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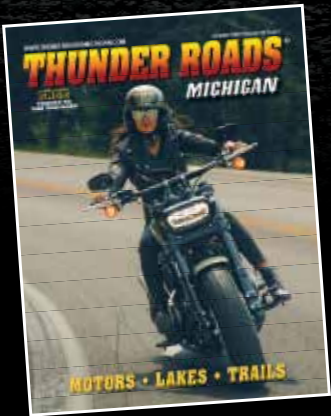
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HOT RODS TOPICS



October...We all know that's when the leaves start to fall, some cooler weather is not far behind and everyone wants to get in some last riding events. If you aren't too busy and have some free time and want to ride with a bunch of safe and caring biker's, look us up on Facebook and have a great experience hanging out with bikers who are just like you and like to do the same things all bikers do! We will definitely appreciate your support.

I know it's too late for all you readers of Thunder Roads Michigan® to come to our Car & Bike Show at Wilson Park in Milan this year, but try putting this event on your calendar for next year. It's always going to include a 9/11 Remembrance Event with the date being on or close to September 11th. Foundation 14 and Eternal Knights will be there along with Veterans, Police, Fireman and our very own Mayor Ed Kolar and so on!

I want to thank Jody, the Thunder Roads Michigan® Owner/Editor for all her help and also Jason Waechter's help, The Motorcycle Lawyer, as well for his continued support. They both deserve a big shout out for everything they do for our organization!

As we wrap up this season, I liked to wish you all Happy Holiday's and will hopefully see you all next year!

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LETTER FROM THE OWNER

October? Now that's Scary!

I can't believe it is already October! Where did summer go? Soon we will be surrounded by the colors of fall and taking those end of the season color rides through the countryside. As a sit in my office writing this letter I am thinking back on the summer and how I didn't take enough time to truly enjoy it. Sometimes we get so busy with the daily tasks of life or with our jobs that we forget to take time out for ourselves to truly enjoy the fruits of our labor. That is something I have been focused on trying to accomplish each day-taking a break, stopping to smell the roses and spending time doing the things that bring happiness into my life- at least an hour a day. I encourage you all to do the same.

Soon (in the next couple of months) I will be making a big announcement. So be sure to pick up the magazine each month and stay tuned for that. Meanwhile be sure to mark your calendars for the events coming up before the next season of hibernation approaches us.

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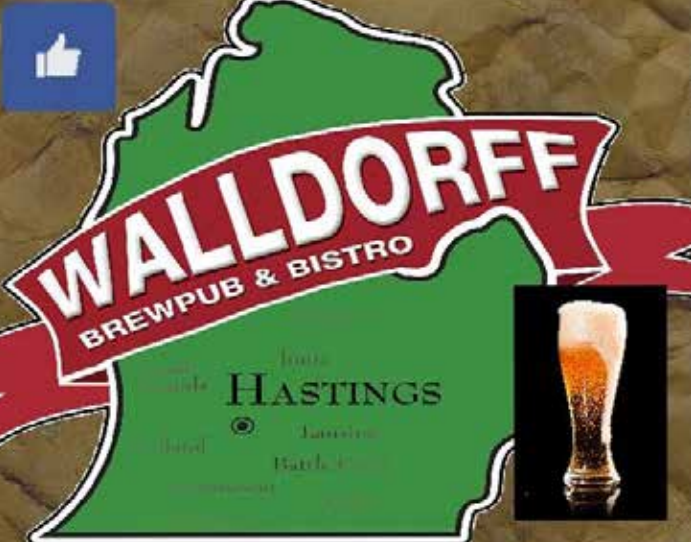

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# The Positive Shift



## Are You Lazy with the “I’m Sorry’s”?

How often, is it that you say an automatic, “I’m Sorry”? Chances are that it is said more out of habit, then the true meaning of it. If you observe yourself and others, you will see how often this is said, just for words.

Many people throw their “I’m Sorry” around and most don’t even appreciate it. There is little importance or real feelings put into those words. I mean, it’s nice of you to say and its courteous, but think about it the next time you say it... are you just saying the words out of habit? Good question, huh!

Far too often in everyday life, I hear it and then observe the one saying it and the one receiving it. It’s a polite gesture, but are they meaningless words? Most go about their business as if nothing was said. In one ear and out the other. It’s like someone asking the standard “Hello, how are you?” or the standard reply to it, “Good”. Do you really care or is it an easy way of just saying hello? Its generic and most of the time it has little or no meaning. The next time you’re out, observe and see how many people throw the standard “I’m Sorry” around and your eyes will be open to see there is truly zip, zero, zilch meaning attached.

