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LETTER FROM OWNERS

Feeling the love..

So, I have this thing that I say a lot and I don't even know where I got it from, but I've been saying it for years. Probably from decades of sales and management positions I've held in previous jobs. Who knows. It just seems to roll off the tongue as a quick way to break the ice. It's more of a question than a statement. Typically, when you meet someone new it is usually a race to ask how the other is doing. It's the same if you approach them or they approach you. Or, they'll say "it's nice to meet you" as you exchange names over a handshake. That's a whole other response up my sleeve for another time – lol. Then, it's the question of are you the boss? Or, are you the owner? Here it is, ready?! Me, "Depends if you have a complaint or a compliment! Oof – dad jokes and phrases. I'm getting old. Most of the time when you're asked that question you are preparing yourself for an earful. Except lately, when I say it, I feel a bit more confident than I did in the past.

Over the last few months Aly and I have been showered with the graces and positivity of the readers, followers, and advertisers of Thunder Roads® Michigan Magazine. Although our confidence level is not quite at 100% quite yet, we both greatly appreciate all the positive feedback and kind words. There is no question we've been hitting it hard knowing failure is not an option for us. We have put ourselves out there with the throttle wide open to cover as much ground as we possibly can and that isn't going to change any time soon. Six months feels like a year right now and we're just getting started. We really want to say THANK YOU to all of you that have stuck with us and to everyone that is giving us a chance to prove ourselves as the new owners. We are so grateful for all the help and support!

Now that we are halfway through our first year, we are finally finding our groove and we are growing! We are already talking about the upcoming year and how excited we are to see what's possible for us. Yes, we are burning it at both ends and there are some unknowns but were not letting that slow us down. We'll continue to work our way around them or go right through them if necessary.

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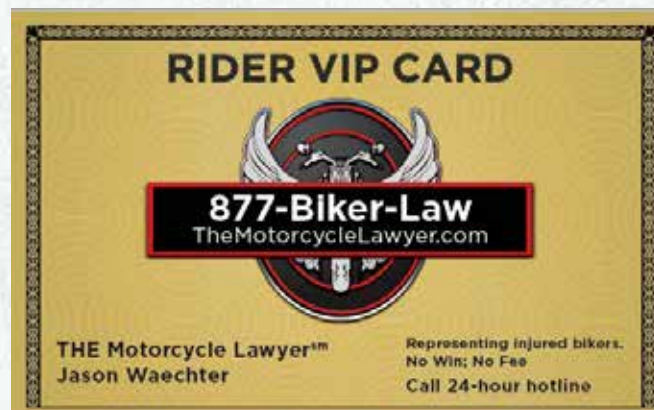
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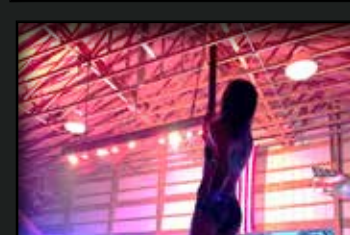
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On day one of a five-day journey going through 11 states (Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, back through Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, and landing back home in Michigan) I had an unexpected repair come up which held my bike in Chicago. I had already informed a few brothers I would be coming through their airspace, and it was only meant to be for a few moments to touch point and keep going. I took my bike in for an oil change, and they discovered my bike was not starting properly. Seemingly a simple repair, starter, or battery and I thought the bike should have been repaired within an hour or two. Long story short, the mechanic did not diagnose the bike properly and I lost 24 hours of a road trip due to what was discovered as a loose ground connection attached to the frame from the battery. I was furious because that was not an issue at any time before I took it to this place of business. Story for another day.

As I waited, some brothers from Chicago pulled up and noticed I was going Tasmanian devil on their azzes. Both knew individuals at the location of repair but did not know each other directly. One pulled me away from the counter and the other started speaking on my behalf to the business' manager. They brought food, got me to a place of shelter, calmed me down, and went completely out of their way to ensure things were handled to get me back on the road while I was 282.8 miles away from home. The appreciation of how these brothers took care of me and that neither one of them would accept a dime of repayment made quite the impression on me.

