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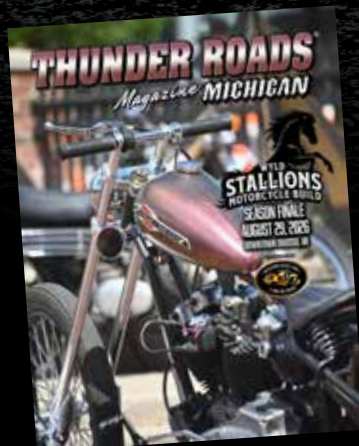
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LETTER FROM THE OWNERS

FALLING BACKWARDS

Is it possible we actually won't be "falling backward" for daylight saving time this year? I know some of you probably don't care either way, but honestly, I'd rather not gain an extra hour—I already have enough to do in a day!

Regardless of what happens with the clocks, we are in the absolute full swing of riding season right now. We know many of you are packed and gearing up for those long, epic treks out to Sturgis and whatever other directions the wind takes you. While they might eventually drop the time changes, they can't stop the temperatures from eventually dropping too—but let's not get ahead of ourselves just yet! We've been pushing 100-degree days lately, and there is still a massive amount of riding left to be had this season. Plus, putting a little extra highway between us and the Canadian wildfire smoke certainly wouldn't hurt!

We're looking forward to some late-season miles ourselves. Over a year ago, we made plans with friends to ride down to the Florida Keys in October. It will be our first time making that trip, and we can't wait to hit the coast.

Thunder Rally in the Valley: Adapting & Overcoming

August 21-23, 2026, brings our Thunder Rally in the Saginaw Valley, and if there's one thing this lifestyle teaches you, it's how to adapt and overcome. We had high hopes of bringing our vision of a U.S. veteran rally to the Tri-Cities on a much larger scale, but man, it is tough out there right now! Honestly, we had moments where we thought about canceling and starting over next year, but we decided—why not push forward? We have nothing to lose, and most importantly, we've already raised a decent amount of money for the USS Edson Museum to fund overnight stays on the ship for our veterans.

At the end of the day, this event was never about us—it has always been for them. So, either way, that makes it a win. Besides, we don't need an excuse or a reason to have fun; we just do!

We truly hope you'll ride out and join us for the weekend. Please consider making a donation to the Saginaw Naval Ship Museum by taking a ship tour and participating in our scavenger hunt ride. Remember, rustic tent camping is available for donations, and we'll be spending the evenings hanging out around the campfire jamming to some tunes.



August 29th: Season 4 Wyld Stallions Build Finale

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 29th! We'll be at Owosso Vintage Motorcycle Days for the Season 4 Wyld Stallions Motorcycle Build Competition Finale. The best part? The winner of the competition is chosen entirely by YOU, the public!

Come on down, check out some incredible craftsmanship, cast your vote for your favorite custom build, and share some laughs with the builders and our team!

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~RJ

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Breakfast - 9:30am -
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Flea Market - 10:00am
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CHAPLAIN CHARLIE'S CORNER: MORE THAN A TANK

BY CHAPLAIN CHARLIE

There are some rides you take because the road is beautiful. Others because the destination is exciting. And then there are those rare rides that become something much bigger than either the road or the destination. They become a memory you carry with you for the rest of your life.

On July 1, I had the privilege of experiencing one of those unforgettable rides.

As Chaplain of the American Legion Riders at Sanford American Legion Post 443, I joined approximately fifteen fellow riders before sunrise at Valley Plaza in Midland. Our kickstands were up early as we prepared to head south to Burton, Michigan. Waiting for us there was something extraordinary, an M60 Patton tank from the Vietnam era that would soon begin its final journey home to Sanford. We weren't just escorting a piece of military equipment. We were escorting history.

When we arrived in Burton, Fisher Sand & Gravel was already preparing for the move. Watching a massive crane carefully lift over fifty tons of American military history onto the transport trailer was an incredible sight. The precision of the operators was nothing short of amazing.

But the machinery wasn't what made the day unforgettable, it was the people. Among those standing beside us were two Vietnam veterans. As I watched them observe the tank being loaded, I noticed something I'll never forget.... Their smiles. Not just polite smiles, but the kind that reach all the way to your eyes. Smiles filled with memories, pride, and perhaps even a little healing. For many Americans, an M60 Patton is simply an old tank displayed in a park. For these men, it represented brothers they served alongside, difficult days they survived, and sacrifices most of us can never fully understand.

