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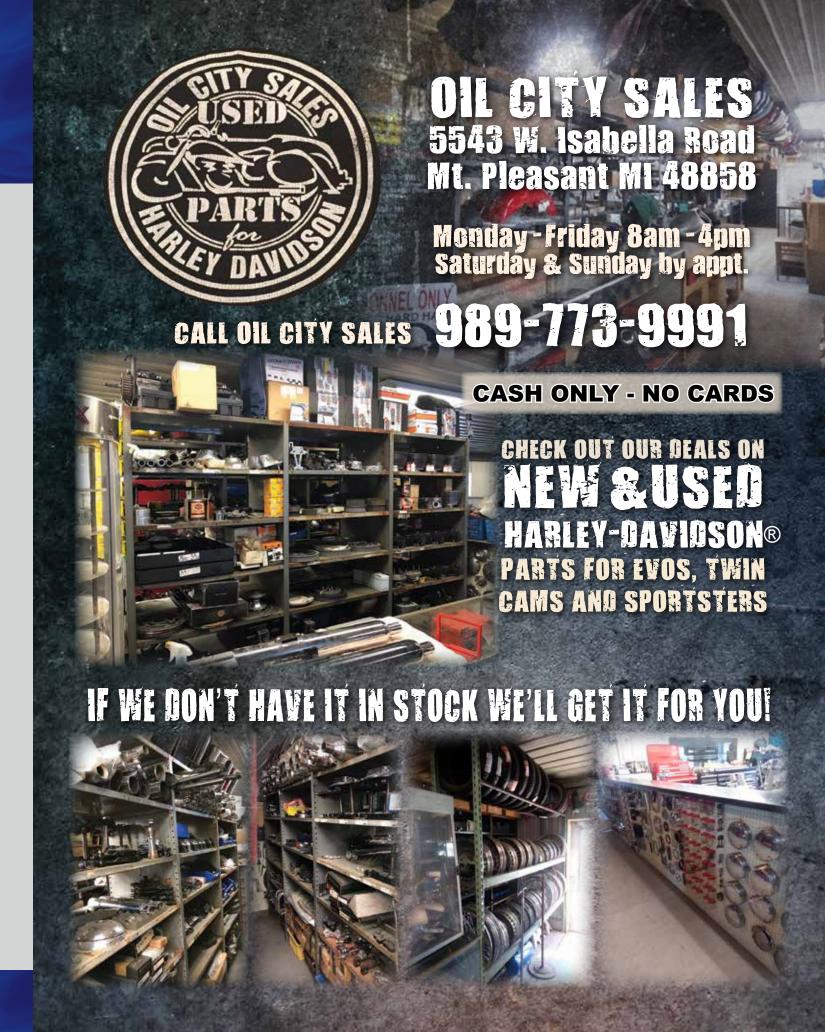
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# HOT RODS TOPICS Hot Rods

ovember...There won't be too many days left to comfortably ride and get out, but with warm and heated handle grips you can still enjoy going for a short ride just to keep the bike in good working order! Please be careful because the public thinks that all bikers are done riding for the season and they forget to "Look Twice" for us and we all know how dangerous that can be.

There are several big events coming up in November: Veterans Day, the CMA "Iron Saints" Dinner and Thanksgiving. Veterans Day will be celebrated November 11th. Please thank a Veteran for their service and dedication. The CMA Thanksqiving Dinner is November 12th starting at 4:30pm at the Cross and Resurrection Lutheran Church located at 812 Ann Street in Ypsilanti. All bikers and clubs are invited. This is a charity event they put on every year and it's free. For information, call "Slo Mo' at 734-218-3173. They always serve up a great turkey dinner!

Please watch out for deer. This is the time of the year when they become very skittish. They will run down the side of the road and then make their move to the other side very quickly. So please be careful. Also, keep an eye on your tire pressure. With the weather changing it will fluctuate and you don't want to run on a low pressure tire!

