

# THUNDER ROADS

## Magazine MICHIGAN

**FREE**  
THANKS TO  
OUR SPONSORS

*Ride n' Win*  
**THUNDER ROADS**  
RIDE CARD MI

Presented By  
MICHIGAN BIKER LAW  
1-800-MI-BIKER

Larry R. Mutland II - Attorney  
www.michiganbiker.com  
"Call YOUR Lawyer, Larry"



CHECK IN TO  
**WIN**  
THIS  
2005 HARLEY-DAVIDSON®  
SOFTAIL DEUCE!

**WHERE THERE'S BIKES... THERE'S GOING TO BE THUNDER**



AT BYCE'S  
MICHIHISTRIGAN  
BAR & GRILL  
CAMPOUND  
& MOTORSPORTS  
PARK

17838 US Hwy. 2  
Gould City, MI  
60 Miles West of the  
Mscknac Bridge

Presented by



RENDEZVOUS

FATHERS DAY WEEKEND!

CALL 906-477-6983

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 18-21, 2026



RAISING FUNDS FOR  
MISSION SIX SERVICE DOGS



OVER 40  
ACRES OF FUN

BIKER GAMES-LIVE MUSIC-GREAT FOOD-VENDORS-HAY RIDES- BIKE WASH- 50/50  
RAFFLES-SILENT AUCTION-BURN OUT CONTEST-LOUD AUDIO & LOUD PIPES  
CONTEST-TATTOO CONTEST-BOOT N' BOXERS & WET T-SHIRT COMPETITIONS  
FRIDAY- CHARITY RUN, FLAG RAISING CEREMONY - SUNDAY MORNING BIKER CHURCH



THE U.P.'S ONLY MOTORCYCLE RALLY!  
MUST BE 21 TO ENTER

Rally Info!

SPONSOR AND VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES: CALL RICK @ (906)287-0092



Motorcycle Repair  
Accessories  
Tires & More!  
989-455-1187



313-510-1587  
1965 Mertz Rd. Caro, MI



Custom Apparel  
Shop Swag  
586-563-5558



Custom Airbrushing 248-820-2180



Holster Geek Custom Kydex Holster Laser Engraving 810-337-5485

BUILT BY BIKERS FOR BIKERS



2026  
BIKENIGHTS



Tuesday 5pm - 8pm  
Fostoria, MI



Wednesday 5pm - 9pm  
Cass City, MI



# TABLE OF CONTENTS

Letter From The Owners ..... 3

Charlie Chaplain's Corner ..... 4

Veterans Corner..... 10

Readers Ride..... 13

ABATE of Michigan ..... 15

Bald Eagle H-D..... 16

Ride N' Win Contest ..... 20

Jack Pine Enduro ..... 24

Center Calendar..... 26

Smoke N' Gearz ..... 30

Thunder Cam ..... 34

Saginaw Blessing of the Bikes..... 38

Big E - Accessory Review ..... 41

Hot Rods Topics ..... 43

Storm Chasers Drink Recipe ..... 44

Joker's Wild..... 45

Events ..... 46

Sudoku..... 48

Bike Nights ..... 49

Biker Friendly Directory ..... 50



**ON THE COVER**

**WIN THIS BIKE.**

DETAILS ON PG 20

The opinions expressed in any articles are those of the author, and not necessarily that of Thunder Roads® Michigan Magazine, its owner or its employees.

© ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. NO PART OF ITS CONTENT MAY BE REPRODUCED WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION. PUBLISHER ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY AND IS NOT TO BE HELD LIABLE FOR ERRORS BEYOND THE COST OF THE SPACE OCCUPIED BY THE ERROR, SLANDER OF ANY GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL, FAILURE TO PRODUCE ANY ISSUE AS SCHEDULED DUE TO REASONS BEYOND OUR CONTROL, ANY AND ALL SUITS FOR LIABLE, PLAGIARISM, COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT AND UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A PERSON'S NAME OR PHOTOGRAPH. OPINIONS AND CLAIMS MADE BY ADVERTISERS AND AUTHORS ARE THEIR OWN, AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT THE POLICY OF THUNDER ROADS MAGAZINE® OR THUNDER PUBLISHING. PUBLISHER DOES NOT PROMOTE THE ABUSE OF ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS.

## STAFF

THUNDER ROADS®



**MICHIGAN**  
*Magazine*

THUNDER ROADS®  
MICHIGAN MAGAZINE

STATE OWNERS / PUBLISHERS  
RJ & ALY

Po Box 1782, Midland, MI 48641-1782

RJ Cell: 989-948-4644

Email: RJ@ThunderRoadsMichigan.com

Email: Aly@ThunderRoadsMichigan.com

ADVERTISING SALES/DISTRIBUTION  
Ben Weirauch / 989-332-1372  
Ben@ThunderRoadsMichigan.com

Chloe Monville / 989-860-9640  
Chloe@ThunderRoadsMichigan.com

Eric Kruer / 231-613-2819  
Big-E@ThunderRoadsMichigan.com

Rick Miller / 517-898-1989  
Rick@ThunderRoadsMichigan.com

Samantha Talbot / 313-492-0563  
Samantha@ThunderRoadsMichigan.com

LAYOUT & DESIGN

Meredith Hancock / Art Director / Thunder Publishing

WEBSITE DESIGN

RJ Calles

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS & PHOTOGRAPHERS

Hot Rod Beaton, Sharon K. Harvey "Red",  
RJ Calles, Jon Aka Smoke, Merry Garrett Aka Rabbit,  
Dean "Charlie Chaplain" Titus,  
Eric Kruer Aka Big E

NATIONAL FOUNDERS

Toni McCoy Shearon & Brian Shearon  
Thunder Publishing, LLC Offices: 615-792-0040  
e-mail:thunderroadsfounder@gmail.com  
www.thunderroadsmagazine.com

## LETTER FROM THE OWNERS

**M**ay is finally here, and with it comes the start of another exciting riding season, and we couldn't be more ready! May is also Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month, a time when we encourage everyone, riders and motorists alike, to share the road responsibly. As more bikes hit the pavement, it's important to stay alert, ride smart, and look twice. And as we celebrate all the great things May brings, we also want to wish a very Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing moms who ride, support riders, and keep our community strong. Thanks mom!

You asked for it, and we are bringing it back! This month, we are kicking off the 2026 Ride n' Win Contest. If you disposed of your old card or lost it, that's okay. We're starting from scratch, and this year's Ride n' Win Contest is going to be bigger and better than ever thanks to the Presenting Sponsor; Attorney Larry R. Maitland II from Michigan Biker Law and the Grand Prize Sponsors at Steel Horse Ranch in Caro, MI. We're introducing new Ride Cards, a fresh new look, and an updated check-in process designed to make participation easier. Even better, we're stepping up the prize giveaways for the end-of-season party. Be sure to check out all the details in this issue so you don't miss your chance to join in the fun.

Now, let's talk about bike nights. Steel Horse Ranch launched the 2026 Bike Night season early at The Post in Cass City on April 8th, and the turnout was impressive, especially for a 50° and dropping evening. It was great to see so many familiar faces, along with some new rides, coming out to kick off the dust on another season.

Don't forget to mark your calendars! The last Friday of each month Thunder Roads® Michigan is hosting Bike Nights at Vehicle City Harley-Davidson in Flint, MI with fun games and prizes leading up to the finale on September 11th. And don't forget to grab your 2026 Bike Night raffle tickets for the 2007 Dyna Low Rider that a lucky winner will be taking home just in time for Bikes on the Bricks. 2026 is already shaping up to be a fantastic season, and we look forward to seeing you out on them Thunder Roads® and upcoming events.



Huge Shout Out goes out to all of the amazing business under the Steel Horse Ranch roof and to the Grand Prize Sponsors for the 2026 Ride n' Win Contest!  
Behind Barz Cyclewerks  
T's Tee's & Things  
Holster Geek  
Arizona Classics  
Slick Surfaces Custom Painting  
Insomnia Bagger Audio  
Twisted Illusions Lighting

- RJ & Aly

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 13, 2026



PLEASE CONTACT:

**Kirk Bowles at**  
[ForestCycleWorks@gmail.com](mailto:ForestCycleWorks@gmail.com)  
or  
**Bill Bailey at**  
[BBailey@classicfox.com](mailto:BBailey@classicfox.com)

**J&R CYCLE** **DETROIT'S OWN HARLEY SHOP**  
CUSTOMIZATIONS - PERFORMANCE UPGRADES  
CUSTOM PAINTING - MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SERVICES  
[JRCustomCycleDetroit.com](http://JRCustomCycleDetroit.com) | (313) 766-5668



[Sales@JRCustomCycleDetroit.com](mailto:Sales@JRCustomCycleDetroit.com)

17447 Lahser Detroit, MI 48219

## CHAPLAIN CHARLIES CORNER:

# FIRST BIG RIDE OF THE SEASON

BY CHAPLAIN CHARLIE

There's something about that first real ride of the season. Not the quick trip around the block or the "let me see if the battery still works" ride, but the one where you finally gear up, roll out onto an open road, and feel it...the wind, the rhythm, the hum of the engine underneath you like an old friend saying, "Welcome back." Up here in Mid-Michigan, we earn that ride. We come through months of cold, gray skies, salt-covered roads, and bikes sitting quietly in the garage under a layer of dust and anticipation. You walk past it all winter long, maybe throw a battery tender on it, maybe wipe it down once or twice, but mostly...you wait.

I'll be honest, I couldn't wait this year. I got out in the garage, cleaned up my Harley trike, wiped it down, checked everything over, and put some fresh air in the tires. There's something satisfying about that process. It's not just maintenance, it's reconnecting. Getting your hands back on the machine, getting familiar with it again, and reminding yourself why you love it in the first place. Kendra and I have already snuck in a few quick rides around Mid-Michigan, nothing major, just short runs to shake off the rust, but enough to remind us what we've been missing. And I'll tell you what... I'm truly enjoying it.

At the same time, I know I've got a little project ahead of me. This is the year I will finally figure out how to change the oil and the other fluids myself. I've got what I need, I just haven't taken that first step yet. There's a little excitement there, and if I'm being honest? a little hesitation too. But that feeling isn't just about motorcycles. That's life. There are always those next steps waiting for us, things we know we should do, things that will move us forward, but we haven't quite stepped into them yet.

And then May shows up. The snow is long gone, the roads are clear, and the air still has a little bite in the morning, but by afternoon it's just about perfect. You zip up your boots, pull on your gloves, and fire it up. In that moment, it's not just a motorcycle coming back to life...it's you. That first ride has a way of clearing out more than just cobwebs in the engine. It clears your head, resets your spirit, and reminds you that no matter what kind of winter you've been through, weather-wise or otherwise, there's still road ahead.

Because if we're being honest, life has winters too. Not the kind that show up on a calendar, but the kind that settle in your heart, seasons where things feel stuck, heavy, and uncertain. We all go through them. Times when it feels like the road has disappeared and you're just waiting for something to change, for clarity, or just to feel like yourself again. And then, just like that first ride, something shifts. Maybe it's a conversation, maybe it's a decision, or maybe it's just a quiet moment where you realize you're ready to move forward again. That's renewal.

The Bible puts it this way in 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" That's not just poetic language, it's a promise. It means we're not stuck in our past, and we're not defined by the winters we've been through. There's always the opportunity for a fresh start, a new season, and a new road in front of us.

That's what makes that first big ride so special. You're not thinking about last year's miles, you're focused on where you're going. The road in front of you, the curves ahead, and the feeling of freedom that comes when you're fully present in the moment. And none of us take that ride perfectly. Maybe you're a little rusty, maybe you take a corner a bit slower than you used to, or maybe, like me, you're staring at that next step in the garage, knowing it's time to learn something new even if you're not completely comfortable yet. That's okay, because it's not about perfection, it's about movement. It's about getting back on, trusting the process, and remembering that you were made to move forward.

I've talked to a lot of riders over the years, and everyone has their own reason for why they ride. For some, it's the freedom. For others, it's the camaraderie. For many, it's a way to clear their head and reconnect with something deeper. But I think there's another reason too. Riding reminds us that life doesn't stand still. The road is always moving, always changing, and always calling us forward. And every once in a while, we need that reminder.

So, as you take that first big ride this season, whether it's out toward Sanford, cruising through Midland, or heading down a back road you've traveled a hundred times, take a moment to appreciate what it represents. A fresh start, a new season, and another chance to move forward. Maybe this is the year you finally take that step you've been putting off, whatever your version of "changing the oil" might be. Maybe it's letting go of something that's been weighing you down, stepping into something new, or simply choosing to move forward again.

And as the season gets rolling, don't forget, one of the best places to find rides, events, and gatherings all across our great state is *Thunder Roads Michigan Magazine*. It's more than just a magazine, it's a connection point for the riding community here in Michigan and a great way to stay plugged into everything happening throughout the season.

Because just like that first ride, these moments matter. They remind us who we are, what we're capable of, and that no matter how long the winter felt... spring always comes. So, fire it up, take the ride, feel the wind, and embrace the new season ahead.

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



Yours in faith and fellowship,  
**Chaplain Charlie**

*Chaplain Charlie*  
Chaplain Dean Titus (Charlie)  
Sanford American  
Legion Riders #443

# SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026

## OWOSSO VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE DAYS

WINNER CHOSEN  
BY  
PEOPLES CHOICE!

