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- 6PM: MINI BIKE COURSE RACE - DAMM WHEELCLUB & OUTFRONT POWERSPORTS
- 6:30-9:30PM: NOSEY PARKER PERFORMING IN THE BEER TENT
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Saturday:

- 9AM: EVENTS STARTS - DOWNTOWN STREETS CLOSED FOR MOTORCYCLE PARKING ONLY
- 9AM: T-SHIRT & MERCH & SATURDAY RIDE REGISTRATION SALES
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- 6:30-9:30PM: DAZE OF GLORY PLAYING IN THE BEER TENT

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- 10AM-1PM: THUNDER ROADS OF MICHIGAN MOTORCYCLE BIKE SHOW REGISTRATION AT S. SAGINAW & 2ND ST.
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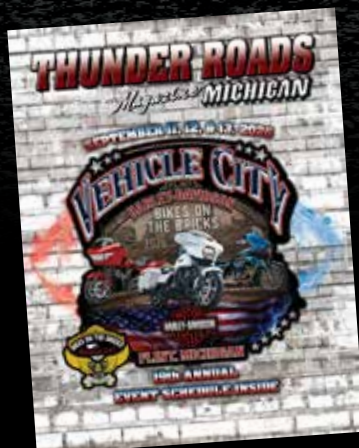
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LETTER FROM THE OWNERS

El Niño Bets and Sturgis Regrets

Maybe we're jumping the gun by bringing up an El Niño winter before the leaves have even thought about turning. But let's face it, as Michiganders, we are hardwired to be obsessive weather watchers. We just can't help it.

The whispers of a mild winter already have us playing that familiar game of Russian roulette with the riding season. Do we roll the dice, keep the bikes out, and try to bleed every last mile out of the year? Or do we swallow our pride, play it safe, and start winterizing on schedule? Trying to predict what the skies in this state are going to do is a fool's errand right now. Honestly, I wouldn't trade places with a late-night meteorologist for all the chrome in the world.

Speaking of weather that'll humble you real quick... hats off to everyone who battled through the hellish hail and torrential rains out in the Black Hills and made it home in one piece. Aly and I are still counting our blessings that we somehow dodged that kind of chaos on our first and only trip out there last year.

Even though we stayed back this time around, we were tracking the action. We read the posts from our die-hard Michigan friends who never miss the rally and watched the content creators hash out how this year stacked up against the glory days. We especially got a kick out of watching Jack over at Cycle Drag brush off the endless parade of internet haters and keyboard warriors like an absolute champ while keeping his coverage rolling. Drama aside, it sounds like everyone is confirming exactly what we felt on our maiden journey for the 85th: downtown Sturgis just isn't what it used to be. And from the reports rolling in, that *vibe* took an even harder nosedive this year.

The word on the street is that the real rally has officially moved out of the city limits and into the campgrounds. That makes perfect sense to us, but let's be honest, even the campground scene brings its own brand of headaches. The times are changing, and the landscape of the rally is shifting right along with them.

Keep your heads on a swivel out there, and let's ride this season out until the snow actually hits the pavement.

~RJ



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CHAPLAIN CHARLIES CORNER: WHEN THE LEAVES BEGIN TO TURN

BY CHAPLAIN CHARLIE

September is one of my favorite months to ride a motorcycle in Michigan.

The summer heat eases, the mornings cool, and the roads take on a different personality. You begin to notice a little yellow in the trees, some orange along the roadside, and before long the whole state starts changing right in front of us.

The leaves begin to turn.

For some riders, that first hint of fall can be a little depressing because we know what is coming. Riding season in Michigan has an expiration date. Nobody on two wheels looks at a perfect 70-degree September afternoon and says, "I sure wish January would hurry up and get here."

But those changing leaves remind me of something important.

Without change, there can be no growth.

Think about what happens to those trees every year. Spring brings new leaves. Summer makes them green. Then autumn comes, the colors change, and the leaves fall away. The tree can look almost lifeless.

But it isn't dead.

It is preparing for another season.

Life is a lot like that, and so is riding.

