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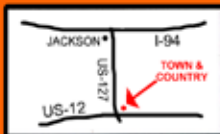
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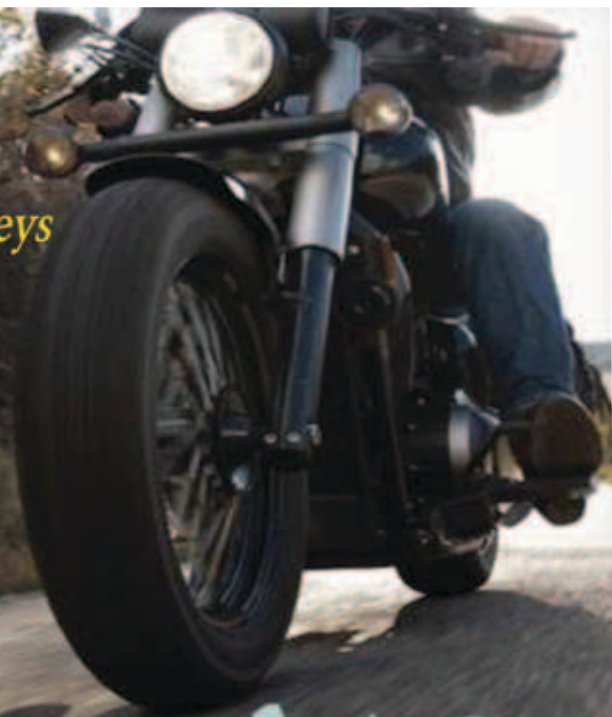


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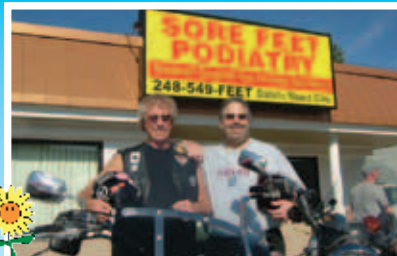


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Happy Birthday America!

You say it's your birthday... it's my birthday too! I love birthdays, holidays and any other reason to celebrate or just have a day off from the everyday grind. So Happy Birthday to anyone else born on the 4th of July. I hope you spend yours celebrating with good friends, family and loved ones doing something fun. Speaking of something fun... Have you picked up your FREE Michigan Ride Card yet? If you ride a motorcycle or ride on the back of one (or like my mom with a sidecar) ride next to one... get out and ride and go get your FREE Ride Card! It's very easy to do. First, check out in this issue the list of stops for July and then look for one that says Registration by it. These are the stops that have the Michigan Ride Cards. Once you get your card go to any or all of the stops listed each month and show them you Ride Card and check-in. Visit as many or as few stops as you would like, but the more you ride, the more opportunities you will have to win! We have A LOT of cool prizes that both our sponsors and stops will be giving away EACH MONTH! So read more in this issue all about it and GET OUT & RIDE!

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Now for some "Mo" Advice:

Somewhere over the rainbow may not be all that far away. What your mind can conceive it can achieve. Make a list of all the things in your life you would like to have whether it be love, health, wealth or all of those. Be grateful first for what you have and believe that you will also receive what you need.



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READERS RIDES

Mike Gustafson "Gus"



By Gary Bredeweg

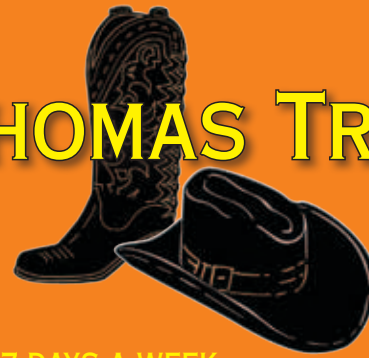
Gus's passion for motorcycles began at the young age of 14, he not only enjoyed the opportunities to get out there and ride but also the down times when he could do some wrenching. In 1968, Gus was drafted to the army and 4 months later was sent off to Vietnam. After being gone for 20 months, in February of 1970 Gus returned to Arizona to capture his passion for the motorcycle industry.

For his first few years back in the states he spent some time in different manufacturing plants as an inspector before moving on to being a machinist, which got him closer to where he was looking to go. In 1980, Gus had gotten the break he was looking for, the chance to get into a motorcycle shop. Pat Kelly owner of "Kelley's Harley Davidson" located in Grand Rapids, had given him the job that he was hoping to land, the head service tech position. In the 20 years he had spent at the dealership Gus spent 15 of those years building and racing nitro drag bikes that he was not only the driver of, but also one of the mechanics.

I have had the chance to spend some time with Gus over the past few years and to see just some of his accomplishments; still today Gus has huge amounts of passion for bikes. With his small shop nestled in the woods just outside of Newaygo, Gus continues to repair, fix and build bikes not only for his customers but himself. As we take a glance at this incredible completely restored 1976 FLH only one of his bikes that is in his collection.



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1. When was the motorcycle's layout established?