# SEASON IV

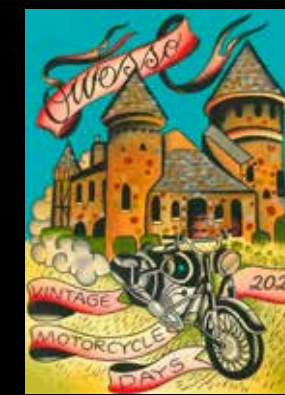


Sponsored By

THUNDER ROADS®



MICHIGAN  
Magazine



FOLLOW THE  
BUILD ON  
FACEBOOK!



# 44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY SWAP MEET AND BIKE SHOW

**WHERE:** Midland Co. Fairgrounds

6905 Eastman Ave.  
Midland, MI 48642

**EVENT:**

10:00am - 4:00pm

**RIDE IN BIKE SHOW**

10:00am - 3:00pm

**SIGN-UP**

10:00 - 1:00pm

**When: MOTHER'S DAY**

May 10, 2026

Admission: \$5.00

Children under 12 Free



**Sell Your Bike or Parts**

**Exhibit Space • Call 989-893-5187**

# BUBBA'S 25TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL WEEKEND CLASSIC 2026

2 Days of Food • Rock 'n Roll  
Friendship & Charity Fundraising

**SATURDAY**

**CHARITY BIKE SHOW**

Sign Up 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

**CHARITY POKER RUN**

Sign Up 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



**MAY 23<sup>TH</sup>  
and 24<sup>TH</sup>**

All Proceeds go to  
Camp Fish Tales

# Behind the Chair with Chloe

• MEN'S GROOMING SPECIALIST •

CLIPPER AND SCISSOR CUTS  
 BEARD GROOMING  
 FACIAL WAXING  
 HAIR & BEARD PRODUCT SPECIALIST

989.860.9640  
 BAY CITY, MI 48708

BEHIND THE CHAIR WITH CHLOE  
 @BEHINDTHECHAIRWITHCHLOE  
 CHLOEMONVILLE.GLOSSGENIUS.COM

# ADDICTIVE INK TATTOO

152 E. Saginaw rd Sanford MI 989-687-PAIN

## OWN THE ROAD. WEAR THE METAL

www.HeavyMetalJewels.com  
 517-996-6230

Ride hard with jewelry built for the road. We're a Michigan-Based company delivering premium stainless steel bike chain bracelets, rings, necklaces and more. Backed by a Lifetime Warranty. No rust, no regrets - just solid style that lasts forever.

Shop Now

# THE TOOLSHED

Pub & Grub

OUTDOOR DINING • GAMING AREA • BIKE NIGHT THURSDAY

12 W. MUNGER RD.  
 MUNGER, MI 48174  
 989-233-3630

# THUNDER RALLY

## IN SAGINAW VALLEY

### AUGUST 21, 22, 23 2026

Location: SAGINAW VALLEY NAVAL SHIP MUSEUM  
 Benefiting the USS Edson, Bay City, MI  
 US Veterans and First Responders

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SAVE THE DATE!

- ▲ Limited Rustic Camping
- 🚚 Food Trucks
- 🏠 Entertainment Tent
- 🎵 Music
- 📢 Vendors
- 🔍 Scavenger Hunt
- 🏍️ Early Bird Bike Night
- 🎰 50/50 Raffles
- 🏍️ Bike Show
- 🏆 Honor Ceremony
- 🎨 Tattoo Competition
- 📄 USS Edson Tours

...AND MORE!

2026

THUNDER ROADS®

# MICHIGAN Magazine

CONTACT INFORMATION:  
 info@thunderroadsmichigan.com - 989-948-4644



## Rolling Into May: As A Michigan Veteran here's a Rider's Guide to the Season

**M**ay in Michigan hits different for riders — the cold finally loosens its grip, the sun sticks around longer, and the urge to throw a leg over the bike becomes almost instinct. For Veteran riders across the state, this month marks the real kickoff to riding season. But it also brings its own set of challenges and responsibilities, especially after a long winter and an unpredictable early spring. Whether you ride for therapy, camaraderie, purpose, or pure joy, here's what every Michigan Veteran rider should keep in mind as we roll into May.

### 1. Roads Are Clearer — But Not Always Clean

By May, Michigan roads are mostly swept of winter debris, but not all counties clean at the same pace. Expect leftover gravel at intersections, sand on the shoulders, and potholes playing hide-and-seek under shadows.

Your move:

- Ride with a “search and evaluate” mindset the first few weeks.
- Avoid hugging the edges of lanes until you're sure the shoulders are clean.

### 2. Wildlife Season Is in Full Swing

May is prime time for deer movement — they're hungry, they're active, and they don't care that you just polished your chrome.

Your move:

- Slow down on wooded stretches or roads near fields.
- Increase your following distance during dawn and dusk.
- Assume the deer you don't see is the one waiting to ruin your day.

### 3. Group Rides Pick Up — Safety Has to Keep Up Too

Veteran riders tend to ride with clubs, posts, and charitable groups. May brings the first major poker runs, escort missions, and memorial rides.

Your move:

- Revisit hand signals and formation rules with your group.
- Don't be shy about calling out unsafe spacing — it protects everyone.
- Hydrate; early heat can sneak up fast after a long winter.

### 4. Mental Health Miles Matter

For many Veterans, riding isn't just recreation — it's medicine. The road offers clarity, calm, and control.

If you're riding to reset your head this month:

- Keep your pace and your distance. You don't have to “keep up” with anyone.
- Use riding as a check-in, not an escape. If you're struggling, reach out to a buddy.
- Remember: the motorcycle doesn't replace support — it complements it.

### 5. Prep Your Bike for Long-Haul Season

May is when short shakedown rides turn into long weekend trips. Before you stretch your miles, make sure your machine is ready.

Quick checklist:

- Tires: No cracks, proper PSI, solid tread.
- Fluids: Oil, brake, clutch, coolant — top off or replace.
- Battery: Make sure it held its charge through spring.
- Lights: Everything should shine, signal, and flash.
- Gear: Replace old helmets, frayed gloves, or worn rain gear.

### 6. Memorial Day: Ride With Honor and Purpose

Memorial Day isn't just a holiday on the calendar — it's sacred ground for every Veteran. For many riders, this is the most important weekend of the year. Across Michigan, you'll see escort rides, cemetery flag placements, wreath-laying ceremonies, and memorial runs that honor those who gave everything.

How Michigan Veteran riders can honor the day:

- Participate in a local Memorial Day ride or ceremony.
- Visit a cemetery to place flags or pay respects to fallen brothers and sisters.
- Ride with your service branch patches visible — small gestures matter.
- Share the meaning of the day with younger riders who didn't serve; it keeps the legacy alive.
- Take a quiet moment on your bike — wherever you are — to remember.

Memorial Day isn't about barbecues or sales. It's about honoring the names, the faces, the stories, and the sacrifices that still live in your heart. When you ride that weekend, you carry them with you.

### Final Thoughts

Michigan offers some of the best spring and early-summer riding in the country when the weather plays nice. As a Veteran rider, you bring discipline, awareness, and a deep sense of purpose to the road. Lean into that this May.

Ride proud. Ride prepared. Ride with purpose. And above all — ride in honor of those who can't. Enjoy your journey my Brothers & Sisters.



**SHARON K. HARVEY**  
(RET) TSGT, USA/USAF  
“RED”

# HELL To Paradise

July 24-25, 2026

## 3rd Annual PTSD Awareness Ride

This is a two-day group ride to bring awareness to those battling PTSD. Those stuck between Hell and Paradise.

KSU 8:30 AM AL Post 510 Stockbridge, MI.

\$35.00 Per Rider - \$20.00 Per Passenger

SCAN TO Learn More



ALR Hell to Paradise PTSD Ride - Public Group

HellToParadiseRide.org

Join us in raising funds for The Heroes Operation & Talons Out Honor Flight



**MORGAN'S PLACE**

4th Annual **Run What Ya Brung**

**POKER RUN**

50/50 GRAND PRIZE

SILENT AUCTION

**SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 26, 2026**

SPONSORED BY:

THUNDER ROADS®  
MICHIGAN Magazine

STEEL HORSE RANCH

MICHIGAN BIKER LAW  
1-800-MI-BIKER

MUSIC BY:  
**AURORA VALLEY**  
4-8PM

CHECK IN 10 - 11am  
BENNY'S BIERHALLE, MILLINGTON, MI

STOP 1: STEEL HORSE RANCH, CARO, MI

STOP 2: TBD

STOP 3: TBD

STOP 4: TBD

FINAL STOP: MORGAN'S PLACE, MILLINGTON, MI

PLAN TO STAY THE NIGHT!  
LIMITED ELECTRIC/WATER HOOKUPS  
UNLIMITED TENT CAMPING!

DONATION: \$20/SINGLE • \$30/DOUBLE  
WWW.MORGANSPLACE.ORG

SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE & WIN BIG!

SCAN ME!




THUNDER ROADS®  
MICHIGAN Magazine

# READER'S RIDE

## 2019 HARLEY STREET GLIDE SPECIAL

**JOHN ADAMS - MIDLAND, MI**

Being a tattoo artist for the past thirty years, I've always fit the image of a biker. I've owned Addictive Ink Tattoo Studio in Sanford, Michigan for twenty years. Buying my first motorcycle in 2021 was a moment I'll never forget. I had always wanted to learn to ride, imagining the freedom of the open road and the thrill of riding, but finally taking that step felt both exciting and a little intimidating. When I found my 2019 Harley-Davidson Street Glide Special, I knew it was the one, the perfect mix of power, comfort and style. Since 2021, I've put roughly 18,000 miles on the bike, with each ride adding to my sense of confidence and adventure I felt that very first day. Each ride puts a smile on my face; I just hate the bugs in my teeth. What makes it even more meaningful is sharing the experience with my wife and in-laws. Riding together has turned into more than just a



hobby, it's become a way to connect, explore and create lasting memories on the road. Since becoming more comfortable with riding, I've joined the Sanford American Legion Riders. I look forward to rides and charity events to help the community.

**John Adams - Midland, MI**



POOL & DARTS  
 KITCHEN OPEN LATE  
 SAM BREAKFAST EVERYDAY  
 SATURDAY STEAK NIGHT  
 WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT



6444 MAIN ST  
 CASS CITY, MI 48726  
 (989)872-4488

RESERVE OUR  
**LARGE  
 BANQUET  
 ROOM**  
 FOR YOUR  
 OCCASION

New Owners! Veteran Owned!



SPONSORED BY



Behind Bars Cyclewerks  
**HOLSTER GEEK**  
 T's Tees & Things  
*Slick Surfaces!*  
 Arizona Classics



# A.B.A.T.E. OF MICHIGAN

## MOTORCYCLE RIDERS' FOUNDATION - 2026 HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES:

- **Autonomous Vehicles:** Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles.
- **Crash Avoidance:** Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing, urging the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to focus on crash prevention and support rider education by providing funding and other resources.
- **Data Recording:** Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer, and in which the consumer has the choice of whether to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.
- **Definition of a Motorcycle:** Educate policymakers and advocate for change to the current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape.
- **Emission Regulations:** Engage the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations.
- **Helmet Laws/Equipment Mandates:** Oppose any mandatory federal helmet or personal protective equipment/apparel mandates.
- **Internal Combustion Engines:** Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines.
- **Profiling:** Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promote awareness and the prohibition of motorcyclist profiling.
- **Renewable Fuels:** Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).
- **Right to Repair/Modify:** Protect and advocate for "Right to Repair" provisions that allow consumers the ability to repair and modify their motorcycles.
- **Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):** Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (the current act is set to expire in 2026).
- **Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology:** Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.

Please join the MRF to make sure all motorcyclists' rights are covered in every single state in the country.

National and statewide support is needed!!!

There is also a video circulating on Facebook. Please know that this is something ABATE has been working on since 2020. It's looking good, but it can still be appealed by the insurance companies.

Do you want things to happen on a political scale? Then you need to support the people who are going to Lansing every week, sometimes more, and talking to your representatives. Find out who your representatives are in your area. Call, write, or go to their coffee hours. It's an election year.

Bear, our legislative officer, will be making a statement about this video, and I will share it with you as soon as it's out to the public. Thanks to all who give a \$hit.



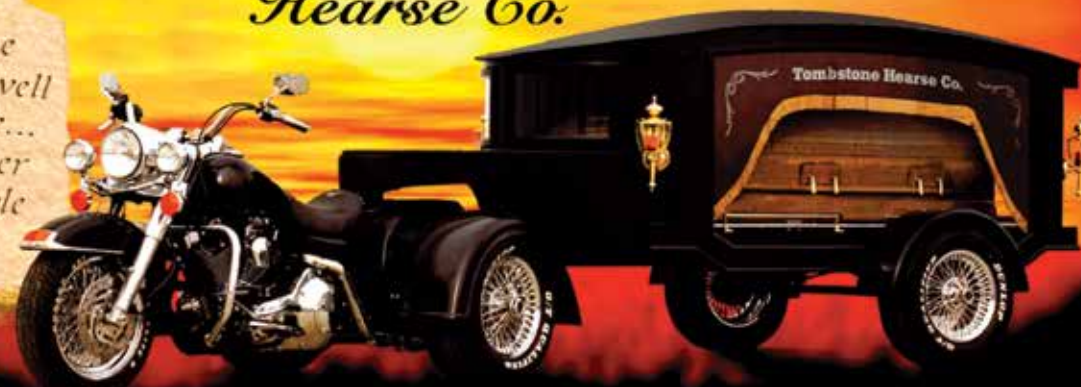
Sincerely,  
**Merry Garrett**  
 & Her Marvelous, Awesome,  
 Great Committee

Proud lifetime member of ABATE  
 Board Member, State Events Chair, RC  
 Region 6 (covering Gladwin, Midland,  
 Bay City and Arenac counties)

DON'T END UP IN A CADILLAC OR A LINCOLN...