As bikers, we often talk about freedom. We feel it every time we throw a leg over the saddle and point our front wheels toward the horizon. On this ride, that truth felt especially real.

With the tank securely loaded, the convoy began making its way north toward Sanford. The oversized transport truck led the procession while our motorcycles followed behind.

What happened along the route reminded me why I love this country. People stood along roadsides waving American flags, cars honked, families smiled, children pointed, drivers gave us a thumbs-up.

For a little while, political divisions disappeared. Nobody cared about politics. They simply saw veterans, motorcycles, American flags, and a Vietnam-era tank making its way to a new home.

This year marks America's 250th birthday. As we celebrated Independence Day, I couldn't think of a more meaningful way to honor our nation than escorting a symbol of those who answered the call to serve.

Our Vietnam veterans answered that call.

Some came home, many did not, many others returned carrying wounds that couldn't be seen.

The tank now standing in Sanford isn't there to glorify war. It

stands to remind us of the cost of freedom and the courage of those willing to defend it.

Later that week, I watched the new *Young Washington* movie as part of my Fourth of July celebration. Seeing the struggles of General George Washington reminded me that every generation has had its defining moments, from Lexington and Concord to Normandy, Vietnam, and today's service members around the world. The names and places change, but courage never goes out of style.

When our convoy rolled into Sanford, another crane was already waiting. Curious by nature, I pulled out my phone and started the stopwatch. From the moment the crane began lifting the tank until it balanced over its concrete pad... One minute and thirty-one seconds. Months of planning and thousands of pounds of steel were expertly placed into position in just ninety-one seconds.

Our sincere thanks go to Fisher Sand & Gravel for helping to make this project possible. Their professionalism and generosity helped bring this piece of history home.

As I stood there looking at the tank resting in its new home, my thoughts drifted to **John 15:13**:

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Those words capture the heart of sacrifice. While not every veteran gave his or her life on the battlefield, every one of them was willing to. That willingness deserves our respect every day of the year.

If you find yourself riding through Sanford, stop by American Legion Post 443. Take a few moments to stand beside the M60 Patton. Say a quiet prayer for those who served, and bring your children or grandchildren so they can experience a piece of history firsthand.

Motorcycles have always been about more than chrome or horsepower. They bring people together and remind us that some roads are worth traveling simply because of who rides beside us.

This was one of those rides.

One I'll never forget.

Until next month, ride safe, ride often, and whenever you have the opportunity, thank a veteran. The freedoms we enjoy every time we twist the throttle were purchased by generations who answered a call much greater than themselves.

God bless you, God bless our veterans, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

Yours in faith and fellowship,

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VETERANS CORNER



Veterans Helping Veterans: The Ride Never Ends

August reminds us that while the summer riding season is in full swing, our greatest journey has never been about the miles we ride—it's about the lives we touch.

The heart of every Veteran Riders chapter is simple: **Veterans Helping Veterans**. It is more than a slogan; it is our commitment to never leave a fellow veteran behind. Whether we're raising funds, visiting a veteran in need, supporting military families, honoring the fallen, or simply making a phone call to check on a brother or sister, every act of kindness strengthens our community.

Many veterans continue to face challenges long after their military service ends. Sometimes the support they need isn't financial—it's friendship, understanding, and knowing someone genuinely cares. A conversation over coffee, an invitation to ride, or a simple "How are you doing?" can make all the difference.

As we ride through Michigan this month, let's continue to represent our veteran community with pride, respect, and compassion. Be the reason another veteran knows they are not alone. Welcome new members, encourage participation, and remember that every veteran has a story worth hearing.

Thank you to every member who gives their time, energy, and heart to this organization. Your willingness to serve others proves that the spirit of military service never truly ends—it simply takes on a new mission.

May your roads be safe, your friendships grow stronger, and your commitment to **Veterans Helping Veterans** continue to inspire everyone you meet.

Together, we ride with purpose. Together, we serve with honor. Together, we make a difference.

As I close, I want each of you to know how proud I am to stand beside you. You are more than fellow riders—you are my brothers and sisters in arms, united by service, sacrifice, and an unbreakable bond that time can never erase. No matter where life's road takes us, remember that you are never alone. Continue to lift each other up, reach out when someone needs a hand, and never underestimate the impact you have simply by showing up for one another.

May God watch over you, protect you on every mile, and bless you and your families. Ride with honor, live with purpose, and never forget that together we are stronger than any challenge we face.