Any motorcyclist knows you cannot get very far if you are unwilling to change direction. Eventually the road curves. Sometimes it is a long, sweeping curve. Other times it sneaks up and demands your full attention.

You look through the curve, lean into it, trust the motorcycle underneath you, and keep moving forward.

Life does the same thing.

We like the straight roads when we can see what is ahead. We like life when the family is healthy, the bills are paid, the bike is running well, and everybody seems to be getting along.

Then the road bends.

A job changes. Children grow up. Someone we love passes away. Our health changes. Retirement comes. Friendships change. Plans we thought were certain suddenly are not.

Sometimes God is the One leading us into something new.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

There is a season for everything.

That is easy when we like the season we are in. It is harder when God moves us out of a comfortable place.

Motorcyclists may think of ourselves as adventurous people, but we can be creatures of habit too. We have our favorite roads, favorite lunch stops, favorite riding buddies, and somehow even a favorite parking spot at the Legion.

Try parking in another rider's usual spot sometime if you want to conduct a scientific experiment on how well bikers handle change.

But comfort does not always produce growth.

Sometimes God has to move us.

Romans 12:2 says, "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Transformed means changed.

God does not call us to follow Christ and then stay exactly where we were. Following requires movement, and movement means the scenery eventually changes.

One of the great things about riding in Michigan during September is watching that change happen mile by mile. You can leave home among green trees, ride north, and suddenly find yourself surrounded by reds, oranges, and yellows.

The beauty comes because the leaves are changing.

Some of the most beautiful scenery God gives us every year exists because something is letting go of what it used to be.

Maybe there is a lesson in that for us.

Sometimes we hold onto things because they are familiar, not because they are still good for us.

Old anger. Old regrets. Old grudges. Old habits. Maybe even an old version of ourselves that God has been trying to change for years.

There are times when growth requires letting something go.

A motorcycle rider understands that you cannot spend the whole ride staring into the rearview mirrors. The mirrors are important. They tell you where you have been and what is behind you.

But they are not where you are going.

Your eyes belong mostly on the road ahead.

The same is true spiritually. We should learn from the past, but we cannot live there.

September also reminds me to appreciate the season I am in right now.

There are still miles to ride.

Still friends to meet for breakfast.

Still Michigan backroads to explore.

Still sunsets to chase home.

Still opportunities to help somebody, encourage somebody, forgive somebody, or simply pull alongside another rider who needs to know he is not riding alone.

Maybe there is a change happening in your life right now that you did not ask for.

Maybe God is opening a new road. Maybe He is closing an old one. Maybe you cannot see where the next curve leads.

That is where faith comes in.

Hebrews 13:8 reminds us, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

The road changes.

The seasons change.

We change.

God does not.

That gives us something solid to hold onto when everything else seems uncertain.

So this September, when you climb on the motorcycle and start seeing those first leaves turning along Michigan's roads, do not just think about summer ending.

Think about what comes next.

Think about growth.

Think about what God may be changing in your life.

And remember, the tree that lets go of its leaves has not given up.

It is getting ready for another season.

So, ride the road in front of you. Lean into the curves. Trust God when the scenery changes and never be afraid of growing into whatever He is calling you to become.

Until next month, brothers and sisters ride safe, enjoy these beautiful Michigan roads, and remember: sometimes the most beautiful part of the journey begins when the leaves start to turn.



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It is a brotherhood & sisterhood in motion. To some, it may simply look like a motorcycle ride. But we know it is so much more.

Every rider carries a story. Some stories are filled with memories we proudly share. Others are memories we keep buried deep inside. We have lost friends. We have witnessed things that changed us. We have returned home carrying wounds that cannot always be seen.

But one thing remains unchanged: We never stop being there for one another.

Our military service taught us the importance of having each other's backs. That responsibility didn't end when we left the service. It simply took on a different meaning.

Today, we serve by helping veterans who need a hand. We need to check on the brother or sister who has become quiet. We need to make a phone call. We need to listen without judgment. We need to show up when someone needs us. We need to honor our fallen and support the families they left behind.