How do you fix this or change it to be more meaningful? It’s simple and will shift how you feel and shifts the person receiving it. If you add the “WHY” to your “I’m Sorry” it will have a greater impact. Tell them “I’m Sorry” and “Why” are you sorry. Example; “I’m sorry I was late to the meeting and appreciate your understanding and patience”. Observe their gratefulness to your extra kindness by giving them a meaningful, I’m sorry and why. They will react to you in a completely different way.

Until then, I want to thank all of you readers for taking the time to read these Positive Shift Tips. My goal is to help you in some way, and I appreciate you!

~ Stacie René

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We put ourselves in this mess because we did not turn out in numbers like the Democrats did, GET OUT AND VOTE! If you like high gas prices don't vote, if you like high food prices don't vote, if you like your kids being taught common core and CRT don't vote, if you want to give up your guns don't vote, if you like giving up most of your paycheck to taxes don't vote. I don't know if Tudor Dixon can fix everything. What I do know is if we don't get out and vote and Whitmer gets reelected, it's going to get worse. So for the sake of your God given rights and Freedoms along with your money and your kid's future, get out and VOTE! Side note: for those of you who like to ride without a helmet Whitmer wants you to put one back on. Politics can be a touchy subject with some people. I can only "Hope" that everyone that reads this has the "Courage" to encourage others to vote.

"It takes Courage to have Hope; Without Hope there's no need for Courage"

As always be Safe and God Bless  
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When my Uncle Greg passed away, my dad inherited his much loved Harley-Davidson Road King. He decided to customize it in his honor. This took about 15 months, from a stripped down and modified frame to the final project in the pics. The bike looks runs and rides like a dream. This is the first custom either of us had done, it took time, money and a few cuss words along the way, but we believe my Uncle Greg would have approved. My dad, Jeff Dold, has since gifted me with the bike.

*The bike is a 2012 Harley-Davidson Road King. The frame was cut and raked; we added the stretched gas tank, fender and saddle bags with molded side covers. The bike has front and rear air suspension and a 26" front wheel. Drew at Hot Rods & Handlebars in Springfield, MI did the paint, which is a custom mix. The project took Jake and his dad, Jeff, about a year and a half to complete, which Jake stated was "way too long", but both father and son were working full-time jobs and were not able to always work on it. Jake stated that the, "Design choices were made in order to keep the style timeless".*





# VETERANS CORNER



## WHAT IS HAPPENING TO AMERICA?

There are many if not all veterans wondering what is happened to the country we served so proudly to defend against foreign and domestic. In the last 19 months, we have witnessed the closing of the pipeline; we watched the worst extraction out of Afghanistan leaving billions of dollars of equipment along with people stranded, left our allies to die over there. We've have experienced high prices at the pump, food shortages, record crime rates and so much more. This has put a strain on working people. Can you imagine what it does to a veteran on a fixed budget? With mid-term elections coming up we need to really do some soul searching on how we want our country to move forward. You as Americans have the right and privilege to go and vote, take the time to research each and every candidate. Not only that, but each proposal needs to be looked at thoroughly, they may throw words in there to misguide you to vote the way they want you to.

I worry about our veterans; it's a lot to handle each and every day, now with the high prices for gas and food, just to get to their appointments can become an issue. For those struggling, there are resources available and please don't be too proud and hesitate to reach out and ask for help. We as veterans are proud people and we tend not to ask for help until it's too late. I am begging you as a veteran to reach out to another veteran, or organization that can help you. The last two articles have so many references for help (which you can view online at ThunderRoadsMichigan.com). The new number is "988" don't wait till it's too late. The support team is there for each and every one of us. We just need to reach out to our brothers and sisters they are also our support system. As the riding season comes to an ends here in Michigan, for many it's our therapy and now, we will have to rely on each other to make it through the colder months. There are many things that we as veterans can do for each other.

We are proud Americans and Veteran's and we only want what is best for the United States of America. So go out and vote and get involved even if it's to write your representatives and let them know what you are feeling/thinking. The only way we can get

change is to participate or make our opinions known. We all have our convictions and beliefs and now more than ever we need to stand up for them. So as November 8th approaches, take time to do your research and go out and VOTE. If you don't VOTE, then please don't complain to the ones that did.

