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LETTER FROM THE OWNERS

BUCKET LIST

✓ TRIPLE NICKEL

It always lights a fire inside us when people start talking about going on a bike trip, right? Usually, these conversations happen when riders start talking about the places they've been or the places they want to get to. I couldn't tell you how many times I've listened to others talk about riding the Triple Nickel in Ohio and what a great ride it was. Well, the opportunity arose, and it's now checked off our bucket list!

The five-day trip that started on Wednesday morning and ended with us coming home late Monday evening. When we pulled into the garage and got off the bike, we had managed to roll 1,729.9 miles. Yup, I wish I could have caught the .9 before rolling into the garage because I would have gone around the block before turning the bike off. That's my OCD kicking in and it hasn't stopped bugging me since. When we arrived at our Airbnb in Hillsboro, OH I made a point to log our arrival miles at 380.4 from our driveway to the house we rented. It probably would have been less miles and time if we had ridden the expressway, but we all agreed to take the scenic route and to avoid the highway as much as we could. About 30 minutes before our destination, we stopped at a covered bridge for some pictures with the group and the bikes.



Rolling into town we made mental notes of places to eat and grab a drink as we passed by them, but found ourselves heading back to the nearest place to home after a long day and unloading the bikes. That place happened to be the Beechwood Pizza & Carryout. Keep in mind this is a small town and things aren't open so late and we were hungry! Luckily, we had picked the right place because the owners and staff were so friendly and even though the kitchen was closed when we walked in, they took care of us anyway. They fired up the oven and we all agreed that it was some of the best pizza we've had. They visited our table as we ate and shared the day's ride with them over some drinks. That hospitality and friendliness reverberated everywhere we went.



We came to ride, and we squeezed in as much seat time as we could with the time we had. We rode to Black Sheep H-D and Hillbilly Hot Dogs in West Virginia, CinCity H-D in Cincinnati, the NADA Tunnel in Kentucky, and the 555 from the south end to the top. Before leaving Black Sheep H-D we asked if they could recommend a fun spot to check out before we headed back to Hillsboro, and they suggested Ford's Garage. They were right, it had a pretty cool design like an old Ford assembly line. On our last day before officially heading home, we reached the top of the



Triple Nickel where we stopped at the Triple Nickel Saloon and met the owner Uncle John. We picked up some patches and stickers from him and surprisingly found out there was another Uncle John that owned Uncle John's Riverside Cafe just 1.5 miles south of the Saloon. We had passed it on our way and decided to go back and check it out. Again, everywhere we went the people were so kind and friendly. On one of the previous days we were out riding, we found ourselves at Lisa's Wayside Inn in the town of Russellville for a bite to eat. While we were there, we met the owner of the bar and yup, her name is Lisa. She was so kind, just like everyone else we had met on our travels. So kind in fact, that she offered to make us some special cobbler if we came back the next day. Of course, we did, and it was totally worth it!

There's no question we'll find our way back in the future. Even though we struggled with the H-D navigations system's inaccuracies, it 100% took us on the twisty routes we requested. The Triple Nickel is great, but none of the hills and curves disappointed, no matter the direction.



With all the riding we got in, we wanted to relax at least one of the nights around the fire but that's hard to do without firewood and being on bikes. So, we made a call to the owner of Beechwood Pizza and Carryout and took him up on his offer to deliver us some bundles of wood. See what I mean? Super friendly peeps! It was the perfect night to sit around the fire and relax. That was until we discovered that the Northern Lights were happening, and we had a front row view. It was so cool to experience the amazing show the night sky

was putting on in front of our eyes. That was another first for us and could not believe how beautiful it was as we started seeing pictures online from back home in Michigan and all over the states.

After riding the Nickel and making a few stops afterward, we stayed the night in Zanesville. One of the couples that came along with us had to make their way home the day before and didn't get to enjoy the ride with us there, but we did get some really great rides together the days before. The next morning (Monday) Aly and I slept in as the other couple we were with made their way back too. After loading up the bike we made our way to the Muskingum WW II & Korea Memorial. Let me say, it is a very moving monument that the town came together to create. Check out the Veterans Corner in this issue for more pictures and information. We had a long ride ahead of us, so we pointed our scoot toward home. What a fantastic trip we had, but it's always good to be home, right?



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FRIDAY - JUNE 7th

8:00 am - FLAG RAISING CEREMONY - PLEASE JOIN US FRIDAY MORNING AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST TO HONOR THE AMERICAN FLAG.

9 am - 11:30 am - POKER RUN REGISTRATION @ MACKINAW CROSSINGS PARKING LOT UNDER THE TENT.

9 am - 11:30 am - BRIDGE RUN EARLY REGISTRATION @ MACKINAW CROSSINGS PARKING LOT UNDER THE TENT. * FRIDAY REGISTRATION ONLY FOR MACKINAW HOTEL STAY GUESTS.

10:00 am - 7 pm - VENDOR ALLEY AND FOOD TRUCKS OPEN - LOCATED ON MACKINAW CROSSINGS DRIVE ON THE GRASS.

10:00 am - 11:00 pm - LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY - LOCATED AT THE MACKINAW CROSSINGS STAGE AND BEER TENT.

12:00 pm - POKER RUN - KICKSTANDS UP @ NOON (LAST RIDER IN BY 5:00 pm TO QUALIFY)

5:00 pm - POKER RUN ENDS *LAST BIKE IN AT 5 pm.

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - BRIDGE RUN LATE REGISTRATION @ MACKINAW CROSSING PARKING LOT UNDER THE TENT. *LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR THE BRIDGE RUN ON SATURDAY.

9:30 pm - POKER RUN WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT THE MACKINAW CROSSINGS STAGE.

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SATURDAY - JUNE 8th

7:00 am - BLESSING OF THE BIKES @ MACKINAW CROSSINGS PARKING LOT.

7:30 am - BRIDGE RUN LINE UP @ MACKINAW CROSSINGS PARKING LOT. *MUST HAVE PRE-REGISTERED ON FRIDAY, NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED ON SATURDAY.

8 am - BRIDGE RUN - KICKSTANDS UP AT 8 am. *MUST HAVE PRE-REGISTERED ON FRIDAY, NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED ON SATURDAY.

9:00 am - 11:00 am - RIDE IN BIKE SHOW REGISTRATION - REGISTRATION TENT IS LOCATED IN THE MACKINAW CROSSINGS PARKING LOT. \$20.00 PER BIKE ENTERED. HOSTED BY THUNDER ROADS MICHIGAN MAGAZINE. *ALL BIKES WELCOME!

10:00 am - 7 pm - VENDOR ALLEY AND FOOD TRUCKS OPEN - LOCATED ON MACKINAW CROSSINGS DRIVE ON THE GRASS.

10:00 am - 11:00 pm - LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY - LOCATED AT THE MACKINAW CROSSINGS STAGE AND BEER TENT.

11:00 am - 1:00 pm - BIKE SHOW VOTING FOR PEOPLES CHOICE AT THE REGISTRATION TENT AREA. (TROPHY PRESENTATION @ 2:00 pm)

2:00 pm - BIKE SHOW WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT THE REGISTRATION TENT AREA. THUNDER ROADS MICHIGAN MAGAZINE AWARD PRESENTATION FOR 1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE AND FOR PEOPLES CHOICE.

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SUNDAY - JUNE 9th

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10:00 am - TBD - LIVE MUSIC - LOCATED AT THE MACKINAW CROSSINGS STAGE AND BEER TENT.

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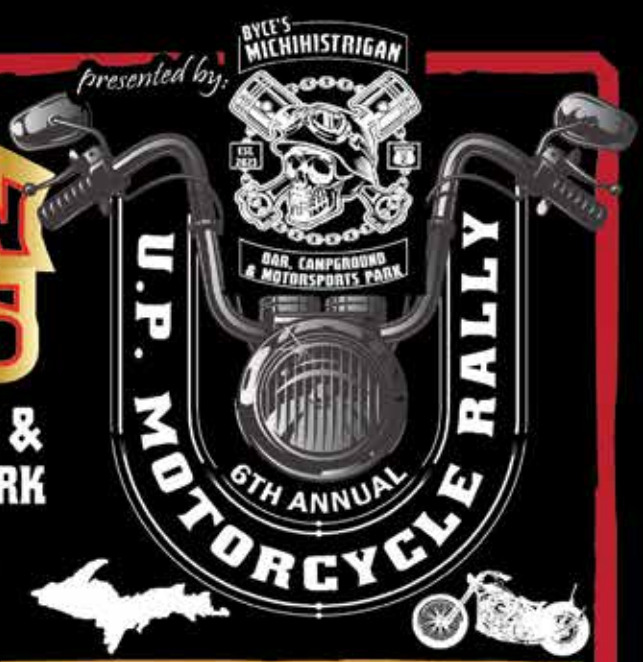
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6pm - 10pm Karaoke with Monique (Byce's Outdoor Pavilion)

FRIDAY JUNE 14, 2024

10am - 5pm Mission Six Charity Ride (150 Miles)

10am - 8pm Vendor area open

6pm Flag Raising Ceremony (American Legion Riders) National Anthem by Tara Schwerin

10pm - 2am Live Music by FYRBIRD (Pavilion, Break at 11pm)

11pm Boots and Boxers Contest

SATURDAY JUNE 15, 2024

9am - 9pm Vendor area open

10am - 5pm Kickstands up for Poker Run (166 Miles) (Riders Must be back by 5pm to draw cards from ride)

5pm Blessing of the Bikes (Christian Motorcyclist Association) at CMA Booth in vendor area.