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We're asking every rider—and even those who don't ride but support our community—to get involved. Join ABATE (we've even added a youth membership), attend a meeting, support our events, and contact your elected representatives. These things matter. Without strong support, we risk losing the freedoms we often take for granted, while facing higher insurance costs, more regulations, and fewer choices about how we ride.

When you see hundreds of bikes at an event, remember that organizations like ABATE have helped protect the rights that have allowed you to show up the way you choose to at those events. Every venue, club, and organization that

hosts motorcycle events should consider supporting ABATE and the MRF because this work can't continue without the backing of the riding community.

As you are thinking about going for your next ride, please consider joining us at ABATE of MICHIGAN, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), or both! Remember that both the MRF and ABATE of Michigan are fighting for the future of motorcycling. If you value the freedom to ride, please consider supporting both organizations. Together, our voices are stronger, and together we can continue protecting the rights of all motorcyclists.

Become a supporting member and join the MRF for their Meeting of the Minds in September!



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HERE'S THE DETAILS!



1. GET YOUR CARD

Find a Registration Ride Stop - They are listed on "THE STOPS" page(s) with a RIDE CARD IMAGE along with the OFFICIAL RIDE-STOP STAMP by their name and on their ad in the magazine. If you already have a card from a previous contest year, you MUST GET A NEW ONE. The information that you provide when you sign up for your FREE Ride Card is solely used by Thunder Roads® Michigan and will NOT be used for any purpose other than this contest. You will be handed your FREE Ride n' Win Card right then. It has a unique number registered to your name.

2. CHECK IN!



Once you have your card with your unique Ride n' Win number, you can start checking in. Go to any or all the stops listed with the Ride n' Win Stamp and check in! There are also Event Stops each month where you can check in. Each Official Ride Stop where you check in gets you entered to win a monthly prize. Spend over \$10 there, and your Ride Card number will get counted twice and double your chance of winning!

3. MONTHLY PRIZE WINNERS

If you are a lucky winner, you will be notified by text and email via the information you provided when you received your card. The winning numbers will also be published on the WINNERS page in Thunder Roads® Michigan Magazine each month. If you are notified or see your Ride Card number on the WINNERS page in the Magazine, head to the establishment to pick up your prize for that month. ** You will need to show them your Ride Card number to claim your prize at their location. Please note: You only have 45 days to claim your prize once you are notified.

FEW FACTS

- Winners are randomly picked from each Registration/Ride Stops, Ride Stops, and Event Stops each month.
- The more places you check in, the greater your chances are of winning a prize from that location, and grand prize giveaways at the end of the season.

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- If you spend \$10 or more at any Ride Stop, your Ride Card number gets counted twice! Please note: This contest is FREE because of our amazing Sponsors. Please support them in return.
- You can check-in once a week at each Ride Stop. You have the chance to win multiple prizes each month by checking in at as many Ride Stop's as you can.
- Each check-in and bonus check-in will get you entered to win:
 - A brand new set of tires professionally installed by Traction Powersports.
 - A sound package by Insomnia Bagger Audio.
 - A Custom Dynamic under glow kit complete with Bluetooth and Break Alert provided by Twisted Illusions Lighting.
 - The 2005 Harley-Davidson Softail Deuce courtesy of Steel Horse Ranch at the end of the season party!
 - Plus, more grand prizes to be announced!

IT'S REALLY THAT SIMPLE!

1. Get Your Own Unique Michigan Ride n' Win Card. (It Does Not Expire)
2. Get the list of Ride Stops each month from a copy of Thunder Roads® Michigan Magazine or at www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com
3. Ride to any of the Ride n' Win stops and use your smartphone and check in!
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Each month check-in at any of these stops (up to 1 time per week) and you could win the monthly prize at that location. Don't have a Ride card? Sign-up for a **FREE** Ride Card at any of the stops listed below with a Ride Card next to it.

Make sure to pick up next months issue (or view the magazine online at www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com) or on Facebook: Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan to see if your Ride Card number is listed as a winner.

Sponsor prizes are randomly picked each month.

Special inside tip... Some stops get many check-in's and some stops only get a couple of people that check-in each month, which means you have an excellent chance of winning!