If you need anything don't hesitate to reach out to the many organizations local or nationally and get help. Remember we are all in this together and here for each other.

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## Two Separate Accidents; Two Motorcyclists Killed. Tesla Autopilot Responsible?

Two motorcyclists were killed in two separate accidents, within a span of three weeks when they were struck from behind by Tesla automobiles, both allegedly operating on "Autopilot."

The first accident, on the night of July 7, 2022, in Riverside California, a motorcyclist – on a Yamaha V Star, riding in the High Occupancy Vehicle lane, was struck from behind by a Tesla Model Y traveling in the same lane. The fatal accident is still being investigated but suspected by some, that some version of the car's Autopilot was being used.

The second accident was on July 24, 2022 – also at night, near Draper Utah. In this crash, a Harley-Davidson, also traveling in the HOV lane of Interstate 15. A vehicle identified as a Tesla Model 3, was in the same lane and struck the motorcycle from behind. At the scene of the accident, the driver of the Tesla informed police that he had been using Autopilot at the time.

A self-driving car, also known as an autonomous car, driverless car, or robotic car, is a car incorporating vehicular automation, that is, a ground vehicle that is capable of sensing its environment and moving safely with little or no human input (e.g. Teslas equipped with autopilot).

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is currently investigating these two fatal motorcycle wrecks. The NHTSA had been investigating 39 crashes since 2016 involving autonomous vehicles – 30 of which involved Tesla's, 19 of which lead to deaths.

Last year in this magazine, I reported that on March 17, 2021, at 1:12 AM, a Tesla – proved to have been using autopilot, collided with a Michigan state trooper's patrol car in Eaton County. Per the Michigan State Twitter account (@MSPFirstDist: Mar 17, 2021), the patrol car had its emergency lights activated when it was struck by the Tesla.

### Michigan Law on Autonomous Vehicles (AV)

Michigan's statute MCL 257.665 – titled: Research or testing of automated motor vehicle, technology allowing motor vehicle to operate without a human operator. This state law requires that, for a manufacturer to test this technology on the roads, the car must be insured, and a human must monitor the car's performance and be able to take control (if needed).



The Michigan law further plainly states, "an automated motor vehicle may be operated on a street or highway in this state."

### HOW TO COMPLAIN

With these accidents and deaths, it's clear that driverless vehicle technologies still have flaws! Moreover, it seems that Tesla's CEO, Elon Musk, and the U.S. government believe that the public roadways – where you and your family drives – are appropriate testing grounds for autonomous vehicles. If you wish to act on this issue on behalf of motorcyclists, writing your state representative(s) would be a good start - visit <https://www.congress.gov/members> to search with your address! You might also consider donating to the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) for its lobbying efforts. Visit the AMA's website for more information on donating and becoming a member: <https://americanmotorcyclist.com>.

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## Biker Preacher's Corner

Last month I started writing about The Sermon on the Mount that the Lord Jesus preached and the Apostle Matthew preserved for us today. I'm going to continue with the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the Beatitudes Matthew 5:4

Matthew 5:4 "Those who mourn are blessed, for they will be comforted."

Now, if you remember, last month we found out that the original word for beatitude is the Latin word **Beatitudo**, which literally means blessed and happy.

So, we could substitute the word happy for the word blessed - this verse would read: "**Those who mourn are happy, for they will be comforted**" Yet, this doesn't sound quite right does it? How can anyone be happy when they are in mourning? How can anybody be happy when they are crying? How can there be happiness when there is sadness? My brothers and sisters, here is the key:

- **Happiness depends on why you are CRYING.**
- **And Happiness depends on what you are crying about.**

Let me put it this way... If I am crying about the sin in my life – I should be happy. Why? Because that means I am taking the sin in my life – seriously – that I am concerned about it. If I crack jokes and laugh about the sin in my life then that would mean I am not taking it serious enough. If I ignore the sin in my life – that means I don't want to deal with it. But, if I cry about it that means I have looked at it – and I see the seriousness of the situation. If I cry about it that means that I realize how much it affects me, my relationship with God, my relationship with others and I need to do something about it. I need to repent.

**Listen!! Repentance is the second step to true happiness. Ephesians 2:8-9 says "For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift — not from works, so that no one can boast."**

You see repentance involves a U-Turn. Repentance involves confession. Repentance involves depending on the goodness of God. That's why this verse says "**those that mourn are blessed**" because they are comforted when they repent of their sins. Maybe you're reading this today and you're at a place of sorrow for your personal sins... today is your day for forgiveness, freedom and deliverance.