6pm Biker Games / Burn out contest/ Bike Show / Loudest Pipes and Loudest Sound System Contest (Vendor Area)

9pm - 2am Live Music by Tarnished (Byce's Outdoor Pavilion, Break at 11pm)

11pm Wet T-shirt Contest

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A few years back, I owned a 2010 Ultra Classic Harley-Davidson which was unfortunately stolen. I've owned several smaller sport bikes since then, but I always wanted to get another big bike. Last September, I was heading down to ride the Tail of the Dragon with a group of friends and of course along the way we stopped at several Harley-Davidson Dealerships. When we got to Buckeye Harley-Davidson in Dayton Ohio, my buddy suggested I trade in my 2001 GSXR600 for a down payment on a bigger bike. The salesman was more than happy to let me trade up. So, I signed some papers, and was the new owner of a 2020 Harley-Davidson Street Glide. The dealership had to perform an inspection before I could take it out of the state, so I didn't get to ride the dragon tail on it, and I didn't get to ride it home. But they did deliver it to me here in Michigan, I didn't even have to go back and pick it up. Within 3 hours of them dropping it off, I was already taking it apart to start doing some modifying. I have blacked out the chrome, vinyl wrapped the bike, upgraded the intake, exhaust, floorboards, put on extended bags, spotlights, different tank dash, handlebars, grips, levers, different crash bar, saddlebag bars, updated speakers, added a sissy bar with my shop logo stitched in, tuner, painted rims, LEDs, speaker lids, luggage rack, and driver back rest. I haven't even owned it a full year and you wouldn't recognize it as the same bike I purchased.

I've put a little over 3,000 miles since I purchased it last September, and in August I will be heading back down to the Tail of the Dragon, this time on my Street Glide!

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ABATE of Michigan welcomes all motorcyclists regardless of choice of motorcycle, motorcycle activities, sex, race, or political affiliation. No requirement is necessary to even own a motorcycle. We try to go about the business of getting the business done in Lansing in as fun and entertaining manner as we can. We also extend a large and generous hand to our local communities, because in addition to being motorcyclists we are also the sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, grandparents and neighbors of our communities and we care.

Region numbers are assigned by legislative district, not where members choose to participate. ABATE of Michigan, while widely known for its activities regarding the helmet law, is not so well known for a multitude of other motorcyclists' issues that the organization monitors, lobbies, and has great interest in. These are a sampling of the issues ABATE of Michigan continuously monitors and lobbies our legislators in Lansing on.

- Insurance regulations ~ There is no legislation passed in Lansing that does not go before the eyes of insurance lobbyists, and they introduce more legislation than any lobbying group. It is imperative that we closely monitor and maintain meaningful input on these types of legislation.

An important issue to ABATE of Michigan is the safety of Michigan motorcyclists. In this state there is no one who pushes harder for awareness of motorcycles. We do this through signs, both yard, road, and billboards. We produce our own radio PSA campaigns. We go to schools and drivers training classes to extend our input as motorcyclists to the kids and students.

- ✓ ABATE pays for Lobbyists in Lansing, attends fundraisers and other political events to promote positive motorcycle agenda and fight the negative government intrusion against your freedom.
- ✓ ABATE was instrumental in amending the motorcycle helmet law to allow adult choice.
- ✓ ABATE initiated and passed legislation 6 times to keep the Motorcycle Safety Fund solvent.
- ✓ ABATE was able to take motorcycles out of the road tax increase legislation in 2015.
- ✓ ABATE members have taught thousands of motorcyclists to properly ride and get the motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license.
- ✓ ABATE members teach motorcycle awareness in driver training classes and promote motorcycle awareness with yard signs, highway billboards, radio ads and other means to help keep you safe.
- ✓ ABATE has fought the insurance industry on decreasing or eliminating your benefits and increasing your premiums.
- ✓ ABATE of Michigan is closely aligned and associated with most national Motorcycle Rights Organizations. And stays abreast of and supports issues on the Federal level.

- Motorcyclists training and licensing ~ ABATE was integral in the development of Riders Courses offered by the State and continues to provide most of the instructors and trainers of the instructors in Michigan. We have kept these courses available to the public for \$50 at all the state training locations for years. We continue to monitor the security of the funding for these courses.
- Highway engineering issues relating to the safety and accessibility of motorcycles ~ This includes everything from potholes, tar snakes, and cheese cutters, to red lights that do not recognize motorcycles.

AMA - American Motorcyclists Association - We have enjoyed the presence of Imre Sauter, AMA legislative affairs specialist at our Annual Seminar for several years.

MRF - Motorcycle Riders Foundation - We have also had Jay Jackson Vice President from the MRF at the Seminar.

MSF - Motorcycle Safety Foundation - Most of our Riders Course instructors and educational materials come from the MSF.

We also work with the motorcycle dealers, State and Federal Governmental Associations, COC, Confederation of Clubs, BOLT, Bikers of Lesser Tolerance, and multiple state organizations, on issues that we share. There are dozens of lesser-known issues, like Ethanol, HIPPA, motorcycle only checkpoints, lane usage, Right to Repair, parking restrictions, motorcycle Restrictions from locations, EPA, and aftermarket parts regulations that we monitor, engage, and then continue to monitor.

While not everyone has the time to contribute to every organization or cause that they may support, we would ask you to take this opportunity to support ABATE of MICHIGAN to help us help you. We really are all in this together and while we may differ on an issue or two, in the grand scheme of motorcycling we share our opinion more than we do not, especially, the right to ride free and safe, in MICHIGAN.

- ✓ ABATE has monthly meetings in your region to keep you informed on legislation and other activities that concern motorcyclists.
- ✓ ABATE does have parties, motorcycle rides, and other social activities for our members to enjoy. ABATE membership includes a \$3500 accidental life insurance policy at no cost to you.
- ✓ ABATE is the recognized premier State Motorcyclist Rights Organization in Lansing. Your legislators know us, and we know them.

Please help us continue our mission to protect our way of life and ensure your freedom and liberties by joining ABATE of Michigan. There is strength in numbers. We can't do it without you. To join or learn more about ABATE go to www.abateofmichigan.org or call (269) 435-2058. Our legislative board members have over 30 years of experience working in Lansing to become the go to motorcyclists' people for anything relating to motorcyclists. And these board members have the experience and insight to know what will have an impact on motorcyclists as well as who and how to protect our members.

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TAMING THE DRAGON

BY NIC CARLIN

For motorcycle enthusiasts, there are few experiences more exhilarating than navigating the twisting, turning roads of the Tail of the Dragon. Located in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee, this iconic stretch of highway offers 318 curves in just 11 miles, making it a must ride destination for riders seeking adrenaline fueled thrills. I have been fortunate enough to have visited this area numerous times in the past few years and have come up with a few tips to help make your trip a success.

Trip Planning

Embarking on a motorcycle trip to the Tail of the Dragon requires detailed planning and preparation to ensure a smooth and enjoyable ride:

- 1. Choose the Right Time:** Try for spring or fall when the weather is mild, and the roads are less crowded compared to the peak summer season. I have been in June, August, and September. June was the best weather wise. And later in the day is best to avoid traffic.
- 2. Select Accommodations:** Book lodging in advance, as nearby hotels and campgrounds can fill up quickly, especially during weekends and holidays. Consider staying in motorcycle-friendly accommodations equipped with amenities such as secure parking and bike washing stations. There are many smaller towns around the Dragon that offer lodging including Robbinsville



NC, Maggie Valley NC, Maryville TN, and Cherokee NC. I prefer to stay in Cherokee due to its central location to all the various routes in the area.

- 3. Prepare Your Motorcycle:** Before hitting the road, perform a thorough inspection of your motorcycle, checking tire pressure, brakes, lights, and fluids. Carry essential tools and spare parts for roadside repairs and consider investing in a roadside assistance plan for added peace of mind.
- 4. Pack Wisely:** Pack light but efficiently, bringing along essential gear such as riding gear, rain gear, sunscreen, hydration packs, and a first-aid kit. Secure your luggage properly to prevent shifting or imbalance while riding. Tennessee and North Carolina have mandatory helmet laws so do not leave home without your lid.
- 5. Plan Your Route:** Research alternative routes and scenic detours to and from the Tail of the Dragon, allowing for flexibility in your itinerary. Consider exploring other renowned motorcycle routes in the area, such as the Blue Ridge Parkway, Cherochala Skyway, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. I always tell people that even the roads you take to get to the roads you want to ride are amazing.



