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LETTER FROM OWNERS

The weather is changing, I can feel it in my bones! - lol. Yeah, it's negative windchills and back up to 50 something in the blink of an eye here in Michigan. Give it a minute, it will change, right? It seems like spring is far away looking out the window sometimes and then we get teased to get our steal horses out of the barn. Then if you are like most of us following what we like to follow on social media, you've already seen posts with selfies of riders on those days. Oh, then you get all the hate for not waiting for “the salt to be off the roads”, and the “you better wash your bike when you get home” comments. Well, to each their own. I've done it too. We've taken rides in late November, December, January, February, ... you get the picture. It's Michigan!

For those lucky enough get the chance to take that ride down to Florida for Daytona Bike Week.. can't wait to see those selfies! – lol. This issue will be hitting the stands about the time that the lucky ones will be filling up their tanks on either their truck to make the voyage down, or when they are filling up the tank on their bikes... because you left early. Either way, we wish everyone that makes the voyage to the 82nd Daytona Bike Week a safe and fantastic time! We will be living vicariously through all your shares and posts online. If anyone out there actually reads this and you have some Thunder Roads® Michigan swag, take us with you! While you're down in Florida, tag us in a picture with you wearing your Thunderwear, holding a Thunder Roads® Michigan Magazine, or even holding a cold one in one of our koozies. We may just have a surprise for you when you get back! Don't forget to tag us!

We Michiganders know that the stinkin' ground hog hardly ever gets it right, but we can somewhat count on weather starting to break after Daytona. As a matter of fact, Thunder Roads® Michigan will be out at J&P Cycle in Taylor, MI to help them kick off their first bike night. It is scheduled for March 14th and to say we are looking forward to it would be an understatement. So come on out and hang out with us and the other vendors and have some fun! On March 26th the Thunder Roads® Michigan team will be set up at the Novi swap meet put on by J&C Motorcycle, aka Huge Swap Meet. Everyone knows that this is the big one! It's gonna be HUUUUUGE!

Aly and I would like to give a personal Shout Out to Bikes, Babes, and Booze with Jim & Scott for letting us brave the cave on their show in February. You can listen to the podcast by scanning the QR code on the Shout Out page in this issue. Can't wait until next time, and the chance to maybe burn some gas with you guys this summer! #supportsmallbusiness If you would like to give a Shout Out to someone or someplace.. just scan our Shout Out QR and send it our way. It's an easy and fun way to show some love to that special person! Or follow the steps on our website at www.thunderroadsmichigan.com.

If your place of business or charity has an event to share... get it to us asap at editor@thunderroadsmichigan.com to get it on our Event Calendar.



Speaking of support. Aly and I are so thankful for all the support we have been receiving from everyone! The positive feedback on our first two issues has been very encouraging and it helps us feel like we are heading in the right direction. Thank you!! We still have a lot of tricks up our sleeves. So, to our fellow Thunderheads, bring back some of that warm weather with ya from Florida!

RJ & Aly



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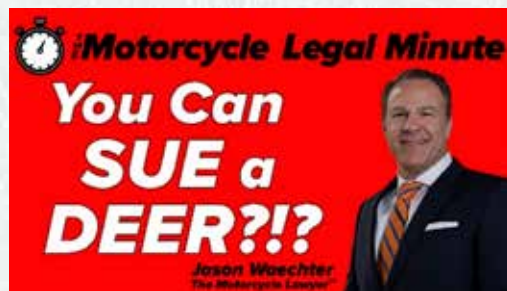
# THE MOTORCYCLE LAWYER ON THE LAW

## THE MOTORCYCLE LEGAL MINUTE VIDEO SERIES

Sometimes when lawyers explain the law, it is too detailed and therefore hard to follow. That's why I created The Motorcycle Legal Minute video series. I have 50 one-minute videos on my website that explain Michigan motorcycle law in about 1 Minute.

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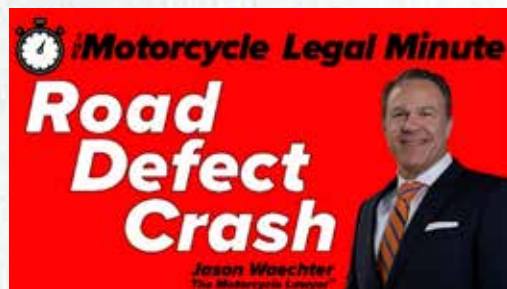
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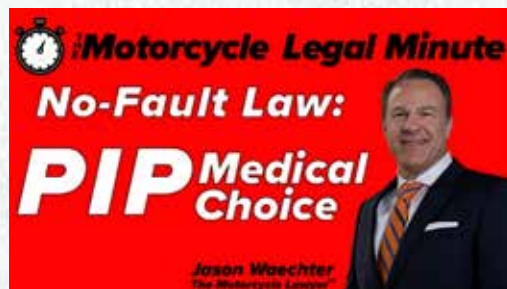
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## Wheeler Dealer Super Pawnshop MALINDA STANLEY

Meet Malinda Stanley, the daughter of Don and Connie Stanley owners of Stan's Corner Plaza (you know the one with the donkey on the road waving signs around) across from McDonald's. Yup, the same fun place that had the HUGE skeleton out front during the summer?

