonal Affective Disorder is another condition associated with feeling sad or blue during certain times of the year. It is a disorder that triggers symptoms of depression, most commonly in the fall or winter. In the fall and winter there is less sunlight, hence it is sometimes called winter depression.

Psychiatrists and other mental health clinicians diagnose depression by documenting low or sad mood, irritability, feeling of guilt or shame, problems with sleep, poor concentration or attention (memory problems), low energy or motivation, poor appetite and

thoughts off self-harm.

SAD can mimic other medical conditions, such as anemia, hypothyroidism, diabetes, infections. Hence a medical work up may be needed--including levels of some vitamins, like vitamin D. Get more sun, stay active, and get to a brighter place. Also you can request a SAD light from the VA to help along with getting a prescription of Vitamin D, it will help you mentally and physically.

The holiday's can be the toughest time for most veterans. If you want to help out with the veterans in your area call them up and invite them for coffee, just to talk, ask if they need anything, or invite them to an event with you. Anything to help them through these tough months will be greatly appreciate and could help them out overall. Hope you all have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year. See you all next year! Thank you all!



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THE MOTORCYCLE LAWYER ON THE LAW

Top 3 Ways Michigan Bikers Get Legally Shafted & Insurance Advice for Storing Motorcycle

Here are the three worst ways Michigan motorcyclists get shafted under our current law. Additionally, I provide some insurance advice for when you store your bike for the winter.

Oh Sh#t Negligence

Some lawyers use the phrase, "Oh sh#t negligence" when they describe a case to another attorney. We use it to imply that the at-fault party was unquestionably negligent. The phrase comes from the idea of when you explain what the defendant did, the listener's response is, "Oh shit!"

The Michigan Jury Instructions defines negligence as: Negligence is the failure to use ordinary care. Ordinary care means the care a reasonably careful person would use. Therefore, by "negligence," I mean the failure to do something that a reasonably careful *person would do, or the doing of something that a reasonably careful *person would not do, under the circumstances that you find existed in this case.

Rate the Negligence in These Two Cases I Have

1. Distracted Driving -Checking blood sugar: Driver of a car is checking her blood-sugar level by using an app on her phone. She grabs her phone, opens it, finds the correct app, opens it, presses a button, then hold the phone to the sensor on the back of

her upper arm to read the level and then reviews the result.

The car driver crossed the center line, into oncoming traffic and struck my client, a motorcyclist, causing very serious injuries.



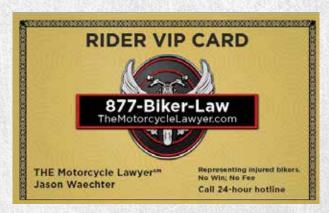
2. Two-Foot-Wide-100-Yard Tar Snake: A road construction crew filled the shoulder rumble strips with hot-poured rubber used to fill cracks. The location they did this was on a curved highway ramp where the travel lane had been shifted over, using half of the shoulder. Therefore, the wide tar snake was in the middle of the temporary

My client was on her cruiser-style motorcycle traveling in the left part of the lane. As she accelerated through the curve, she moved across the lane. When she went over the wide tarred area, her bike lost traction and then abruptly regained it when she hit the regular concrete. The hazard shot her into the guard rail causing serious injury.

Which is More Negligent?

Does either of these case descriptions make you exclaim, "Oh Shit!"? Which is more negligent in your opinion? What are the most negligent things car drivers can do that can affect motorcyclists? Join our Facebook group: Ask The Motorcycle Lawyer and post your thoughts. I'd love to hear your opinions.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Jody Mohowitsch for her leadership and hard work for Michigan's motorcycle community. She has done well in many challenging environments. Best of luck Jody on all your future endeavors!



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Biker Preacher's

I'm back from the UK so let me get right to this article. As you know over the last few months I've been writing about The Sermon on the Mount that the Lord Jesus preached and which the Apostle Matthew preserved for us today. I'm going to continue with the 4th of the Beatitudes Matthew 5:6.

Matthew 5:6 'Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed, for they will be filled. (HCSB)

I read somewhere that in 1965, during the Rolling Stones fourth tour of the United States, guitarist Keith Richards suddenly sat up in bed one night at the Harrison Hotel in Clearwater. Florida, turned on a tape recorder, and played what Newsweek magazine would later call, "five notes that changed the world." This song would become the band's first number one hit in the United States and eventually land as the #1 song on VH1's "100 Greatest Rock and Roll Songs of All Time" list. "I Can't Get No Satisfaction."

Keith Richards and Mick Jagger - were so struck by the sheer volume of American marketing that they felt compelled to write a song about it. We must be honest with ourselves. We are the single most consumer centered culture of all time - We are completely insatiable.