What to Do

Once you've made the necessary preparations, it's time to hit the road and experience the thrill of the Tail of the Dragon:

- 1. Drive Responsibly:** While the Tail of the Dragon offers an adrenaline-pumping ride, safety should always be your top priority. Observe posted speed limits and be mindful of other motorists sharing the road.
- 2. Capture the Moment:** There are many photographers along the Dragon to capture the moment for you so you can pay attention to the road. The main photographers are Killboy and 129Slayer and they upload their pictures nightly to their websites. To make finding your pictures easier, pay attention to the time you ride the Dragon.
- 3. Embrace the Adventure:** Embrace the twists and turns of the road and savor every exhilarating moment. The Tail of the Dragon offers a unique driving experience unlike any other, so enjoy the ride!
- 4. Explore the Surroundings:** After conquering the Tail of the Dragon, take some time to explore the charming towns and natural attractions in the surrounding area. From hiking trails to waterfalls to other exciting roads, there's no shortage of outdoor adventures to be had.

What Not to Do

While the Tail of the Dragon promises an unforgettable experience, there are a few things to avoid to ensure a safe and enjoyable journey:

- 1. Reckless Driving:** Resist the urge to push your limits or engage in reckless driving behavior. The Tail of the Dragon can be unforgiving, and even minor mistakes can have serious consequences.
- 2. Overestimating Your Skills:** Be honest about your driving abilities and do not attempt to tackle the Tail of the Dragon if you're not comfortable with challenging driving conditions.



- 3. Ignoring Road Signs:** Pay attention to warning signs indicating sharp curves, steep grades, and other potential hazards. Ignoring these signs can put yourself and others at risk. The Dragon is heavily patrolled so remember to keep your speed in check.
- 4. Not Using the Pull Offs:** The quickest way to make the locals and other more experienced riders on the Dragon mad is holding up traffic. There are numerous pull offs on the Dragon to let faster traffic pass. Keep an eye on your mirrors and if a faster rider is approaching be kind and move over.

Conclusion

Planning a motorcycle trip to the Tail of the Dragon offers the opportunity for adventure, camaraderie, and unforgettable memories on two wheels. By carefully planning your journey, riding responsibly, and embracing the spirit of exploration, you can make the most of your experience and revel in the thrill of the open road. So, gear up, twist the throttle, and embark on the ultimate motorcycle adventure to the Tail of the Dragon and the many other roads in the area!



Valley Motocross LLQ

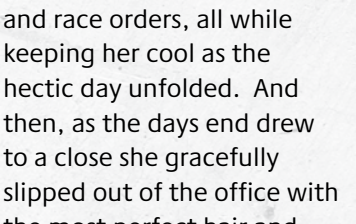
Have you ever loved something so much that you'd endure anything for it? Let me tell you, the athletes who graced the LLQ at Valley Motocross epitomized this statement. Despite two days of challenging conditions- starting cold, wet, and muddy, only to end with dry heat, and sunburns- the thrill of competition never wavered. Whether going for the LLQ or chasing D14 points, it was an electrifying weekend filled with lots of motocross and positive attitudes.

While the off-road world focus naturally gravitates toward the adrenaline-fueled two-wheeled machines tearing up the track, it's essential to pause and acknowledge the unsung heroes behind the scenes. From the dedicated track workers, directors, and officials to the vigilant gatekeepers, flaggers, promoters, owners, medics, photographers, and score keepers. It is they who form the backbone of the off-road world!

When I write, I like to highlight something or someone that shows a little extra. This month among the amazing group of people shines *Sydnee Moreland*, daughter of Steve Moreland (owner of Valley Motocross) whose tireless efforts (at just 17 years old) never cease to amaze me. From pulling hoses to tend to the track, to ensuring that order prevails before, during, and after hours, there's nothing she hasn't tackled.

Last weekend, I witnessed her seamlessly juggling office duties. Double and triple checking paperwork for signups





and race orders, all while keeping her cool as the hectic day unfolded. And then, as the days end drew to a close she gracefully slipped out of the office with the most perfect hair and makeup donning a stunning prom dress that her sister Stella described it best, "Sparkled like a disco ball!!" Of course, I was grateful to have a camera in my hand when I was asked to capture their daddy daughter moment before she slipped off with her handsome date and beautiful friend to have a fantastic night after such a busy day!



To Sydnee and all the dedicated track workers from all the tracks who sacrifice family time, weekends, practice days, and holidays to uphold the spirit of our off-road adventures, your commitment does *not* go unnoticed!! You are the heartbeat of this incredible sport, and we are immensely grateful for your unwavering dedication. We see you, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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1. **Activate a Professional Investigation on Your Behalf.**

Time is of the essence. The faster a professional investigates the accident on your behalf, the better case you will have. Insurance companies often dispatch their investigators within 24 hours of receiving the accident report and will try to build a case against you. This is what we do immediately on every case.

2. **Get Medical Attention Immediately.**

Complain about everything that is hurting you from head to toe. Some adjusters attempt to deny injuries that "materialize" sometime after the accident but were not initially complained about. The truth is, often it's only after a few days that soreness and pain come to the surface. It's kind of like after working out with weights very hard-- that day and even the next day you don't feel anything. But a few days later, that's when you're really, really sore.

3. **Get Referrals to Medical Specialists.**

Consult specialists promptly for necessary treatment. Follow through with appointments and treatment prescribed by your doctor. Document everything!

4. **Take Lots of Photos!**

Capture evidence of injuries, vehicle damage, accident scenes, and relevant details to support your case. This will help you 'tell the story' of what you endured.

5. **Demonstrate That You Are a "Safe & Legal Motorcyclist".**

Combat biases by demonstrating your adherence to safety and legal regulations. Make a list of facts that show you're a safe and legal motorcyclist. (I use a lengthy checklist I go through with my clients).

6. **Illustrate That You Are an "Experienced Motorcyclist".**

Highlight your experience and endorsements to bolster your case. How long have you been riding motorcycles? How long have you had a motorcycle endorsement? These are the kinds of questions I would ask my client when building a case.

7. **Defeat the Bias: "Motorcyclists are Hard to See".**

Provide details about your bike's visibility to counter claims of visibility issues. Can you describe all the lights and reflectors on your bike? Is there any chrome on your bike? These are some questions I may ask during my client's deposition to help their case, that they were easy to see. Bonus points if we can argue that the driver should have been able to hear your motorcycle as well. What exhaust system is on your motorcycle?

8. **Keep a Pain & Treatment Diary.**

Sometimes it can be beneficial if the client keeps a diary that succinctly highlights the care required, medical equipment used, and treatment rendered. To keep the diary from being discoverable in a lawsuit, I have my client write on the top of the first page: "For my attorney- Privileged Communication". Now it is part of the

attorney-client privilege and is not discoverable by the other side.

9. **Avoid Gaps in Treatment.**

A gap in treatment is when the plaintiff was treated by doctors for their injuries but stops, either for a period of time or altogether. The defense attorney often tries to argue, "They must not have been injured as bad as they claim" or "Plaintiff must be all better, otherwise they would be going to the doctor".

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VETERANS CORNER



While sharing a cold one with friends at the Sanford American Legion Post 443 something happened that seems to happen a lot. We started to talk about bike trips, places we've been, and had not yet. Someone thru out the usual "We should go on a trip" but this time it stuck! Next thing we knew we were heading south for five days of riding.

In our travels back home, we planned to revisit one of the places that a couple in our group had stumbled upon the year prior during their honeymoon getaway in Zanesville, OH. It was the Muskingum WWII & Korea Memorial where 297 men from Muskingum Co. Ohio died in World War II and the Korean War. To see the mound of empty helmets and bronze figures in pictures can stir up emotions, but in person was very heartfelt visually.

If you find yourself in the area, we'd suggest making the stop. Seeing the names of those that fell on each helmet piled chaotically with the 7' soldiers viewing them along with you is sobering. Still, they are led by another bronze soldier out front looking to the future, while we stood looking back in time.

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CHARLIE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER: EMBRACING THE STEADFAST GIFTS: A MOTORCYCLE JOURNEY INSPIRED BY JAMES 1:17

Motorcycling through the rugged landscapes of Michigan, from the bustling streets of Detroit to the serene shores of Lake Superior, one can't help but feel a profound connection to the spirit of freedom and the raw beauty of nature. For many riders, this connection goes beyond the physical—it touches the spiritual. Among the verses that resonate deeply with those who ride is James 1:17 from the Bible, which reads: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

This verse encapsulates a powerful message of consistency and benevolence that aligns closely with the spirit of the motorcycling community in Michigan. The "Father of lights," as mentioned in the verse, can be seen as a metaphor for the ultimate source of goodness and reliability in the universe. For motorcyclists, whose lives often depend on the reliability of their machines and the predictability of the roads, these words offer comfort and a reminder of the divine presence in every journey.