This happened another time when the shifter stripped while on



another road trip coming back through Fort Wayne, IN. I put out the "bat-signal" from a gas station parking lot and before I knew it a few brothers pulled up with additional tools and helped me replace the shifter link on the bike and got me back home to Michigan safely. I was flabbergasted when two patches pulled up, one said "President" and the other said "Vice-President." It is true when the words are spoken, brotherhood is built on the highway.

Sometimes you are with your group and sometimes you are pounding the pavement alone, but to know that someone has your "6" is a priceless feeling. In return, there have been times when my team or I have also helped people from out of state that found themselves fighting Michigan's pot-holed riddled streets and have ended up with a bent a rim, shook something loose on their bike, or simply fatigued.

One more story to share, while on my way to Tulsa, Oklahoma there was a man and woman stopped at a gas station working on a trike and although they had tools, they didn't exactly have what they needed to get the job done. Three unknown people came to their aid: me, another brother, and a civilian in a cage. Between the extra six hands, we found a way to get them back on the road to the nearest Harley Dealership that was just 3 miles away. It happened to be the shifter link on their trike being stripped as well. You never know who will come to your aid in your time of distress, so always remember to pay it forward to those on two's.

I understand at times it might feel like an inconvenience, but one day if you are a true ground pounder there is a good chance you could find yourself in some need of help too. If you've ever pulled to the side of the road with hazards on to take the occasional leak or take a quick picture with a state sign, you will notice, someone may slow down and yell out the window "YOU GOOD," or even pull over to check if you are okay. It has happened to me on several occasions, once at the Kentucky state sign, once at the Mackinaw/Petoskey signs, and another time in South Carolina.

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The race weekend of June 9th and 10th was no different. Riders young and old put on an amazing show under the lights. The TT ran first on Friday night. The crowd grew as the riders began practicing and gained in size until the heat races. The track was fast and there was good racing the entire night. The races went long into Friday night, but the experienced and organized members of Lucky Thumb made sure the show stayed on pace, and on Saturday Night saw an even larger crowd. Saturday night short track racing is something every person should experience at least once in their life. Several highlights from the weekend included multiple great battles between the 77 of Lyle Barber Jr. and 19 of Brian (Woody) Woodward, a hard-fought win by the 2023 Veterans 30+ National Champion Adam Beldyga, a smooth performance by the master Skip Wertz, and a full class of youth riders on 50 multi speeds. Lucky Thumb would not be complete without an amazing show by the combo riders, headlined by current and former AFT pro riders Billy Ross, Jordan Jean, Brandon Kitchen, and Nick Myers and featuring top amateur riders Ethan Kitchen, Kolby Gyomory, Carson Green, and Levi Montgomery. The future of flat track is looking bright.



As the races were about to begin, a memorial backwards lap was completed by many riders and attendees in honor of Ray Ellis. Ray was the president of Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Club and a true staple on race day. Ray's son RJ spoke before the weekend's event and a message of love and support was reciprocated. District 14 Flat Track would not be what it is today if not for all the encouragement and support it gets from volunteers and race lovers. This race weekend was no different. The entire Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Club pulled together and worked extra hard to pull this race weekend off. District 14 official flat track photographer Erin Fay of Madcap Imaging was all over the place this weekend snapping shots and making everyone look good. Former Professional AFT Champion Brad Baker was hanging out promoting his second Baker's Bash 1/2 mile scheduled for July 15th in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

It was an honor for us at Holeshot Promotions to volunteer in the Lucky Thumb Crow's Nest during the races. A lot of fun was had getting to speak with the racers about the upcoming Caro 1/2 mile scheduled for August 26th. It would be great to see everyone come out and join our D14 Flat Track family for some racing on that day! If you missed these past races, there are still 3 more race weekends at Lucky Thumb this year to attend.

The June Lucky Thumb races were a huge success and a great time. The family atmosphere, the good people, and the summertime vibes keep both the riders and spectators coming back.

Story by: Charles Gray
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As we celebrate this wonderful country's birthday and freedom, let's remember that there are many organizations and groups that could use our support. In the last few years of ups and downs that our country has been through, this article is focused on all our brothers and sisters who love to Ride and those that volunteer for causes that we love so much. Especially where it brings in much needed support to our veterans. As you may or may not know, there are many motorcycle groups that veterans can get in touch with to ride or participate in. So, if you're looking you can find a place that makes you feel comfortable and still has some great camaraderie that most of us desperately yearn for, don't forget to pay it forward. Everyone needs a little help or support and always remember, IGY6. Here are some links we'd like to share.