For all of you who follow us, our Car and Bike Show was a huge success with all of the vendors and awesome cars and bikes that participated. Please keep us in your prayers. We will be doing what we can for the area in which all of us live to help those in need, one way or another.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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

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## LETTER FROM THE OWNER

## Brrr, cold in more ways than one.

don't know about you, but I am not ready for winter, this is the time when we have to make sure to prepare and hunker down for the cold bite of what some in Michigan actually look forward to, ha ha ahh not me, but to each their own and that is certainly what our great state has to offer; the seasons that individually predict what we can, will and am able to do... anyone in Michigan knows this. Maybe I should get a snowmobile?!?

This time of year make sure that you keep a battery tender on your bike, tractor and other toys that will be setting or taking a long winters nap. Also, this time of year is a perfect opportunity to get that custom part you have been wanting installed or some motor work done, or perhaps an upgrade to your audio (there's an advertiser in this issue for that too). Many wait till the spring and then they want it done yesterday. So be proactive and get it done now so you are all set when spring rolls back around.

This month on November 11th we pay honor and respect to our Veterans, but let's make sure that we are doing that more than just one day a year. On the cover we honor some of those who have served to give us the freedom that we have, they deserve the upmost respect for their courage and are true heroes. So to all the veterans out there, "Thank you for your service!" I am proud that my father (God rest his soul), served 2 tours in Vietnam, 1st Air Calvary Division. His job was a helicopter mechanic, ironically after he returned home he decided to open up a motorcycle shop, which he had from 1974-2002 until he passed away from cancer related to Agent Orange. In respect and honor of him I put his military photo also on the cover, can you figure out which one he is?

On a different subject, I also need to address, the issue of imposters. I am so disappointed that I even have to address something like this. I made a statement of this issue on Facebook, but want everyone to know that if it doesn't say Thunder Roads Michigan on the cover, then it's that imposter I spoke of in my post. Please do not be mislead that even though this person in using the name Thunder Roads Michigan and even my logo and photos of past issues that they are trying to trick you into thinking that this magazine (which doesn't say Thunder Roads Michigan on the cover) is somehow the same magazine. Check it out on Facebook and please help me to get the word out on this. I have spent the last 10 years as owner and never thought in all my years someone would go this far to try to make a buck. It is truly disheartening to me and I hope that you help me to make it known, not to be fooled.

Also, be sure to check out the website at ThunderRoadsMichigan.com for all your needs related to Motors. Lakes and Trails.

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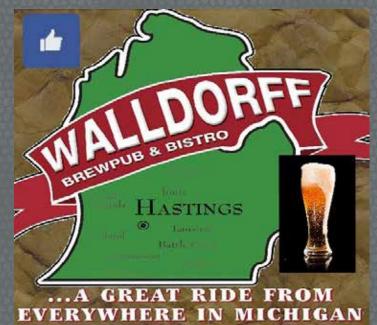
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# Are You Lazy with the "I'm Sorry's"?

One of the reasons that so many "people please" other people, is because they're so concerned about their opinions of them. So, they go around trying to make sure everyone's okay, just so people have a positive opinion of them.

Other people's opinions of you doesn't matter in the grander scheme of things. What you need to focus on, is those close to you, who actually do matter. Stop wasting all your time and energy "people pleasing," it's preventing you from living your best life!

People may have their opinion of you for only a moment, and then they move on. People are waking up trying to sort out their own success, issues, insecurities, and problems. They don't spend their time thinking about you, your wants, needs or life goals.

THE REALITY... We care so much about what others think about us when, they are not even thinking about us at all.

If you put yourself first with things, people will be happier because you will be in a better mental place. You can't please everyone, but when you focus on yourself and put yourself first, you and everyone around you are happier and more successful.

Until then, you can't pour from an empty cup. So, make sure yours if full before helping others! It is your own responsibility to make yourself happy and take care of yourself.