The Gifts of Riding

Every ride on a motorcycle can be seen as a gift—an opportunity to experience life more fully and appreciate the world's beauty. The feeling of the wind against your face, the grip of the tires on the pavement, the rhythm of the engine—these are the "good gifts" that riders cherish. These moments of joy and freedom are gifts that many believe come from a higher power, constant and unchanging, much like the "Father of lights" described in James 1:17.

Moreover, the friendship among riders, the shared nods between passing bikers, the stories told over a shared meal at a roadside diner—these too are perfect gifts from above. They forge a community bound not by geography but by shared experiences and mutual respect, reflecting the unchanging nature of the divine gifts mentioned in the verse.

The Steadfastness of God's Gifts

In the context of James 1:17, the emphasis on the unchanging nature of the gifts from the Father mirrors the steadfastness that motorcyclists often exhibit. Just as the verse speaks of God's constancy, bikers appreciate the reliability and strength of their motorcycles, which often carry them through challenging terrains and unpredictable weather. This reliability isn't attributed solely to mechanical engineering but is often viewed as a broader metaphor for inspired reliability and support.

Spiritual Reflections on the Road

For many motorcyclists, the ride is a form of spiritual reflection. The solitude of long rides offers a unique opportunity to reflect and ponder life's bigger questions. James 1:17 serves as a reminder during these reflective

journeys that all good things—be it the beauty of the landscape, the thrill of the ride, or the companionship of fellow bikers—are gifts to be cherished and acknowledged as coming from something greater than themselves.

These moments of reflection help riders connect more deeply with their beliefs and values, seeing each ride not just as a recreational activity but as a journey enriched with spiritual significance. This perspective transforms ordinary routes into journeys of sorts, where every mile brings one closer to understanding the profound blessings of life.

Challenges on the Road

The verse also provides comfort and reassurance in the face of challenges. Breakdowns, bad weather, and difficult roads test a biker's skills and resilience. In these moments, recalling that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" reminds riders that challenges are part of the journey, and overcoming them is part of the divine plan, providing growth and strengthening faith.

Conclusion

In Michigan, where the landscapes are as diverse as the people, motorcycling is more than a hobby—it's a way of life that carries a deep spiritual significance for many. James 1:17 offers a profound insight into the nature of these experiences, framing them as divine gifts that are steadfast and unfailing. This verse not only reinforces the joy and friendship found in motorcycling but also provides a spiritual anchor, reminding riders of the constant presence of the divine in their adventurous pursuits.

As riders traverse the beautiful terrains of Michigan, they do so with a sense of gratitude for the gifts they receive each time they start their engines. In the spirit of James 1:17, they acknowledge that these gifts are not merely coincidences but part of a greater, unchanging generosity that accompanies them on every journey. Thus, every ride becomes a testament to the enduring truth that the best parts of life are those that are shared and savored as gifts from above.



Until our next journey in Chaplain's Corner, ride safe, and may God's blessings guide you on every road you choose.

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Spring has sprung and poundin' the pavement for the summer has begun! The weather cooperated uncharacteristically back in February, then got cold again in March, but had finally stabled out in May and April. However, the changes have not stopped some of our Michigan riders around town. I'm now thinking as most of us are, It's time to lay some rubber on M-1, M-39, I-75, M-23, I-96, I-94, I-69, I-696, US-131, M-102, US-12 etc. The oil has started to move through our veins like when you start your mean machine for the first time of the season. The soles of our feet are equivalent to tires and our throttle hand is gearing up with an attitude after being dormant for three months. May got us in the groove and June will get us outdoors more often.

Speaking to a few lifers and OGs in our area, they are noticing more riders wearing a pass pin that are usually found on their vest, aka Cut, Colors, or Rags. Some people, not in the MC culture, wonder what is the point of it? In short, it is a sign of respect. These pins were first brought on the set as far back as World War II by veterans returning home and riding their motorcycles. It was an item of dignity and not everyone had them. One might have seen them worn early in the history of outlaw clubs originally, but the meaning was widespread and now seen on the Cuts of 99. It's not a situation of being watered down, but merely a statement that a lot more riders are passing through unknown towns of that clubs' Colors. So, to have an unnecessary conversation, which could lead to unrelenting chaos, the pass pin shares, "I am simply passing through." I am not interested in any business of any type "here." I am on to my destination with only needing to stop for gas, food, shelter, or just taking in the scenery.

Some more of the background, just like a patch, it is earned-not given. Some may buy their own, no-harm no-foul, but means so much more when a fellow rider provides one to the brother or sister deserving of it. I have heard some say, it is the similar importance of an earned coin, another story for another day. Not everyone will have one and not everyone plans to cross state lines; meaning he or



she will not need a pass pin. Therefore, the pins are not only for outlaws but aren't something new either. It's not meant for a conversation piece, but more for anyone with club Colors on while passing through uncharted territories of their own club. That will mostly keep the confusion down, but your attitude, common sense, and communication will



do the rest. On the other hand, make sure conversations about flying your Colors are communicated as well. (Again, another story for another day)

Understanding our set, local, regional, national, and international will be the best when riding your scoot and staying out of the way of unwarranted drama. Take a few minutes to do your own research about the pass pin and let us know your thoughts on Thunder Roads Michigan IG and FB pages. In conclusion, remember it is time to kick those tires, look over the belt, check the horn, measure the brakes, twist the wick, grease the zerk fittings, wash the scoot to check for loose bolts, check fluids, check your tire pressure, and most importantly if your helmet is over five years old-time to replace it.



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The last couple of months have been crazy. The shop has sold 4 bikes in the last week. Totaling 9 for the year so far! I haven't been able to build them fast enough. The wife's pissed cuz I'm always in the shop - lol. Not enough hours in the day. On the competition bike I mocked up my tank and got it powder coated. Side covers are painted. Rode it some and not sure if I like the bars I have on it with the wider front tire. Threw some different pegs on it too. Hoping for good weather this month so I can get some seat time on it to see what I like and don't.

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UPDATE DEREK LONG OWOSSO MICHIGAN

So, over the last month it's been hit or miss to be honest, but I can say I have started my frame for this build. This idea is something I thought up whilst coming too from a fever dream a few years back and had been kicking around in the noggin waiting for me to do something about it. I had also purchased an old coffin tank that could be an old Little John variant of such. Though with everything else I ever get it needs some work, just like me. But other than that, I have last year's bike on the lift doing some work and about to pull my 02 deuce out for my daily! Glad the weather has turned, and riding is upon us. Let me let y'all go and I'll keep on keeping on! Thanks for everything all of you! Thank you for paying attention and following the build this year! The love, the hate I'm thankful for it all!!

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UPDATE DEVIN JAQUES BLANCHARD MI

I was kind of struggling to come up with a solid plan for this bike. Obviously, it needs to stand out, but inspiration didn't hit until I sanded down a junkyard tank I found. I fell in love with the bare metal look and decided that would be the scheme for the whole bike! If you check out the Wyld Stallions Facebook page, you'll see the dilemma I was having on picking out the right bars for this build and there are some other unknowns as well. I'm slowly getting closer to having the bikes' final shape roughed out but it's getting there. I did go through the carbs and got all the heavy brown gummed up mess cleaned up, but now I'm moving on to the perfect taillight, exhaust, and custom fenders to pull it all together. AND!, my wife's due date was on April 17th, and we welcomed our daughter Emma Jean Jaques into our world on the 22nd. She took her time, but she's perfect. Also, since the last update in Thunder Roads Michigan Magazine, I've been making friends with the other competitors and have been really enjoying the challenge of creating a unique Yamaha.

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UPDATE FRANK GRIMES DEFIANCE OHIO

Got to spend a lot of time in the shop since the last updates. I got in a couple 3-day weekends and a few all-nighters' that helped me really gain some ground. After some serious thought, I'm going to attempt to finish ahead of schedule so I can take her to Sturgis. I was able to pick up a transmission from a generator bike, so I will have to change the main shaft out. The sissy bar is done, handlebars are tacked together, gear shift and battery box are done. Decided to get creative for a license plate light and came up with the idea to use an old Maglite flashlight. Also got my switch box made for the ignition and lights and got the springer front-end on. There is still quite a way to go, but it's finally starting to take shape!