### PAWNLEADERS

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Malinda once worked at Labadie Auto Company where she learned valuable skills as a salesperson and was involved with the Bay City Noon Optimist Club where she learned the value of giving back to the community. She then moved to Arizona for an extended period, and later came back to Bay City where she began working at the family businesses. She currently volunteers her time with the Beacon of Hope Pregnancy Care Center where she shares the benefit of her own experiences with young mothers-to-be.

"You'll never truly understand what someone's going through unless you've experienced it yourself," Malinda explained.

In the years since Malinda's return, Stan's Gold Mine has moved, grown, and expanded Wheeler Dealer Super Pawn Shop "WDSP". Within that time, they have also expanded by incorporating two new businesses: Sneak Peek Boutique and Bay City Games & More.

In addition, the whole corner plaza is regularly utilized for special events and charities. According to Malinda she depends on Craigslist, Letgo, Facebook, fliers, parking lot sales and word-of-mouth to promote both the businesses and these special events.

"My father always told me that it's easier to collect a bunch of nickels than to find a dollar," she reminisced.

Malinda frequently tells her staff that customers can shop anywhere, so she encourages them to "treat your customers fairly and how you'd want to be treated, and to always thank them for their business."



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# VETERANS CORNER



## PREPARING FOR 2023 RIDING SEASON

I hope you all are doing well. If not, please don't hesitate to reach out for help. There are many resources available.

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

Michigan has several resources that can help our veterans. One of them is:

### Stand Downs

Stand Downs are typically one-to-three-day events providing supplies and services to homeless Veterans, such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings and VA Social Security benefits counseling. Veterans can also receive referrals to other assistance such as health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment and mental health counseling. They are collaborative events, coordinated between local VA medical centers, other government agencies and community-based homeless service providers.

To add an upcoming Stand Down, please submit a notice of proposed event form to the VA Homeless Coordinator or VA Stand Down point of contact (POC) at your local VA Medical Center.

### New Veteran Resource Service for Michigan Veterans

The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency is hard at work connecting those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces with the benefits they have earned. The MVAA is here to help veterans navigate the challenges of getting connected to federal, state, and local veteran services, no matter how they come in contact with the State of Michigan. The Veteran Resource Service Center is helping veterans and

their families retrieve their military documents, navigate veteran benefit programs, and find services to assist in their communities. While making these connections seems simple, it is often impossible to navigate the system alone. Many women who served are not aware of their eligibility and have not applied for the money set aside for pensions, disability benefits, health care, education, spousal support, and burial. Visit <http://www.michiganveterans.com/> or call 1-800-MICH-VET (800-642-4838) to find out more.

I am also a rider, so if you are out riding around and see me don't hesitate to say hello, we are all here to help our brothers and sisters out. I am more than happy to help our veteran's when I can.



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# Smoke N' GearZ



## The Return of the Scooter Bum

### Biker's Prayer

"May the sun rise in front of us, the rain fall behind us, and the wind follow us. May the Angels guard our travels for they know what is ahead of us. Keep us safe through rolling hills and swirling turns. Let the eagle guide us to the mountain tops. Let the moon's light guide us through the night. Lord, thank you for letting us be bikers-Amen." (Unknown)

I thought this prayer would be a good start to this season as the title is a tribute to those on the open roads of freedom.

I was hit with the term "Scooter Bum" when speaking with a brother who has been around this lifestyle for many moons and that I deeply respect. When he said "Scooter Bum" I didn't view this as a derogatory term, but as one of the O.G.'s acknowledging the fact that someone is "Riding their Sh\*t! It's recognizing someone that lives the lifestyle and is respected and valued in our sub-culture. At the end of the day, I have been called worse, sometimes an asshole-lmao.

A "scooter bum" is willing to ride for the love of it and for no reason at all. They'll do this through miles and miles of whatever mother nature throws at them. Be it rain, sunshine, high winds, off-road, during late nights and early mornings. Occasionally, you'll see them somewhere taking a break on the grass, a picnic table, under an overpass, and on the side of the road. All the while, keeping their cut safe from the ground. When traveling far from home, they can usually find shelter and rest at their brotherhood's/sisterhood's homes. These are second homes of welcoming families, and a lot of times they aren't even blood related. They are welcoming places to "catch up" and get rested for the sake of jumping back on the iron horse. So, while some may look at it as a term of disrespect, I view it as a badge of honor.

Allow our readers to hear about your two-wheeled adventures. We would like to share your experiences and input! Shoot me an email at [Editor@ThunderRoadsMichigan.com](mailto:Editor@ThunderRoadsMichigan.com). and ask for Smoke.