~ Stacie René

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Ever wonder why Veterans day is on the 11th and does not change? World War I ended on the 11th month on the 11th day on the 11th hour. Today I saw a man selling poppies stop a lady and asked if he could re-position her poppy. While doing so he told that lady she should wear the poppy on their right side; the red represents the blood of all those who gave their lives, the black represents the mourning of those who didn't have their loved ones return home, and the green leaf represents the grass and crops growing and future prosperity after the war destroyed so much. The leaf should be positioned at 11 o'clock to represent the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the time that World War I formally ended. He was worried that younger generations wouldn't understand this and his generation



wouldn't be around for much longer to teach them.

# NOT POLITICALLY CORRECT



My Fellow Patriots and Riders,

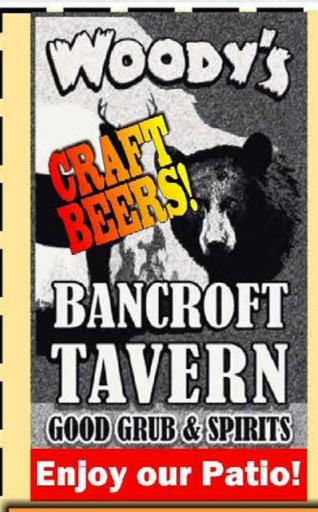
he cold weather is creeping in here in Michigan and while we are slowly having to add on layers of clothes, we are also able to enjoy the fall colors like the tunnel of trees on the west side or 23 from the bridge down the sunrise side or just about anywhere in Michigan. Every two years it also brings us to the elections, where we have to make a decision as to who we want in office. Like the colors of the trees, the times we live in are changing and in my opinion, the last four years have been a complete disaster for Michigan. We have a choice to keep things the way they are and suffer the consequences or take a chance on someone new. I would prefer someone that has been fighting for our rights for more than four years (although our current Governor didn't fight for our rights; she took them away) and it would really be great to get someone with common sense and the ability to see the big picture into office. I say throw caution to the wind and let's try someone new. They may not be your first choice (or 2nd or 3rd, etc), but unfortunately we are stuck with a few choices because of the infighting in our political parties and I am afraid things could get worse because of it. Someone once said "United We Stand, Divided We Fall" Hmm oh yeah Patrick Henry in 1799 and it's still true today. I generally keep a few dollars in my pocket like most people. My suggestion: take a walk, enjoy the colors, take a dollar (or any bill) out of your pocket and read the back "In God We Trust '' it's on every bill. This country was founded on that principle. Let's get back to that. For you riders remember fall is the time when all the leaves FALL, which can make the roads slippery so be safe and keep the shiny side up.

"One of the most cowardly things ordinary people do is to shut their eyes to facts " C.S. Lewis

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quick handling. Paint and graphics were done
by JOD, Jason Olmsted Design. Built, owned,
and ridden by George McCord.











# VETEBANS











## PREPARING FOR THE END OF THE 2022 RIDING SEASON

ere's to hoping you all had a wonderful riding this year, and as you prepare to place your motorcycles in storage or have things done to it during this season remember, that even though you don't have that therapy during that time that there are many more things to help you during this season. Remember don't forget to reach out for help.

I'm not ready for the riding season to end here in Michigan; I am not ready for the cold weather and the short days. As a veteran that usually takes us to a dark place and that's what I am going to write about this month is just that. See every year I start getting anxious and actually depressed when I don't have my wind therapy. I know some might think it just some words that us bikers use, but for me and many others, it is "Therapy". When we don't have that therapy some of the veterans have no other way to rely on staying well. We get into a funk, with the holidays in tow it just adds to some of the issues that we as veterans deal with during these down months. Well, I want you to know there is plenty of help out there for you and even though you have to now travel in a "cage" aka vehicle. please know there is plenty of help and other fellow veterans that are willing to help or just listen if necessary! I just want you all to know that there are many avenues for each and every one of you. All you have to do is ask. Which I understand can be hard for us Veteran's to do, but if you are asking one of your Brothers/Sisters guess what... they don't mind and you actually might be helping them out also. With all the hustle of the holidays and don't forget you still have to prep your motorcycle for storage, just know if you need any help we are all here for each other till we can get back out on our motorcycles. I find myself getting into that state of mind and thank goodness I have a great support system, because I can tell you if I didn't, I wouldn't be here today typing this article and reminding you that your life matters and what you did for your country matters. The holidays are a lot for our veterans to handle. I get it and so do a lot of others even civilians. Know that there are many agencies or organizations you can join or volunteer for during this time of year. We all need to work together to make it through this and through this season. So as your performing a guick preventative maintenance on your motorcycle and getting it ready to store, remember that if you need anything reach out.