**Tombstone**  
 Hearse Co.

The  
 Farewell  
 Ride...  
 Biker  
 Style



...THE ONLY LAST RIDE.

For use at any funeral home, anywhere, available with 24 hours notice, service year-round.

(734) 783-2646 OR (734) 771-0273

# BALD EAGLE HARLEY-DAVIDSON, ESCANABA, MI

AN INTERVIEW WITH NEW OWNER JESSE ZAMBON ON WHAT IT MEANS TO KEEP THE HARLEY-DAVIDSON LIFESTYLE FLYING IN THE U.P.



BY RJ CALLES

The road to the Upper Peninsula is rarely predictable, but for those of us who live to ride, the destination is always worth the effort. On April 2nd, after a previous attempt was thwarted by “Snowmageddon”, a storm that dumped over two feet of powder across the North, we finally made it across the Mighty Mac. Our destination: the brand-new home of **Bald Eagle Harley-Davidson** in Escanaba, MI.

For years, Bald Eagle in Marquette was more than just a dealership; it was a landmark for riders on their vacation vibed treks to Copper Harbor or the Porkies. Not forgetting their other location in Munising. When news broke last December that the Marquette location was closing, a wave of concern hit the U.P. riding community and us trolls from down under. In an era where local dealerships are becoming a rarity, the loss of the only H-D hub in the region felt like a blow to the lifestyle we love.

Fortunately, that concern was short-lived. A familiar face was ready to step up, ensuring the Harley-Davidson reputation didn't just survive in the U.P., but thrived.



New owners **Jesse and Amanda Zambon**, alongside longtime friend and partner **Tim Stephani**, saw an opportunity to act quickly. Jesse, no stranger to the Harley world since 2007, understood that a dealership in the U.P. is a vital lifeline for Harley-Davidson enthusiasts alike. By moving the store to Escanaba, they've placed the dealership in a more central location for “their” territory, providing a more accessible home base for riders who would otherwise



have to travel as far as Gaylord or Wisconsin for support.

Despite the transition happening in record time, selling bikes while the paint was practically still wet... the vision was clear: stability. “We didn't want the Harley owners in this area to feel displaced,” Jesse noted. That proactive mindset led them to maintain their Munising location as well, ensuring that travelers heading further north always have a friendly face nearby.

The Zambon family knows that a shiny showroom is nothing without a powerhouse service department to back it up. This was taught to his parents, and his siblings from a young age. He gives thanks to his father and his



uncle Nick for passing it down to them from his grandparents. No silver spoons were to be found in the house growing up. That work ethic is what gave them the confidence to make the move and buy Bald Eagle H-D. With spring around the corner during the transition, Jesse's immediate priority was the riders who currently had bikes in for service or were planning their early-season maintenance.

“We are hyper-focused on the service side of things,” Jesse explained. This isn't just talk; it's a family operation. Jesse's brother, **Andy**, serves as the Operations Manager and quality control lead, bringing his expertise as a Master Technician to the floor.

The shop is currently staffed with a highly skilled team filling positions in all departments, but the growth hasn't stopped. Their vision involves moving a Certified Motorcycle Technician to the service counter, ensuring that when a customer walks in, they are speaking with someone who has deep mechanical knowledge. Jesse foresees a five-technician rotation in the near future to handle short-notice maintenance and keep travelers on the road without delay.

While mechanical excellence is the foundation, the Zambons are equally committed to the “fun” side of the H-D culture. When Aly and I walked through the doors, we were struck by the scale of the new facility. It's significantly larger than it looks from the outside... a sentiment we heard echoed by several other customers during our visit. Some of those faces even winded up being familiar!

The team is already hard at work on the exterior. By May 9th, the parking lot is slated for completion, paving the way for:

- **The Return of Bike Nights:** Creating a local hub for after-hours celebrations.
- **The Superior Chapter:** The H.O.G. Chapter is being rebranded to reflect the U.P. as a whole, focusing on riding together and supporting other local clubs.

**CONTINUED...**





STAFF PHOTO FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: MIKE SHIELDS, DANIEL STROM, CAROL SEGER, ANDY ZAMBON, KELLY JOHNSON, PAUL DILLMAN, JASON DIX

• **June Grand Open House:** A major kickoff event is planned for June to officially introduce the new era of Bald Eagle H-D to the community and H-D owners.

Jesse credits the former owners for giving him, his siblings, and his wife their start in the industry years ago. Today, with Amanda working side-by-side with the team and partner Tim Stephani bringing a can do attitude and mindset from the powersports world, Bald Eagle is in capable hands.

There is palpable energy in the new Escanaba location. It's a professional operation fueled by a genuine love for the

ride. We spent hours talking with members of their team and it was obvious that Bald Eagle had stacked the deck. Whether you're a local regular or a traveler crossing the bridge, the message from the Zambons is clear: the Harley-Davidson lifestyle is back in the Upper Peninsula, and it's stronger than ever.

Follow Bald Eagle Harley-Davidson on Facebook!



**Bald Eagle HARLEY-DAVIDSON CYCLES**

# RIDE.U.P.!

4473 US 2 & 41 • ESCANABA, MI 49829 • (906)228-5330

Come Visit Our New Location and Take A NEW 2026 Harley-Davidson Motorcycle For A Test Ride!

**BaldEagleHD.com**

THUNDER ROADS MICHIGAN OFFICIAL STORE

**Crest Motorcycle Machine Shop**

Performance and Service  
269-300-8906

944 E Emmett St  
Battle Creek, MI 49014

**KLENOW'S CUSTOMS**

3280 BAY RD. SAGINAW, MI

We specialize in transforming your ride into a true reflection of your style and personality.

Whether you're seeking a sleek new paint job, performance upgrades, or intricate detailing, our skilled team is dedicated to delivering top-notch craftsmanship and unmatched customer satisfaction.

MENTION THIS ADD FOR 10% OFF YOUR AMSOIL 3-HOLE CHANGE!

**SAGINAW MI 989-284-5972**  
KlenowsCustoms.com

989-292-4508

V-TWIN PERFORMANCE & PARTS  
AMERICAN & METRIC  
POWDER COATING  
FABRICATION ...AND MORE!

**508**  
FAB. MACHINING & V-TWIN PERFORMANCE  
SAINT JOHNS, MICHIGAN

508 N. CLINTON AVE.  
SAINT JOHNS, MI 48879

Look Twice - Save A Life!

**508**  
508FabMachining.com

**BROKEN SOULS**

FREELAND, MI

# TIKI HUT RUN 2026

MAY 30, 2026

REGISTRATION: 10 AM • KICKSTANDS UP: 11 AM

STARTS AT RYDER'S WITH STOPS AT  
LOOMIS LOUNGE • FROG TIKI BAR  
BENTLEY BAR • COCA COBANNA'S  
AND ENDS AT RYDER'S

CONTACT: SAXON (989) 529-3416

**OIL CITY SALES**  
5543 W. Isabella Road  
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm  
Saturday & Sunday by appt.

CALL OIL CITY SALES **989-773-9991**

CASH ONLY - NO CARDS

CHECK OUT OUR DEALS ON  
**NEW & USED HARLEY-DAVIDSON® PARTS FOR EVOS, TWIN CAMS AND SPORTSTERS**

IF WE DON'T HAVE IT IN STOCK WE'LL GET IT FOR YOU!

# 2026 MICHIGAN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST



## 2026 RIDE N' WIN CONTEST SPONSORS



Win this  
2005 Harley-Davidson  
Softail Deuce!



\*MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN



MAKE SURE TO CHECK NEXT MONTH TO SEE IF YOU WON AT ANY OF THE STOPS YOU CHECKED IN AT THIS MONTH

# 2026 MICHIGAN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST

## 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.

MAKE SURE TO CHECK NEXT MONTH TO SEE IF YOU WON AT ANY OF THE STOPS YOU CHECKED IN AT THIS MONTH

THUNDER ROADS®



MICHIGAN  
Magazine

- 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 sound package provided 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](http://www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com)
3. Ride to any of the Ride n' Win stops and use your smartphone and check in!
4. Congratulations, you're entered to win cool prizes each month! Plus, the major prizes at the end of the season from our sponsors, AND THE 2005 HARLEY-DAVIDSON SOFTAIL DEUCE!!!



# 2026 MICHIGAN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST

## MAY 2026 STOPS MAP

THUNDER ROADS®



**RIDE SAFE  
AND  
RESPONSIBLY**



Look For The Official Ride n' Win Registration Card on Participating Locations Ads, Go Get Your Card, And Then Check In!!!

**WE ARE ADDING NEW RIDE N' WIN STOPS DAILY, WANT IN?! CONTACT US AT INFO@THUNDERROADSMICHIGAN.COM**



Look For The Ride n' Win Official Stop Stamp on Participating Locations Ads and Go Check In!

# MICHIGAN'S #1 MOTORCYCLE MAGAZINE

MAKE SURE TO CHECK NEXT MONTH TO SEE IF YOU WON AT ANY OF THE STOPS YOU CHECKED IN AT THIS MONTH

# 2026 MICHIGAN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST

## THE STOPS

MAKE SURE TO CALL AHEAD FOR BUSINESS HOURS

MAKE SURE TO CALL AHEAD FOR BUSINESS HOURS

For the month of May check-in at any of these stops (up to 1 time per week) and you could win the prize at that stop. Don't have a Ride card? Sign-up for a **FREE** Ride Card at any of the stops listed with a Ride Card next to it. Make sure to pick up the next months issue (or view the magazine online at [www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com](http://www.ThunderRoadsMichigan.com)) or Facebook: Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan to see if your Ride Card number is listed as a winner from this month's stops. 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!

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <p><b>A. Bald Eagle Harley-Davidson</b><br/>4473 US 2 &amp; 41<br/>Escanaba, MI 49829<br/>(906) 228-5330<br/>Prize - \$25 Gift Certificate</p> <p><b>B. D&amp;K Bar &amp; Grill</b><br/>2919 N US HWY 131<br/>Elmira, MI, 49730<br/>(231) 546-3342<br/>Prize - \$25 Gift Certificate</p> <p><b>C. Michigan Biker Law</b><br/>37699 Six Mile Rd.<br/>Ste 250, MI 48152<br/>(800) 642-4537<br/>1-800-MI-BIKER<br/>Prize - T-Shirt<br/>Follow For Event Schedule<br/>And Check In Locations</p> <p><b>D. Steel Horse Ranch</b><br/>1965 Mertz Rd.<br/>Caro, MI 48723<br/>(989) 683-4130<br/>Prize - \$25 Gift Certificate<br/>*Main Prize Sponsor!</p> | <p><b>1. Beeters Brew Pub</b><br/>902 E Pine St<br/>Sebewaing, MI 48759<br/>(989) 883-2170<br/>Prize - T-Shirt</p> <p><b>2. Breakshot Bar &amp; Grill</b><br/>122 E. Huron Ave.<br/>Vassar, MI 48768<br/>(989) 882-9060<br/>Prize - T-Shirt</p> <p><b>3. Bubbas Tri-City Cycle</b><br/>804 S Huron Rd,<br/>Linwood, MI 48634<br/>(989) 697-5525<br/>Prize - \$25 Gift Certificate</p> <p><b>4. Cheers Pub Lapeer</b><br/>440 N Saginaw St<br/>Lapeer, MI 48446<br/>(810) 667-3170<br/>Prize - \$25 Gift Certificate<br/>Or a T-Shirt</p> <p><b>5. Colwood Bar</b><br/>4990 Colwood Rd,<br/>Unionville, MI 48767<br/>(989) 550-9359<br/>Prize - \$25 Gift Certificate<br/>Or a T-Shirt</p> <p><b>6. Insomnia Bagger Audio</b><br/>158 Peck<br/>Battle Creek, MI 49014<br/>(269) 224-8119<br/>Prize - \$25 Gift Certificate<br/>*Major Prize Sponsor!</p> | <p><b>7. Iron Horse Bar &amp; Grill</b><br/>3592 Main St,<br/>Akron, MI 48701<br/>(989) 691-5761<br/>Prize - T-Shirt</p> <p><b>8. Sporty's Wing Shack &amp; Smokehouse</b><br/>4502 N Huron Rd<br/>Pinconning, MI 48650<br/>(989) 879-6050<br/>Prize - \$25 Gift Certificate</p> <p><b>9. Twisted Illusions Lighting</b><br/>(By Appointment)<br/>Saginaw, MI<br/>(989) 280-1439<br/>Prize - \$25 Gift Certificate<br/>*Major Prize Sponsor!</p> <p><b>10. 19BANK16</b><br/>4985 Colwood Rd.<br/>Unionville, MI 48767<br/>Note: Weekends Only<br/>Doors Up at Noon<br/>Prize: T-Shirt</p> |
|---|---|---|