Why Veterans Join Military-Only Motorcycle Clubs.

Courtesy of dd214direct.com

Veterans and motorcycles. It's hardly a stretch to imagine the two together, thundering down the open road, soaking up sunshine, reveling in freedom, open to new adventures...

And if you add just a few more riders to the scenario, you've got camaraderie, support, a shared sense of purpose... maybe even a kind of family. At least that's what the members of the earliest, post-WWII motorcycle clubs found.

Many fresh-from-the-war vets found that transitioning back into the American status quo was more difficult (and perhaps more boring) than they had imagined. Some could only find true understanding and appreciation in the company of other vets. Factor in the fact that Army surplus motorbikes were going for peanuts, and you've got an "outlaw" motorcycle club.

It should be noted that the original "outlaw" tag wasn't necessarily because the first groups engaged in criminal activity, but because they refused to operate under the umbrella of American Motorcycle Association, which at that time was the largest official motorcycle club in the U.S.

Since then, the term "outlaw biker gang (OMG)" has taken on a much more literal meaning. While nearly all of today's military-only clubs operate within the bounds of the law, there are a couple who have managed to blur the lines a bit. And, if we're to believe some reports, actual OMGs don't suffer from a shortage of veteran members.

I've had the opportunity to meet some members from the following organizations and found the camaraderie and purpose of belonging along with helping out other veterans quite helpful to be able to reconnect with something they felt they have lost. So, whether you are active, guard, reserve or retired or just a veteran please take a moment to learn more about them. They may be just what you need.

The American Infidels <https://americaninfidelsvmc.com/>

As a National Organization, American Infidels VMC can be found promoting the American Way and Veteran's organizations across the country. We host our own fundraisers, motorcycle rides, and parties as well as attend pro-veteran, pro-military, and pro-American functions.

Michigan American Legion Riders <https://michiganlegion.org/riders>

American Legion Riders chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans' homes, severely wounded servicemembers and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in The American Legion Legacy Run to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001.

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association <https://www.combatvet.us/>

Our mission follows: To promote interest in various forms of motorcycle activity associated with Veterans. To create and maintain camaraderie among Combat Veterans from all U.S. Branches of Service and its allies. To support Veteran Organizations. To raise awareness for the plight of POWs, MIAs and their families. To conduct Association functions and activities in a manner befitting the members of the

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association as well as the association's Auxiliary Members. To encourage a better understanding of motorcycle riders as a constructive sport among members of the public, press, and law enforcement agencies.

The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association of Michigan is comprised of Chapters based on geographical region:

Patriot Guard Riders <https://www.patriotguard.org/>

Our Mission

The Patriot Guard Riders is a 100% Volunteer, federally registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which ensures dignity and respect at memorial services honoring Fallen Military Heroes, First Responders and honorably discharged Veterans.

Our Vision

The Patriot Guard Riders is a diverse amalgamation of riders from across the nation. We have one thing in common besides motorcycles. We have an unwavering respect for those who risk their very lives for America's freedom and security including Fallen Military Heroes, First Responders, and honorably discharged Veterans. If you share this respect, please join us.

We don't care what you ride or if you ride, what your political views are, or whether you're a hawk or a dove. It is not a requirement that you be a veteran. It doesn't matter where you're from or what your income is; you don't even have to ride. The only prerequisite is Respect.

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To those of you who are currently serving and fighting for the freedoms of others, at home and abroad, please know that we are backing you. We honor and support you with every mission we carry out, and we pray for a safe return home for all.

So, as you are out riding and you see a vest or patch with a veteran affiliation, please take time to get to know them and ask about their group. It just might be what you have been looking for. Hope everyone has a wonderful 4th of July and enjoy the RIDE and Be Safe!!!