Yes we all go through a lot depression, PTSD, anxiety, holiday stress, economical stress etc., understand one thing when it seems the darkest know that there is many ways for you to reach out, first call 988 if it's to that level, please I beg you don't become a 22. We as Brothers and Sisters want to see you out riding next spring and many more years to come. I want to suggest that you as a veteran can do so much for so many. Join a gym, join the VFW or American Legion, and volunteer your time to help veterans during the holidays. especially the ones that can't get out during the winter months. If you need anything I have found so many services in Michigan that will help our veterans with food, transportation, or anything you need. So all the Brother's and Sister's that are involved with these organizations please take time during the next 5-6 months to keep a eye on each other and if you don't know how to help them reach out to other veterans that might, just don't give up. We want to see you all out there next riding season smiling and enjoying the roads and the Wind Therapy that you all need. One last thing is why not encourage a brother or sister to get a cup of coffee or meet up for

lunch or just call and say HI, or just smile at a stranger it can change their whole day!!!

Here's wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and very Merry Christmas to all my Brother's and Sister's and a Happy New Year Too! Can't wait to see you all around during the holidays and really can't wait to go riding with you all next season. Thank you for all your support and for taking the time to read my articles this year, hopefully you keep them and can refer back to them if you need to for the originations that can help, but there is one more place that can help if you want to give them the ability to do that, its your local church. So remember the Reason for the Season.

Love you all and can't wait for the next article and thank you Thunders Roads Magazine of Michigan for this wonderful opportunity to allow me to use my ability to let me help my Brothers and Sisters here in Michigan.



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

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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.

#### 1. Michigan Motorcyclists get the amount of PIP Medical benefits the negligent driver chose for himself.

Motorcycles are different from cars when it comes to which insurance company is responsible for paying No-Fault benefits for injured motorcyclists. This is especially relevant because it includes medical bills. With a car, you just go to your own insurance and you get the amount of PIP medical that you chose and paid for.

However, with a motorcycle, a biker gets his or her No-Fault benefits from the vehicles involved insurance company. Now, because we pick the amount of PIP Medical coverage we want, the motorcyclist is only entitled to the amount that the negligent driver chose for himself.

#### 2. We still have to pay the MCCA assessment

When the no-fault law changed in 2020, only the car and truck drivers that chose unlimited PIP medical are required to pay the MCCA assessment.

But here's the rub for motorcyclists: Motorcyclists can NOT buy no-fault on their motorcycles. Further, we only get no-fault benefits when a car or truck is involved in the crash. not if you wreck because of gravel, a pothole, a deer, a road defect or another motorcycle. But motorcyclists STILL have to pay the MCCA assessment! How is this fair?

#### 3. You can't get your deductible from the at-fault car driver.

This shafting deals with what is called the Mini Tort Law. The Mini Tort Law allows 'motor vehicle' owners to get their deductible paid by the at-fault driver after a crash. If the motor vehicle owner did not have collision coverage, he or she can obtain up to \$3,000 from the negligent driver or his insurance company. If the motor vehicle owner DID have insurance and had to pay a deductible, the amount of the deductible, up to \$3,000, can be recovered from the at-fault driver or his insurance company.

Notice the guote around the term "motor vehicle." This is because under this law only cars, trucks, vans and SUVs are considered a "motor vehicle"; motorcycles are not "motor vehicles". Stated another way, after a negligent car driver hits you riding your motorcycle, you cannot make him or his insurance company pay for any of the damage to your bike. There are 3 exceptions.