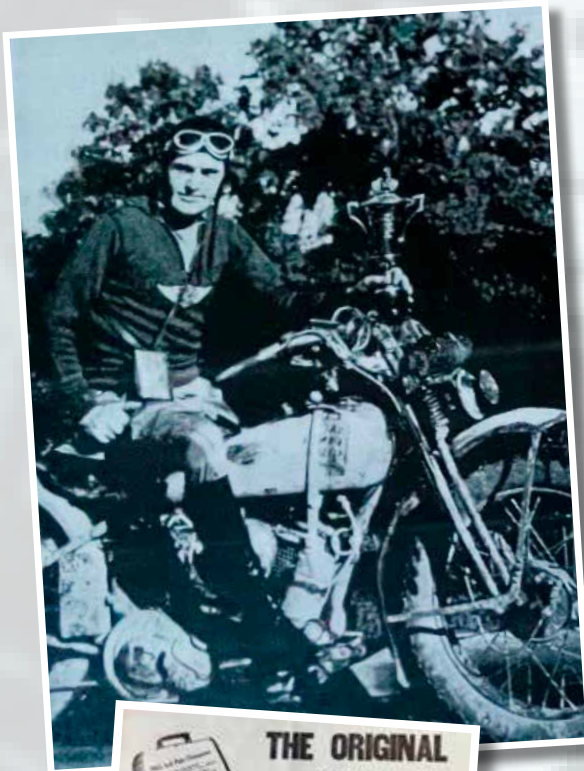
MAKE SURE TO CHECK NEXT MONTH TO SEE IF YOU WON AT ANY OF THE STOPS YOU CHECKED IN AT THIS MONTH

# THE ENDURING SPIRIT OF THE JACK PINE ENDURO

BY RON HUGHES

This season, the Sanford Centennial Museum is revving up excitement with a new exhibit celebrating one of Michigan's most storied and demanding motorsport traditions: the legendary Jack Pine Enduro Run. Known for decades as the "Cowbell Classic," this offroad endurance race once stretched 500 miles across rugged terrain, dense forests, and rural communities, including Sanford itself. HarleyDavidson famously hailed it as "the world's toughest endurance race," a reputation earned through nearly a century of mud, grit, and unrelenting determination.

The museum's exhibit brings this history vividly to life. Visitors are greeted with original HarleyDavidson postrace posters, bold, timeworn pieces that capture the raw spirit of the event. These posters reflect an era when endurance racing was as much a test of character as of machinery, setting the tone for an exhibit that blends nostalgia with a deep appreciation for Michigan's motorsport heritage.



A centerpiece of the display is a remarkable collection of personal memorabilia from twotime Jack Pine champion Ted Konecny. A Saginaw native, Konecny earned his place among the race's elite through perseverance and skill. His racing gear, photographs, and trophies offer an intimate look at the life of a competitor who not only survived the Jack Pine but mastered it. Through these artifacts, visitors gain a deeper appreciation for the physical and mental endurance required to conquer Michigan's unforgiving backcountry.

Adding to the exhibit's authenticity is a vintage Matchless motorcycle: an iron workhorse that competed in the Jack Pine multiple times.

Its weathered frame and battlescarred components tell their own story. Every dent and scratch speaks to punishing miles endured across mudsoaked trails, rocky climbs, and dense forest paths. It stands as a testament to the machines and riders who pushed themselves to the limit in pursuit of a perfect score.

This historical collection was generously provided by Ted Konecny, Bill Ricards, Gene Payne, Ken Ross, and Dennis Tomzack.

Visitors can also view the documentary Jack Pine Enduro: Cow Bell Classic, which offers additional insight into the race's evolution and cultural impact.

The Sanford Centennial Museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day through Labor Day. More information is available at [sanfordhist.org](http://sanfordhist.org).

## A Race Carved into Michigan History

The Jack Pine Enduro began in 1923 under the direction of the Lansing Motorcycle Club. In its earliest years, the race stretched up to 800 miles over three days, challenging riders with mud, rivers, swamps, rocks, and the unpredictable temperament of Michigan weather.

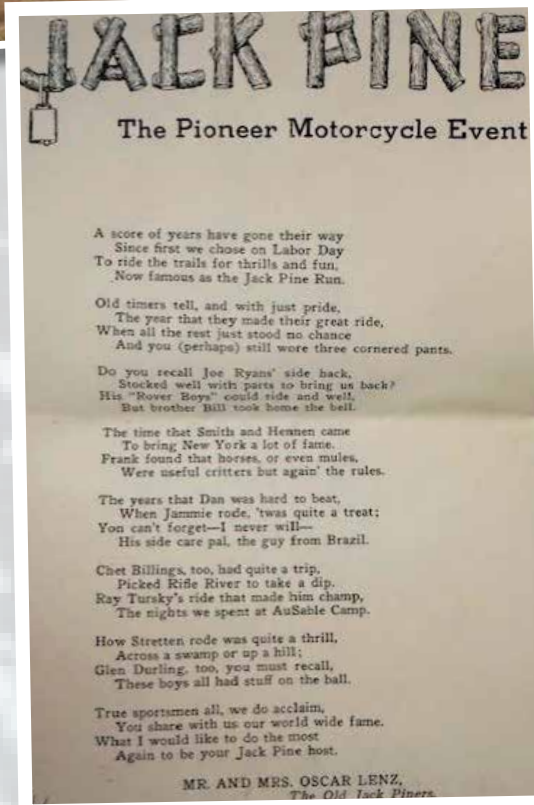


Eventually, the event settled into a 500mile, twoday format that remained its hallmark for decades.

The race paused only during World War II, from 1942 to 1946, but quickly regained its reputation as one of the most formidable offroad events in the country once it resumed. In 1969, the Lansing Motorcycle Club purchased 60 acres in Moorestown, Michigan, establishing a dedicated racetrack and lodge. Today's Jack Pine covers roughly 80 miles on that site, continuing the tradition of rugged, technical riding that has defined the event for more than a century.

The Michigan Historical Commission recently approved the installation of a historical marker honoring the Jack Pine Enduro. The twopost marker, featuring different text on each side, will be placed on the grounds of the Sanford Centennial Museum campus this summer. The project was spearheaded by Bill Ricards, with funding provided by a grant from the Midland Area Community Foundation. Special recognition goes to Sanford Village President Dolores Porte for her expertise in navigating the grant application process.

Looking ahead, the 2026 Jack Pine Enduro, part of the AMA District 14 series, is scheduled for August 16, 2026. This 100th anniversary running stands as one of the oldest offroad races in the United States. Riders will once again face challenging trails, primitive camping, and the pursuit of the traditional cowbell trophy.



## A Legacy Built on Grit

The Jack Pine's origins are closely tied to Oscar C. Lenz of the Lansing Motorcycle Club, who organized the inaugural 1923 event. That first race was a monumental threeday, 800mile challenge that tested riders in ways few competitions could match. It was later refined into the 500mile, twoday format that endured into the 1960s.

Riders began with 1,000 points and navigated known and secret checkpoints. Arriving early or late meant penalties, and the competitor closest to a perfect score claimed victory. The motorcycles of the era were strippeddown street bikes, heavy, rigid, and built for survival

rather than comfort. Simply finishing the Jack Pine was an accomplishment.

Lenz won the race seven times between 1923 and 1936 before shifting to course design. Mapping the route took him two weeks of long days, testing each segment mile by mile. His meticulous approach ensured the race remained a true test of endurance and skill.

The Jack Pine Enduro is more than a competition; it is a testament to endurance, ingenuity, and the riders who dared to pit themselves and their machines against Michigan's wild terrain. Its legacy lives on in trophies, photographs, and the stories still told wherever motorcycle history is cherished.





BIKE- 2005 HARLEY-DAVIDSON SOFTAIL-DEUCE  
2026 RIDE N' WIN GRAND PRIZE- COURTESY OF STEEL HORSE RANCH-CARO, MI

# MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 26th Annual Blessing of the Bikes Church of the Living Word	4	5 Cinco De Mayo Iron Horse Bar & Grill CINCO DE MAYO	6	7	8	9 Port Huron M/C TBD
10 Midland Mothers Day Swap Meet & Bike Show MOTHER'S DAY	11	12	13	14	15	ARMED FORCES DAY 16 Allen Yeitter Memorial Run And Blessing of the Bikes Fraternal Order of Eagles 3702
17 Port Huron M/C Lexington Blessing of the Bikes	18	19	20	21	22	23 Bubba's 25th Annual Memorial Weekend Classic Port Huron M/C Test n Tune Dirt Drag
24 Bubba's 25th Annual Memorial Weekend Classic	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28	29	Biker Awareness Day Steel Horse Ranch Broken Souls Tiki Run Ryders Bar & Grill Houghton Lake Blessing of the Bikes Sunfield Cycle Shop Open House
31 Houghton Lake Blessing of the Bikes	1	2	3	4	5 Thunder Roads Michigan 2026 Bike Nights at Vehicle City H-D	6 Mighty Mac Run 2026 Ride with Purpose Port Huron M/C TBD Saginaw Blessing of the Bikes And Becmer Memorial Run



# GEAR UP. RIDE HARD. STAND OUT.

Your one-stop shop for motorcycle gear, accessories, and rider essentials.

### H&B Cycles carries:

- New & Used Motorcycle Clothing
- Harley-Davidson® Items
- Leather Belts — Sized & Punched In-House
- Pistol Packing Items (Vests, Clothing & Accessories)
- Knives & Guardian Bells
- Sunglasses & Vest Extenders
- And much more

Whether you're cruising Main Street or logging highway miles, we've got the gear to match your ride and your lifestyle.

Stop in and check out what just rolled in.

📍 418 W. FRANK ST., CARO, MI 48723  
(989) 327-4744



## Subscribe to Michigan's #1 Motorcycle Magazine!



Don't Miss a Single Issue... **12 Issues For Only \$50**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Send check or money order payable to  
Thunder Roads Michigan Magazine  
PO Box 1782  
Midland, MI 48641-1782



Keep reading, keep riding, and remember...WHERE THERE'S BIKES THERE'S GOING TO BE THUNDER!

# 2026 NATIONWIDE RIDE FOR FREEDOM



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



REMEMBER AND HONOR

BRINGING ATTENTION AND AWARENESS TO THE POW/MIA'S, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.



### WEST MI (CHAPTERS 1 & 4)

FRIDAY MAY 22, 2026 -

RIDE OF REMEMBRANCE, START @ HOT ROD HARLEY, END: @ LST 393  
TIME: 1:00 PM

SATURDAY MAY 23, 2026 - DAM TO DAM RIDE - START & END @ SANDY'S HARLEY DAVIDSON/ TIME: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MAY 24, 2026, RIDE FOR FREEDOM

- KSU 8 AM - AMERICAN LEGION BOAT & CANOE 401 N. PARK ST N.E. GRAND RAPIDS, MI. SHORT STOP AT THE BELDING WAR MEMORIAL
- KSU 10:00 AM TO MEET UP WITH CHAPTER 5 @ FULL THROTTLE
- KSU 12:30 PM TO THE STATE CAPITAL.

### EAST MI (CHAPTERS 5)

SATURDAY MAY 23, 2026 - 10 AM - 4 PM - PRE-RIDE EVENTS MOTOR CITY HARLEY, 24800 HAGGERTY RD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48335

SUNDAY MAY 24, 2026, RIDE FOR FREEDOM

- REGISTRATION STARTS @ 6:30 AM @ MOTOR CITY HARLEY, 24800 HAGGERTY RD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48335
- KSU 8:30 AM TO VG'S IN HOWELL, KSU 9:45 AM MEET UP WITH CHAPTERS 1 & 4 @ FULL THROTTLE
- KSU - 12:30 PM TO THE STATE CAPITAL

### MICHIGAN CHAPTER CONTACTS:

Chapter 1 - Bo John Bravebull - ndnsiouxperman@gmail.com 231-920-3379  
 Chapter 4 - Marvin Dunbar - marvharley@gmail.com 231-215-4411  
 Chapter 5 - April Long - aprillongrtchapter5@gmail.com 734-751-8605

FB Link - [RollingThunderIncRideForFreedomMichigan](https://www.facebook.com/RollingThunderIncRideForFreedomMichigan)

## APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

The season is finally upon us, and there have been some good riding days, but a lot of rain as well. I got caught in my first storm of the season on April 10<sup>th</sup>. It was a soggy situation and nerve-wracking as I don't believe drivers were expecting to see anyone on a highway sofa. I made it home safely as I was prepared and had rain gear on. One thing I was very grateful for was the full-face helmet I was wearing. I have been caught in the rain with no lid, half helmet, and full face.



By far, the full face was the most comforting during the rain-soaked commute.

Not to stand on a soapbox, but the only thing that makes for a great ride and bragging rights is GETTING HOME SAFELY. That is ultimately done through the protective gear we wear (or not) and the rider's skills, along with prayer and luck. I don't know where we got the mindset that we can outrun cars or stop at the drop of a dime. But here is a word from a wise Brother I know, Nate Dogg from Soul Devils MC out of Detroit, once told me, "Don't outride your angels."