Chin up chest out,  
Smoke





# MOTO 4 VETS

*Blood, Sweat and Tears*

## VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

Mental health I think is one thing that is not as normalized as it should be in our daily lives! It almost seems taboo to talk about the possibility of someone having a hard time with their own thoughts, of course the same goes for asking for help when you get physically sick. I feel like (at least for myself) admitting that I'm sick means I'm not physically the person I once was and asking for help is almost embarrassing, so I'd rather suffer in silence than reach out!

Although I am not a veteran, I can't imagine the strength that it takes for someone who was trained to bear the burden of our country on top of their health and be expected to still function as they did before their service!

There have been a few very special organizations stepping up to the



**Ryan Poling**  
Chief Financial Officer

Ryan (pictured with his wife Chelsea), is a deployed combat veteran with 10th MTN as an E-5. His organizational skills will help the organization remain transparent and complete the necessary documents to prove it.



plate lately, gaining momentum by working together to help their own in a very particular way!! I am honored to introduce to you The Veteran Racing Group and AOT's Moto 4 Vets!

Veteran Racing Group is an organization dedicated to helping active duty, reservists, national guard, and veterans in a unique therapeutic way to control the negative effects of mental health for those who served. Founded by Donny Griffith, Walter Cronk, and Ryan Poling, a team of veteran enthusiasts themselves, this group hopes to include proper training, group sessions, sponsorships, as well as monetary opportunities for ALL racing disciplines with the idea of providing a wholesome outlet for



**Donny Griffith**  
Chief Executive Officer

Donny, is a deployed combat veteran with 10th MTN and also served with the 173rd ABCT. His sales, event coordination and drive will ensure the organization works with the best vendors and sponsors in the industry to help veterans.



the mental health of those who served! From Motocross to Quads to RC Cars, if it's fast, loud, or full of dirt they 100% love and welcome it! Their hope is that through the promotion of adrenaline filled activity they can provide a welcome space and outlet for the veterans to turn to while working on their mental health!

Moto 4 Vets is founded on the ideas of raising awareness and providing encouragement and support for all veterans fighting cancer. Founded by Kip Edwards of AOT, (who also served) this group has a personal connection to not only his battle with signet cell adenocarcinoma (cancer of the esophagus) But also to his love of the moto word!! What could be better than combining the two passions to bring a wave of support, personal understanding and awareness to his brothers and sisters who also served



Kip, is a deployed combat veteran with the 1/44 ADA. His stellar business mind through Always On Top Racing sponsors many of the industries riders and racers. Kip's dedication to helping veterans has led him to developing an event named Moto4Vets, where all of the profited funds go directly back to veterans!



**Walter Cronk**  
Chief Marketing Officer

Walter, is a two time deployed combat veteran with the 425th ABN INF, Michigan National Guard as an E-5. His marketing expertise will drive our organization forward with is professional photography and videography.



this amazing country we call home!! The use of fundraisers, benefits, raffles, gear and so much more will help fuel the path to providing veterans the opportunity to have a more comfortable future while being able to focus on their health!

Both groups are not only supporting the community but are using the individual skills of each founder to work together by sponsoring and helping each other to grow their transparent operations with separate focuses, but with one main goal!! Building a community of support for veterans, by veterans, who not only understand the personal, internal, and physical battles still being fought, but who have looked at the situations around them and have taken the initiative to try and offer more!

For support, contributions, or for more information on the Veteran Riding Group or Moto 4 Vets please visit their websites at [www.Veteranracinggroup.com](http://www.Veteranracinggroup.com) and [www.Aotracing.com](http://www.Aotracing.com)

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# BIG BEND ICE RACING

It's funny how something we do on a whim can become the defining element in our lives! How a passion that we maybe have, or share can become our way of life! If you were out and about this weekend maybe you came across or heard about the Ice racing at Big Bend. This race was held in Standish Michigan on a pond at the local campground. Now because of our weirdly warm winter, ice racing has primarily been held in the upper peninsula and out of state this year... we have missed every race scheduled for almost the last 2 months..... Well, mother nature finally blessed us with a handful of super cold days and for just one weekend, we had ice!!

And EVERYONE showed up!!



**Steve Vaughan leading the Riders Meeting**

Family owned and operated, Big Bend Family Campground is run by Steve and Richelle Vaughan of Standish Michigan! Steve and Richelle are the Parents of Pro Flat Track Racer, Wyatt Vaughan #107, who is traveling in the south for his debut pro season. Steve, Richelle, and sister Wiley as well as a handful of locals wished him luck on tour but stayed home to take care of the ice in hopes of some winter racing action of their own!



**Richards, Carter, and Evans out front in staging**

This community spent days Solving slush, flooding the ice, and plowing the snow as fast as it comes down. With their efforts they were able to preserve enough ice for day one of local ice racing!!



**Green #69 and Morand #169 making a go for the front**

I think everyone was just happy to finally be out of the house and to see their motto family again. After months of no racing and the weird Michigan weather I was surprised to see every single person had a smile on their face, the littles were playing together, the parents were helping each other out and cheering each other on and the racing was fierce, fun, and full of good spirits! This was Definitely *the* place to be!!