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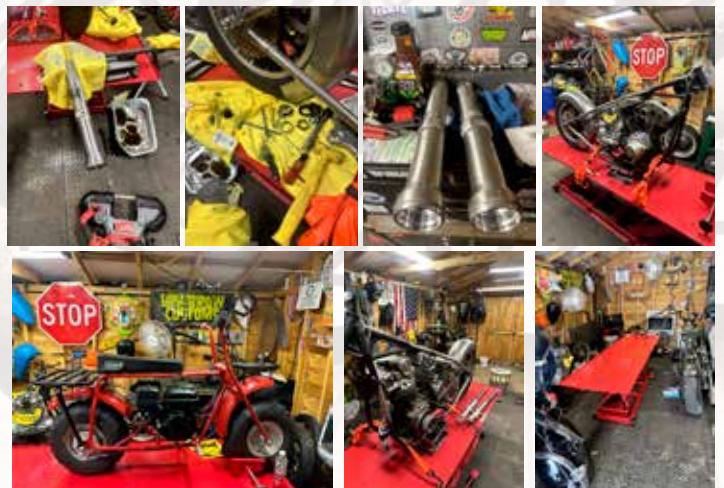


UPDATE JON WYSONG FENWICK MI

I'm here to report that it has been another busy month, all be it mostly on the family side of life yet again. Not much work has been done on the bike, but I have acquired some key tools to help things along. My wonderful soon to be wife helped me finally get a lift and some new regulators for my torches. No more working on the ground for me! My kids had me busy with minibike maintenance/repair work getting them all set to tear up the grass in what used to be my yard and what now is their track. I was able to get some things on my list checked off like the rear wheel in place and the fender tacked in. Along with removing the old neck cups. The tools I picked up from Fast Eddy Co. made removing those cups so easy it seemed like cheating. Definitely high-quality stuff. Next month will be a busy one. Hopefully I'll get some more time in the shop to whittle down the list of things to do. Up next will be getting the front wheel on and then the sissy bar and seat pan made up. Wish me luck, it feels like I'm going to need it to get all this sh*t done in time.

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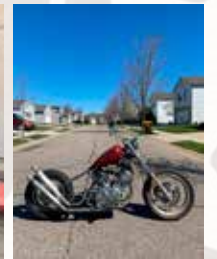
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**UPDATE
MACK
BLANK
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**UPDATE
NIC
CARLIN
CARLIN CYCLES
ANGOLA INDIANA**

I got the bike stripped and tore down to a bare frame. Was able to sell the tins really quick on marketplace and for enough to buy the hardtail for it. I went with the TC Bros. sportster hardtail mainly because of price but also because they're kind of local to me being based in Archbold, Ohio. Someday (potentially next year???) I hope to possess the skills and equipment to be able to build my own hardtail or a full frame like some of the builders this year have been doing. I got the frame cut and hardtail installed, and welded back together which allowed me to put the wheels on so I could get it off my lift and get some customer bikes back on. I've come to the realization that I need a second lift. I acquired a set of 10-inch T-Bars and slapped those on but I'm still not sold on them quite yet, so I might be switching that up but not for sure yet. I'm happy with the progress so far and I'm hoping to have it to the painters by the end of June, but I'm sure that will change as deadlines normally do. I'm also working out some tentative plans to head up to the Owosso area to get some help with some other builds and to get some help with mine. This will be a good opportunity to get some content for the YouTube and Facebook pages, so make sure you're following along for some behind the scenes!

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UPDATE
TERRY SCOTT
OVID MICHIGAN

Been busy working on the frame and I got the dings out of the tank and got it primed. Even though it may not look like it in the pictures, I got a bunch done by getting all the brackets made and mounted on the frame. Along with the rear fender modified and mounted.

I did go backwards a little bit since the forks I was planning to use I will not be using now. So, I had to cut the bearing cups that I had already welded on and I will have to make new ones over again. That is pretty much where we are at the moment.

As always be safe, be cool, and be excellent to each other.

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UPDATE
ZACK JONES
TANYA FISCHER
LOW ROLLER
CUSTOMS
GAINES MICHIGAN

Update time! Tanya and I have the gas tank, forks, handlebars, wheels, seat, and rear fender mocked up. I have sourced a kick gear! Currently I'm working on installing the push rods. We are close to the final mockup, just need to decide on an oil bag so we can finish the welding and the clean up on the frame. Tanya has a bunch of cool art designs picked out, so this is gonna be one sweet ride!

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We have the Mayfly Festival in Dundee, a bike blessing, and a presentation of our Suicide Prevention Benches to Tecumseh and Ida Community Schools coming up quickly. We will also be at Wilson Park for the Angelman Walk, the Milan Youth Day Parade and a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Edward Green Jr. Thanks to the Shielded Souls Ghost Chapter for organizing this effort. There is a GoFundMe page for this young man so please help the family if you are able. There's also the Radicals Car Club event on Memorial Day in Brighton and yes, we'll be at the Milan Fair with a booth May 30th - June 2nd. I know that all these events will be gone by the time you get this June issue of Thunder Roads, but I just want everyone to know that we are out doing everything we can to promote motorcycle awareness and suicide prevention. You can follow us on our Facebook page, stop by and visit us at one of our events, join us by becoming a member or simply donate monetarily so that we may help others who do not have the resources to help themselves.

We do have events in June including a donation for the Fisher House in Ann Arbor, "Ride for a Reason" sponsored by Penrickton Center, and poker runs and other events. We are very excited about being in Shelbyville MI where we have the Clewell Family doing their part to help that community with motorcycle awareness and suicide prevention. Check them out at the Wayland Summerfest June 7th-9th. Way to go Codey and Momma T!

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Please ride safely and remember you are a biker, and you represent everyone who rides, and every action resonates through all our communities. Be cool and respectful and we can stop the image that all bikers are roughenians. We are mostly God fearing, caring people who respect and care for others who need help.

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The season has started on a good note and riders got the itch to get out the house and get some fresh air. The weather is starting to become stable and just like that—presto chango, ground poundaz are across state lines. This article will not focus on one particular rider or group, but covering anyone that saw numerous dashed lines, made it home safely, and wanted to share their story. While I am absolutely certain this collage of riders were not the only ones riding their iron horses, they are just a few brothers and sisters that jumped out the window early.



We will start with one of the more recent trips, April 27, that J-Real took on club business and made it a personal trip as well. Enjoying the love of racing and building fast bikes, he could not wait to feel the power from the mods he completed over the winter. We all know its 2 hours to Cleveland, but I think he made it in an hour and fifteen minutes—lmao. “I was so anxious to ride, it was cool outside, but I waited a little too late in the day to leave, so I ended up riding in the cold. As much as I enjoyed riding my bike it didn't really bother me. But the way home was great the following day; 75 degrees and sunny the whole ride back. After having a ball with my brotherhood, mobbin down the highway the next day, just hit different.”

Next up is the “Woman draped in All Black” with no quarrels about getting saddle time, reintroducing Eclipse. Her 2nd trip to Milwaukee in 2024, once in cold ass February



and again April 17th. Traveling route of I-94, to I-41 all the way to the Harley Museum; 385 miles, six hours, and two stops (Michigan City, IN and Racine, WI) from Detroit to her destination. Much respect to her navigating skills!! “I highly recommend enjoying a bite to eat at The Motor Bar inside the museum.” And, if you are a Hog Member, you get free entry to tour the museum. “What kind of Harley employee would I be, if I didn't go to HQ on iron?”



Next in the saddle is The President of “Ladies of Da City.” The route of her journey went in this order. Detroit, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, to Daytona, FL. Dealing with a bike issue, her partner in crime assisted Sunshine to pick up a borrowed bike in Nashville after putting hers in the shop. If you heard this saying before, you know who said it. “If you ain't on the ground, you scared to break down!” (Skunk) Prez left on March 6th, with extended time due to the breakdown, and was on the road until March 10th. Celebrating her dude's B-Day, they spent time pipin' down the highway. “It was cold but riding with him was everything and I earned a patch from his club-Rare Breed Nashville. He pushed me beyond my comfort, and I continued to ride until we reached our destination. Then we stopped for some good ole seafood at Joe's Crab Shack in Daytona.”



The next two life-long friends have known each other from big wheels to green machines, to pickem'em up/mess'em up, to grown-up throttling. These cats have known each other half-a-century and took the trip of a lifetime going to Bike Week '24 in Arizona. Que Ball and Eat'em Up took to the highway with a destination of Phoenix for the Soul Brothers 50th Anniversary. Along with that,

they supported a Brother racing while the NHRA National Drag Racing Weekend was happening. “We started in the morning about 5am daily while riding there and returning home, with a goal of about 800 miles a day and finishing off with a hardy dinner and tall brew. We learned about the



Continental Divide on the way home. However, the sights of trees, mountains, landscapes, and a restaurant made the trip out-of-sight; The Lush Café and Lounge located at 7470 S. Priest Dr. Tempe, AZ. “The

days were not always sunny skies as we would have liked in early April. Therefore, if you stay ready, you don’t have to get ready.” They needed heated suits for 37-degree days and rain gear for the days of rain. While some of the days were less than favorable, it was an opportunity they weren’t willing to miss. They got rained on from Detroit to Kansas City, MO. But I know these guys personally and I know they would say, “it ain’t shy to an Eagle!”



Last but not least, what kind of author would I be if I didn’t cross a state line. Cold as an Eskimo’s nose, I jumped out the window on Saturday April 6th for a turn and burn. It was 5 days past the opening of riding season to grab some miles that count for 2024. It was 43 degrees outside, so I put on my long johns to protect my long john-lmao. Put on a pair of black Dickies, two undershirts and a

long sleeve over them, heated gear, leather jacket and my cut. (Never turning on my heated gear the entire ride as I wanted to bear the wind whips) I also put on a bandana to protect my face and a beanie to cover my head under the full-face helmet.