Speaking of riding gear, AM Leather of Romulus, Michigan, has some great things going on. Whether you need a patch sewn on your cut, a new lid to try on, a good duster for the Undertaker look, gloves for three-season riding conditions, or accessories that you may not find many places. They are a good shop for biker apparel and good conversation. I have personally followed this shop for two addresses in the last seven years. But there are others you may choose to visit as well.



One can always visit the local Harley dealership, but what if you are not a Harley owner? Well, you have a few Indian Motorcycle dealerships local to the metro Detroit area too. Dick Scott's Freedom Powersports in Livonia (29577 Five Mile Rd, Livonia 48154) and Spartan Cycle on 44801 N. Gratiot Ave, Clinton Township, MI 48036. Of course, you have some of the overseas manufacturers as well, but this is an American conversation in an American magazine, so who is discussing those-LOL. (I made a funny, but I am serious)

If one prefers to shop with other chain stores and not, after a specific name on the front of their T-shirts, we have several other options around the metropolitan area. Cycle Gear offers riders and enthusiasts an opportunity to visit their store, try things on, and see the latest/greatest in our lifestyle. From clothing to footwear, protective gear, to actual motorcycle parts; this is the place to go... to touch it, see it, feel it. And it has a decent return policy. Unlike online shopping, I can feel the weight of the item. What works for one person does not work for someone else. We are not in a one-size-fits-all industry. So, there are good Brothers and Sisters that will debate someone up and down about a specific product being the best. But what they are actually saying is... this is the best for him or her. Not everyone wants the HJC i91 modular helmet. Someone may want the LS2 manufacturer fittings or the Shoei style of fitment.



These days we have options, so why not explore them? There are different riding suits as well. I tried on the BMW GTX GS Rallye riding suit; impressed, but no. I purchased the Harley Davidson Adventurer riding suit, stylish and functional. I know a friend has the Alpinestars' riding suit; cool-looking and seemingly made for his body type. But the BMW GS Karakum Gore-Tex jacket and pants, in my opinion, are the best. But at \$2,228.00, I cannot wear that on my American Classic hog. (Or could I?)

I don't want to leave out my online shoppers and those that live close to RevZilla. A great source for all of your motorcycle needs. Also, a collaboration with the retail store Cycle Gear. But those of you in or visiting Costa Mesa, California, Denver, Colorado, or Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, you have an unlimited resource of leather, chrome, and everything in between.

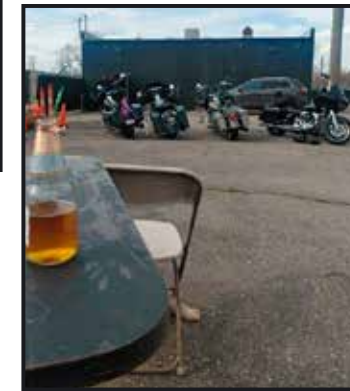
Well, if you cross into Canada and go to Windsor, we have a few resources there as well. You have Thunder Road Harley Davidson dealership 2100 Ambassador Dr Windsor, On N9C 3R4 (Not affiliated with Thunder Roads Magazine) right before getting on Highway 401. Another shop, Leather King/King's Powersports on 2822 Howard Ave, Windsor, would be helpful too.



appreciation while someone can still smell them.

Keep those wheels turnin' and those cigars burnin',

*Smoke*



WE OFFER A FULL LINE OF OEM AND AFTERMARKET PARTS + ACCESSORIES  
ATV - SXS/UTV - MOTORCYCLE  
PERFORMANCE UPGRADES + MUCH MORE!

**TRACTION**  
POWERSPORTS

4314 JAMES SAVAGE RD  
MIDLAND, MI 48642 / 989-486-1550  
WWW.TRACTIONPOWERSPORTS.NET

MAY - SEPTEMBER  
**BIKE & TRIKE NIGHT**

A&W ROOT BEER

5 PM to 7 PM

EVERY 3rd SATURDAY

**MIDLAND**

1814 Washington Street, Midland MI 48642

SERVING ALL OF YOUR LED LIGHTING NEEDS

Ride n' Ride  
THUNDER ROADS  
OFFICIAL SHOP

**TWISTED ILLUSIONS LIGHTING**

HEADLIGHTS, TURN SIGNALS, GROUND EFFECTS FOR MOTORCYCLES, GOLF CARTS, BOATS, AUTO & MORE

989-280-1439  
TWISTEDILLUSIONSLIGHTING.COM

VETERAN OWNED AND OPERATED

# DYSUN

DO YOU SEE US NOW?

# 2026 AWARENESS RIDE

## JULY 31ST & AUGUST 1ST

**FRIDAY**  
BIKE SHOW  
and  
MEET & GREET

**SATURDAY**  
JAY JAY  
MEMORIAL RIDE

**LOCATION:**  
THE IRON PIG SMOKEHOUSE  
4029 OLD 27 S  
GAYLORD, MI 49735

in Loving Memory of  
Jimm "Jay Jay" Jackson



BRINGING  
AWARENESS TO  
DISTRACTED  
DRIVING

**8:00 AM**  
Ride Registration Opens

**9:30 AM**  
Kick Stands Up

**5:00 PM**  
Ride Returns

Music by:  
**DARRELL BOGER**

THANK YOU  
TO OUR 2026  
RIDE SPONSORS

**\$30 PER RIDER**  
**\$45 W/ PASSENGER**  
**(INCLUDES DINNER)**

FOR PRE-REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION  
VISIT: [www.DysunMichigan.com](http://www.DysunMichigan.com) FIND THE EVENT ON FACEBOOK!



6PM- BIKE SHOW  
REGISTRATION

7:30 - WINNERS  
ANNOUNCED

Music by:  
 DRIVING DAWN



# 19 BANK 16

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK @ THE BANK COLWOOD MICHIGAN

BURGERS, BIKES, AND BREWS



BREAK SHOT BAR  
122 E HURON AVE.  
VASSAR, MI 48768  
(989) 882-9060



THURSDAYS - FRESH SMOKED RIBS  
FRIDAYS - ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN  
[SPORTY'SWINGSHACK.COM](http://SPORTY'SWINGSHACK.COM)

HOME OF MICHIGAN'S HOTTEST WINGS!



BUBBA'S TRI-CITY CYCLES  
804 S HURON RD  
LINWOOD, MI 48634



Service New & Use Parts Accessories Service & Maintenance  
Specializing in Harley-Davidson Motorcycles  
[BubbasTriCityCycle.com](http://BubbasTriCityCycle.com)

**(989) 697-5525**



# CANCER POKER RUN

**Saturday**  
**June 20, 2026**

REGISTRATION: 9:00 am  
KICK STANDS UP: Noon  
START: Battle Creek Harley Dealership  
ENTRY FEE: \$20 per Motorcycle,  
Side by Side, Jeep & Muscle Car  
\$10 for each additional rider

- Ends at the "Base Bar & Grill" in Battle Creek
- 50/50 Raffle
- Great Prize Auctions
- Phenomenal Bands for Live Music
- Drink & Food Specials
- Ride is for all Motorcycles, Side by Sides, Jeeps & Muscle Cars



Buy shirts now from our website [battlecancerbc.org](http://battlecancerbc.org)!

Proceeds to Benefit Battle Cancer Community Alliance!  
Funds Raised Help Cancer Survivors in Calhoun County!  
Contact: Dr. Kinzel @ 606-422-5036

**BATTLECANCERBC.ORG**





# BUCK WILD SALOON

## BIKE NIGHT

TUESDAYS  
FOSTORIA, MI

BIKE OF THE NIGHT  
Sponsored By: [Logo]

**BIKE NIGHT MENU**

**DRINK SPECIALS**

**BIKE OF THE NIGHT PRIZES**

**WEEKLY CONTESTS & LIVE MUSIC**

# GILDNER'S HARLEY-DAVIDSON

## FUZZY'S BIRTHDAY BASH

(Gone But Not Forgotten)  
June 6, 2026 • 10am to 3pm

15% Off Luggage & Grips  
15% Off Footpegs

15%-20% Off Leather Jackets  
20% Off Boots

STOREWIDE SALES ON OFFICIALLY LICENSED PRODUCTS

FOOD, DRINKS & PRIZES!  
Koegels & Pop • Coffee & Cookies • Prizes & More  
Get Entered to Win An America's 250 Prize Package!

Gildner's Harley-Davidson • 2723 S M 76 • West Branch, MI, 48861 • (989)345-1330

DEAN MYERS CUSTOMS AND MARTIN POWERSPORTS PRESENTS

# THURSDAY BIKE NIGHT

## THE PINES

SPORTS BAR & BOWLING CENTER

STARTING ON  
**14TH**  
MAY 2026

HALF PRICED PIZZA  
DOOR PRIZES  
LIVE MUSIC  
OUTDOOR SEATING  
6-8PM at the Pines Sports Bar  
Bike Night Every Thursday Night!

5992 M-55, CADILLAC MI 49601

ThePinesBowlingCenter.com 231-775-6111 @ThePinesSportsBar

**COLWOOD BAR**

4990 COLWOOD RD  
UNIONVILLE, MI 48767  
989-550-9359

# WALLDORFF

BREW PUB & BISTRO

HASTINGS

...A GREAT RIDE FROM EVERYWHERE IN MICHIGAN

- Biker Friendly
- Hand Crafted Beer
- Wood Fired Menu
- Bikers Always Welcome

105 E. State St., Downtown Hastings  
269-945-4400  
www.walldorffbrewpub.com

Check Website for Current Hours

# KICKOFF TO WEDNESDAY BIKE NIGHTS

MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>  
530 - 830

FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS  
DJ - BIKE GAMES

## GHOST TOWN SALOON

Old No. 7  
COLD BEER  
GOOD FOOD - GREAT TIME  
E. WELL, MICH. USA  
SINCE 2007

6422 PINGREE RD | ELWELL, MI 48832

# SUNFIELD CYCLE SHOP

116 WEST GRAND LEDGE HIGHWAY  
SUNFIELD, MI 48890

ANDY CLAFLIN  
517.526.5997

SunfieldCycleShop@gmail.com

REPAIRS & SERVICES | PARTS ACCESSORIES | APPAREL

**OPEN HOUSE MAY 30TH 11AM-4PM**

BAND | FOOD VENDORS | PATCH SEWING | ETC.

# CHEERS PUB

Lapeer

Weekly Dining Specials

BIKE NIGHT  
SUNDAY - 5PM TO 8PM  
FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS

440 N Saginaw St.  
Lapeer, MI 48446  
810-667-3170

# Insomnia Bagger Audio

269-224-8119  
BATTLE CREEK, MI

Discounts For Veterans and Active Duty Military!

CICADA AUDIO | SOUNDigital | HERTZ | SOUNDSIREAM | RHYNO AUDIO WORKS | GROUND ZERO GERMAN ENGINEERING

PICK UP AND DROP OFF SERVICE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST!

CERTIFIED EXPERT AUDIO INSTALLATION & MORE!

INSOMNIABAGGERAUDIO.COM

# Circle of Pines

EST. 1990 | RE-ESTABLISHED 2025  
BAY CITY, MI

*Pike Night - Thursday*  
*Open to Close - Live Music*

1700 WOODSIDE CT.  
BAY CITY, MI 48708

# Saginaw Blessing of the Bikes & Beemer Memorial Run Returns June 6, 2026

On June 6, 2026, riders from across Michigan will gather in Saginaw for one of the region's most meaningful motorcycle events, the 5th Annual Saginaw Blessing of the Bikes & Beemer Memorial Run.

More than just a ride, this event was created to honor the life and legacy of Kevin Beemer, a devoted Christian, passionate motorcyclist, and loving husband, father, and grandfather. What began as a tribute has grown into a powerful annual tradition that brings together the riding community for a greater purpose.

Hosted at The Moose Lodge in Saginaw, the day begins with registration opening at 10:00 a.m., giving riders time to connect, prepare, and take in the atmosphere. The Blessing of the Bikes will follow at 11:45 a.m., with riders taking to the road shortly after to begin the memorial run together.

But the heart of this event runs deeper. Proceeds support the Mid-Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, an organization committed to education, prevention, and restoring the lives of trafficking survivors. By participating, riders are not only honoring Kevin's memory, they are also directly contributing to strengthening and protecting their community.

The Beemer Memorial Run reflects Kevin's love for both faith and the open road, blending the two into an experience that continues to impact lives long after the engines quiet. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m., offering riders a chance to reconnect, reflect, and celebrate a day well spent.

Whether you're a seasoned rider or just looking for a meaningful way to start the season, this event offers something bigger than the ride itself.

All bikes are welcome. All riders are invited. And every mile ridden helps make a difference.