**Miller #60 401+ Rubber open**

Big Bend Family Campground is a biker destination like no other! They hold mud bogs at the beginning and end of the seasons, camping, tubing, and activities in the summer, haunted houses in the fall and ice racing during the winter!!



**#69 Tedd Freeman Sidehack Heavy**

They are nestled up to state trails and the rifle river runs right through the property. Even just for a pitstop this is definitely worth the trip!

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**Rubber Tire Class Taking off**



**The Littles in staging on the sleds**



**#51 Woolner, Sidehack Heavy**



**#211 Mitchel 250 B Heat Race**



**50s in staging**



**Brothers Dustin and Dillion Cook**



**Launce Sulaty and Lincoln #93 Sidehack Heavy**





# THUNDERCAM *BIG BEND ICE RACING*



## .....READERS RIDES..... *MY RIDE* BY SUE JOHNSON-WENDT

I'm 61 years young and started riding on a motorcycle at the Delta Motorcycle Safety Class in 2009 with my son. He wanted a motorcycle and wanted someone to take the class with him. I had never been on a motorcycle, snow mobile or Quad in my life. Needless to say, I did not pass the course the first time (I parked the bike on a curb). I am a competitive person, so I practiced on my son's Honda in parking lots that summer and I took the course the next year. I was so excited that I passed!! I love the feeling of being one with the road and the bike. Words cannot express the freedom and exhilaration I experience when I am on a back road, riding my bike on a beautiful sunny day.

My first bike was a vivid green 2016 Kawasaki Vulcan 650cc (I call him Kermit). I rode almost every day and racked up 4000 miles that year just riding around the area, to work, and with my son. Love that bike- he is so quick and agile. Got the urge to get a bigger bike so I purchased a 2015 Yamaha V-star 1300 cc in 2017. She's a big red bike and great for cruising. Her plate says "Nana's ride" as my grandkids like to see me ride by their house. I still have and love both motorcycles.

I've ridden solo from Midland Michigan to the Tunnel of trees in Harbor Springs and southwest to Kalamazoo. I hope to ride every day this summer- someday I want to ride West to see the Redwoods in California.

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# Goon Glass & Rubber

## Interview of Owner Kevin Lambert Jr.



When Thunder Roads Michigan Magazine attended the Ice Races at Big Bend Family Campground on February 4th, we took in as much as we could on that perfectly cold day. In between taking photos, videos, and warming up inside the concession building we wandered around the track. While wandering we were introduced to the Goon Glass & Rubber Team by our very own photographer Erin from Madcap Imaging. Thankfully so, because we were able to find out a little about who they were and what they do from the owner Kevin Lambert Jr.



FROM LEFT- Nick, Kevin Sr., Aly, Colton, RJ, Kevin Jr.

It was apparent that they were busy preparing, but they still took the time to speak with us. Kevin pointed out some of their products on their bikes and quads, and then we shared a couple photo-ops together. Before moving on we swapped cards and discussed following up on their business offerings and the team in an upcoming issue.

So, after some back and forth communication and tight scheduling we were invited and finally able to meet with them at their shop in Lapeer, MI. When we arrived, Kevin informed us that he had planned to have a couple of other members of his team there, but they were unable to make it. I brought my son Colton along with me so that we both could be a part of learning something new together.

As we made ourselves comfortable, we started taking in all the projects surrounding us.



Jessica & Kevin Lambert Jr.  
With Nick Ranney

Casts, molds, material, tools, and some recognizable finished products were scattered around the benches. I saw that Colton was interested in the shop just like I was, but I noticed that both of us were checking out all the history on the walls. They were covered with old photos, articles, and race memorabilia of broken bike parts that I'm sure had their own story of how they got there. There were numerous number plates hung on the wall that Kevin rattled off the names of who they once belonged to like they were standing right there in front of him.



We began talking about what was on the bench in front of us and the research he has done to guarantee the quality of his equipment and parts. Like the jars of different fuels that held materials he was working with. Testing them so that he knew he could stand by them the way he wanted to. He brought up the different racers and companies he does parts for and touched on some of the success they have had. He also made sure to mention how he is glad to have the help of Nick Ranney by his side these days. Kevin said that he has taken on numerous roles in the racing community along the way while balancing his business and had recently taken on other employment on top of everything else. He even had familiarity as to what I was doing there with him because he was also a writer in the D14 paper.

In our conversation we spoke about his journey and work experiences and how they led him to where he is today. We spoke a

lot about lot about life and the battles we face along the way. Yeah, we got to talk shop and learned about his business, but admittedly I reflected on his perception and the values he wanted to be known for. It showed me who he was and what he put into his work. I got it, and it got me thinking on the drive home. It was obvious that Kevin knows more about racing than we quite possibly will ever know. Our conversation bounced from life, Harley's, his business, and the roles he has chosen to take on in the racing community.

Spending a few hours in the Goon Glass & Rubber shop with Kevin was worth every minute. It blew my mind hearing all the names he knew that have been and those that are still involved in the sport. He shared his perspective on the future of oval ice racing in Michigan and



the surrounding states and helped shed some light on where it is today. It would have been nice to have Nick or his wife Jessica there to get some input and perspective from them, but I'm going to mark this as a win. I'm pretty sure we'll be back at the Goon Glass & Rubber shop down the road, and we'll be looking to get some hands-on experience on fabrication and those rubber tires next time!