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**Watch for the Official
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1983	Addictive Ink Tattoo	1066	Michigan Biker Law
1587	Bald Eagle Harley- Davidson	0565	Northern Leather (D&K Bar and Grill)
0516	Beeter's Brew Pub	1972	Rathskeller Food & Spirits
0516	Break Shot Bar and Grill	0780	Saginaw Old Town Junction
1180	Bubba's Tri-City Cycle's	1981	Shotmakers Sports B&G
0574	Byce's Michihistrigan	0599	Sporty's Wing Shack & Smoke House
0773	Cheers Pub Lapeer	0520	Steel Horse Ranch
1404	Colwood Bar	TBD	The Post Bar & Restaurant
TBD	Full House Diner	0811	The Bank Colwood
0559	Gas Alley Bar & Grille	0998	Traction Powersports
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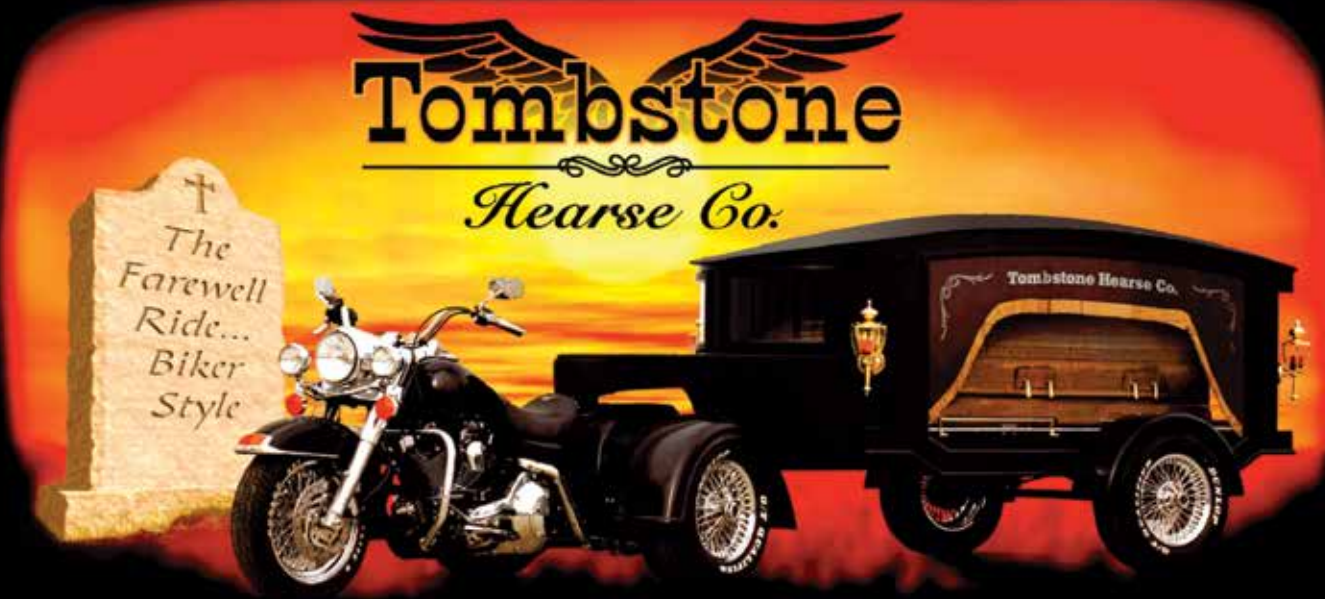


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BY RJ, PUBLISHER OF THUNDER ROADS® MICHIGAN

Are you ready for a spin this year?! Before we dive into the blood, sweat, and gears of Season Four, let's get you in on the action. We're running a massive hunt across the grounds, and we want YOU to walk away a winner too!

The Builder Search: Official Rules to Win

Want to score a special, exclusive prize from *Thunder Roads* at the end of the day? Here is your step-by-step roadmap to winning the Builder Search at Owosso Vintage Motorcycle Days:

- 1. Grab Your Map:** Stop by the **Michigan Biker Law Tent** and pick up your copy of *Thunder Roads Michigan Magazine*.
- 2. Show Some Digital Love:** Go online and give the **Wyld Stallions Motorcycle Build, Michigan Biker Law and Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan** Facebook pages a follow.
- 3. Hunt Down the Builders:** Take your magazine around the event grounds, track down **every single builder**, and collect their autographs below their photo. *You must collect all of them to qualify!*
- 4. Verify & Enter:** Bring your fully autographed copy back to the **Michigan Biker Law Tent** for official verification. Once checked off, you are officially entered to win!

Now, let's get back to the finale!

Season Four of the WSMB began late last fall when creator Derek Long put his 2026 plan in motion, gathering a roster of competitors who were eagerly awaiting their official announcement. Now, the wait is over, and the possibility of a new champ taking home the hardware is as real as it gets!