It was a nine-hour run that was enjoyed by each second of fresh cold air while listening to Pantera through my Cena. (favorite track of theirs



is Walk) Three hours there, then stopped for lunch at the Knock-out Pub & Grill located at 8453 Sancus Blvd. (Great food) Afterwards, I swung by Motorcycle Maxx on HWY 23 in Columbus for a quick TClock check-dynamite staff there. From there, I enjoyed some of the sites of their city, then got back on the road about 6pm for a straight shot home. Finally, pulled up

to the house about 9:30p and I was wore the “F” out. One gas stop there, and one fill up on the way back. A day trip, \$200 total for the priceless experience. Two things I found out on that trip: My tire pressure was 15lbs low on each tire after sitting through the winter, even after sitting on a lift,



and my exhaust bolts were loose from all the vibration-possibly from last season.

In conclusion, get out there and live your best life. Whether a turn and burn or weeks on the road, don’t out-ride your angels, keep your head on a swivel, use your hand signals to communicate with other drivers/riders, and make it home safely.

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My story about the life and experiences of growing up with the Pony Cycle's.

I was just born when my dad and grandpa bought the prototype of a scooter that later became the Pony Cycle. As I got older I found myself going into work with my dad on Saturday's and playing among all the boxes, tires and cool stuff You can imagine how many cool things there were around a shop (Hawk Tool & Eng.) that build motor scooters.

At 8 years old I started to ride the bikes around the shop grounds and parades. They had 6 acres of property and a oval drive through it. which made it like a race track. Clarkston - was a small village back in the 50's. Hawk Tool employed between 75 to 100 people and made everything possible themselves. The employees got to know me pretty well as I needed help with repairs and things like gas, oil and air for tires. My grandma & grandpa used my time at the shop to get help with the garden and household chores, see there house was next door to the shop. Grandpa's work vehicle was a 3 wheel Pony Cycle with a big front box on it. Some of the worst times to ride his work vehicle was right after he moved dirt with it. The dirt and dust would fly out of the box and get in my eyes, no matter how good I sweep it out. Hawk Tool was also working on making carnival cars with 3 wheels and low to the ground. These were great to drive and comer on 2 wheels as they were very tippy.

No matter how I tried there were only certain bikes I was allowed to drive around. My teenage years gave me the willingness and knowledge to learn how to machine and weld, so I built a few things myself, and latter starting my own business. I have been-toki-stefies--fi-om-m y-dad-aboutt he difficulties of manufacturing and some of the family disputes. One he has mentioned was making the handlebars themselves. Dad said they could buy them for half of what they could make them for, of course grandpa won and they made them. I enjoy sharing this story and hope you have also.

Terry Hawke (son/grandson/nephew) of Hawk Tool & Engineering Co.





TOGETHER AGAIN

The year was 1997 and Jan & I bought the bike part of a Army side car unit made by Hawk Tool & Engineering Company in January 1956. I had known Lloyd previously from the VMBC meet in Portland, IN and he had told me about this bike many years before. Jan & I jumped in our old beat-em-up pickup truck and drove 7 hours to Elgin, IL. and purchased it. I was told the side car part of this unit was scraped many years ago and I would have to build one to complete the bike. Pony Cycle by Hawk Tool made these bikes under government contract for the U. S. Air Force/ Army. They were called "scooter, motor, 3 wheel, side mounted delivery supply service maintaining vehicle" {that's our government for you). Anyway this project got sidelined and looking dim at restoring, if at all. Many years later Peter

contacted me about a friend who he thought had the side car part of a Pony Cycle 3 wheel unit. Originally it was bought thinking it went to a Mustang bike. Peter and I looked at my pictures and he knew this was the correct part. I got hold of his friend Cliff who lived in northern Wisconsin and we discussed condition and price, without seeing any pictures, we agreed on a fair price and I purchased it. They had to get it down from the rafters of the barn and get it ready to ship. I asked them if they could take some pictures of it so I could have it shipped down to me. The pictures came and right away I

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FLAT TRACK RACER REGINALD D. MULL

Reginald D. Mull

July 17, 1927 - January 14, 1983



Reginald D. Mull was born in Lansing, Michigan, the son of Ralph and Emma Mull. Reggie had one sister and three brothers. He lived in the Lansing area from birth into adulthood supporting himself and his family as a motorcycle mechanic and as a motorcycle flat track racer. He also served in the Air Force at the end of the Second World War. On October 14th, 1947, Reggie married his sweetheart Dorothy, and they went on to have four sons - David, Dennis,

Danny, and Dean. Dorothy also rode motorcycles and rode her own AJS brand motorcycle until eventually it hurt her back too much to ride anymore. Reggie's father rode a Sunbeam Motorcycle a little bit and Reggie's sons Dennis and Danny also rode motorcycles for many years and are still enthusiasts today. Reggie didn't get started in racing until the late 1940's but once he did get started, he was quite successful. Although he never won a national race, he did win and podium at a lot of races throughout the Great




Lakes Region. Some of the highlights of his racing career include his time racing in Detroit at the Motor City Speedway. In 1948 and 1949 he finished 2nd at the Motor City Speedway and in 1949 set the new fastest times for 6 laps, 8 laps, and 15 laps. In 1950 and 1951 Reggie would not settle for runner up in Detroit and won both years at the Motor City Speedway. One of the victories received a little extra celebration as the promoter really celebrated it because it was the winning of the 1,000th main event at the race facility. He raced several different brands over the years but seldom



Sources: Information and pictures provided by Dennis Mull and additional information from Bert Sumner.

rode Harley - Davidsons or Indians. He raced AJS, Ariel, BSA, Matchless, and Norton Motorcycles. Reggie didn't race in AMA Competition from June of 1953 until 1960. In his time away from the AMA Competitions he did get to do a little racing over in Canada and even managed to win the Carling Red Cap Trophy in Ontario, Canada in 1956. He kept working on and selling bikes throughout the 1950's as he owned Capital City Cycles. Later on, he moved to California in the 1960's and although he didn't race as much anymore, he was racing against some great competition at Ascot Park Racetrack, Gardena, California. While in California, Reggie worked as a motorcycle mechanic and later as a maintenance man at Regina Winery. Reggie had some great races and probably a few rivalries throughout his racing career and he was a lifelong motorcycle enthusiast. He is still talked about today as a great rider and was even listed as

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one of the top dirt trackers in the world back in his days. He will be remembered by a lot of the old timer racers and fans from Michigan as he put on such great shows while racing at the Motor City Speedway against some world class riders of their time. Reggie dabbled in other types of motorcycle riding and racing as well. He raced TT Scrambles, Drag Racing, Hill Climbing, Ice Racing, Enduro Racing, Trail Riding, and Street Riding. Like other great riders in his time, Regie was somewhat of a Renaissance Man of motorcycling as he raced the

famed Jack Pine Enduro Race and raced the Daytona Beach Course as well.

from a 1950's program

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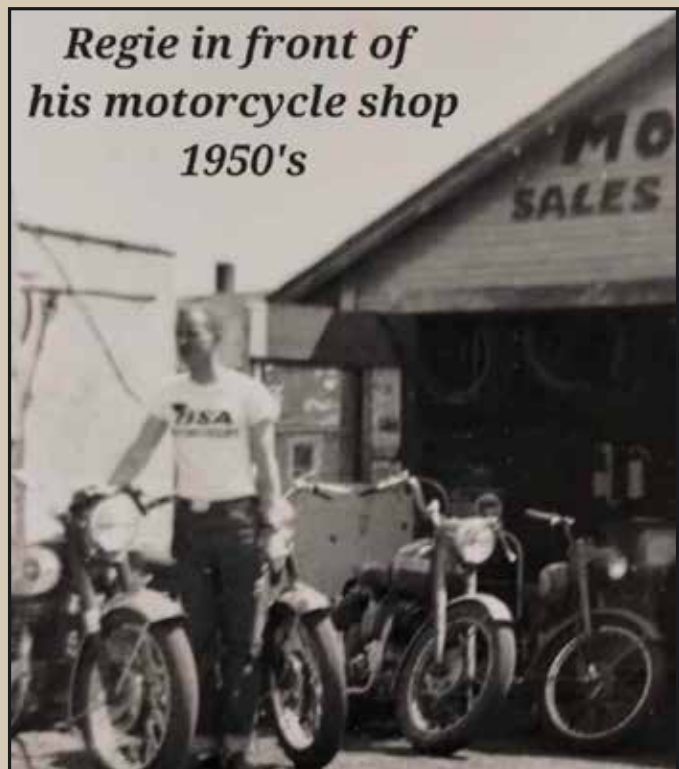
REGINALD MULL

ONE of the best young competition stars developed in the Mid-West in recent months is none other than Reginald "Reggie" Mull who was born on July 17th, 1927, at Lansing, Michigan, of Pennsylvania Dutch descent, and who in the past couple of years has come through with some fine wins while riding A. J. S. and Norton machines. Reggie showed great heart and determination when he had a bad accident at Norton, Kansas in 1948. Both his ankles were chipped and sprained, and although he was unable to compete on the 1/4-milers he continued right on riding the half and mile circuits.