Thanks for having us Goon!!

RJ & Colton



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Our next project will focus on Foster Care Children in Monroe and Lenawee Counties. Children have special needs when they are transitioning into Foster Care and providing assistance with their physical needs is a small comfort we can provide. If you're interested in helping with either a donation or items on their wish list, please reach out to us at [hotrods.motorcycle.awareness@gmail.com](mailto:hotrods.motorcycle.awareness@gmail.com). This project is a special event all of our members take to heart.

I want to thank Thunder Roads Michigan for continuing our relationship. Lately, because of the holidays, there have been more suicides that have been brought to our attention in our area. If you know of someone who is showing signs of despair or reaches out to you, please have them call 988, the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Veterans press 1. Please help them get help. Not everyone understand what PTSD is and how it effects our honorable, distinguished American Military – Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, Air Man, Coast Guard, Reservists. Sometimes, a short conversation goes a long way.

I know everyone is counting down the days to ride and the darn groundhog saw his shadow. He's been right less than 50% of the time, so let's hope he keeps up that record and it won't be long before we can saddle-up!

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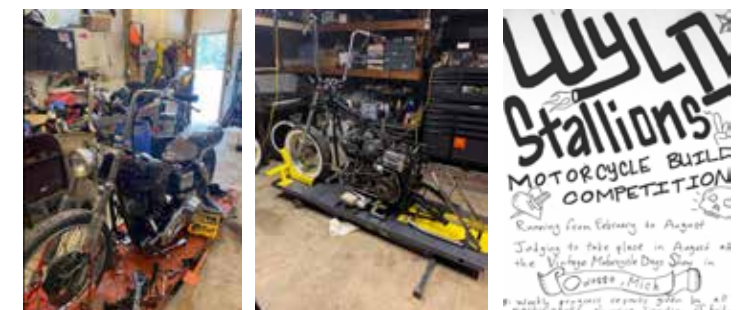
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Congratulations on the EPIC race and win!! Thank you to Central Motor Sports of Mt. Pleasant, MI for creating this meet and greet with #19 Joe Burch and all the I-500 fans.

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## INTRO WYLD STALLIONS MOTORCYCLE BUILD



### ZACK JONES - GAINES, MI

I got my first dirt bike at 7 years old, an 82 Yamaha yz80. That has unlocked a passion for anything with 2 wheels ever since. I am in my early 40's and I work on bikes in my barn out back. I have 2 friends that help out often, Pole and Old E. We started Low Roller Customs last year. We all have full-time blue-collar jobs to help finance our passion - building custom bikes. We started by buying bikes that needed work and fixing them up, parting them out, or customizing them and reselling.

So far, we have completed a 78 cb750 hardtail bobber, an 82 Ironhead in a 92 frame and an 86 Ironhead hardtail. We have put together a few rollers out of the spare parts from bike buying as well. We have done a few motorcycle swap meets to sell spare parts we won't be using. The bike we are choosing for this experience is a stock, numbers matching 78 Shovelhead, we will be turning into a hardtail chopper. I was born in 78 so I have always wanted to chop a 78 for myself. This one I will be buried with!

Make sure to follow the Wyld Stallions Motorcycle Build on Facebook by scanning here

and follow their progress in the upcoming issues of Thunder Roads® Michigan Magazine.

One overall winner will be chosen at the Owosso Vintage Motorcycle Days announced in August. If you would like to help sponsor the Wyld Stallion Motorcycle Build, please reach out to [editor@thunderroadsmichigan.com](mailto:editor@thunderroadsmichigan.com) or [derek.long85@gmail.com](mailto:derek.long85@gmail.com).





# WYLD STALLIONS MOTORCYCLE BUILD MAMA TRIED - 2023

Contributor: Nic Carlin, WSMB Competitor

## Mama Tried Road Trip!

While scrolling through Facebook one night, an ad popped up for the Mama Tried Motorcycle Show in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I had heard of the show but didn't really have any real knowledge about it. So, I clicked the link and started reading. What I found out was that Mama Tried is a two-day indoor motorcycle show held in the middle of winter and is invite only. Meaning you can't just roll up on your clapped out 98 Honda Shadow and enter it into the show. I thought the concept was interesting and decided to investigate tickets. To my surprise, they were affordable, only being \$20 for Saturday and \$15 for Sunday. For the price of a bottle of whiskey I could go to both days of the show! I thought it would be hard to convince my fiancé Ashley to take the 4-hour road trip with me, especially with it being motorcycle related, but she was more than willing to tag along. She would later regret her choice when I conned her into driving through the Chicago traffic during Friday night rush hour. Fast forward to



Saturday morning and we woke up, grabbed some breakfast and headed out to explore the city before the doors opened at 10. If you've never been to Milwaukee, I'd recommend checking it out! Maybe not in the wintertime but I would recommend doing it in the summer.