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July...My goodness it's already full-tilt riding season, and along with that comes construction crews on most major highways. There is nothing scarier than riding next to a semi or someone pulling a trailer, and it looks like they're going to swerve into you and there is nowhere for you to go because of the barriers, traffic, potholes, uneven asphalt, and detours around bad patches of highway! Please do all you can to find a safe spot and slow down or stay behind in the slow lane. Don't be in a hurry. A couple of minutes will make no difference trying to get to your destination! I would rather be late rather than be involved in an accident and end up in the hospital. I know it sucks getting stuck in traffic and it can get very hot when you get bumper to bumper clutching and breaking and your patience gets tested. Just remember, you have family and friends waiting for you. After you arrive safely at your destination and start to cool off, that situation is just a memory, you can put it behind you and enjoy the rest of your day.

Our group has been very busy in the month of June with the Milan Fair and Mayfly Festival coming up. July looks like another busy time for us to raise funds for all the organizations we will be helping with donations, so please look us up and help us help others.

One last thing... I know I asked all of you to be aware of your children and their phones. You would not believe what you might find on them. Some things could really disappoint you and something you didn't know about could really make a difference in your child's life. Our children are our next generation of leaders and thinkers, so please pay attention to them and guide them the best way you know how. Bullying is AWFUL and destructive. A little love goes a long way!

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I bought my Street Glide brand new in February of 2015 with zero miles on it.

I've taken some long trips on it and the furthest I have ever ridden it was to Tennessee and around the Tail of The Dragon and the Smokey Mountains. Man was that great! All the paint work was done by Bob Haymaker from Marshall, Michigan. We did it one piece at a time over 6 years and it has now earned the name "Money." The motor has not been touched nor the tranny except for me changing the oil every 3k in all 3 holes. Outlaw Customs in Southwest, MI did the rear O.E.M. fender by stretching them, welding in fillers and did the lighting.

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located in our part of Michigan and we are blessed to have them in our lives. With the generous donations through benefits like Logan's Heroes our foundation has turned these thousands into hundreds of thousands through grants and more. We've gotten the attention of researchers worldwide. This syndrome is often mis-diagnosed as Autism, but the geneticists know the exact defective genes causing our children's health issues. This is the key to finding cures for not only our kids, but millions diagnosed similarly.

We started Logan's Heroes to not only raise money, but to raise awareness and educate parents and doctors of this life changing syndrome diagnosis.

We've been very fortunate to have so many awesome people who have kept coming to our charity ride year after year. Each year we try to improve what we can and maintain what most riders



love about the ride. We start with registration at the Millington Inn where they offer a great breakfast buffet before we roll out. Once we have organized everyone in a group together in a nearby lot, we then share ride instructions and a prayer. We leave at approximately 10:15 and start a beautiful ride through the thumb stopping in Kingston, Colwood, Akron and one more stop before returning to the Davison

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Good morning, afternoon, or evening. Whenever wherever you are reading this. My name is Merry Garrett and I'm a board member of Abate of Michigan and the RC of Region 6. As many of you know Abate is fighting in Lansing for the rights of every motorcycle rider but we also fight for boats, ATV's, four wheelers and many more.

I'll be sharing with you some interesting facts, some history of Abate and our events. We just had our freedom rally in Lansing on June 7th. Hope some of you attended. Abate is fighting the insurance laws that have hurt us and we are still fighting the battle of helmet choice. Yes choice. A lot say we are the folks that don't want to wear helmets. No!! We want to have a choice to wear them. It's not a matter if you want to wear one or you don't want to wear one. We are trying to always make it our choices. Same as the insurance bill that is plaguing us with folks being able to cap their auto insurance, then they hit a bike and whatever they have, let just say 50,000 in coverage, well folks that doesn't cover a ER visit let alone a life flight if needed.

Please read this article that was in a recent Michigan Rider that Abate puts out every month. Please attend a meeting in your area.

Look Twice Save-A-Life

We have 21 regions to choose from. Look on the Abate web page to find my number, find any board member's number or the RC in your area. We would love for you to join us, and if you signed up it would be even better. As we say with signs all over the states, **LOOK TWICE SAVE A LIFE!**

"Spring has Sprung:

Spring is here, or is it?!?! For many Michiganders who are motorcyclists, it's time to start riding again.