Sometimes, the most important thing we can give another veteran is five simple words:

"Brother or Sister, you're not alone."

That message carries even deeper meaning as we reflect on the **25th anniversary of September 11, 2001**. A day that changed our nation forever. A day when ordinary Americans became heroes. The day when first responders, service members, and civilians ran toward danger when others were running away.

We remember the lives lost. We remember the courage shown in the face of unimaginable tragedy. And we remember how, in the days that followed, our country stood together as one. For many of us, 9/11 was the moment that called us to serve—or the moment that reminded us why we serve. It shaped a generation of veterans who answered the call in the years that followed, carrying forward the spirit of sacrifice, duty, and unity.

As we honor this 25-year milestone, we also honor the promise that came from it: **We will never Forget.**

That is the strength of the Michigan veteran motorcycle community. It isn't about the size of the bike, the miles we ride, or the patch on our back. It's about the people beside

us and the commitment we share.

When we ride together, we carry more than ourselves. We carry the memory of those who never made it home. We carry the pride of those who served before us. We carry the legacy of 9/11 and all who answered the call that followed. And we carry the responsibility to make sure today's veterans know that their service mattered and that they still have a family standing beside them.

So, as we ride Michigan's Thunder Roads, let's continue to look beyond the handlebars. Look around. Know your brothers and sisters. Check on one another. Reach out when someone is struggling. Celebrate the good days and stand together through the hard ones.

The mission may have changed, but the brotherhood and sisterhood never will.

A Personal Message to My Brothers and Sisters in Arms

To every veteran reading this: I want you to know that I am proud to ride beside you.

We may have served in different branches, wore different uniforms, traveled different roads, and carried different experiences—but we share something that cannot be taken away: we answered the call to serve.

As we mark 25 years since September 11th, I ask that we also take a moment to remember why we continue to stand together today. We are part of a legacy built on sacrifice, resilience, and unity. It is a legacy we must never take for granted.

I will always believe that no veteran should ever feel forgotten, abandoned, or alone.

If you need someone, reach out. If you see someone who needs help, don't wait for them to ask. Be the brother or sister. Be the person who shows up.

We have spent our lives taking care of each other. **Let's keep doing it.**

Keep riding. Keep serving. Keep remembering. And above all, never leave a veteran behind. **Veterans taking care of Veterans.**



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FEW FACTS

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

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- If you spend \$10 or more at any Ride Stop, your Ride Card number gets counted twice! Please note: This contest is FREE because of our amazing Sponsors. Please support them in return.
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 - Plus, more grand prizes to be announced!

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3. Ride to any of the Ride n' Win stops and use your smartphone and check in!
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2026 MICHIGAN RIDE N' WIN CONTEST SEPTEMBER 2026 STOPS MAP



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Each month check-in at any of these stops (up to 1 time per week) and you could win the monthly prize at that location. Don't have a Ride card? Sign-up for a **FREE** Ride Card at any of the stops listed below with a Ride Card next to it.