Walking into the show there were all types of vendors from clothes to knives to motorcycle parts and of course booze scattered throughout the

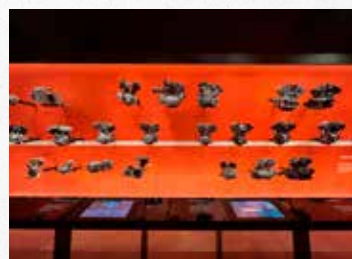


WSMB Competitor Nic Carlin with Builder Jacob Conard- Mama Tried 2023  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



3 levels of the building. In the main ballroom area of the building is where they had all the 100 plus motorcycles set up on wooden platforms with little placards in front of them detailing the make, model, builder and bikes nickname if it had one. Pretty much every brand of motorcycle was represented with many of them being Harleys. We walked around for about 2 hours, grabbed some swag, met and spoke with some of the builders, and admired the craftsmanship of some of the bikes. Getting to meet and talk with Jacob Conard, a builder from Texas about his build was the highlight of the show for me. Overall, it was an awesome experience and a good way to get some inspiration for my current Wyld Stallions Build Competition project.

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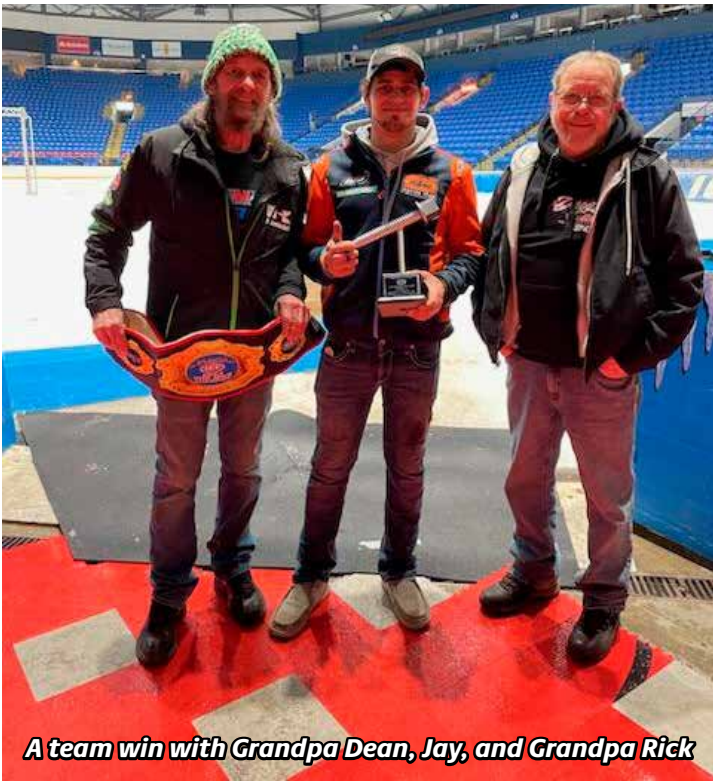
# #79 JAYSON BLOSS IS BACK... AGAIN!

So, let's go back to page 10 and 11 of the January Thunder Roads® Michigan Magazine issue where we did an inside story of #79 Jayson Bloss. It was a pleasure speaking to him about the 62nd Annual Flint Indoor Motorcycle Ice Race that was on December 3rd and getting to know him a bit. Now, let's pick up where we left off... shall we?



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At the end of the last interview, he ended with telling us his next race was going to be at the World Championship Motorcycle Ice Racing Series on December 30th, 2022. We ended it with telling



A team win with Grandpa Dean, Jay, and Grandpa Rick

Jayson "Good Luck!" As it turns out, we didn't know at the time that Jayson "Jay" would be somewhat of a newbie at racing outside the ice of Dort Financial Center. You see, these were different arenas, and he really didn't know what to expect. Size and space being one. He told us that his luck wasn't so great in the first round at the Vibrant Arena in Moline IL. Matter of fact he got "stomped"



Jay and girlfriend Emma

in his own words. I didn't want to sound shocked, so I listened, and I took it more as a perspective because I knew there was good news coming. Jay then proceeded to tell me that he had Team Bloss with him... his Grandpa Rick (Grandpa Buddy), his Grandpa Dean, and of course his Girlfriend Emma. Soon, my planned 30-minute talk turned into over an hour and a half. It's not hard to do when it comes to bikes and racing...

especially when he took me to school on deeper history of the sport. I love it!

Now I'm not exaggerating when I say "Team Bloss" because they were a big part of how he pulled off another comeback. You see, them OG's as I like to call them, have some racing history themselves! After getting "smacked around" and some confidence building they had a meeting of the minds. They decided to make some link and tooth changes and it gave them the hole-shots they needed in the following rounds. Jay was already givin' it, and now it was the Kawasaki's turn to do its job.