I explain the exceptions and additional details about the information in this article, and 46 other topics, in my Motorcycle Legal Minute video series. It can be found at: www.MotorcycleLawyerMichigan.com

#### **Winter Storage Advice on Insurance**

Your Homeowner's insurance does NOT cover your motorcycle. Some folks try to save a few bucks by cancelling their motorcycle insurance during the colder months. If you do this and your bike is damaged, YOU are stuck with the bill your homeowner's won't pay.

Here are a few examples of events that won't be covered if you cancel your motorcycle insurance policy: Your motorcycle is stolen, your garage floods, garage catches fire, tour roof leaks or falls in, a tree blows over during a storm, hitting garage, rodents chew seat and wiring.

To be safe, I just leave all my motorcycle insurance on my bike for the winter. If you really need to save every penny, you can drop your Bodily Injury and Collision Coverage, but keep the Comprehensive Coverage. Comprehensive is what pays for theft, vandalism, falling objects, fire, storms, flood and natural disasters.



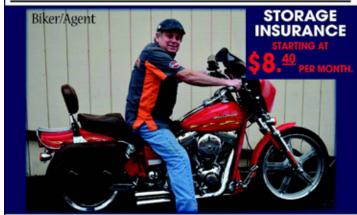
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# Biker Preacher's

As I write this month's article, I'm in Blackpool England. My apostolic team and I have been on a powerful ministry trip all over the UK. We just got back from my ancestral homeland Scotland. What a week!! So, to get to it - 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 3rd of the Beatitudes Matthew 5:5.

Matthew 5:5 in the One New Man Bible (ONMB) puts it this way "Blessed are the humble because they will inherit the Earth." In today's modern English we tend to think that gentle, humble, and meek all mean the same thing. But, as you'll learn today, this is not necessarily true. Years ago, the words humble and meek may have meant the same, but in modern English

- > humble means a lack of price, but not a lack of confidence
- > while meek speaks of having low self-esteem and lacking confidence. Now the word Humble when used collectively, refers to a group. In fact, the Hebrew Scriptures frequently use Humble to describe the faithful minority (or remnant) remaining Godly through all their trials, never giving in to the temptations of mankind.

Q: How often have we given into temptations?

Yet the word remnant is referred to in 1 Kings 19:18 when God spoke of the 7,000 who had not bowed a knee to Baal (Satan).

Psalms 37:11 says, "But the humble will inherit the earth and will delight themselves in the abundance of Shalom."

Oh man... that is so good - "Will delight themselves in the abundance of shalom." Thank you, Jesus!!

Q: Do you know what Shalom means?

Shalom cannot be translated into English with just one single word. Shalom comes from the Hebrew word Shalem, which means to be complete. So, when there is Shalom, there is peace, justice, sufficient food, clothing, and housing. There is Divine health, with no sickness. Shalom means an absence of disorder, injustice, bribery, corruption, conflict, lack hatred, abuse, violence, pain, suffering, immortality, and all other negative forces. A rabbi once wrote that Shalom means: No good thing is withheld."

So, when we pray for the Shalom of a person, or family we are praying that there will not be any injustice, disorder, strife, violence, poverty, sickness, abuse, accidents, homelessness, pain, hunger, and more.

So, the blessing and end result of being gentle, humble and slow to anger is what Revelation 21:7 says, "The victor will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be My son."

Q: Inherit what things? The Earth! Again, Matthew 5:5 says, "The gentle are blessed, for they will inherit the earth."

The best part of Rev 21:7 is where it says, "I will be his God and he will be My son" Is the Lord Jesus your God today or something else? There is no peace but in Christ alone, there is no joy but in Christ Alone. My brothers and sisters. Today is the day of salvation. The Shalom that you are looking for is only found in the Prince of Peace – Christ Jesus. Simply pray and ask God to forgive you of your sins and ask Christ Jesus to be your Lord and Savior today. Allow the Lord to create in you what Psalm 51:10 says "God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

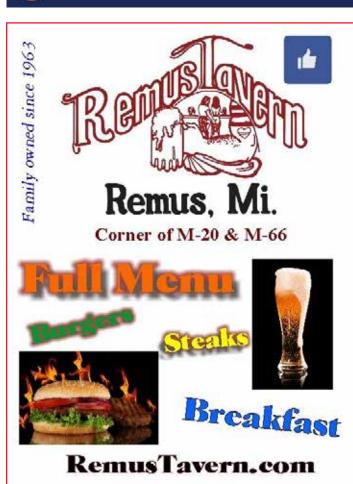
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## Inspiration