1948

His greatest thrill in competition was the first time he won the 15-lap feature event on the Motor City Speedway at Detroit. Russell Peterson always gives him the most trouble to beat, and in August 1949 Reggie set the following new records on Motor City Speedway in Detroit: 6-laps 1:32.08; 8-laps 2:01.76 and 16-laps 3:56.03.

He considers the following riders tops in their respective types of competition: Dirt track, Jimmy Chann; 1/4-mile banked speedway, Russell Peterson, and in American road racing, Billy Mathews.



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BULLET POINTS

BY GREG DENAY, AKA JOHNNY

Welcome to summer everybody! It has been a long wait. In this episode of Bullet Points I'm going to change things up a little bit. I sat down with my good friend and tattoo artist Dion Socia at his shop, Magic Circle Tattoo, in Bay City, Michigan to talk about how he got started in the tattoo world and why he finally figured out he should be carrying a firearm.



Dion got his start in artwork as a caricature artist at an amusement park in Florida. Growing his talent and managerial skills, he became training manager for new hires. While this was a great learning experience, he eventually decided it was time to move on to bigger and better things. After reconnecting with family, he moved to Chicago to apprentice in one of his sister and brother in law's tattoo shops. As he recalls, "It was a five-year apprenticeship, which is exceedingly long. And it became abundantly clear that I was free labor for the shop." Dion finally decided to leave Chicago and move back to Bay City. His first stop for a job was a new tattoo shop that had just opened in an old church. When that interview didn't give him the vibe he was going for, he made his way over to Electric Chair Tattoo. After working there for nearly 6 years, and becoming one of the top earning artists, he decided it was time to open his own shop. And with a little help, he did just that.

Fast forward to gun talk. He finally realized that there are a lot of sh**y people in this world, and he should probably have something to defend himself with. Where he lived at that time in Chicago, there were a lot of mostly peaceful protests going on. When those protests started to escalate to more violence, property damage, and expanding outside

of the city, he decided that was the time to be able to protect himself. Now purchasing a firearm in Illinois is a lot more difficult than here in Michigan. There you need to obtain a FOID (Firearm Owners Identification) card before even being able to step foot in most gun stores. You then must wait 10 days, to the minute, after purchase to be able to pick up your firearm. Dion recalled one of his first times in an Illinois gun store when a customer came in to pick up their firearm after the 10-day waiting period and they were told that they had to wait another 12 minutes because their 10 days wasn't fully up yet. The store was afraid that the person might be an undercover cop trying to set them up and made sure to follow the law. So, impatiently, the customer waited.

Dion comes from a family full of Military Veterans, so he was not new to how to handle and carry a gun safely. After talking with his brother, who is a Marine, it was recommended that Dion get a Beretta 92, as it is a very reliable handgun. After several near-violent incidents, he decided that it was time to get a smaller, more concealable firearm, as the Beretta is a full frame. Eventually he went and got his CPL (Concealed Pistol License) and wound up buying himself a Ruger LC9S for his EDC (everyday carry). As I sat with him listening to his story and B.S.'ing as we do, we got to show and tell on our EDCs. My brand-new as of today Glock 48 (sorry, Stabby!) and then my Sig Sauer P320 against his Ruger LC9S. I did get a peek at the Beretta 92 as well. Both are extremely nice guns but come on man! Clean that S**T! 🤔

All joking aside, I wish more people would open their eyes



and realize that they need to be prepared and able to defend themselves and their loved ones. I will leave you all once again with "vote accordingly". Also, don't criticize my tattoo too much, it's not done yet!

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BY JIM SHIBLEY

Ever since the creation of handheld tuners for fuel injected motorcycles I have always wanted to try one, but I've never had the need for one until now. I have installed Stage 1 kits on fuel injected Harley's in the past but had the dealerships do the tuning, and the bikes I wrench on for other people; the owners wanted them professionally tuned. I haven't heard anything bad about the tuners, I just would not expect your bike to be at its absolute peak performance levels of horsepower, and torque if you choose to use one instead of a professional tune using a dyno. I ride a 2021 Harley Road King Standard with a 107



cubic inch. I know with the 107 unless I dropped big bucks on engine work my bike was not going to be a performance bagger. I am going for sound and looks more than anything on this bike. I did a bunch of research on great sounding pipes for the Harley M8 engine and decided to go with the Tab Performance 2 into 2 head pipe with the 50 cal. 5-inch



slip-on mufflers with the zombie baffles. For the air cleaner I went with the Arlen Ness Beveled Inverted Series Black. I will admit I was a little nervous spending the money on a tuner but with the research I did which included some time on YouTube and asking bike shops a lot of questions; I felt that buying one for myself was the right choice. I decided on the Dynojet Power Vision 3 tuner for my make and model. My parts arrived about a week after I ordered them, I had already taken off my stock exhaust and air cleaner, so I was ready for install right away. It was still a week or two before the warmer weather came into town, so I had time. The TAB Performance exhaust came with new mounting brackets and exhaust seals. Personally, I was not impressed with the exhaust gaskets provided, they were very loose fitting in the heads of the engine. I could spin them around with my finger very easily, so I bought the Harley brand exhaust gaskets. Both brands were beveled gaskets so I knew the Harley brand wouldn't have a problem with sealing. The install went smooth for the most part, I jumped the gun a little bit and installed the crossover section bracket and crossover pipe to the bike before I tightened up the right side of the bike/exhaust, which threw things off a bit. I took the crossover back off and followed the direction provided by TAB Performance. When you install the pipes to your cylinder heads make sure to use an inch pound torque wrench. If you have not installed exhaust pipes before and you're planning to do something similar to this, it's important that you have the right torque wrenches for the job. DO NOT try to convert foot pounds to inch pounds, just buy two separate torque wrenches. The clearance between the exhaust and engine are tighter than the stock exhaust was, but nothing was touching and there was enough room between for some movement from the engine rumble. I made a mental note of the clearance and would check it again when the bike was running. I used a high temp exhaust sealer for the slip-on 50 cal. mufflers. There was an ugly bolt hole left behind in the engine casing from the

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stock exhaust bracket, so I went to the hardware store and bought a chrome bolt to plug in the hole. I also bought some floorboard 3/4-inch extensions from HOGWORKZ, I didn't like the supplied ones that came with the exhaust head pipe. The Arlen Ness air cleaner was beautiful, there were a lot of pieces and screws, but it was easy to assemble.



If I had to tell you what I thought was the hardest part about the installation, it would have been not having an extra pair of hands when lining everything up and bolting it into place on the bike. I always worry about dropping or scratching a motorcycle part that I can't afford to replace. I think that the Arlen Ness air cleaner

changed the look of my bike more than the exhaust did. I love it! I now have my bike put all back together, it's time for the tuner. I plugged the Power Vision 3 tuner into the ECU plug and powered up my bike. The tuner turned on automatically and I followed the prompts. I picked a pre-loaded tune from the Power Vision that fit the description of my bike, the exhaust style, and the air cleaner style. The tuner asked if I wanted to replace my existing tune on my bike, I said yes, and it started to load the tune I had chosen. If you're not familiar with it, this process is called flashing.



After about 5 minutes it was done, and it told me to power off the bike for 10 seconds. After 10 seconds I turned the bike on and fired it up. The engine sounded good; the exhaust sounded awesome! I revved the engine and there were no backfires. I took the Road King out for a test ride and the exhaust

was music to my ears compared to the stock exhaust. Everything sounded good except for small backfires on deceleration at higher RPM's. There is a manual tune option on the Power Vision 3 which allows you to ride the bike with the tuner hooked up and it analyzes the data from your O2 sensors and makes small changes to the fuel management system on your bike. I went for a longer ride which included slow speeds and highway speeds using the manual tune setting until I was happy with the data collected. I saved it to the tuner and re-flashed the bike again with the new data. It took care of the backfires I was getting, and I have no complaints. I feel satisfied with the upgrades to my



bike. There are other excellent brands out there on the market you should keep in mind if you plan to do similar upgrades to your bike. Do research based on your needs and wants, nothing is cheap anymore so fall back on the old "measure twice and cut once" mentality. Wrenching

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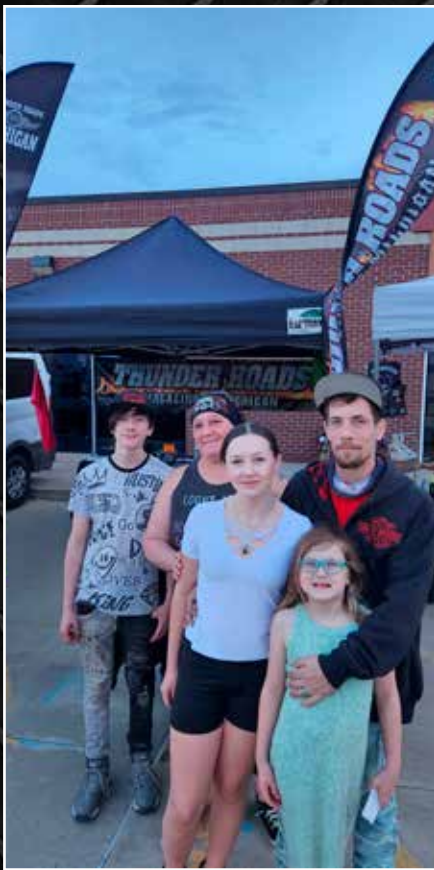


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Lil' Joey was doing his math homework. He says out loud, "One plus six, that son of a bitch is seven. Four plus four, that son of a bitch is eight." His Momma overhears this and is shocked and she says to him, "What are you doing Joey?" Lil' Joey replies, "I am just doing my math homework Momma." "And is this how your Teacher taught you to do it?" Momma asks. "Yes ma'am", Lil' Joey replies. Momma is now getting her feathers ruffled and immediately phones Johnny's teacher, "What on earth are you teaching my son in class?" she asks. The Teacher replies, "Right now, we are learning mathematical addition." Moma asks, "And are you teaching them to say one plus six, that son of a bitch is seven? After the Teacher stopped laughing straight from her gut, she respectfully replied, No ma'am, what I taught them to say was, "One plus six, the sum of which is seven."