**5th Annual SAGINAW BLESSING OF THE BIKES and Beemer Memorial Run**

**June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 • Saginaw, MI**

- Registration starts at 10am
- Blessing of the Bikes is at 11:45am
- All bikes on the road by noon
- Dinner served at 5pm
- All cards must be turned in by 5:30pm
- All bikes welcome

**NEW Location:**  
Starts and finishes at Moose Lodge 82, 2218 Midland Rd, Saginaw, MI.

**All proceeds will go to Mid-Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force.**

[saginawblessingofthebikes.com](http://saginawblessingofthebikes.com)

For more information, scan the QR code below



# 4TH ANNUAL BLESSING MAY 30TH & 31ST, 2026



**HUGHTON LAKE BLESSING OF THE BIKES 2026**

**START & END (M-55)**  
928 W Houghton Lake Dr. Prudenville, MI, 48651

**GARRETT'S PRESSURE CRACK BAR & GRILL**

**THUNDER ROADS MICHIGAN Magazine**

**MICHIGAN BIKER LAW**  
1-800-MI-BIKER

**TSC TRACTOR SUPPLY CO.**

**WE'RE RIDING FOR MICHAEL J**

**SAT - MAY 30TH**

- 9:00 AM** POKER RUN REGISTRATION OPENS
- 11:00 AM** KSU FOR POKER RUN
- 4:00 PM** THE AFTER PARTY BEGINS
- 6:00 PM** LAST CALL FOR POKER RUN BIKES
- 6:30 PM** WINNERS ANNOUNCED

**SUN - MAY 31ST**

- 9:00 AM** BLESSING OF BIKES & RIDE AROUND THE LAKE REGISTRATION OPENS
- 11:00 AM** BLESSING OF THE BIKES
- 12:00 PM** KSU FOR A GUIDED RIDE AROUND THE LAKE

**SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION & VENDOR SPACE OR CONTACT 1-800-MI-BIKER**

**BAD BOYS GARAGE TOYS**

**TTN A Home Matters ILLUVI REALTY GROUP**

**TWISTED ILLUSIONS LIGHTING**

**HEAVY METAL JEWELRY**

**Red Bird**

**Twisted Leathers & More**  
888-888-8888  
Houghton Lake, Michigan

**GILDNER'S HARLEY-DAVIDSON® WEST BRANCH, MI**

**AFTER THE POKER RUN**

**JOIN US AT GARRETT'S PRESSURE CRACK BAR & GRILL FOR THE 4PM TO??**

**HOSTED BY THUNDER ROADS MICHIGAN Magazine**

**RIDING FOR MICHAEL J**

**AFTER PARTY!**

- BEST & WORST HAND WINS!
- PLUS ADDITIONAL PRIZES
- DJ / MUSIC
- VENDORS ON SITE
- FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS!



**BIKE NIGHTS ARE BACK!**

THUNDER ROADS®  
MICHIGAN Magazine

JOIN US FROM 6-9PM

VEHICLE CITY Harley-Davidson

BIKE NIGHTS ARE THE LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH THIS SUMMER AT VEHICLE CITY H-D!

SCHEDULE:  
FRIDAY - MAY 29, 2026  
FRIDAY - JUNE 26, 2026  
FRIDAY - JULY 31, 2026  
FRIDAY - AUGUST 28, 2026  
FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 11, 2026, BIKE NIGHT FINALE AND BIKE RAFFLE

\$2 BEER IN THE HOG PEN  
GAMES W/PRIZES • FOOD TRUCKS  
MUSIC • DOOR PRIZES • VENDOR AREA  
BIKE WASH  
BIKE OF THE NIGHT AWARD  
GET YOUR BIKE RAFFLE TICKETS

THUNDER ROADS MICHIGAN WILL CHOOSE THE WINNER OF THE 2026 BIKE NIGHT RAFFLE AT THE FINAL BIKE NIGHT ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 AT VEHICLE CITY HARLEY-DAVIDSON OF FLINT!

\$20 RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE RIGHT NOW INSIDE THE VCHD MOTORCLOTHES DEPARTMENT.  
\*NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

WIN THIS 2007 DYNA LOW RIDER!

VEHICLECITYHARLEY.COM 2400 AUSTINS PKWY, FLINT MI 4850 810-234-6646

# YEAH, OR MEH?

## Looks Sharp, But Prepare to File Kuryakyn Tracer Rear Saddlebag Lights Review

BY ERIC "BIG E" KRUER

When it comes to aftermarket motorcycle parts, Kuryakyn is a name that carries serious credibility. Known for bold styling and innovative lighting, they've built a reputation for giving riders that custom look without the full custom-shop headache.

And in some ways...they still deliver here.

The Tracer Rear Saddlebag Lights look damn good. Once installed and lit up, they give your bike a clean, modern LED signature that really sharpens the rear profile. Bright, crisp, and attention-grabbing—exactly what you want out of a lighting upgrade.

Now let's talk about the install...because that's where things take a turn.

Just like the Harley-Davidson saddlebag lights I previously ran on my Ultra, these mount using 3M adhesive. So, the process starts off familiar: clean the surface with an alcohol pad, prep it properly, and get ready to stick them in place. No complaints there. That method works, and it's proven.

But that's where the similarities end.

Kuryakyn made the choice to run the wiring directly through the center of the light housing. That means you're forced to route the wires into your saddlebag, which turns a simple install into something much more involved. In my case, that meant filing notches just to make it work. And depending on how you approach it, you might even be drilling into your bags.

That's a tough pill to swallow on a "new-to-me" Road Glide Limited.

And here's where it really gets frustrating...

Because these are mounted with 3M tape, placement has to be perfect the first time. To get that alignment right, you want the saddlebag lid closed while positioning the light. But now you're also trying to manage that wire in the groove with basically no slack to work with.

So, you're juggling alignment, wire placement, and pressure on the adhesive...all at the same time. You don't get a second shot. Once that tape grabs, it's game over. No adjustments. No do-overs.

Compare that to the Harley setup, where everything stayed external, and the install felt straightforward and stress-free, and it's hard not to question the design choice here.

Look, I'm all about clean aesthetics, and Kuryakyn



absolutely nailed the look. But good design should also make life easier on the rider, not more complicated.

At the end of the day, these lights deliver when it comes to style...but getting them there feels like more of a fight than it should be.

Life is short, bikers...so get after it, but make sure you're ready before that tape touches down.

### Big E Verdict

★★★★ (2 out of 5 Stars)

**Quick Take:** Looks sharp, but installing them is a headache; your saddlebags pay the price.

### Pros:

- ✓✓ Sleek, modern LED styling
- ✓✓ Bright and highly visible
- ✓✓ Matches the custom look riders want

### Cons:

- ✗✗ Poor wire placement through the center of the housing
- ✗✗ Requires saddlebag modification (filing or drilling)
- ✗✗ Tight install with little to no wire slack
- ✗✗ One-shot placement with adhesive adds pressure

### Bottom Line:

The Kuryakyn Tracer lights look great once installed, but the design choices make installation frustrating and risky. Having to modify saddlebags on a premium touring bike just to make them work takes a lot of the shine off. Style points, yes, but practical not so much.



# THUNDER ROADS MAGAZINE®

HONORING ALL THE MEN & WOMEN WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES PRESERVING OUR

# FREEDOM

# THIS MEMORIAL DAY



**Come Be A Part Of An Authentic Team That Works Together To Produce Their Own Edition Each & Every Month.**

**There's Strength In Numbers...**

**We Have The Longevity, You Bring Your Ideas and Passion!**

**26 YEARS STRONG!**  
est. 1999

**CALL TONI TODAY AT: 615-330-5282 FOR COMPLETE DETAILS:**

**Note \* Must Be A Resident Of The State You're Calling About In Order To Be The Publisher Of That State Edition.**

**THUNDER ROADS® HAS BEEN THE #1 NETWORKED MOTORCYCLE MAGAZINE FOR 26 STRONG YEARS!**

Award Winning Magazine



*The Owner/Publishers Of Thunder Roads® Network Just Fought Their Way Through A World Pandemic And Emerged Shredded, But Victorious! Come Join Our Team. Life Is Nothing Shy Of Unpredictable, And Only You Can Decide What You'll Be Succeeding At And Thoroughly Enjoying, For Your Future. Come Work Hard And Play Harder With All Of Us At Team Thunder!*

## PORT HURON MOTORCYCLE CLUB



## 2026 SCHEDULE

- MAY 9 – TBD
- MAY 17 – LEXINGTON BLESSING OF THE BIKES- RIDE FROM P.H.M.C. TO LEXINGTON BLESSING
- MAY 23 – TEST N TUNE DIRT DRAG
- JUNE 6 – TBD
- JUNE 27 – HARLEY VS THE WORLD DIRT DRAG-OPEN TWINS
- JULY 11 – ROAD RUN
- JULY 25 – TEST N TUNE DIRT DRAG
- AUGUST 22 – TEST N TUNE DIRT DRAG
- SEPTEMBER 5 – STEERING WHEEL SHOOTOUT
- SEPTEMBER 26 – HARLEY VS THE WORLD DIRT DRAG
- OCTOBER 4 – 81ST ANNUL TURKEY RUN
- OCTOBER 24 – TEST N TUNE & TRUNK OR TREAT



**PHMC**  
3376 GRISWOLD RD  
PORT HURON, MI  
48060

Contact Dean at 810-357-6630  
Email: PortHuronMC@gmail.com



## HOT RODS TOPICS

As we ride into the month of May, our foundation members are actively promoting May as **Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month**. We have fostered partnerships with cities and townships over the years to ensure the renewal of proclamations that highlight the importance of motorcycle awareness for citizens and motorists in our communities. In addition to proclamations, townships use their websites and social media platforms during the month of May to share Motorcycle Safety and Awareness messages with the public.

We are also communicating with MDOT to promote Motorcycle Safety Awareness using their digital signage systems in various road and highway locations throughout Michigan.

This year, our Michigan Visitors Welcome Center event was held at the Monroe Visitor's Center on south I-75 MM10 on April 30, 2026. This is always a magnificent event, providing us the opportunity to speak with Michigan and out-of-state motorists of all types prior to the start of May. Of course, motorists and passengers love checking out our bikes!

Personally, I have the distinct honor and privilege of presenting Motorcycle Awareness information to local high school driver's education classes through our foundation's partnership with Champion Driving School and Fuller Advantage Driving School. My objectives in these 45-minute presentations are to acquaint students with motorcyclists; help young drivers understand the difficulties and hazards involved in riding a motorcycle in today's traffic; emphasize sharing the road with motorcycles; discuss the equipment we use for safety; and show students ways they can help make riding safer. Through discussion, a PowerPoint presentation, activities, interaction, and a short, impactful 7-minute movie, I educate students on the importance of watching for motorcycles, sharing the road, and looking twice for motorcycles, especially at intersections.

Over the past 20 months, I have had the opportunity to speak to 1,173 Segment One and Segment Two drivers' education students in the following school districts: Ann Arbor, Belleville, Ida, Milan, Saline, and Ypsilanti Lincoln. Folks... I am just getting started!

It is our foundation's and my hope that these efforts will increase awareness, help prevent accidents, and ultimately save lives.

Stay Safe and Be Aware. Motorcycles Are Everywhere.

**AMOS**

Awareness Champion

Hot Rods Motorcycle Awareness and Suicide Prevention Foundation



**BE AWARE**   
**MOTORCYCLES**  
**ARE**  
**EVERYWHERE**

Jason Waechter TheMotorcycleLawyer.com 1-877-BIKER-LAW



STORM CHASERS DRINK RECIPE

# MAY MAI TAI

- 1 CUP ICE CUBES
- 2 OZ SPICED RUM
- 3 OZ PINEAPPLE JUICE
- 1 OZ COCONUT-FLAVORED RUM
- 2 OZ ORANGE JUICE
- 1 TEASPOON GRENADINE SYRUP

Instructions

1. Fill a cocktail shaker with ice cubes.
2. Add pineapple juice, orange juice, spiced rum, coconut rum.
3. Shake vigorously and strain into a glass full of ice.
4. Stir in grenadine syrup.
5. Garnish with a lime wheel and a cherry.



**BIKE NIGHT!**  
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**EVERY SATURDAY 6PM - 10PM**

• OUTDOOR MUSIC STAGE • BUCKET OF BEER SPECIALS  
 • RUSTIC CAMPING • FOOD AVAILABLE FROM OPEN TO CLOSE

**NEW OWNERS!**

**D&K BAR AND GRILL**  
 WEST ELMIRA

**YOUR FOUR SEASON PIT STOP**  
 D&K BAR AND GRILL NEXT TO NORTHERN LEATHERS

**D&K BAR AND GRILL**  
 2919 N US HWY 131, ELMIRA, MI 49730  
 JUST 7 MILES SOUTH OF BOYNE MOUNTAIN AND  
 ONLY AN HOUR FROM M-19 TUNNEL OF TREES

**NORTHERN LEATHERS & ACCESSORIES**  
 LEATHER APPAREL • RIDING WEAR • GLASSES • NOVELTIES  
 LET'S RIDE



## Track Side food & spirits

9714 SAGINAW ST. ~ REESE MI 48757 ~ 989.868.3599

# BIKE NIGHT

EVERY TUESDAY

BIKE NIGHT SPECIALS

\$2.00 domestic bottles  
 5 PM-CLOSE

\$2 OFF chicken baskets (DINE IN ONLY)  
 5 PM-CLOSE

# JOKER'S WILD

I was eating a really good burger in my fave Pub when a woman at the next table who was eating a salad, said, "You know a cow had to die in order for you to eat that burger?"

I gave her my most gracious smile and tilted my head at her salad and replied, "Well, if you weren't eating the cow's food, perhaps it would still be alive."