But Jesus promises that we will be satisfied...when we are hungry and thirsty for the right things. When you are so anxious for God that it hurts deep in your gut, you are on the right path. There is nothing on earth that can satisfy this type of gut-wrenching hunger - because it is a hunger for the holy. It is a hollowness which opens the door for the filling of God's Holy Spirit. It is a hunger for God which allows Him to fill us to overflowing with nothing less than Himself - ya see Jesus totally and completely satisfies! With no guilt!! J

Blessed/Happy are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled!! Filled with the Holy Spirit who is the one and ONLY Lord God Almighty. He comes to refresh like cool water refreshes a weary traveler through 'the desert on a horse with no name'. He will feed you with the bread, milk and wine of heaven and it's all free!! He tells us to come to Him and buy without money! (Isaiah

Is this you today? Are you hungry and thirsty today? Are you finding yourself completely dissatisfied with everything that you have tried to fill that huuuuge hole in your soul? There is only One who can fill that hole in your soul and He truly satisfies. You've tried everything else nothing else satisfies like Jesus!!!

Will you pray with me right now? Father God, I come to you now broken, abused and totally unsatisfied with and in my life. Lord, I've sinned against you - as I've learned Jesus paid my sin debt that I could never pay. I believe and receive what Jesus did for me and ask you to please forgive me of all my sins. Lord Jesus, I confess that You Are Lord and I ask you to be my Lord, Savior, Master, and King. I give you my life - take me and be my satisfaction.

In Jesus name - Amen.

Much Love & Respect,

Apostle Brian "BMAN" McKay

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NOT POLITICALLY CORRECT



My Fellow Patriots and Riders,

Tell the election has come and gone and it looks like we are in for ANOTHER four years of getting "the damn roads fixed". What seems to be a common theme is people are talking about taking the road south, well you can't really blame them. I wouldn't mind being a snowbird, but there's too much to do here and after looking at the numbers there's a pattern of two things: One- in most of the county's there are more registered voters than eligible voters and in some cases by large numbers and Second- the Democratic turnout has increased by a lot, but the Republicans did not. So was it supposed to be a surprise that the Democratic Party won again? I think not. If you don't vote, you don't get to complain. The Republicans did take the US House majority and even if Hershel Walker wins the Senate is tied, which is why I am giving serious consideration to running for the US Senate in 2024. We may have lost Michigan FOR NOW, but we do need to retire career politicians like Debbie Stabenow. I would hate to see Michigan turn into another California. So for now, I am going to stay and fight and pray that more people wake up and use their God given right to vote.

I would like to wish everyone A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Stay safe and stay warm and we will see you next year.

"A nation that forgets its past has no future" Winston Churchill

As always be Safe and God Bless Earl Lackie



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Run Towards YOUR Storm Cloud!

re you facing challenges in your life right now? I'm thinking you probably are. Heck, most of us have something stressful going on. It's interesting how we tend to avoid dealing with difficult things sometimes and even play the role of the victim. It's easy not to acknowledge our true feelings and emotions, often not wanting to face them head on.

Which leads me to this; I heard a story about bison a long time ago and found it fascinating. So, I researched it! It was true. This story teaches you so much about your life. Yes, we're talking about bison. Bison, as a species hate water and hate being in storms. They have learned as a species that when they see storm clouds, to actually run towards them. They have learned that if they run towards the storm, they will get through it quicker. Because by going through it, they will get to the other side of it. They've also learned that if they run away from the storm, the storm will always catch up with them and if they are moving with it, they will stay in that storm for much longer than they need to.

This is such a great metaphor for all of us as we are dealing with the same types of storms in life. It makes you think, how long do you want to stay in your storm cloud? The bison story is a good reminder to attack your challenges head on. Run towards that complicated issue, because it will catch up with you. Running away from your problems won't make them go away.

Until then, the best piece of advice I can give you... Is don't avoid or hide from uncomfortable situations. When you make mistakes, don't regret them, learn and grow from them. Because regrets... are the hardest things to carry when you get older.

~ Stacie René

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Inspiration

Well, back to the old drawing board. —Peter Arno

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. —The Bible

Be not overwise in doing thy business. – Apocrypha

Life is the art of drawing sufficient conclusions from insufficient premises. – Samuel Butler

Famous Buddhism Quotes

If your compassion does not include yourself; it is incomplete.

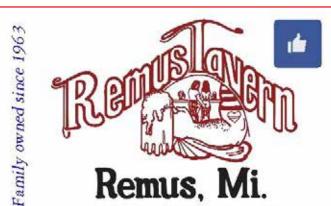
Every experience, no matter how bad it seems, holds within it a blessing of some kind. The goal is to find it.