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

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

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1983	Addictive Ink Tattoo	1307	Michigan Biker Law
TBD	Bald Eagle Harley- Davidson	0619	Northern Leather (D&K Bar and Grill)
0795	Beeter's Brew Pub	0803	Rathskeller Food & Spirits
0768	Break Shot Bar and Grill	1063	Saginaw Old Town Junction
0958	Bubba's Tri-City Cycle's	1410	Shotmakers Sports B&G
1063	Byce's Michihistrigan	0516	Sporty's Wing Shack & Smoke House
0773	Cheers Pub Lapeer	0772	Steel Horse Ranch
0531	Colwood Bar	0795	The Post Bar & Restaurant
TBD	Full House Diner	1200	The Bank Colwood
0719	Gas Alley Bar & Grille	0995	Traction Powersports
1409	Gordie's Bar	1405	Twisted Illusions Lighting
1400	H & B Cycles	1494	US Route 23
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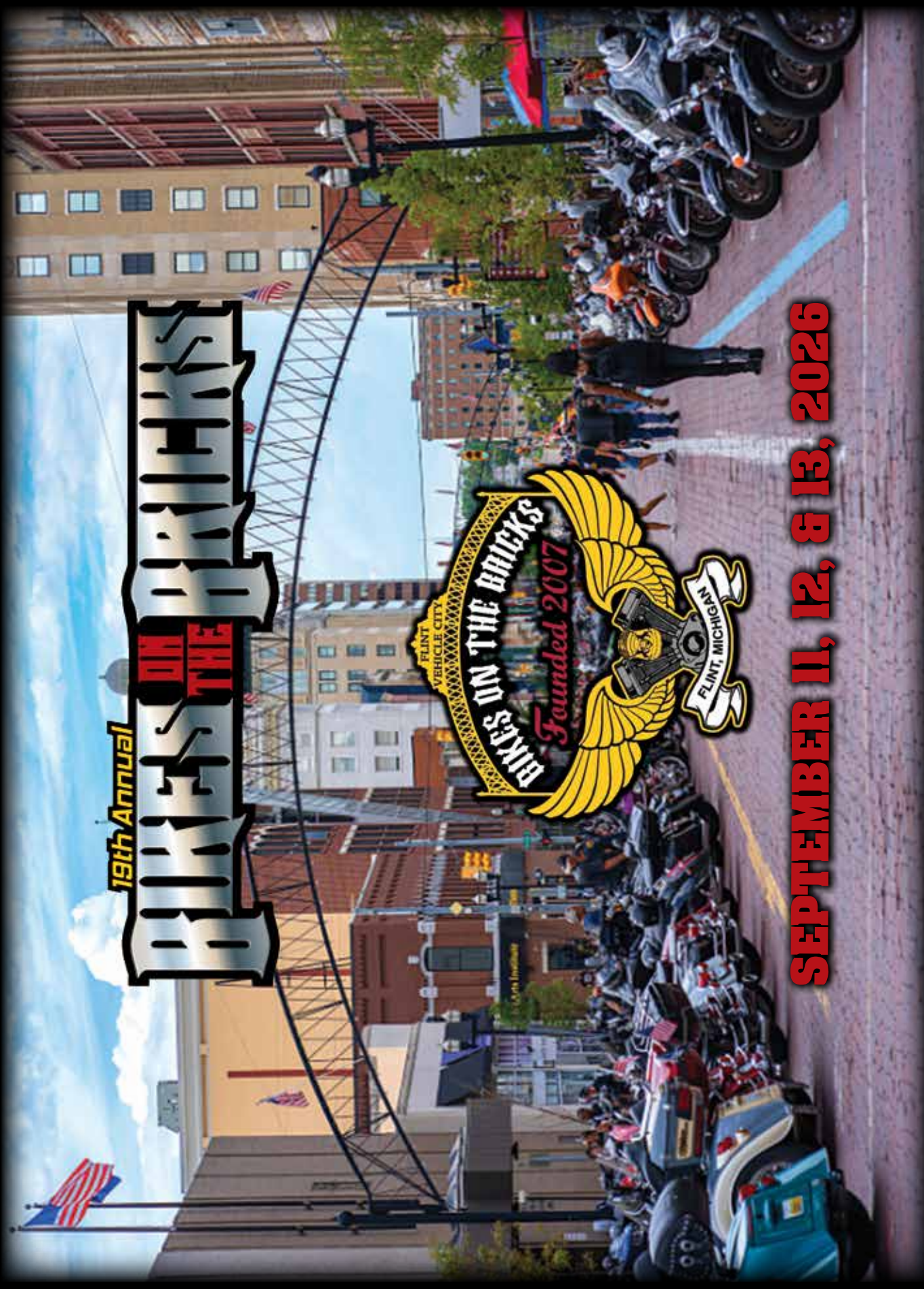
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SEPTEMBER 2026