Photo courtesy of World Championship Ice Racing Series @ icespeedway.com

Jay ended up taking 1st in the second round at Santander Arena in Reading, PA and ended up skipping the 3rd round off from the long travel to race in Colorado. When the time came on February 10th at Grossinger Motors Arena in Bloomington, IL he had left well enough alone and ran his bike just as he had run it previously. Right down to the tire pressure. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Right? It just so happens that wisdom from his grandpa's trumped any luck and led him to another win. Jay picked himself up a heavy 1st place ICE stud-trophy and a bad ass World Championship Ice Racing belt in the 4th round, but mentioned the series wasn't over yet. His next stop is March 25th at Fox Valley Ice Arena in Geneva, IL, and we're going to go ahead and guess that they aren't going to change a thing in preparation for that race.



1st Place - #79 Jayson Bloss, 2nd Place - #99 Logan McGrane, 3rd Place - #1 Dustin Paul



Unlimited Outlaw Quad Podium: 1st Place - Blaine Stegenga, 2nd Place - Tyler Allen, 3rd Place - Dylan Dworak

Of course, it's easy to talk with someone who has passion for something they do, and I know we'll have more conversations down the road, but I had to ask what comes after this series? Jay said that he is looking for more events and is considering getting his old KTM back out on some dirt this summer. So, we end this as another "to be



Grandpa Buddy proudly stands behind Jay as he holds up his World Championship Ice Racing Series belt and trophy on February 10, 2023.

continued" story. We'll continue to wish our friend Jayson "good luck" and follow his next chapter this season from the outside looking in as one of his fans.

Good luck Jayson! ~RJ



Shout out to Devin and Lucas Smith! Motocross team /Brothers from Brown City, Michigan. Devin #050, 18 years old Lucas #241, 16 years old and both living life like they ride... WFO!! Happy Birthday boys!



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## Operation Injured Soldiers

The OIS Riders that snowmobile have been working hard at prepping their sleds and are ready to hit the trails with the veterans. Unfortunately, Mother Nature has had different plans for many winter activities around the whole state of Michigan. With the lack of snow in the lower peninsula, we still have a ride planned for the beginning of March and we are doing a snow dance in hopes that we will not have to cancel any events.



The OIS Riders are also hosting an event at the i-FLY in Novi, MI for 15 veterans. i-Fly gives the experience of flying in a state-of-the-art vertical wind tunnel for indoor skydiving. Each individual will be trained by a certified STEM educator that guides them through a hands-on, in-person experience.

We have been working hard at filling our calendar with fundraising events for our veterans. Towards the end of March, the Michigan Hot Rod Association will be putting on an auction. This year the OIS Riders are working with them at this auction and the proceeds will benefit our charity. A local Harley Dealership has also been working with us on planning a few fundraising events this summer.



One event will be at the beginning of summer and the other will be towards the end of summer. One event will be a ride and the other event will be a sound competition. Dates and details to be announced soon for these events... so keep an eye out for some fun in the sun.

With a warmer than normal winter season upon us we are hoping to get out and ride sooner this spring. Of course, our planning for the 3rd Annual Mackinaw Rally in June is underway. Also, the Lyon Township Ride is being planned and it's always the Saturday after the 4th of July. All the details of these events will be released soon!

Please, reach out to the OIS Riders if you, your business, or organization would like to volunteer your time or services at a future event or fundraiser. Working on a calendar of events for the year takes a lot of time, and effort from everyone. The OIS Riders are always looking to network with other organizations as well as other fundraising events. We can lead the way with your support.

For more information on the OIS Riders and Brave Hearts Estate, visit [www.injuredsoldiers.org](http://www.injuredsoldiers.org) or email [info@injuredsoldiers.org](mailto:info@injuredsoldiers.org).

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# JOKER'S WILD



Maria had just gotten married, and being a traditional Italian young woman, she was still a virgin. On her wedding night, staying at her mother's house, as was the custom for newlywed and nervous young brides. "Don't worry, Maria, Tony's a good man. Go upstairs and he'll take care of you. Meanwhile, I'll be making my beloved pasta." So, up the stairs Maria went. When they were in the guest bedroom, Tony took off his shirt and exposed his hairy chest. Maria ran downstairs to her mother and exclaimed, "Mama, Mama, Tony's got a big hairy chest." "Don't worry Maria, all good men have hairy chests. Go back upstairs, Tony will take good care of you, he's a good man." So, up the stairs Maria went again. When she got up in the bedroom, Tony took off his pants, exposing his hairy legs. Once again Maria ran downstairs to her mother. "Mama, Mama, Tony took off his pants and he's got hairy legs!" "Don't worry! All good men have hairy legs. Tony's a good man, now go upstairs and he'll take good care of you." Back upstairs Maria went yet again. When she got back to the bedroom, Tony took off his socks and on his left foot he was missing three toes. When Maria saw this she ran downstairs and into the kitchen, "Mama, Mama, Tony's got a foot and a half!" Mama said, "Stay here and stir the pasta."

Mick and Paddy are low on funds and their fave Pub only takes cash, so they decide to try a Pub a few blocks over. They walk in and it's a really nice Pub with a big fire-place and a roaring fire ablaze making it feel all cozy and friendly.