Doubt everything, find your own light.

If you find no one to support you on the spiritual path, walk alone.

People with opinions just go around bothering each other.





Remus, Mi.

Corner of M-20 & M-66





For the past 10 years, I have had the distinct privilege of serving as the attorney for ABATE of Michigan, the largest grass roots non-profit motorcycle rights organization in Michigan, dedicated to preserving motorcyclist rights, promoting safe operating practices and raising motorist's awareness of motorcycles in Michigan.

For those unfamiliar with ABATE, visit abateofmichigan.org to learn more about what ABATE has accomplished for all riders in Michigan, including amending the helmet law to adult choice, passing legislation keeping the Motorcycle Safety Fund solvent and keeping motorcycles out of the road tax legislation.

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

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Bubba had hit the lottery just 5 days before Christmas and after taxes had gotten a sweet payout sum of \$400 million. He wanted a street legal car that would blow the doors off any other and bought his Christmas present to himself of a Bugatti Chiron Super Sport with all the bells and whistles, which ate up his winnings fast but dammmn, could this baby fly! It was 3 a.m. and not a soul on the Interstate and he figured why not open her up....he truly and he figured why not open her up....he truly did put the pedal to the metal and hit 150, then 200, then 250 and was going for 300 when it all was just a blur but saw the red light flashing far behind him and knew the Cop would just call for back-up so eased her down till she was purring like a big cat and pulled over and onto a soft like a big cat and pulled over and onto a soft shoulder.

shoulder.
The Cop walked up and said, "Look, I get it, you own a car like this you gotta' blow it out, but my shift ends in 10 minutes and I have plans with my Family to head out for Florida with reservations at the Don Cesar on Saint Pete Beach, so give me an excuse I've never heard before in all my 15 years as a Cop, and we'll part company."
Bubba looked up at the Cop and said, "My wife left me over a year ago and ran off with a Cop.... I was hauling ass because I actually thought you were him and might be bringing her back!"
The Cop chuckled, shook his head, turned around and yelled back over his shoulder, "Merry Christmas Sir, you earned it!"

Two Marines boarded a quick shuttle flight out of Dallas, headed for Houston and going home for the Christmas holiday. One sat in the window seat, the other sat in the middle seat.

Just before take-off, a Navy Sailor got on board and took the aisle seat next to the two Marines. The Sailor kicked off his shoes, wiggled his toes and was settling in when the Marine in the window seat said, "I think I'll get up and get a Coke." "No prob,", said the Sailor, "I'll get it for you." While he was gone, the Marine picked up the Sailor's shoe and spit in it.

When the Sailor returned with the Coke, the Marine in the middle seat said, "That looks good, Marine in the middle seat said, "That looks good, I think I'll have one too."

Again, the Sailor obligingly went to fetch it and while he was gone, the other Marine picked up the Sailor's other shoe and spit in it.

The Sailor returned and they all sat back and enjoyed the rest of the short flight to Houston. As the plane was landing, the Sailor slipped his feet into his shoes and knew immediately what had bappened (continued) had happened. (continued)

"How long must this childish behavior go on?" the Sailor questioned.
"This never-ending fighting between our services?
"This hatred?

"This animosity?
"This spitting in shoes and peeing in Cokes?

It was Christmas Eve and a woman drove herself to the E.R. where she was seen by a young new Doctor.

After about 3 minutes in the Exam Room the Doc told the woman she was pregnant.

She burst out of the room and ran down the cor-

ridor screaming. An older Doctor stopped her and asked what in the world was the problem? After listening to her story, he calmed her down and sat her in another

Then, the older Doc walked swiftly down the hall-way to the younger Doc's Exam Room.
"What in tarnation is wrong with you?" he barked This woman is 63 years old, she has two grown children and several grandchildren, and you told bor the was progrant?"

her she was pregnant?!!"

The new, young Doctor continued to write on his clipboard and without looking up said, "Does she still have the hiccups she's had all day long?"

There was a Policeman on his horse at the annual Christmas Parade when he looked down and saw Lil' Joey riding his beat-up old bicycle.

The Policeman looks down and says, "I bet you asked Santa for a brand new bicycle this year now didn't you?"

Lil' Joey says, "I sure did and my Mom kinda' hinted that Santa was going to bring it!"
The Policeman said, "Well, tell Santa to bring you a license plate for the back because I could ticket you now, but I won't, given the Christmas spirt. Lil' Joey looks up and says, "This year why don't you ask Santa to bring you a horse with a dick underneath it instead of on top!"

My wife said, "did you see the neighbors over on their balcony, he always grabs her and pulls her to him, he slaps her on the ass and strokes her hair

and kisses her so very passionately, why don't you do that?"