Ya' gotta admit it's kinda bizarre how people will believe in Wi-Fi; invisible waves powering everything, but still believe whole heartedly that Energy Frequency & Vibrations are just some mystical nonsense.

Wife (on the phone) Did you preheat the oven like I asked?

Me: Yep

Wife: What temperature?

Me: 5:34

Wife: No, that's the clock

Me: Now it's 5:35

Went to the Doctor with a really suspicious looking mole.

He said they all look that way and I should have left him in the garden.

To me, when they say "Drink Responsibly" I look at that as not spilling a single drop of my beer.

A biker was drinking at the local watering hole when he gets a call on his cell phone. He orders drinks for everybody in the bar as he announces his wife had just gave birth to a healthy biker baby boy weighing 25 pounds. Nobody can believe that any new baby can weigh in at 25 pounds, but the man just shrugs, "That's about average in our club... like I said, my boy's a typical biker."

Two weeks later the man returns to the bar. The bartender says, "Say, you're the father of that biker baby that weighed 25 pounds at birth, aren't you?"

Everybody has been making bets about how big he'd be in two weeks... so how much does he weigh now?"

The proud father answers, "Seventeen pounds." The bartender is puzzled and concerned. "What happened, he was 25 pounds the day he was born."

The father takes a shot of whiskey, wipes his lips on his shirt sleeve, leans into the bartender and proudly says, "We had him circumcised."

When I tell her I'm jerking it to the sound of her voice and she sternly replies, "Sir, we're discussing your past-due amount."

Saw a billboard yesterday of a giant open mouth with a giant breakfast burrito almost entering the mouth and it read Really big; Open Your Snack Hole.

And I was like, Dayumm, Mickey D's, at least buy me a shot of tequila first.

Fellas, when your woman is acting up, just tell her, "Less bitchen and more kitchen". Women just love it when you rhyme cute sayings.

Imagine hating me Sooo much and ima just over here googling if seahorses even have a clue about land horses.

I remember when my Moma used to brush my hair. She would brush my ears, forehead, neck and even my brain. Ahhh, good mems.

Stop thinking you're not good enough. You definitely are not. But thinking about it isn't going to help anything.

Overall, I'd have to give "Adulthood" only 1 Star and actually, would not recommend it at all.

I'm feeling like such a major bitch today, I could actually believe that I'm on someone else's period.

One huge difference between men and women is that if a woman says, "Smell this", odds are it's actually going to smell nice.

When someone tell you, "You suck", just look at them confused and reply, "Not for free." Trust me on this, their entire expression will crash and burn

I've tasted situationships, relationships, casual dating, serious dating and marriage. I highly recommend traveling above them all.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!** to ALL/ANY who take care of Kids, Parents, Partners, Animals & Home. The WORLD is much better filled with your LOVE.

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

# EVENTS



# EVENTS



## MAY 2026

**May 2**  
- 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Blessing of the Bikes  
American Legion Post 351  
46146 Cass Ave.  
Utica/Shelby Township, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

- International Female Ride Day-2026  
Angelz of Grace: Female Motorcycle Riding Group  
Meet-up Location: Mobil Gas Station  
Corner of Eureka & Telegraph  
15020 Telegraph Rd  
Taylor, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

**May 3**  
- 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Metro Detroit AMCA  
antique motorcycle swap meet  
Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds  
Imlay City, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

- **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Blessing of the Bikers Church of the Living Word**  
1100 N. Ovid Rd.  
Ovid, MI  
See ad in Magazine for details

**May 5**  
- **Cinco De Mayo Iron Horse Bar & Grill**  
3592 Main St.  
Akron, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

**May 9**  
- **Port Huron M/C**  
TBD  
3376 Griswold Rd.  
Port Huron, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

**May 10**  
- **Midland Mothers Day Swap Meet & Bike Show**  
Midland County Fairgrounds  
Check out Facebook for details

- **American Legion Riders Post 22 Bike Run**  
2200 S. Niagara St.  
Saginaw, MI  
For more info: 989-792-9747

**May 14**  
- **Car & Motorcycle Cruise-In**  
Downtown Three Rivers  
105 Portage Ave.  
Three Rivers, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

**May 16**  
- **Allen Yeitter Memorial Run And Blessing of the Bikes Fraternal Order of Eagles 3702 2645 Howard Street**  
Port Huron, MI  
See ad in Magazine for details

- **Blessing of the Bikes The Bank Colwood, Michigan**  
Check out Facebook for details

**May 17**  
- "THE ORIGINAL"  
Blessing of the Bikes  
Baldwin, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Port Huron M/C Lexington Blessing of the Bikes-Ride from P.H.M.C. to Lexington Blessing**  
3376 Griswold Rd.  
Port Huron, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

**May 23**  
- **Bubba's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Weekend Classic**  
804804 S Huron Rd.  
Linwood, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Port Huron M/C Test n Tune Dirt Drag**  
3376 Griswold Rd.  
Port Huron, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Stop the Silence Mental Health Support Motorcycle Ride**  
Motown Harley-Davidson  
14100 Telegraph Rd.  
Taylor, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

**May 24**  
- **Bubba's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Weekend Classic**  
804 S Huron Rd.  
Linwood, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

**May 29**  
- **Thunder Roads Michigan 2026 Bike Nights Vehicle City H-D Bike Night**  
2400 Austin Pkwy.  
Flint, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

**May 30**  
- **Biker Awareness Day Steel Horse Ranch**  
1965 Mertz Rd.  
Caro, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Broken Souls Tiki Run**  
Ryders Bar & Grill  
2650 W. Midland Rd,  
Midland, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Houghton Lake Blessing of the Bikes**  
928 W. Houghton Lake Dr.  
Prudenville, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Sunfield Cycle Shop Open House**  
116 West Grand ledge  
Highway  
Sunfield, MI  
See ad in Magazine for details

**May 31**  
- **Houghton Lake Blessing of the Bikes**  
928 W. Houghton Lake Dr.  
Prudenville, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

## JUNE 2026

**June 6**  
- **Mighty Mac Run 2026 Ride with Purpose**  
Traverse City, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Port Huron M/C**  
TBD  
3376 Griswold Rd.  
Port Huron, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Saginaw Blessing of the Bikes And Beemer Memorial Run**  
Moose 85-Saginaw  
2220 Midland St.  
Saginaw, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

**June 12**  
- **Annual ABATE Field Meet**  
418 Fairlane St.  
Harrison, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

**June 18**  
- **Bike Bash 2026!!**  
2300 Rifle River Trail  
West Branch, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Michigan Legacy Ride 2026**  
American Legion Riders Post 53  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Michiistrigan Rendezvous**  
Byce's Michiistrigan Campground  
W17838 US Highway 2  
Gould City, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

**June 19**  
- **Bike Bash 2026!!**  
2300 Rifle River Trail  
West Branch, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Michigan Legacy Ride 2026**  
American Legion Riders Post 53  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Michiistrigan Rendezvous**  
Byce's Michiistrigan Campground  
W17838 US Highway 2  
Gould City, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

**June 20**  
- **Battle Cancer Cancer Poker Run**  
Battle Creek Harley-Davidson  
5738 Beckley Road  
Battle Creek, MI  
For More Info:  
BATTLECANCERBC.ORG

- **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Justin Buetel Memorial Run**  
American Legion Riders  
Post 443  
2080 N Meridian Rd.  
Sanford, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Bike Bash 2026!!**  
2300 Rifle River Trail  
West Branch, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Durand Eagles Car & Motorcycle Show**  
5240 S New Lothrop Rd.  
Durand, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Gunner's Revving For Remembrance**  
Scooter's Bar & Grill  
6004 Torry Rd.  
Flint, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Michigan Legacy Ride 2026**  
American Legion Riders Post 53  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Michiistrigan Rendezvous**  
Byce's Michiistrigan Campground  
W17838 US Highway 2  
Gould City, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Mike Hutchinson Memorial Run**  
Blue Water Eagle Riders 3702  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Tribesmen M/C Summer Bash**  
914 Garfield Rd.  
Fostoria, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

**June 26**  
- **Thunder Roads Michigan 2026 Bike Nights**  
Vehicle City H-D Bike Night  
2400 Austin Pkwy.  
Flint, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

**June 27**  
- **Mason Outdoor Expo**  
Ingham County Fairgrounds  
700 E Ash St.  
Mason, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

- **Port Huron M/C Harley vs The World Dirt Drag**  
Open Twins  
3376 Griswold Rd.  
Port Huron, MI  
Check out Facebook for details

*Bold events indicate Advertiser/Supporter of Thunder Roads® MI Please patronize our advertisers.*

**EVENT LISTINGS ARE FREE!!!**

**Increase your attendance by posting your event in Thunder Roads® Magazine of Michigan.**

All Advertised Events in our Magazine will have their event Posted on the Pull-Out Calendar (specific issues) and your Event will be highlighted in the Thunder Roads® Events Calendar of the Magazine.

**Thunder Roads Magazine® of Michigan - Your Michigan Biker Connection**

**(Call about our Special Discounts for Ads for Charity Based Events)**

To get your event listed in Thunder Roads Magazine and on our website, send the information to: Editor@ThunderRoadsMichigan.com. Event information must be received prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the event month to be posted in the magazine.

Remember to call ahead before planning to attend any event as the information/dates may change. Thunder Roads Michigan is Not responsible for errors or omissions.

**THIS COULD BE YOUR AD!**



Caught Ya lookin!

Thunder Roads Michigan!

**CONTACT US!!!**

MICHIGAN'S #1 MOTORCYCLE MAGAZINE

**Timothy's FINE Cigars**  
BAY CITY, MI

115 Center Ave,  
Bay City, MI 48708  
989-894-6673

Celebrating the good life for 20 years

# Just For Fun

			3			4	7	
1								
			6	2				
							8	
7	6							
		8		5		6		9
	4	2		6	3	7		
8						5		
5			7	4			3	



**State Farm**



Auto, Homeowners  
Condo, Renters,  
Motorcycle, Life,  
Health Supplement

**TIM BOYCHUCK**  
STATE FARM®  
INSURANCE AGENT

967 S. Saginaw Rd  
Midland, MI 48640  
989-832-2665  
www.TimBoychuck.com



**OREO'S**  
WELDING & FABRICATION LLC

WELDING • FABRICATING • REPAIRS  
CNC PLASMA • MOBILE WELDING

CAREY BUTTERFIELD JR.  
**989.529.0815**  
2681 RINGLE RD., AKRON MI 48701  
[WWW.OREOWELDING.COM](http://WWW.OREOWELDING.COM)

THUNDER ROADS®



**MICHIGAN**  
Magazine

# Bike Nights

(See Directory for Address)

## TUESDAY'S

Buckwild Saloon - Fostoria  
Trackside Food & Spirits - Reese

## WEDNESDAY'S

Ghost Town Saloon - Elwell  
Iron Horse Bar & Grill - Akron  
The Post Restaurant & Bar - Cass City

## THURSDAY'S

Beeter's Brew Pub - Sebewaing  
Circle Bar - Bay City  
Tool Shed Pub & Grub - Munger  
The Otherside Bar & Grill - Freeland  
The Pines Sports Bar  
& Bowling Center - Cadillac

## FRIDAY'S

Vehicle City Harley-Davidson - Last Friday  
of the Month - Flint

## SATURDAY'S

A&W - 3rd Saturday of the Month -  
Midland  
D&K Bar and Grill - Elmira  
The Alibi Bar & Grill - Ionia

## SUNDAY'S

CHEERS PUB LAPEER - LAPEER

(These Bike Nights are supporters/advertisers of  
Thunder Roads® Michigan Magazine)

Pick up your **FREE** copy of **THUNDER ROADS® MICHIGAN** at these locations or any business with an ad in this issue.

Pick up your **FREE** copy of **THUNDER ROADS® MICHIGAN** at these locations or any business with an ad in this issue.