The boxing main event is just about to begin on HBO, so they find a table near the fireplace and a very sassy lassie redhead walks up to the table and asks "what it'll be then?" Paddy says, "This fine Pub takes credit cards we're sure as we intend to stay for the entire fight and drink quite a bit then." The sassy lassie replies, "This is how the owner feels about that, and points to a sign over the bar: Credit Is A Terminal Disease, But Don't Worry, You Won't Get It Here!"

Mick and Paddy are hanging out at Paddy's place and got in a huge row about who should have won the boxing match and Mick storms out to go and have a sit on the porch.

Paddy texts him and texts: Just checking on you. Mick types: Leave it be, am cooling down.

Paddy types back: Good then, just heard a really loud Pop! and thought yer may have come to yer senses and pulled yer head out of yer arse.

Little 3 year old Mickey is sitting on the toilet. His mom thinks he's been in there too long so she goes to see what's up. Joey's just sitting there looking at one of his kid books. But every 10 seconds or so he puts the book down, grips onto the toilet seat with his left hand and hits himself on top of the head with his right hand. His mom is watching all this and asks, "Mickey, are you alright? You've been in there for quite a bit now."

Lil' Mickey yells back, "I'm good mommy, I just haven't gone doody yet." Mom gently replies, "o.k., you can stay a bit longer, but Mickey, why are you hitting yourself on the head? Lil' Mick replies, "It sure seems to work for ketchup!"

Texting a new chick met on dating site and she says her kids have A.D.D.-- my smart ass replies "All

\* one of my all-time favorite Irish jokes repeated every 3 years or so...

An Irishman went to Confession in St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

"Father," he confessed, "it has been one month since my last confession. I had sex with Pussie Green twice last month."

"The Priest told the sinner, "You are forgiven. Go out and say three Hail Mary's."

Soon thereafter, another Irishman entered the confessional, "Father, it has been two months since my last confession."

I've had sex with Pussie Green twice a week for the past two months."

This time, the Priest questioned, "Who is this Pussie Green?" "A new woman in the neighborhood," the sinner replied. "Very well," sighed the Priest, "go and say ten Hail Mary's."

At mass the next Christmas morning, as the Priest prepared to deliver the sermon, a tall, all curves, drop-dead gorgeous redheaded woman entered the sanctuary. The eyes of every man in the church fell upon her as she slowly sashayed up the aisle and sat down right in front the priest. Her dress was bright green and very short, and she wore matching, shiny emerald-green shoes.

The Priest and the altar boy gasped as the woman in the green dress and matching green shoes whom sat with her legs spread slightly apart, but just enough to realize she wasn't wearing any underwear. The Priest whispered out the side of his mouth to the altar boy, "Is that Pussie Green then?" The altar boy replied with all honesty, "No! Father, I truly believe that's just the reflection off her shoes!"

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Some of the athletes being recognized for their hard work through the 2022 Moto season. Lucas Smith #241 with his parents: Danny Smith and Erin Fay



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Lucas Smith #241 and Past President Thomas Dunn

Soaring Eagle Casino, Mt Pleasant, Michigan From the photographers to the flaggers to the past president, everyone was there to congratulate and cheer on the most extreme riders from the area! Congratulations to Everyone!!

We can't wait to follow the district highlights through 2023!! Highlights, status and district schedules for all D14 disciplines 2023 can be seen at [www.ama-d14.org](http://www.ama-d14.org)



Soaring Eagle Casino, Mt Pleasant, Michigan



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## THUNDER ROADS® 2022 COVER OF THE YEAR

All of us at **THUNDER ROADS MAGAZINE® OF IOWA** take great pride in winning this year's cover of the year award, and thank everyone for their dedication and support! Long time contributor Nate Ullrich ([natanic.com](http://natanic.com)) took this photo of his Knucklehead bobber at his dad's farm, and then added a vintage style with the sepia tint, which is common for his style. The old building in the background is Nate's old garage for working on cars in high-school, and the bulk tank next to it has always been something he's envisioned for this photo, it just took the completion of his '38 Knucklehead to make it right. Nate's work has been featured in other states' Thunder Roads as well as national publications. We are proud to have one of his shots as the 2022 Cover of the Year Winner. We have an amazing team of supporters all across Iowa, and we want to thank everyone involved over the years for their time and consideration!



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## THE "COST OF GOING GREEN"

The "Cost of Going Green" was a six part series sparked by discussions at a COC meeting here in Iowa. Discussion was had about the push for electric vehicles, and the fear that internal combustion engines will not be a part of our future. Someone stated that it would be nice if there was a way to show the other side of the topic, knowing that there are many downsides to the push for electric vehicles. **THUNDER ROADS MAGAZINE® OF IOWA** became the conduit for an opinion editorial series that's main purpose was to show the flip side of the coin. I chose to write the series as the TRMI Editor, MRF Assistant State Rep, IMDA Board Member, and COC Liaison, for the benefit of the riding community. We hope that the series was informational, educational, and maybe even sparked some research by people on their own to formulate their own opinions. We appreciate the award and the praise that comes with it. Thanks for reading!



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