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6 22ND ANNUAL FREEDOM FEST IRON HORSE BAR & GRILL	7 LABOR DAY	8	9	10	11 BIKES ON THE BRICKS DOWNTOWN FLINT, MI THUNDER ROADS MICHIGAN 2026 BIKE NIGHTS PATRIOTS DAY	12 BIKES ON THE BRICKS DOWNTOWN FLINT, MI HOT RODS M/C AWARDS & SUICIDE PREVENTION FOUNDATION 6TH ANNUAL CAR & BIKE SHOW
13 BIKES ON THE BRICKS DOWNTOWN FLINT, MI	14	15	16	17	18	19 BLUE WATER EAGLE RIDERS #3702 GAME DAY CLEAR THE COOLER THE BANK COLDWOOD MICHIGAN OPERATION: IRON THUNDER RIDE WITH PURPOSE
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 4TH ANNUAL RUN WHAT YA BRUNG POKER RUN! MORGAN'S PLACE
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IN REMEMBRANCE OF SAMUAL WAYNE JANNI



Samuel Wayne Janni
1948 - 2026



It was an honor to be asked, through a mutual friend, to speak with Jan Janni about her late husband, Samuel Wayne Janni, affectionately known to many as “*Sambo*.” What began as an unfamiliar phone call quickly became a conversation about a man whose life was built around family, hard work, friendships, and the simple things that brought him happiness.

Sam was born September 10, 1948, and spent much of his life in Saginaw, Michigan. He and Jan shared 37 years of marriage. When asked about their time together, Jan chuckled and recalled how Sam would say it: “*37 years—but who’s counting?*” That little bit of humor offers a glimpse of the personality behind the name.

Sam was a hard worker who took pride in whatever job he was doing. He worked as a automobile mechanic at McDonald’s and later worked at Draper’s, performing new-car preparation and oil changes before eventually retiring. He genuinely enjoyed working on cars and was the kind of guy who wasn’t afraid to get his hands dirty. Whether it was his own project or someone else needed a hand, Sam was willing to help.

But work was only one part of Sam’s story.

A proud Vietnam veteran, Sam served his country in the United States Army from 1967 to 1970, serving as a combat engineer during the Vietnam War. His military service remained an important part of who he was throughout his life. Those who knew him would often recognize him by his Vietnam Veteran hat, and he was rarely seen without his eagle necklace.

Sam carried a tough, sometimes gruff exterior, but Jan made it clear that beneath that was a big-hearted man who cared deeply about the people in his life.

He was happiest outdoors, working on something in the garage, riding his Harley, or heading into the woods. Hunting was one of his greatest passions, and he especially

enjoyed the trips north to spend time with friends. One of those friends lived off the grid, giving Sam the chance to get away from everything and enjoy the outdoors the way he loved.

After waiting for years and hoping his name would finally be selected, Sam was thrilled when he was awarded a bear hunting permit. Getting that bear shortly before his passing made the experience even more meaningful, a longtime dream finally realized.

Motorcycles were another important part of Sam’s life. He was a proud Harley-Davidson enthusiast who enjoyed riding his Sportster, attending swap meets and looking for those things that others might overlook but that he knew had value. He also had a longtime dream of making it to Sturgis, something he was finally able to accomplish with his brother, Jim. For Sam, it wasn’t necessarily about the destination. It was about the experience, the ride and the people he shared it with.

And then there was the garage.

For Sam, the garage wasn’t simply a place to work on things. It was a gathering place. With a TV, music and karaoke, it became a place where family and friends could gather, laugh, sing, tell stories and occasionally just get a little carried away. Those are often the moments that don’t seem particularly important while they’re happening but become some of the most treasured memories later.

Family was at the center of Sam’s life.

Jan described him simply as a family person, and perhaps that says more about him than anything else. Sam stayed connected with the people he loved in his own way. Sometimes that meant sending funny Facebook reels to family members—even if he wasn’t always sure whether they had actually received them. It was a small thing, but it was Sam’s way of saying, *I’m thinking about you*.



Of all the titles Sam carried throughout his life, “*Papa*” was one of his favorites.