This year's builders will be going bar-to-bar against returning champ Jaybird from Lost Sols Customz in Pittsburgh, PA, following his impressive victory in 2025. His masterful work on a 1947 Knucklehead earned him the coveted trophy—a beast that begs to be lifted but weighs as much as an anvil. It isn't just heavy; it's a symbol of the grit, determination, and passion each builder brings to the lift. Jaybird is aiming to make history as the first back-to-back winner. Will he pull it off?

In addition to welcoming fresh faces, this season brings some intense family competition from previous winner Frank Grimes of Defiance, OH. We know creative talent runs deep in their house, and we are pumped to see what they bring to the table!

Returning veterans and new rookies alike felt the pain and stress brought on by the grueling demands of the WSMB. Time stands still for no one, and life sure doesn't either.

YOU Crown the Champion!

All eyes are now on Owosso, MI, where the winner will be crowned during the **Owosso Vintage Motorcycle Days on August 29, 2026**. The competition promises fresh challenges and fierce camaraderie, but only one builder will claim the winner's circle.

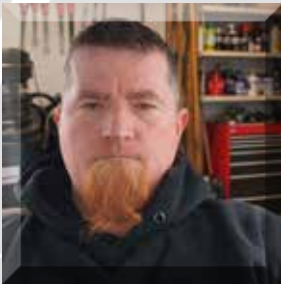
Who will it be? That's up to you! Your support, cheers, and enthusiasm will decide the champion because the winner is chosen by **YOU**, the public, by open vote.

Best of luck to all, Godspeed, and we can't wait to see everyone on the last weekend of August for the Wyld Stallions Motorcycle Build Competition Finale!

~ RJ



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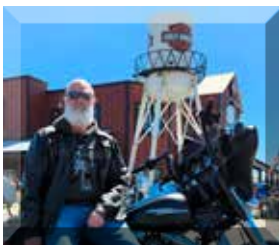
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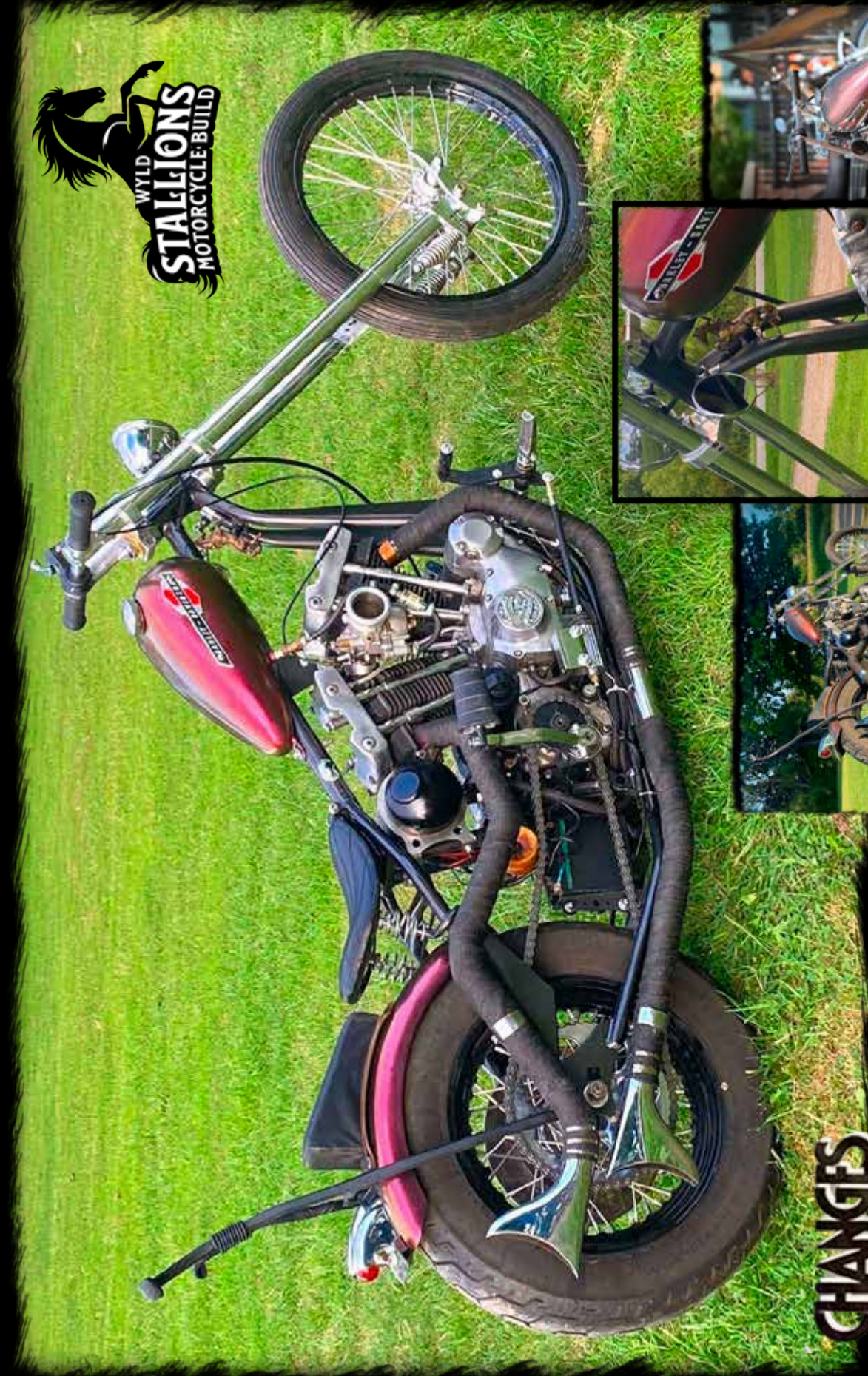
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Rogierra EZ Shift Review