**MC PARTS & SERVICE**

**508 Fab & V-Twin**  
508 N. Clinton Ave.  
St. Johns, MI 48879  
989-292-4508  
www.508FabMachining.com

**Bald Eagle Harley-Davidson**  
4473 US 2  
Escanaba, MI 49829  
906-228-5330

**Bubba's Tri-City Cycle**  
804 S. Huron Rd.  
Linwood, MI 48634  
989-697-5525  
www.BubbasTriCityCycle.com

**Crest Motorcycle Machine Shop**  
944 E. Emmett St.  
Battle Creek, MI 49014  
269-300-8906

**Cuzins Cycle**  
118 W. Houghton Ave  
West Branch, MI 48661  
989-343-5454  
Full-Service Sales, Parts & Repair

**E & V Engineering**  
19294 W. M-46  
Howard City, MI 49329  
231-937-6515  
H-D, BSA, TRI, & NOR

**Gildner's Harley-Davidson**  
2723 S M-76  
West Branch, MI 48661  
989-345-1330  
www.Gildnershd.com

**J & R Cycle**  
17447 Lasher Rd.  
Detroit, MI 48219  
313-766-5668  
www.jrcustomcycledetroit.com

**Klenow's Customs**  
3280 Bay Rd.  
Saginaw, MI 48603  
989-284-5972  
H-D Customization and Repair

**Oil City Sales**

5543 W. Isabella Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
989-773-9991

**Ray C's Harley-Davidson of Lapeer**

1491 S. Lapeer Rd.  
Lapeer, MI 48446  
810-664-9261  
www.raycsh-d.com

**Steel Horse Ranch**

1965 Mertz Rd.  
Caro, MI 48723  
989-683-4130  
Check us out on Facebook

**Sunfield Cycle Shop**

116 West Grand Ledge HWY  
Sunfield, MI 48890  
517-526-5997

**Traction Powersports**

4714 James Savage Rd.  
Midland, MI 48642  
989-486-1550  
www.TractionPowersports.net

**Vehicle City Harley-Davidson**

2400 Austins Pkwy  
Flint, MI 48507  
810-234-6646  
Bike Night -  
Last Friday of the Month

**MOTORCYCLE GEAR**

**H&B Cycles**

418 W. Frank St.  
Caro, MI 48723  
989-327-4744

**Heavy Metal Jewelry**

Shop At:  
www.HeavyMetalJewelry.com  
Lifetime Warranty

**MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATIONS**

**ABATE OF MICHIGAN**  
LOOK TWICE. SAVE A LIFE  
To Join:  
www.AbateofMichigan.org  
Click on Membership > Join  
269-435-2058

**American Legion Post 510**  
830 S. Clinton St.  
Stockbridge, MI 49285  
Hell To Paradise Ride

**Hot Rod's Motorcycle Awareness & Suicide Prevention Foundation**  
Email: HotRodBeaton@gmail.com  
419-349-8075

**Port Huron Motorcycle Club**  
3376 Griswold Rd.  
Port Huron, MI 48060  
810-982-4894  
See You at the Races!  
P.H.M.C. Since 1948

**SPECIALTY PARTS & SERVICES**

**Insomnia Bagger Audio**  
158 Peck  
Battle Creek,  
MI 49014  
269-224-8119  
www.InsomniaBaggerAudio.com  
High End Bagger Audio Builds

**Twisted Illusions Lighting**  
Headlights - Turn Signals  
Ground Effects for Motorcycles  
Golf Carts - Boats - Auto &  
More!  
989-280-1439  
TwistedIllusionsLighting@gmail.com

**BARS & RESTAURANTS**

**A&W Restaurant**  
1514 Washington St.  
Midland, MI  
989-832-3811  
Bike Night Every 3rd Saturday



**Beeter's Brew Pub**  
902 Pine St.  
Sebewaing, MI 48759  
989-883-2170  
Full Bar & Pub Menu  
Thursday Ride in Specials

**Boulevard Lounge**  
316 S. Saginaw Rd.  
Midland, MI 48640  
989-832-5387  
Great Burgers & Menu!



**Break Shot Bar**  
122 E. Huron Ave.  
Vassar, MI 48768  
989-882-9060  
Burgers, Bikes, Brews

**Buckley Roadside Bar**  
116 W. Wexford Ave.  
Buckley, MI 49620  
231-269-4170  
Outdoor Bar Area  
Bike Night Thursday

**Buckwild Saloon**  
9258 Foster Rd.  
Fostoria, MI 48435  
989-795-1082  
Bike Night Tuesday



**Cheers Pub Lapeer**  
440 N. Saginaw St.  
Lapeer, MI 48446  
810-667-3170  
Serving Great Food &  
Cold Refreshments!

**Circle Bar**  
1700 Woodside Ct.  
Bay City, MI 48708  
Bike Night Thursday



**Colwood Bar**  
4990 Colwood Rd.  
Unionville, MI 48767  
989-550-9359

**Decker's Lounge**  
402 E. Ellsworth St.  
Midland, MI 48640  
989-835-7592  
Great Food, Fun,  
Sports & Sprints!



**D&K Bar and Grill**  
2919 Us-131  
Elmira, MI 49730  
231-546-3342  
Bike Night Saturday

**Doc's on the River**  
9121 North US-31  
Free Soil, MI 49411  
231-621-1744  
Bike Night Wednesday

**Ghost Town Saloon**  
6422 Pingree Rd.  
Elwell, MI 48832  
989-463-4693  
Bike Night Wednesday



**Iron Horse Bar & Grill**  
3592 Main St.  
Akron, MI 48701  
989-691-5791  
Wednesday Ride in Specials



**Remies Bar**  
111 S. Third St.  
Marquette, MI 49855  
906-226-9133  
Rider Owned  
A Marquette Legend Since 1934!



**Sporty's Wing Shack & Smoke House**  
4502 N. Huron Rd.  
Pinconning, MI 48650  
989-879-6050  
Home of Michigan's  
Hottest Wings

**The Alibi Bar & Grill**  
1394 E. Riverside Dr.  
Ionia, MI 48846  
616-522-1810  
Bike Night Saturday

**The Final Pour Gazebo Bar**  
1020 E. Huron  
Au Gres, MI 48703  
989-876-4653  
Full Bar & Menu  
Best Outdoor Bar Seating

**The Otherside Bar & Grill**  
8301 Midland Rd.  
Freeland, MI 48623  
989-695-5563  
Bike Night Thursday

**The Pines Sports Bar & Bowling Center**  
5992 M-55  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
231-775-6111  
Bike Night Thursday

**The Post Restaurant & Bar**  
6444 Main St.  
Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-4488  
Bike Night Wednesday

**Trackside Food & Spirits**  
9714 Saginaw St.  
Reese, MI 48757  
989-868-3599  
Bike Night Tuesday

**Tool Shed Pub & Grub**  
12 W. Munger Rd.  
Munger, MI 48747  
989-233-3630  
Bike Night Thursday

**Walldorff Brewpub & Bistro**  
105 E. State St.  
Downtown Hastings, MI  
Wood Fired Menu  
Hand Crafted Beer  
Bikers Always Welcome

**The Whyte Goose**  
108 State St.  
Bay City, MI 48706  
989-895-5342

**CHURCHES**

**Church Of The Living Word**  
Blessing Of The Bikers  
1100 N. Ovid Rd.  
Ovid, MI 48866  
989-834-5950  
www.Cotlw.Org

**FUNERAL SERVICES**

**Tombstone Hearse Co**  
For use at ANY Funeral Home,  
Anywhere, Available 24 Hrs  
Notice  
734-783-2646 or  
734-771-0273

**LOANS & FINANCING**

**Security Credit Union**  
Great Rates & Fast Approvals  
800-373-2333  
www.SecurityCU.org

**LANDMARK / DESTINATIONS**

**19BANK16**  
4895 Colwood Rd.  
Unionville, MI 48767  
Follow Us on Facebook

**USS Edson**  
Saginaw Valley Naval Ship  
Museum  
1680 Martin St.  
Bay City, MI 48706

**LOUNGES**

**Timothy's Fine Cigars**  
115 Center Ave.  
Bay City, MI 48708  
989-894-6673

**LODGING & CAMPING**

**Byce's Michihistrigan Bar Campground And Cabins**  
W, 17838 US-2  
Gould City, MI 49838  
906-477-6983  
Home of the Rendezvous Rally  
Father's Day Weekend

**Ogemaw County Fairgrounds**  
2300 Rifle River Trail  
West Branch, MI 48661  
Info@Ogemawcountyfair.Com  
Bike Bash

**Oscoda Area Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
Oscoda, AuSable, Greenbush,  
MI  
1-877-8-OSCODA  
www.Oscoda.com

**INSURANCE**

**State Farm -Tim Boychuck**  
967 S. Saginaw Rd  
Midland, MI 48640  
989-832-2665  
www.TimBoychuck.com

**Safeguard Insurance Agency**

2475 Midland Rd.  
Saginaw, MI 48603  
989-799-4800  
Rider Owned!

**LEGAL SERVICES**

**Michigan Biker Law**  
37699 6 Mile Rd. Ste. 250  
Livonia, MI 48152  
1-800-MI-Biker  
www.Michiganbiker.com

**VEHICLE PARTS & SERVICES**

**Henderson Brothers Rustproofing**  
Since 1962  
402 E. Lyon  
Midland, MI 48640  
989-631-0121  
It's Us or Rust!

**SERVICES**

**Oreo's Welding & Fabrication**  
2681 Ringle Rd.  
Akron, MI 48701  
989-529-0815  
www.OreoWelding.com

**TATTOO**

**Addictive Ink Tattooing**  
152 E. Saginaw Rd.  
Sanford, MI 48657  
989-687-PAIN

**BLUE WATER EAGLE RIDERS 3702**

# Allen Yeitter MEMORIAL RUN AND Blessing of the Bikes

**Saturday, May 16, 2026**


- ★ Sign-Up Begins at 10:00 a.m.
- ★ Kickstands Up at NOON
- ★ Blessing of the Bikes at 11:45 a.m.
- ★ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ★

★ **Start & End Location:**  
Fraternal Order of Eagles 3702  
2645 Howard Street  
Port Huron, Michigan

★ **Registration:** \$15 per Bike  
\$5 Passenger

★ **Food** (included with registration)  
★ 50/50 Raffle  
★ Buy In - Poker Hand

**Benefits:**  
CAMP GRACE BENTLEY  
Special Needs Camp



**26TH ANNUAL  
BLESSING OF THE BIKERS  
MAY 3RD, 2026**



**HOME OF THE BLESSING**

Hog Roast: All you can eat \$5.00  
Charity Ride for Youth Haven Ranch  
Ride in Bike Show registered by 12:00  
50/50 and Prizes to be given away  
**NO PETS PLEASE**

 **CHURCH OF THE LIVING WORD** 1100 N. OVID RD  
OVID, MICHIGAN 989-834-5950

**WWW.COTLW.ORG**

**OGEMAW COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

PRESENTS

WEEKEND ENTRY WRISTBANDS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR AT THE GATE!

FIELD EVENTS & MORE

LIVE MUSIC

VENDORS



**BIKE BASH**  
JUNE 19-21, 2026

WEEKEND MUSIC LINE UP

**FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT**

**SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT**

**FRIDAY:**

- HOT PEPPER EATING CONTEST
- LOUD PIPE CONTEST
- AUDIO COMPETITION
- LIVE MUSIC AT NIGHT

**SATURDAY:**

- BLESSING OF THE BIKES
- BIKE SHOW
- FUZZY'S FIELD EVENTS
- LIVE MUSIC AT NIGHT

**PLUS!**

- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- TATTOO STATION
- TATTOO CONTEST
- MOTORCYCLE STUNT SHOWS
- OPEN MIC AND KARAOKE THURSDAY

**OGEMAW COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**  
2300 RIFLE RIVER TRAIL, WEST BRANCH, MI 48661  
**WWW.OGEMAWCOUNTYFAIR.ORG**

WATCH FOR TICKET AND CAMPING UPDATES!  
FOLLOW BIKE BASH ON FACEBOOK




● BLUE WATER EAGLE RIDERS 3702 ●

# MIKE HUTCHINSON MEMORIAL RUN



**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**SATURDAY** SIGN UP @ 10 AM  
**JUNE 20TH** KICKSTANDS UP @ NOON  
\$15 DRIVER - \$5 PASSENGER  
FOOD INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION

BUY IN POKER HAND AND 50/50

PROCEEDS BENEFIT  HUNTER HOSPITALITY HOUSE

**SCENIC RIDES  
LEAD YOU TO  
THE ALIBI**

- OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
- COZY OUTDOOR SEATING
- AMAZING HOMEMADE FOOD FROM LOCALLY FARMED SOURCED MEATS
- HAPPY HOUR 2PM - 5PM MONDAY - FRIDAY
- OWNED BY A MOTORCYCLIST AND DOG FRIENDLY!



**Our Menu!**

**THE ALIBI BAR & GRILL**  
1394 E. RIVERSIDE DR. | IONIA, MI 48846  
(616) 527-1810

# THE ONLY LAW FIRM EXCLUSIVELY REPRESENTING THE MICHIGAN MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 30 YEARS!



## BIKERS HELPING BIKERS



"LARRY AND HIS TEAM ARE TOP NOTCH. THEY ARE HONEST AND CAPABLE."  
— JAMES

WE SPECIALIZE IN MOTORCYCLE INJURY LAW.

### IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT

1. CALL THE POLICE TO REPORT THE ACCIDENT
2. IDENTIFY WITNESSES GET NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS
3. GIVE YOUR STATEMENT TO THE POLICE
4. SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION
5. NEVER GIVE STATEMENTS TO INSURANCE ADJUSTERS
6. CALL MICHIGAN BIKER LAW AT:

**1-800-MI-BIKER**

1-800-642-4537

24 HR. SUPPORT / 7 DAYS A WEEK  
NO RECOVERY = NO FEE

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE UNINSURED & UNDERINSURED ON YOUR MOTORCYCLE POLICY UNLIMITED MEDICAL COVERAGE ON YOUR AUTOMOBILE POLICY

**BIKERS, PROTECT YOURSELF, DON'T FALL VICTIM TO THE "FULL COVERAGE MYTH"**

CALL **1-800-MI-BIKER**

TO SPEAK WITH AN ATTORNEY ABOUT YOUR INSURANCE COVERAGE

WE OFFER THIS AS A COMPLIMENTARY SERVICE TO THE BIKER COMMUNITY



LARRY MAITLAND II - ATTORNEY AT LAW

**MICHIGANBIKER.COM**