Thousands of motorcyclists will be hitting the roads. Hopefully, not really hitting the pavement. Automobile drivers need to do their part and, "LOOK TWICE TO SAVE A LIFE - MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE." ABATE of Michigan urges drivers turning left not to attempt to judge the speed of oncoming motorcycles. Many car / motorcycle accidents occur in intersections.

Motorcyclists need to do their part and have a cycle endorsement added to their driver's license. Motorcycle Basic Public Classes are only \$50.00 due to funding by Michigan Motorcyclists through legislation ABATE of Michigan was



instrumental in passing.

Motorcycle license testing should be available from the Michigan Department of State. ABATE of Michigan urges all motorcyclists to be properly trained and endorsed. Un-trained cyclists are over represented in motorcycle accidents and fatalities in Michigan, according to Vince Consiglio, President, ABATE of Michigan.

Trained motorcyclists ride to survive. According to the State Police, records show an increase in unendorsed motorcyclists' fatalities. Unendorsed motorcyclists are 35% of the motorcyclist's population, and they accounted for a large percent of the fatalities.

As of July 1, 2020, Senate Bill 1, gave choice in auto insurance coverage levels to Michigan drivers. According to ABATE Legislative Officer Ed Schuitema, "Auto drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, snowmobilers, and ATV users will all have a choice on their medical coverage, but motorcyclists hit by car drivers will be stuck with the car driver's choice for medical coverage." Out of state motorcyclists will go to their choice in medical coverage. Only Michigan motorcyclists will be subject to the car driver's choice for medical coverage. ABATE will continue to work with the Michigan Legislature to correct this bizarre situation.

For more information contact Vince Consiglio (248) 672-0957 Ed Schuitema (231) 907-0710

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VALLEY MOTOCROSS

So, working with Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan took some getting used to. I always have to be almost 2 months ahead of myself to get you the most current info, but sometimes something shows enough passion that I have to take a step back and revisit.....



Memorial weekend at the racetrack!

Have you ever belonged to a group? a team? a way of life where you literally give it your all? The drive and passion that comes with this unity is something that can't be matched! The respect earned for giving it your all should absolutely be seen and honored by the world because being part of any team is not easy, but being part of the ultimate team can sometimes cost you your life! Every year on the last Monday in May, the nation halts to give thanks and remembrance to our fallen who with their sacrifice have shaped this country into this place we all call home!



Memorial weekend is seen as the kickoff to summer. With its passing we all know it is only a few short days until everyone is out of school for the season, the weather is turning into those long warm summer days that we've all been looking forwards to, and of course it is an extended weekend! BUT!!! I feel like the true meaning is getting brushed aside a little more every year. It's being thought of more as a holiday than as a day of remembrance. Memorial weekend is not only a time for BBQ's and camping but it is a time of paying our respects, a time to give thanks to those who served, and who paid the ultimate sacrifice!

It is because of these selfless men and women that we get to spend our time out in the dirt doing what we love! Motocross!!



Every year my boys and I take advantage of the extended weekend. We choose a track to spend some time on with our family and friends, enjoying each other's company and remembering those who have shaped our country. The last few years we have found ourselves at Valley Motocross, partly because it is a local track with a little bit of something for everyone, but mostly because they put on a show of remembrance and respect for our veterans, active duty and retired military that is hard to match! Our world would be a very different place without our veterans, and I want my boys to grow up being grateful to the men and women who made it possible for them to chase their passions!!

Every year before the racing starts, the owner Steve Moreland Leads everyone in a moment of silence for prayer and remembrance for those we have loved and lost, and of course the national anthem, they also have one of the biggest representations and shows of respect that I've seen, a very emotional memorial lap where every rider on the property no matter what size, class, or kind of off road



vehicle, gets a chance to follow the parade of grateful enthusiasts around the entire property! Now this isn't a new idea for a track to do in remembrance, but on THIS track it is truly a breathtaking sight to see! Anyone who has been to Valley knows how big this place is (anyone who hasn't been I highly recommend it!) and to see the whole track full, in a slow parade following the American flag is truly a breathtaking sight to see.