When you Push on a Pull door and someone behind the counter yells "you have to pull", like thanks Karen because my next plan was to start lifting it up.

My neighbor stopped by and said, "Where's your husband?" I replied, "In the garden". She said, "I just walked by there and didn't see him." I said softly, "You need to dig down a little."

Nurse said, "Doc, there's a man in the Waiting Room who thinks he's invisible, what should I tell him? Doc said, "Tell him I can't see him today."

Obviously short girls are stubborn bro, I mean just look at them, they even refused to grow!

If you get an email with the Subject line: "KnockKnock", do not open it! It's a Jehovah Witness working from home.

Why aint nobody tell me hamburger helper aint come with the meat?
o.k., who wants to tell him it aint come w/ the Helper either?

Three older and wise Italian woman are in the kitchen making a huge batch of their best "gravy" (authentic Italian spaghetti sauce term) when one woman looks over at the one and says, "Your husband is now 82 and he still enjoys chasing girls half his age. Aren't you upset? The other woman shrugs her shoulders and replies, "Why should I be upset? Dogs chase cars and yet, they can't drive.

The majority of all men cheat so get you a rich one. Afterall, you want to cry in Walmart or in the islands of Fiji?

What makes us human?
Selecting all images with traffic lights, apparently.

When I go to someone's house and they tell me to make myself at home, first thing I do is throw them out because I don't like visitors.

I would like to think that I'll die a heroic death ... probably something involving my bike and saving the life of a defenseless animal or a small child, but it's more likely I'll trip over my dog and choke on a plastic spoon full of frosting.

Wife came down and saw me sitting in my comfy lawn chair, smoking a cigar and enjoying my ice-cold beer, and says, "Thought you said you were going to water the garden?" I replied, "I am doing that right now, it's being watered." She looked around the corner of the house where I had stuck the hose thru an oscillating fan and it was in deed watering the garden for me. Can't wait for her to see how the lawn is being mowed out front!

I changed my FaceBook name to "Benefits"
Now, when people add me to their list it reads:
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JUNE 2024

June 1

- 2nd Annual Beeter's Bike Show
Beeter's Brew Pub
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- 3rd Annual Saginaw Blessing of the Bikes
Beemer Memorial Run
American Legion Post 439
5190 Weiss St.
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- 13th Annual Motorcycle Vet Ride
Seney Snowmobile Association
Fox River Motel
1588 M-28
Seney, MI
Registration 8:00am-9:30am
More Info www.seneysnowmobiling.com/motorcycle-vet-ride

- Freedom Rally, Ride to the Capitol
Capitol Harley-Davidson & Motorsports
9550 Woodland Dr.
Dimondale, MI
Registration @ Noon
See Facebook for details

- Motorcycle Show
6869 S. Boulter Rd.
Shelbyville, MI
Starts @ Noon
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- Nozzlemen M/C
Chapter 7 Charity Ride
Sandy's Harley Davidson
11940 S. Maple Island Rd.
Fremont, MI
KSU @ Noon Preregister at least 30 Min. Prior

- Blessing of the Bikes St. Ignace
45th Parallel HOG Chapter
Evangelical Free Church
324 1st St.
St Ignace, MI
Blessing @ 10:00am ~ KSU @ 10:30am
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June 6

-Thunder on the Bridge Event
Stripes & Pieces Foundation
Roberts Landing Campground
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June 7

- 4th Annual Mackinaw Motorcycle Rally
Mackinaw Crossings
248 S Huron Ave.
Mackinaw City, MI
See Schedule in Magazine for details

- Port Huron Motorcycle Club
Bluewater Summer Nationals Test &
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3376 Griswold Rd.
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June 8

- 4th Annual Mackinaw Motorcycle Rally
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- 7th Annual 1st Battalion 24th Marines
Memorial Poker Run
Chesterfield Township Municipal Building
47275 Sugarbush Rd.
Chesterfield Township, MI
Registration 10:00am-12:00pm
First Bikes out at 12:00pm
More Info Contact Frank @ 586-531-5726

-8th Annual Autism Run & Steak Fry
Kingwood Outfield
3535 Phillips Rd.
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Registration @ 10:00am
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Center, MI
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June 9

- 1st Annual Rise up for the Heartland
Poker Run
Ogemaw County Fairgrounds
2300 Rifle River Trail
West Branch, MI
Registration 9:00am-10:45am
~ KSU @ 11:00am
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- 4th Annual Mackinaw Motorcycle Rally
Mackinaw Crossings
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Mackinaw City, MI
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- Muskegon Motorcycle Club
Raymond's Revenge AMA Hare Scramble
6925 W. 112th St.
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June 13

- Michihistrigan Rendezvous
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June14

-Lapeer Bike Nights
Hardcore Chopper Night
Downtown Lapeer
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- 2nd Annual Horsemen Charity Dinner
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American Legion Riders Sanford MI
Post 443
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KSU @ Noon
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Registration @ 9:00am
KSU @ 11:00am
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Campground
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- Ride in for Talons Out
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Registration @ 10:30am ~ KSU 12:30pm
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June 16
- Michihistrigan Rendezvous
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June 21
- Bike Bash
Ogemaw County Fairgrounds
2300 Rifle River Trail
West Branch, MI
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- Lapeer Bike Nights
Family Night / Ron Finch
Downtown Lapeer
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Lapeer, MI
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- Muskegon Motorcycle Club
Dirt Drags
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June 22
- 1st Annual Good Samaritan Charity Ride
St. Joseph Church
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KSU @ 11:30
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- Muskegon Motorcycle Club
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Ogemaw County Fairgrounds
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West Branch, MI
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June 23
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June 28
- Lapeer Bike Nights
Ron Finch
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June 29
- Battle of the Baggers
Ginger Man Raceway
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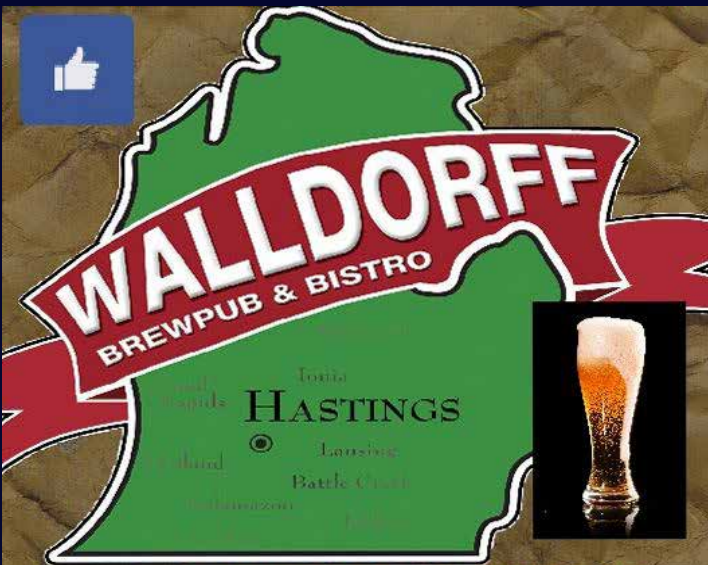
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- The Otherside Bar & Grill - Freeland
- Trackside Food & Spirits - Reese
- The Whiskey Jar - Brown City

WEDNESDAYS

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- Iron Horse Bar & Grill - Akron
- Scooter's Bar & Grill - Flint

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- Beeter's Brew Pub - Sebawaing
- Birch Run Speedway - Birch Run
- Buckley Roadside Bar - Buckley
- Lee Bar & Grill - Midland
- The Topsy Cowboy - 4th Thursday of Every Month - Pinconning
- Vehicle City Harley-Davidson - Flint

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- 11:11 Bar & Grill - Bay City
- Lapeer Bike Nights - Nepessing St. Lapeer
- Parisville Saloon - Parisville

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