But, if there is sin in your life and you're hiding it, covering it up or thrown your hands in the air like you just don't care... you're going to do it anyway. Please listen to the Holy Spirit calling you to repentance and forgiveness. **Numbers 32:23 says "...be sure your sin will catch up with you."**

You want to be blessed and happy right? Then you need to mourn, repent and get free from sin because sin is a blessing blocker.

Pray with me – Heavenly Father, I come before you in the name of Christ Jesus your son. Lord I'm a sinner, I have sinned. God, I repent of my sins and am so sorry for breaking your law. I believe Christ Jesus died shedding His blood to redeem me from the penalty of my sins and He rose again to save. As I place my faith in Jesus, I ask you to be my Lord and Savior today and forever more. In Jesus name. Amen

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# MOTO CAMPING Bridge Walk



WRITTEN BY  
**Brendan Farren**

**M**an oh man, it seems like I blinked and the summer was coming to an end! Labor Day weekend was fast approaching and I had nothing planned. All I knew is that I wanted to do some riding and do something new to me. You would think that working for a bike magazine you would get to ride all the time, but not as much as you would think. While I do get to go to tons of events, clubhouses and things of that nature, however more often than not, I end up in the truck. It's just the way it is.

I looked online for something to do, and then low and behold I came across The Bridge Walk! If you don't know what that is, basically every Labor Day they open the Mackinac Bridge to foot traffic from 7:00 am to noon. I had never done it and have always wanted to get a closer look at the bridge so I was in! I immediately called my gal pal Erinn, knowing that, like me she is always up to some adventuring and we finalized some plans and were off. We hit the popular Cops and Doughnuts in Clare for a couple cups of coffee and some good eats. Erinn is far more cultured than I am so she knew about the neat artwork in the alley behind Cops and Doughnuts. If you ever are up that way take a walk behind the building and check out the cool local art. We stayed at Burt Lake State Park in Indian River. Pulling into the campground we quickly noticed the place was packed to the gills with fifth wheel mansions. I remember thinking to myself, that these people were missing the point of camping, but to each their own. They must have thought the same about the bikers with a simple tent set up. Our intent of staying in Indian River was to see The Cross in the Woods, but like any good adventure plans go out the window and that never happened.



Erinn and I hit Mackinac City to people watch the fudgies and get a chip from Zips Harley-Davidson in town. We ran into my good friend Amanda "Reckless" from Guilty Girlz, what a small world. We grabbed some coffee and shot the shit with her a bit then went our own ways. Erinn and I headed back to camp to get a fire going and have a couple adult beverages on the way back we passed a giant metal head of George Washington out in the middle of a field. There was no way we were going to pass up the opportunity to check that out. I'm not sure why it was there or who put it there, but we spent some time climbing on it and snapping pics. By then we were ready to hit camp and call it a day so we would be rested and ready for the walk in the morning.

We woke up to colder than expected temps and realized the hard way that we had under-packed for it. So the mission was on to find hoodies. Our plan was to start on the St. Ignace side of the bridge and double cross. FIRST though we had to find a hoodie for the chilly morning to cross the bridge with. "Its St. Ignace a huge tourist town, it'll be easy to find a hoodie." I thought to myself. WRONG. That would've been true if it wasn't five in the morning, but I had to hit EVERY gas station and hotel in the area before I found an undersized potato sack hippie style hoodie, but it would have to work. Then off to the starting area we went. Luckily Erinn, like me likes to be early to these things and we made it with plenty of time to spare.

With five miles each direction to cross and a limited time to cross, we were a little concerned about pace, but just figured we would see how it went. Well, I was concerned, Erinn on the other hand, runs ultra-marathons ten miles is barely a warm up for her. We started across with the other 26,000 people and quickly realized we were out pacing the majority of the pack. If you haven't done this walk I strongly recommend it. We took in a beautiful sunrise and other breathtaking scenery on the way towards the Lower Peninsula. We made our first cross in well under two hours, plenty of time to make the return trek. We crossed the first finish line and got our certificates, snapped a couple pics, hit the portal johns and headed on the return trip to St. Ignace. Knowing we would easily make the double cross, we got to take in more of the actual bridge as well as more of the scenery. I stopped for a picture and felt the bridge swaying!! I went onto the grating, looked down and could see the bridge moving about a foot in each direction! It was so cool. You don't get the real feel of this when crossing in a vehicle, but as it is designed to do the suspension bridge moves in the breeze! We made it back to St. Ignace with a Michigan bucket list item checked off.