When writing about the different niches of moto I've found myself repeating that each group has a family



atmosphere, and a sense of community that just isn't seen in the outside world. It's like all the different people from so many different areas came together and became a chosen weekend family! They help each other, they support each other, and they show a sense of community that I myself am grateful to raise my teenagers in! I love the passion of the staff at all the tracks we like to visit, the owners are out in the dirt with the kids. They go from running the equipment and flagging, (sometimes even between their own motos) they jump on the tractors and do a little maintenance, then grab a flag or hit the start gate and send off the next group of riders. Running a track is definitely a labor of love!! The amount of work that goes into hosting a weekend of racing is momentous (especially on a holiday weekend) and I just want you all to know that we see it!! And we thank you for taking your weekend, and the time from your own families, to spend it busting your ass to keep our kids out in the dirt having a good time!



I Think I will introduce the discipline of Motocross another time and keep this month for the veterans! Thunder Roads of Michigan and Madcap Imaging along with our families would like to thank our military service members for serving, protecting, and giving your all!

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JOKER'S WILD

A biker walks into a restaurant followed by an ostrich. The waitress asks him if he was ready to order? Biker says, "A cheeseburger, fries and a coke," and turns to the ostrich, "What'll you have?" "I'll have the exact same," says the ostrich. The waitress returns with their order. "My shift is over so have to collect now if that's alright with you? It's a total of \$19.40 please," and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact money and change for the payment. The next day the man and the ostrich come in and the biker says, "cheeseburger, fries and a coke, and the ostrich says, "I'll have the exact same thing please." The following day, same thing said and ordered and the biker reaches into his jeans and pulls out the exact money and change. Friday, the following day, the biker and ostrich enter and the biker says, "this is Friday night, so I'll have the porterhouse steak, loaded baked potato and house salad with bleu cheese dressing." The waitress looks at the ostrich who says, "I'll have the exact same, please." The waitress brings the bill and it's \$47.62, the man reaches in his pocket and pulls out the exact money and change, again. The waitress has been dying to ask so she does. "Sir, pardon me, but how do you always come up with the exact money and change out of your pocket every single time?"

"Well, explains the biker, "several years ago I was cleaning an attic as a side gig and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it a Genie appeared and said I had two wishes, but to be exact and wise in my wishes. My first wish was that for anything I ever had to pay for in my life, I'd put my hand in my pocket and the correct amount of money and change would always be there." "That is brilliant!" says the waitress..."most would wish for a million dollars, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!" Genius! "Yup", says the biker, "whether it's a gallon of milk or ice-cream or my brand new Cadillac, the exact money is always right there." The waitress is stunned but then asks, "But sir, what's with the ostrich?" The biker sighs, looks down and replies, "My second wish was for a tall chick with long legs who agrees with everything I say."

Kinda' funny how the colors red, white and blue represent Freedom

Until they are flashing behind you.

Will never forget my ex telling me: You'll never find anyone like me ever again. I said, That's the goal.

Seriously, Nobody cleans a house faster than a guy expecting sex.

Tattoo Artist:
The only person you can trust with vaseline on their finger.

I ran twice today; First, I ran out of beer, and then, I ran to get some more.

If having sex for money makes you a hoe.....does having sex for free make you a non-profit whoreganization?

Judge: Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?
Me: I choose dare, your honor.

Things you think of when stoned....
Imagine how much noise the sound of a Centipede would make if they wore tiny flip flops.

Grannies always say things so sweet, even when they're actually putting someone down.
Case in point; Granny talking about a girl that lives down the street and she always sees boys climbing in and out of the girls' bedroom window.
Granny: She aint a bird watcher but I'd say she's seen a cockatoo.

Things That Make Ya' Go Hmmm?

At a movie theatre, which arm rest is yours?

In the word scent, is the "s" silent or is the 'c'?

If people evolved from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?

Why is there a "d" in fridge, but not in refrigerator?

Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made?

Someone on FB posted a pic of a horse that fainted and said;
Horse Pretends To Be Dead Every Time Anyone Tries To Ride It.

Someone replied: Yeah, my ex was like that.



JULY 2023

July 1

-Farming Biker Mystery Ride
Ride Begins at the Meijer (Flint, MI)
2474 W. Hill Rd
Flint, MI 48507
Kickstands Up At 10:30
An easy ride in the country
to a lunch destination.