He adored his grandchildren and treasured the time he spent with them. His relationship with Colton and Maci was especially close. He made it a point to be there for them, including showing up for their sporting events and cheering them on—even when Michigan weather made sitting in the stands a test of dedication.

For Sam, showing up mattered.

Whether it was for a family gathering, a grandchild’s game, a friend who needed help, a hunting trip, a ride on his Harley or an evening around the garage, Sam found his happiness in being part of the lives of the people around him.

Sam passed away on June 18, 2026, at the age of 77. But the things that made up his life didn’t disappear with him.

They remain in the stories told by his wife of 37 years, his children and grandchildren, his brother, and the friends who considered one another more like family. They remain in the garage, in the woods, on the motorcycle, at the sporting events, and in all those little everyday moments that now mean so much more.

This remembrance came together because a friend, Bill, cared enough to make sure Sam’s story was preserved. Bill knew Sam, respected his service and wanted his friend to be remembered not simply by a name and a date, but by the life he lived and the people who loved him.

And perhaps that is the best way to remember someone like Sam.

The rides. The hunting trips. The garage gatherings. The laughter. The hard work. The stories. The friendships that became brotherhood. And most of all, the family.

Sam was a husband, father, grandfather, brother, veteran, friend, mechanic, outdoorsman and Harley rider. But to those who knew him best, he was simply *Sambo*.

And he will be missed, remembered and loved for a very long time.

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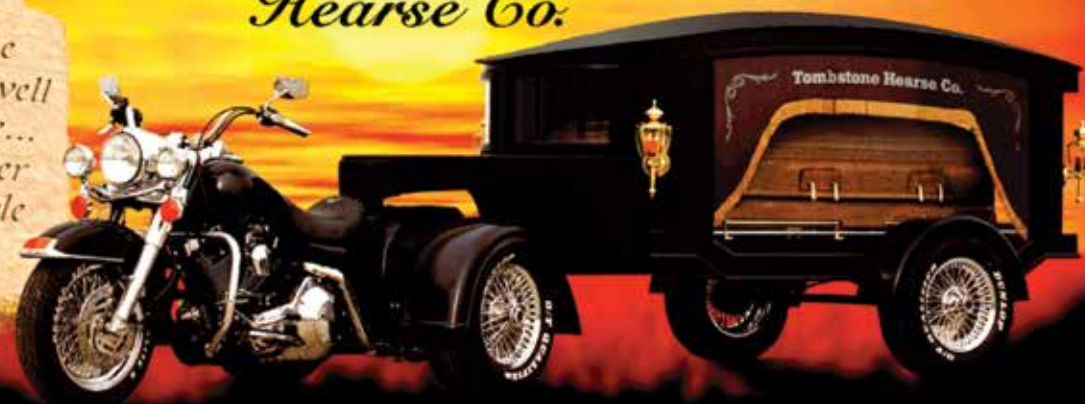
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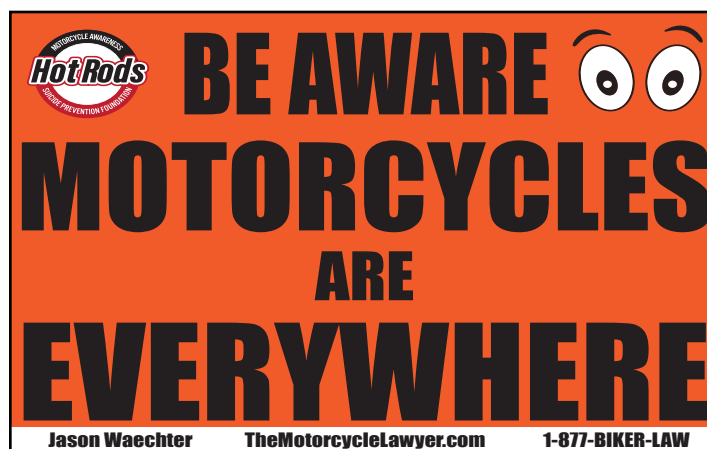
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Busy, busy, Busy! It's the time of year when we get our donations from our Car & Bike Show, which is our biggest fundraising event of the year. This helps support our local communities, organizations that support suicide prevention and motorcycle awareness efforts.