We finished up the day in the UP hitting the upper and lower Tahquamenon Falls before the journey home and back to reality. Definitely always a fantastic time in the UP. Until next time.



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- 702 Bar & Grill- Midland
- Baldwin Bowling Center- Baldwin
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- Stingers Bar & Grill- Wixom
- Ghost Town Saloon- Elwell
- Ryder's Bar & Grill- Midland

## Saturday

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## Sunday

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Harley's vs The World  
Great Lakes Bagger Race  
Lapeer International Dragway,  
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October 2  
Kickstart Sunday Service  
Victory Biker Church, 12190 Miller Rd.  
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October 2  
38<sup>th</sup> Annual Peotone (Illinois) Motorcycle Swap Meet  
Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL. 10 am- 4 pm, \$9 per adult, buy, sell, trade parts, leather, food & beer. (See full page ad this issue)

October 2  
Bubba's Turkey Poker Run  
Crump Fox Club, Linwood, MI. Regis 10 am- noon, \$10pp, turkeys awarded for best poker hands.

October 5  
Pit Stop Bible Study  
Victory Biker Church, 12190 Miller Rd. Lennon, MI 48449. 7 pm, Pit Stop Bible Study is our weekly time of prayer, worship and study of God's word at Vickory Biker Church International. For more info call 810-271-0002

October 8  
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October 8  
Gutsy's Fall Run 2022  
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October 9  
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October 16  
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7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Colors Run  
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October 28  
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October 30  
47<sup>th</sup> Annual Kalamazoo Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet  
Wings Event Center, Kalamazoo, MI. 10 am- 4 pm, \$10 per adult, buy, sell, trade parts, leather, food & beer. (See full page ad this issue)

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# JOKER'S WILD



Wife to husband: 'Let's go out and have some fun tonight!'  
Husband: 'Okay, sounds great, but if you get home before I do, leave the hall light on.'

Do you ever look at someone and think.....  
Oh yeah, you're the reason we have instructions on shampoo bottles!

So Lil' Joey got home from school to see this note taped to the refrigerator .....  
Today's WiFi password can be unlocked by texting a brand new, recently taken photo of your room, cleaned, vacuumed, clothes hung up, your laundry done and bed made.  
Said photo must contain the box of crackers in the kitchen which I have written in Sharpie, today's current date to prevent re-using any previous photos.  
Thank You! for playing.  
May the odds be ever in your favor. Love, Mom -  
(\*now you know where Lil' Joey gets it from -) js

A vacuum cleaner salesman knocked on my door. Before I could say a word he tipped a bucket of dog chit on my carpet and said, "If this here vacuum doesn't remove every trace of it, I'll personally eat what's left!"  
I looked down then up at him and replied, "I sure hope you're hungry cause' they cut off my electric this morning!"

Dear Daddy - \$chool i\$ really great! I am making lot\$ of friend\$ and \$tudying very hard but with all my\$tuff, I \$imply can't think of anything I need.  
\$So if you would like, you can ju\$t \$end me a card, a\$ I would love to hear from you.  
Love, Your \$Son, Lil' Joey  
Daddy replied - My Son Joey  
I kNOW that astroNOmy, ecoNOMics and oceanOG-raphy are eNOugh to keep even an hoNOr student busy. Do NOT forget that the pursuit of kNOWLEDge is a NOble task, and you can never study eNOugh.  
Love, Your Daddy  
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Guys love it when I tell them I'm 'bi' on the very first date.  
I let them figure the "polar" part out on their own. A girl has to be mysterious after all.

Lil' Joey was talking w/ some kids in the playground and said "I remember when I was in 7th grade and used to ask alot of questions, so one day I asked my English Teacher, "Why do we ignore some letters in pronunciation, for example, the letter H in Hour, or Honor, etc. ....?"  
My English Teacher replied, "We are not ignoring them, they are considered silent."  
Lil Joey continued telling his story, "I was even more confused over the answer she gave me."  
"During the lunch break, my Teacher gave me her packed lunch and asked me to take it to the school Cafeteria and heat it up. I did just that but it looked and smelled so good that I ended up eating it all and returned to class with the empty container."  
My English Teacher held out the empty container and asked, "Joey, what happened? I told you to go heat my food and you return with an empty container!"  
Lil' Joey told the kids, "I looked her straight in the eyes and replied, "Well, guess this is one of those times when the H was silent."