I looked her straight in the eyes and said, "Dang babe, they just moved in, give it a minute, gimme a chance to get to know her!"

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL YOU DESERVING BIKERS WHO GIVE SO MUCH TO CHARITY ALL YEAR LONG! God Loves Y'all and So Do We.



FARWORMS

BY RICK WYATT



inally got to ride the trike the last couple of days because I have built enough flexibility to be able to use the foot brake. Damn it was nice to be riding without pain in my right hip and knee for the first time in years. If I had gotten the surgery five years ago, I would probably still be riding my Road Glide, which I dearly loved, but that is a subject for another time over a few cold beers and good pizza. Anyways, I put the trike in storage at Capital H-D today (before the weather turns seriously bad) and on the way the sound system started belting our "Celebrate" by Three Dog Night as I cruised the back roads to the dealership. Honestly, I never really cared for the song when it came out in 1970 and regard it as background noise when it comes on the radio to this day. But today, with the warmth of the sun on my face and wind in my face "Celebrate" became an earworm, you probably know it as that damn song that gets stuck in your head and bugs you the rest of the day! Tell me you have never had this happen and I will call you a liar or swear you must be Amish because research indicates that everybody with any awareness has from time to time suffered this disorder. What has this got to do with firearms you are probably asking yourself? Well here is the deal; I want to create and earworm with the intent of bugging the crap out of you, but with the added benefit of saving money in the long run.

Now, I know that real earworms are usually triggered by the melody or beat of the tune in conjunction with the words that can't seem to escape your mind. I have no musical ability and I damn sure am not about to sing, so instead think of a 5'-10" two-hundred-pound specimen of old corps Jar-Head attitude stomping around in your auditory canals screaming clean it and clean it right every time you finish using your firearm! Ain't that a pretty picture, thank you Gunny Tomlinson, you did teach me something I could use in civilian life.

Here is what's going on, it's that time of year that when hunters who haven't looked at their firearm in the last 11 months are digging their guns out and damn, the gun cleaning fairy didn't sprinkle their magic dust inside the gun case so that 'POOF,' a year's poor maintenance goes away with nobody being the wiser. Folks that crap might cut it in political circles, but we live in the real world and it is amazing how often we see these refugees from the "Island of Misused Guns" come into the shop, because there is a functional problem that the owner knew about when they put it away a year ago (and want the gunsmith to fix it yesterday), or there is serious corrosion and the start of pitting on the exposed metal parts and they want to know if the damage is covered by warranty. Well let me make this simple, warranty does not cover damage caused by owner

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ignorance or neglect, so the best thing you can do, is learn how to properly clean and then store your firearms and prevent this kind of damage. Something to think about, sadly the quality of metals being used to build guns today is not nearly as good as it was ten years ago, and neither is the finishing process. Parkerizing, the dull grey-black finish on many firearms, was developed for the military, because it is more almost impervious to weather extremes and salt air than traditional bluing and has the added benefit of being non reflective in the daylight. But, almost impervious does not cut in some cased and parkerized metals will corrode if not properly cared for, and there isn't a great market for grey/black and rust brown multi-tone firearms. Here are a few tips for guarding your

First – whenever you take your guns to the woods or range clean them when you are done. Didn't shoot it, clean it anyhow by running a patch through the bore then wipe the metal parts down with a clean silicone cloth to remove any moisture that may be lurking in and on the finish. Many good cleaner/lubricants contain silicone to protect metal surfaces, but if you use these as part of your cleaning regiment be careful not leave more than very light sheen on the parts otherwise the same products become a dirt magnet.

Second - do not store your guns in foam lined cases, especially for extended periods of time because the foam absorbs moisture off your gun and out of the air then traps it against your firearm creating an ideal environment for rust and corrosion to set in. Even fleece lined cases can be problematic because most of the fleece used now is man-made and backed by foam creating a double whammy for rust. If you must use a foam lined case, then put your firearm in a silicone impregnated gun sock to keep the gun metal from having contact with the foam. In an open air storage situation practice humidity control, either a de-humidifier or some type of descant product that absorbs moisture out of the air.

Third – and maybe most important, if your gun is broken, get it fixed before you put it away, and if you don't, then please remember that your local gunsmith is overrun this time of year by all those other inconsiderate dolts who knew their gun was broken when they put it away and now they think that the gunsmith works at "Hogwarts" and expect the wizard to cast a spell and put their project at the head of the line.

PS – If your firearm is already showing some corrosion, a course cloth and a good solvent may take it off, but don't rub to hard!

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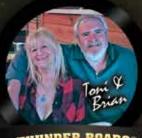
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