We just got back from West Branch, and it was exactly what many of us needed—a chance to get together and enjoy each other's company. One afternoon, we took a ride over to Tawas, where our members Deborah and Brian Creque invited everyone to their home for dinner. What an enjoyable ride, a wonderful meal, and a great chance to meet their Aunt Pat and Uncle Joe. Thank you! It just doesn't get any better than that.

Tonight we are going to the Adrian Car Show at the Lenawee County Fairgrounds which has an awesome display of cars and trucks, great vendors, entertainment and a wonderful community. Thanks for letting us sell tickets for our golf cart and trailer.

Next on our agenda is the Camp Liberty Ride for Veterans on August 22nd, a 100-mile ride. Then, on August 23rd, we have the annual Operating Engineers 324 police-escorted ride from Detroit to Howell, which supports their retirees.

If you get the chance to come out and support us for our 6th Annual Car & Bike Show on September 12th in Milan, it would be awesome. As bikers, we may not always get the respect we deserve, but we continue to support our community because that is what we are all about. We have lots of things planned for our show: so many raffle items that it will blow your mind, great food vendors, vintage cars and trucks, motorcycles, a 25-year 9/11 remembrance with the Color Guard, enjoyable entertainment, awareness information, and great people. Who could ask for anything more on a Saturday? Please come out and help us make this event a success. We appreciate your support.

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Whenever I hear about a new disease, I Google it to see if I have any symptoms. When I get to the "Unexplained weight loss" part, I know I'm safe.

Just read the back window of the car in front of me at red light that read:

I'm Going To Collage!

I thought, that's really good. Not enough people still do Collage these days. Good hobby.

Some people meditate or work out in the morning I stand in the kitchen holding my mug of coffee and staring out the window like a confused raccoon.

Life has so many different approaches.

Due to financial reasons, I've decided to start posting adult content.

Today's Topics:

Heartburn, Lower Back Pain and where in the hell did I put my keys?

I just grilled a chicken for 2 hours and the tough ass bird STILL wouldn't tell me why it crossed the damn road!

Read the vowels in CELINE DION out loud, ok, you're welcome, carry on.

Did parents really just let their kids wander the hood all day with no cellphone and say; Be back home before dark and I mean it too! Yes! they did and it literally worked like magic. Good training for future negotiations.

Shout Out! to everyone who takes the back off the remote control and rolls the batteries around instead of just replacing them. HOPE springs eternal, love the positivity!

I recently came into a large amount of money ... Which is probably why I got fired from the bank.

It's STILL hot outsideKeep your dang pumpkin spice away from my margarita!

Some smart-ass jerk gets pulled over in his Ferrari for speeding thru a cross walk for kids school. He quickly yells at the Cop already writing his ticket, "Do you have any idea who my father is?"

Was out at Tractor Supply and this guy behind me was talking to me as I was checking out and he asked me "what should I do with my leftover bacon?" I looked him straight in the eyes and said, "To be honest with ya' sir, I've never heard of such a thing."

Wanna know a secret on how to make a woman go: mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm all night long? 2 words duct tape

Me: Babe, bring me a screwdriver would ya' Wife: Flat Head, Phillips or Vodka?

And that my friends is when you know for a fact that She is the one!

Saying "shark-infested waters" is like saying, "human-infested houses." I mean, they live there man, that's just rude.

People by calling me up asking "wyd?" at 2 a.m. and ima like Yeah, ima outside just hanging out with the Avengers.

When you throw the trash out, do you go outside later and check on how it's doing? NO! You do not SO! Stop talking to your ex!

One thing I know for sure - You can't drink all day without starting early in the morning -

I quit smoking so now, I am always at work and thinking, Man, I could really use a candy cigarette break right about now.

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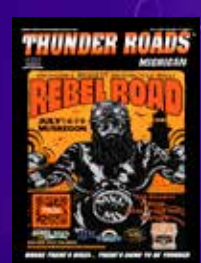


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