July 7

-13th Annual Salute to Veterans
Manistee VFW-Thunder at the River
1211 28th St.
Manistee, MI
Escort the Michigan Vietnam Memorial
Wall
2:00pm Stage for escort
3:00pm Depart VFW to Little River
Casino Resort

July 8

-2nd Annual Scooters Bike Show
6004 Torrey Rd.
Flint, MI
Registration 10am-Noon
Show starts @ Noon

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1211 28th St.
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Pure Thunder Escorted Veterans
Memorial Ride
Registration 9am-10:30am
Ride 11:00am-2:00pm

-Old Ride 2023
Bubba's Tri-City Cycle's
804 S. Huron
Linwood, Mi. 48634
Bikes Must Be 1984 or older!
Kickstands up @ Noon

-Proud Veteran Bike Run
The Vault
110 Florence St.
Saginaw, MI
Registration 9:30am-11am: Kickstands
up at 11:00am
Show starts at 7:00pm

July 9

**-Kretzschy's Smokey BBQ is Hosting
Moonshine Bandits**
604 S. Unionville Rd.
Sebewaing, MI
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Gates open at 5PM

-Teddy Bear Run Obstacle Course
American Legion Riders Sanford MI
Post 443
2080 N Meridian Rd.
Sanford, MI
Event starts at 3:00pm
Event Information On Facebook

July 13

**-Harley-Davidson® Homecoming
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-Steel Saddles Thunder Rally
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July 15

-Baker's Bash
Isabella County Fairgrounds
Mt. Pleasant, MI
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July 16

-Memorial Benefit for Jacob Noah
Check Facebook for details

-AMA Flat track racing
Mt. Pleasant Meadows
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-Wheels for Paws
P.O.E.T Animal Rescue Poker Run
Garden City Café
5662 Middlebelt Rd.
Garden City, MI
Registration 10:30am-12:00pm

July 20

-Muskegon's Rebel Road
Hackley Park
Downtown Muskegon
www.Rebelroad.org

-Muskegon Bike Time
Hot Rod Harley-Davidson
149 Shoreline Drive
Muskegon, MI
www.muskegonbiketime.com

July 21

-Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Anniversary
Weekend
7394 Bevens Rd.
Deford, MI
www.luckythumbmotorcycleclub.com
www.ama-d14.org

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July 22

**- Blue Star Mothers of Midland
County**
American Legion Riders Sanford MI
Post 443
2080 N. Meridian Rd.
Sanford, MI
Registration @ 11:00pm Kickstands
up @ Noon
Dinner and Auction start @ 5:00pm

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-Outlaw Petes Mental Health Matters
Suicide Awareness Bike Run
7658 Smiths Creek Rd.
Goodells, MI
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July 27

-Labadie Rib Fest
Veterans Memorial Park
Bay City, MI
www.baycityribfest.com

July 28

-2nd Annual Rumble in Romulus
Motorcycle Rally Downtown
Romulus, MI
On Goddard Road

-Labadie Rib Fest
Veterans Memorial Park
Bay City, MI
www.baycityribfest.com

-Vehicle City Harley-Davidson
Ride in Bike Show
Hosted by Thunder Roads Michigan
2400 Austins Pkwy.
Flint, MI
Registration 6:00pm-7:30pm

July 29

-AMA Flat Track
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Grant, MI
www.muskegonmotorcycleclub.com

-2nd Annual Rumble in Romulus
Motorcycle Rally Downtown
Romulus, MI
On Goddard Road

-14th Annual Logan's Heroes
Millington Inn
8487 State St.
Millington, MI
Registration 8:30am-10:00am
Departure time: 10:15
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-Labadie Rib Fest
Veterans Memorial Park
Bay City, MI
www.baycityribfest.com

-B.F.E. Jerry & Diana Bike Party
10332 Lakeview Dr.
Atlanta, MI
Noon - ???

-Niles Burn Run
Riverfront Park
Niles, MI
www.nilesburnrun.com

-Talons Out Honor Flight Fundraiser
18935 15 1/2 Mile Rd.
Marshall, MI
4:00pm-9:00pm Rain or Shine

July 30

-2nd Annual Rumble in Romulus
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