Ya' know how Newscasters read off the teleprompter and not sure of what the story was? Well, the local news gal was talking about growth in the County and went on to discuss that a "140,000 square-foot Sporting franchise that would be breaking ground..."  
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When you get to talkin' to me, you kinda' wish I was a little bit more quiet.  
When you really get to know me, you kinda' get just a little bit skeered when I'm quiet.  
Life's funny that way, huh?

I feel that Tacos are more important than Pumpkin Spice. There, I said it.....Fight Me!

A Pastor give a sermon to the children's Bible Study class about being loyal and invested to God. He asked the children, "Why do you think I wear this collar?" Lil' Joey in the back yelled out, "Because it kills ticks and fleas up to 30 days?"

So just saw this on FB post and had to share .....  
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## BULLET POINTS

### GOOD NEWS!

BY RICK WYATT



There are not many things lately that truly excite this old warhorse, but when I find a description of a pistol that begins with NOT LEAGAL IN CALIFRONIA the heart does a bit of a pitter-patter and wants to see more. Then eyeballing the picture, which seems kind of familiar, and reading the specs, I found myself falling head over heels in lust with what I view as one hottttt bullet launching machine. There are tons of doppelgangers in the gun world, knocking off other company's successful designs, but there's always a definite difference in the quality of materials and workmanship. You can feel, see and hear the differences between the real thing and their clone without ever firing it and, if you are gun savvy, you know that you will never pass it off as anything other than a cheap imitation. Its like expecting a wild weekend with what you thought were going to be twins only to find out that you were duped into an afternoon and stuck with a homely second cousin. Folks, I promise you that in this case, you will not be dissatisfied with either one of the following!

I have a friend who shoots a lot of 3-gun competition and the pistol he shoots is the Staccato - P, Staccato 2011 built solely for performance. Staccato is the old STI and is known for their high-end firearms and matching prices. What you have is a single action double stack 1911 style pistol that is so well balanced and assembled and freakishly accurate even in novice hands and is engineered for speed. The stock night sights are more than adequate, but add an optic and you will amaze even yourself when you start shooting ten round single hole groups with good mechanics and meaningful practice. It's truly a firearm worth considering for a next gun or future gun, but it's not inexpensive.

Enter a worthy consolation prize that, with a little planning, might be within the average person's budget. I was reading some literature on the new Springfield Prodigy and right up front it said NOT LEGAL IN CALIFORNIA which usually means that it will not be available with California 10 round sissy magazines. To me that's a turn on because

it means that the company is not going to bow before the rosy red asses of west coast politics. I don't know if there will be aftermarket mags available in the future, but the idea of buying a handgun that comes with both 17 round and 20 round magazines gives me a gun chubby. Then finding a picture and the doppelganger effect kicked in because I was looking at an affordable version of the Staccato-P, and the specs sheet is just as impressive. But as I said before, most clones leave a lot to be desired once you get your hands on one; we got one in the store, and I must admit that I was not disappointed if what I was holding. It looked, felt and sounded like a quality firearm (lust, lust, lust) and I will be getting one in the near future.

There are differences between the Staccato-P and the Prodigy such as the Staccato is available with either an aluminum or steel frame and the aluminum will save you about 5 ounces of carry weight. The prodigy only comes in steel, but is available in either a 4.25" or 5" barrel and the larger Prodigy is the same weight as the Staccato. Both have bull barrels and while the trigger pull on the Staccato is outstanding the Prodigy is able to hold its own without shame. The Prodigy comes in two different barrel lengths both available with or without an optic, where the Staccato is available in several different models and sizes, all of which are optics ready. As far as available optics, the Prodigy is built to accept the Hex Dragonfly and if used there are no odd gaps, or overlaps of mounting plates to detract from the appearance, but quite frankly the Staccato-P looks good no matter what optic system you put on it.

Now, I am not going to blow smoke up your skirts and try to convince you that the Springfield has the same feel as the Staccato; I know that none of you are that simple. The biggest difference between the platforms boils down to the Staccato is fully hand fitted and is a runner right out of the box where the Springfield is mostly hand assembled and will require some shooting to get as smooth as the gun it was cloned from. But, when the roughly \$1400 Prodigy is about half the price of the Staccato you can afford to practice!



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