Twixt the optimist and pessimist, the difference is droll: the optimist sees the doughnut, but the pessimist sees the hole. -McLandburgh Wilson

Strongest minds are often those of whom the noisy world hears least. -William Wordsworth

Procrastination is the thief of time. -**Edward Young** 

The wise learn many things from their enemies. -Aristophanes

#### Famous Buddhism Quotes

The mind is everything, what you think you become.

Peace comes from within. Do not seek it without.

You can only lose what you cling to.

I never see what has been done. I only see what remains to be done.

There has to be evil so that good can prove it's purity above it.

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Pros and Cons of making kids -PROS: Making CONS: Kids

Bubba is at the local brothel (so much nicer than ho' house) and one of the more expensive and prominent gals was listening to him go on and on about how this was his 1st time paying for it and he can have any woman he wants....yada yada

The gal is really getting irritated by him and opens the door to leave and in her sexiest voice whispers across the room....'Why don't you slip into something more comfortable..." and looks straight into his eyes, and Bubba replies, "Like what?" and she whispers back, "Oh, I don't know, perhaps like a coma!"

A college student asks her 21 year old roommate, "How was your blind date?"
"Terrible!", she answers. "He showed up in his 1932 Rolls Royce."
"Wow! That must have been one impressive car, what's so bad about that?"
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The girl gives her roommate a deadpan look and flatly replies, "He was the original owner."

My new girlfriend and I were traveling for her to meet my parents, when she got a flat tire. So I called my parents and said, "Sorry Mum, we're going to be late. My girlfriend's got a puncture.

Me mum replied, "Oh, and here I thought you had gotten a real one this time!"

When 3 people have sex, it's called a threesome. When 2 people have sex, it's called a twosome. Now, finally, I understand why they call you handsome.

No one ever tells you how often you'll whisper "righty tighty, lefty loosey" to yourself as an adult.

So have made an important decision to be carried out after death.....want a cup of popcorn kernels to be funneled down my throat so that my loved ones' who come to view the cremation can have a little bit of a fun show to watch instead of being sad.

My brother entered the kitchen, looked at me, shook his head and said, "Damn Sis, go out and find a man....am tired of your room sounding like a Barbershop every nite.

Dude is driving thru the back woods and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty that reads: Talking Dog For Sale \$20. He knocks on door and the owner comes out and says dog is in back yard if he wants to take a look-see. Guy follows him to backyard and there's this really good looking Labrador Retriever sitting there. "You talk?" he asks the dog. "Yup, sure do", the Lab replies. After the guy recovers from the shock of a talking dog. "So what's your story?" and the Lab goes on to explain that "After it was discovered I could talk the CIA swept in and trained me to be one the top-notch spies and they flew me all over the world to sit in rooms and listen and give a full report afterwards."

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"The government also brought in all shapes, sizes and breeds of female dogs hoping that by all the puppies I was stud to, they'd get more talking dogs, but none of them ever said a word."

The guy is beyond amazed and shaking his head and looks over at the owner and says, "This is the most incredible thing I've ever witnessed in my life!" "Why on earth are you selling him so cheap? The owner shakes his head and replies, "Because the dog is a damn liar! He never did ANY of that chit!

A guy took his adorable blonde girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game he asked her how she liked it cause every time he looked over at her she looked confused. "Oh, I really did enjoy it and you explained all the moves to me really helped, but I couldn't understand why they were almost killing each over 25 cents!" The man asked what she meant by that? "Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it and then for the rest of the game all they kept screaming was...."Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!!" and I was like, "Hellloooooooo?" come on guys, it's only 25 cents!" 25 cents!"

Can't stand it when girls act like they're too dang good for McDonald's -Always talking about "I care what goes in my

Girl, I've seen your exes and No! you do not.