BY ERIC "BIG E" KRUER

As the new owner of a Milwaukee-Eight-powered Harley, one thing I noticed right away was how much more difficult it was to find neutral compared to my previous bikes. My Twin Cam models were a little finicky, but my Ultra Classic with the 103 engine would slip into neutral so easily it was almost effortless.

Fast forward to my Road Glide Limited, and it's a different story. If I'm rolling to a stop with the bike still moving, neutral is easy to find. But once I'm completely stopped, it's a challenge. I'd say I find neutral maybe one out of every ten tries. Oddly enough, if I shut the bike off, it drops right into neutral without any problem.

Like most riders, I started digging around to see if there was a solution. I found plenty of opinions. Some riders claim that overfilling the transmission can make it harder to find neutral. Others say using dedicated gear lube instead of engine oil in the transmission can also affect how easily neutral can be found. Whether those theories are true or not, they seem to come up often whenever Milwaukee-Eight owners discuss the issue.

During that search, I also came across the Rogierra EZ Shift. There are several versions on the market that all look nearly identical, with prices ranging from around \$35 to nearly \$100. I picked mine up on Amazon for about \$35. The claims are simple: easier shifting and easier access to neutral. For that price, I figured it was worth trying and sharing my experience.

Installation couldn't be much easier. You'll need a 7/16-inch wrench, a couple of Allen wrenches, and about five minutes of your time. There are plenty of YouTube videos that walk you through the process, making it a very straightforward install.

So, did it work?

The good news is that shifting definitely improved. The shift lever feels noticeably lighter, and changing gears takes much less effort. A light tap is all it takes, and that



part of the product absolutely lived up to my expectations.

Now for the part everyone wants to know—did it solve my neutral problem?

Not completely. Before installing it, I could find neutral while stopped

about one out of ten times. After installing the EZ Shift, I'd say that improved to maybe three out of ten. That's an improvement, but not nearly the dramatic difference I was hoping for.

Final Verdict

For around \$35, I don't regret buying it. The lighter shifting alone makes it worthwhile, and any improvement in finding neutral is a bonus. If you're expecting it to completely cure the Milwaukee-Eight neutral issue, you may be disappointed. But if you want smoother, lighter shifts and a modest improvement in finding neutral, the Rogierra EZ Shift is an inexpensive upgrade that's worth considering.

Rating: 3.5 out of 5 stars. ★★★★★

Product Link: "Rogierra EZ Shift on Amazon" (<https://reference-url-citation.invalid/0>)

Life is short bikers, so get after it.



A SUMMER MORNING IN THE BARN: CHANGING THE OIL ON MY 2001 INDIAN

We are dead in the middle of a scorching summer, with temperatures flirting with the hundred-degree mark all week. Usually, I'm a creature of habit, meaning I plan my oil changes for the cool breezes of spring or fall. But when the heat beats down like this, you have to listen to your machine. I changed the oil late last summer, but rather than asking her to suffer through this sweltering weather on tired oil, I figure it's best to give her a fresh lifeblood before asking her to boil it in this heat.