Saw a guy walking in the park and he had on a tee that read: Smoke Pot Eat Twat Smile A Lot But what was Really cool is the woman holding his hand was smiling from ear to ear.



# BULLET POINT

BY RICK WYATT



hen I turned 65, I was required to take the mandatory Medicare physical to begin my coverage. At the beginning of the exam a nurse went through a litany of government mandated questions that are required to receive benefits. The vast majority of the inquiries were superficial to the point of being annoying, however one query in particular really stuck in my craw. I knew it was coming, it's asked far too often, in too many situations (I believe that once is too much) and I believe it to be fundamentally unconstitutional. That question is "Are there guns in the house?" And when I didn't immediately answer right away it was asked again, and again. I could tell that the young lady was getting uncomfortable with the situation and exactly how I was going to respond, so I told her to write this down and after a short pause I said "write NOYFB on your form that is my answer."The look in her eyes was priceless, she was expecting a "yes" or "no" and here was somebody trying to ruin her day by coloring outside the lines and she did not know how to deal with it. After a couple of seconds I clarified my answer and told her NOYFB means None Of Your F#%@\*!g business. And with that reply, she gathered and scurried out the door like a cat dodging a water hose.

A few minutes later, the doctor came in laughing and asked what I did to the nurse, and I told him what was said and that to her credit she had been persistent in getting an answer, but what she got wasn't exactly what she was looking for. Much to her credit, she actually entered what I told her on the form even though the form was looking for a "yes/no" response. Joe, my doctor, liked the response my answer elicited from an unsuspecting young lady so much, he wrote it down and stuck it in his pocket for his "use at a later date" file. He, like me, believes that the question of guns in the house is asked far too often especially when it is asked of school children by teachers and quidance counselors without parents being present because eventually the follow-up question is going to be "do they make you afraid?"

Time to get off this tangent though and get onto some that really gives me and uneasy feeling in the pit of my stomach and that is the idea of credit card companies reporting purchases from firearms dealers to the federal government. Something similar was tried during the Obama administration when the Commerce Department pushed credit card companies to not service firearms dealers or businesses involved in the gun industry. Local dealers often use business credit cards to make purchases from manufactures and

distributors not in their customary supply chain. The only people hurt by this policy were the small mom and pop shops who didn't have enough volume to survive this practice. Fortunately, this program did not survive long but look at how many local gun shops we lost in the Obama years.

This new credit card program though has a lot of moving parts that are only intended to eventually destroy the firearms industry. First, what they are doing is using a program developed by the globalist to track the movement of firearms in the global market. As it turns out, while the program does not track specific firearms purchased, it reports the amount of money spent by the customer at an FFL by a code embedded in the retailer's card processing system. What is created is a system of identifying the who and where of firearms transactions, kind of makes you rethink the need for 87K new IRS agents doesn't it? This code does not yet exist in our American free market banking system, but the globalists inside of our government are more than willing to surrender our financial sovereignty to the whims and will of the World Bank that drools at the idea of being able to control the wealth of our nation. And as far as the individual credit card companies, do you realize how many of them are headquartered in Delaware where the former Senator established a system whereby, they could charge unserious interest and fees with the full protection of the law; you might say that they owe Joe Biden for the record profits they have made because of the way he took care of them.

Now this is where it gets really sticky ugly, what is reported to the government will not include the information about specific firearms, but there will be enough information that government agents can correlate a purchase amount with an on-file computer background check then send agents to the FFL dealer to pull the specific4473 to see exactly what you bought. Can anybody spell fascist police state! And since the credit card code is attached to the retailer's card processing system every credit card purchase will be scrutinized by the anti-qun ninnies. To stay in business most dealers sell a lot more merchandise than firearms. Come in our store and it is not hard to drop as much on a bow or cross bow and accessories as you would put into a decent firearm, same is true of the fishing section where a couple of quality rods and reels can set you back as much as a gun too. Moral of the story is we should find a way to pay cash as often as we can when we purchase firearms because I believe that as far as the government is concerned the whole subject is NOYFB!

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