I'm out in the barn early this morning, taking advantage of the cool air before the day bakes us alive. My old 2001 Indian takes a little more elbow grease than my Harleys ever did, but she's a completely different motor with her own distinct needs. Once you actually understand the internal geometry of these Gilroy-era engines, that "extra work" stops feeling like a chore. You start to see it for what it really is: sheer mechanical forethought on the part of the designers. I've got my gear laid out in a neat row on the cool cement floor right next to the bike. There is quiet satisfaction in having everything within arm's reach before you ever turn a bolt:

The Fluids & Filters: Four quarts of quality oil, a fresh spin-on filter, brake cleaner, and a good stack of clean rags.

The Hardware: A 3/4" open-end wrench, a ratchet with a 3/4" socket, and a properly sized filter wrench.

The Catch: A low-profile oil drain pan. Now comes the hard part. Getting this old-man body down onto the concrete. Every time my knees crack, I remind myself that I really need to stop procrastinating and buy a proper hydraulic lift. But somehow, my beer budget always seems to win that debate!

Moments like this remind me why so many folks pay a dealership to do their routine maintenance. But that's just not my way. If you want a job done right, you do it yourself. You learn the rhythm of your engine, and let's be honest: most technicians simply won't go to the lengths I do to ensure it's spotless.

My way

- 1. The Warm-Up**
I let the motor idle for about five minutes. You don't want it blistering hot, just warm enough to get the oil flowing freely so it carries the suspended impurities out with it. Once she's warm, kill the ignition.
- 2. The Main Drain**
With the drain pan positioned squarely under the sump, I take the ratchet and loosen the drain plug. I don't rush this. I let her bleed out for a good ten minutes until it's down to a slow, steady drip.
- 3. Removing the Spin-On Filter**
Next, I use the filter wrench to break the old spin-on oil filter loose, spinning it off carefully to catch any residual spill in the pan.
- 4. The Indian's "Secret Weapon" (The Extra Step)**
Here is where the casual wrenches separate themselves from the craftsmen—and where the 2001 Gilroy Indians (the Chief, Scout,



and Spirit) really shine. A lot of folks skip this step, but it is critical.

Even though these models use a modern spin-on canister, the designers had the wisdom to include an **internal tappet/breather screen**. It acts as a first line of defense, filtering out large particulates before they ever have a chance to reach the oil pump or hydraulic lifters. It's a brilliant bit of engineering, but you have to know how to service it:

Locate the Cap: Look to the left side of the bike, just behind the frame, running inside along the bottom of the motor. You'll spot a large cap.

The Extraction: Use your 3/4" open-end wrench to carefully undo that cap. Here is where it gets tricky: reach your pinky finger inside the bore. You'll feel a large, heavy spring—pull it out.

The Screen: Right behind that spring sits a washer, and just past that is the mesh cylinder screen filter. Work it out gently.

5. Degreasing the Mesh

Take your brake cleaner and liberally spray down the mesh cylinder. Watch the debris wash away, grit that never got the chance to chew up your oil pump. Let the screen dry completely before moving on.

- 6. Halfway there**
Once the screen is bone dry, reassemble the bottom end in reverse order: mesh filter first, washer second, heavy spring third, and button it up securely with the cap.
- Before you screw on the new spin-on filter, always pre-fill it partially with fresh oil. It keeps the engine from starving for lubrication during those first few critical seconds of startup. Hand-tighten the filter, reinstall your drain plug, and pour in your fresh oil until it sits dead center at the proper level.

- 7. The Final System Check**
Wipe down any wayward drips on the frame or cases. I like to keep my machine clean so I can spot a new leak instantly. Fire up the motor and let it idle. Check your oil level, let it settle, and check it one more time just in case an air bubble worked its way through the system.
- Done.**

From start to finish, it took me about two hours of quiet, honest work. Just in time, too! The sun is climbing, and the air conditioning inside the house is calling my name. It might be a furnace out on the asphalt today, but when I saddle up and ride out later, I'll have total peace of mind knowing my engine is protected, lubricated, and running cool.

Take pride in your tools, understand your machine, and never rush a good job.

Until next time, Ride Safe. Maybe I'll pass you down the road.
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Jefferson High School in Newport was the latest recipient of two of our suicide prevention benches. The school was very receptive and appreciative of the donation, and it is always meaningful to know that our efforts can make a difference wherever we go.

Our members are also looking forward to spending three days in West Branch, where we will enjoy rides, grilling, and a much-needed break together. We are fortunate to have a group that enjoys one another's company and makes every outing memorable. At the Adrian Car Show, we were reminded how quickly Michigan weather can change when a sudden storm moved through, sending pop-up tents flying, knocking down power lines, and bringing trees down in the area. Thankfully, everyone made it home safely.

We have several upcoming community events on the calendar as well:

Touch-A-Truck on July 16

Vet Fest on August 1 at Washtenaw Community College
Monroe County Fair Car Show on August 2.

Keep your eyes open for our traveling "Be Aware – Motorcycles Are Everywhere" road sign. Its latest stop was at the Toyota dealership in Dundee on M-50, and if you see it out in the community, give a friendly beep to recognize those helping raise awareness for riders. As the summer riding months continue, remember the skills that help keep motorcyclists safe: negotiating curves, using proper braking, staying aware, exercising good judgment, scanning surroundings, identifying hazards, and making smooth adjustments to reduce risk. Please also wear proper riding gear and stay careful out there.
Stay safe,

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FULL THROTTLE S'MORE

- ICE
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- 1/2 OZ VODKA
- CHOCOLATE SYRUP
- GRAHAM CRACKER CRUMBS
- 1/4 CUP HEAVY CREAM
- 1 TBSP. S'MORES-FLAVORED VODKA
- TOASTED MARSHMALLOWS, FOR GARNISH

Instructions

1. Pour chocolate liqueur and regular Vodka into a cocktail shaker with ice and shake well.
2. Rim glass with chocolate syrup and graham cracker crumbs.
3. Add 2 tsp. chocolate syrup to the bottom of your glass.
4. Strain cocktail from shaker into glass.
5. In a separate container, add s'mores-flavored Vodka to heavy cream and whisk until it forms stiff peaks.
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"Squiggy" and his wife, Joletta, are having hard financial times, so they decide she'll become a hooker. She's not quite sure what to do, so "Squig" says, "Stand in front of that bar and pick up a guy. Tell him a hundred bucks. If you've got a question, I'll be parked around the corner."

She's not there five minutes when a guy pulls up and says, "How much?" Joletta says, "A hundred dollars." Guy says "Dang, All I've got is thirty." She says, "Hold on." She runs back to Squiggy and says, "What can he get for thirty dollars?" Squig ponders and says, "A hand job". She runs back and tells the guy all he gets for thirty dollars is a hand job. He says okay, so she gets in the car, he unzips his pants, and out pops an astonishing HUGE pecker. Joletta stares at it for a minute, and then says, "I'll be right back." She runs back around the corner and says breathlessly, "Squig,, you reckon you can you lend this guy seventy bucks?"

A little boy and a little girl attended the same school and became friends. Every day they would sit together to eat their lunch. They discovered that they both brought chicken sandwiches every day! This went on all through the fourth and fifth grades, until one day he noticed that her sandwich wasn't a chicken sandwich. He said, "Hey, how come you're not eating chicken, don't you like it anymore?" She said "I love it but I have to stop eating it." "Why?" he asked. She pointed to her lap and said "Cause I'm starting to grow little feathers down there!" "Let me see" he said. "Okay", and she pulled up her skirt. He looked and said, "That's right. You are! Better not eat any more chicken." He kept eating his chicken sandwiches until one day he brought peanut butter. He said to the little girl, "I have to stop eating chicken sandwiches, I'm starting to get feathers down there too!" She asked if she could look, so he pulled down his pants for her. She raised her eyebrow at him and said "Oh my, it's way too late for you! You've already got the neck and the gizzards."

When little Tony Soprano returned home from elementary school, in his youth, he told his Dad he got an F in math. "Why?" asks the father? "The teacher asked 'How much is 2x3', I said '6'", replies Tony. "But that's right!" says his dad. "Yeah, but then she asked me 'How much is 3x2?'" "What's the fooking difference?" asks the father. "That's what I said!", little Tony yells.

Joker's Wild composed by: Toni McCoy Shearon | thunderroadsfounder@gmail.com

The older I get, the heller the NO!!

Pro tip for smokers:
Only smoke after sex
That's how I stopped smoking

When buying groceries, ask your checkout person what kind of candy bar they like and buy them one I did this today at the self-checkout

All this killing them with kindness crap is taking wayyyy longer than I expected

Call me unconventional and boring but I want a chill wedding.
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A giraffe's coffee would be cold by the time it reached the bottom of it's throat. Do you ever even think about that? No. You only think of yourself and getting your coffee.

I hired a kid to paint my porch
When he came back to get paid, he said, "By the way, that was a BMW, not a Porsche"

I don't care how old I am, I will never sleep with the closet door open!
I've seen things and that's all I'm saying

I figured out a really cheap security system and have had 100% success with it I put a big picture of my paycheck on the front door

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