- a. 1904
- b. 1914
- c. 1934

2. The rotational force of the crankshaft is transmitted to:

- a. the engine
- b. the front wheel
- c. the rear wheel

3. Which of the following is NOT one of the three ways used to classify a motorcycle engine?

- a. The number of cylinders
- b. The number of strokes in its power cycle
- c. The size of the camshaft

4. In 1917, who bought roughly one-third of all the Harley-Davidson motorcycles produced?

- a. Hell's Angels
- b. The U.S. Military
- c. The Salvation Army

5. Which of the following is NOT one of the three basic ways to transmit engine power to the motorcycle's rear wheel?

- a. Chain
- b. Belt
- c. Waterjet

6. Unwanted motion in the rear of the motorcycle is called:

- a. Gear shaking
- b. Shaft jacking
- c. Clutch clunking

7. The frame, suspension, wheels and brakes comprise the motorcycle's:

- a. Body
- b. Channel
- c. Chassis

8. What allows motorcycles to use tubeless tires now?

- a. Cast wheels
- b. Pneumatic tires
- c. Steel rims

9. What do riders use to activate a motorcycle's brakes?

- a. Hand levers
- b. Foot pedals
- c. Both A & B

10. Which of the following types of motorcycles aren't street-legal?

- a. "naked bikes"
- b. Off-road bikes
- c. Sport bikes

ANSWERS

1. **(B). 1914**- The layout of the modern motorcycle has remained relatively unchanged since it was established in 1914.
2. **(C). The Rear Wheel** Rotational force created by the crankshaft is transmitted to the motorcycle's rear wheel via the transmission.
3. **(C). The size of the camshaft** Motorcycle engines are generally classified by the number of cylinders they have, the capacity of their combustion chambers or the number of strokes in their power cycles.
4. **(B). The U.S. Military** during World War I, American and European armies used motorcycles extensively. In 1917, the U.S. military bought nearly one-third of all Harley-Davidson motorcycles produced; in 1918, that figure rose to 50 percent.
5. **(C). Waterjet**- A chain, belt or shaft is used to transmit engine power to a motorcycle's rear wheel.
6. **(B). Shaft Jacking**- Heavy shaft drives sometimes cause unwanted motion, called shaft jacking, in the motorcycle's rear.
7. **(C). Chassis**- A motorcycle chassis includes the frame, suspension, wheels and brakes.
8. **(A). Cast Wheels**- Cast wheels allow the bikes to use tubeless tires, which, unlike traditional pneumatic tires, don't have an inner tube to hold the compressed air. Instead, the air is held between the rim and the tire, relying on a seal to maintain the internal air pressure.
9. **(C). Both hand levers & foot pedals**- Riders engage the front brake with a hand lever on the right grip and the rear brake with the right foot pedal.
10. **(B). Off-road bikes**- since they don't come standard with lights, mirrors, horns or mufflers, off-road bikes aren't street-legal.

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VETERANS CORNER



VA Medical Treatment of Veterans

It seems lately there are some concerns about how some of the VA locations are providing medical care for veterans.

KKCO in Grand Junction, Colorado ran a story detailing the plight of two veterans. One bluntly said the VA's lack of urgency cost him his leg.

Larry Wilkinson said a VA doctor never called him with the test results of a foot infection and after two months of no news, he had to have his leg amputated.

"I feel the VA owes me a leg," Wilkinson said.

Another VA patient, Richard Worsley, said when he was showing symptoms of a heart attack, he was taken to St. Mary's even though he wanted to go to the VA Medical Center. He then received a bill for more than \$8,000.

68 Years to Get VA Benefits

89-year-old Milton Rackham, of Belding, Mich., lived for decades without any benefits because the VA told him his records were lost in a fire in Missouri, the World War II veteran and Purple Heart recipient told FoxNews.com.

"They always said, 'we can't help you,'" recalled Rackham, a former engine mechanic with the U.S. Navy who suffered injuries during the war and later struggled to find work.

"It made me feel like I was worthless," he said.

In 2011, Rackham's friend, Myrl Thompson, began writing about Rackham's war stories, and arranged meetings between the veteran and VA officials over the benefits he allegedly never received. Roughly two months ago, Rackham claims he started receiving \$822 a month from the VA as well as \$7,000 in back-pay.

Perhaps more alarming is the allegation by Rackham that the VA had no new information on his record to prompt the payments some 68 years after he left the Navy.

"What drove me crazy was that they had the same information in 2008 and they denied me," he told FoxNews.com. "That's what blows me out of the water. Ever since 1974, when I first asked for benefits, they've had the same information."

Rackham also indicated that he was advised by friends to appeal the \$822 and the \$7,000, which amounts to 10 months in back pay, but he opted not to, saying, "I won't live long enough to go through the VA process one more time."

Kids' penny drive helps Marine vet get service dog

Penny by penny, children at a suburban Detroit Musson Elementary School have raised \$4,500 to help a Marine Corps combat veteran get a new service dog.

Eric Calley of Lansing has Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and lost his service dog Liberty to cancer in January.

Calley spoke at a school assembly Thursday, thanking the children for their help. Calley says he's "humbled that the elementary school raised that much money" to help him with his issues. He says that "service dogs ... do something that's so great for ... veterans and servicemen and women."

Tool can plug gunshot wounds in seconds

You can find many things in Williams-Sonoma, the kitchenware retailer, cookie sheets, and spatulas. And, oh yeah, an idea for treating gunshot wounds. At least, that's what RevMedx found.

The U.S. military had asked the medical technology company to come up with a solution for stopping gunshot and shrapnel wounds from bleeding out. The working idea was a medical version of Fix-a-Flat, the foam you squirt in punctured tires to plug up a hole. (Perhaps the military had been browsing at Pep Boys.)

Instead, it was a sponge that solved the problem, says Andrew Barofsky, RevMedx's CEO.

"One of the co-founders of the company was shopping at a Williams-Sonoma and discovered this kitchen sponge that was dried and compressed. You'd bring it home, splash water under it, and it would pop up into a normal-sized kitchen sponge," he recalls. "That was kind of a light bulb moment."

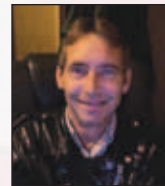
The concept was turned into XStat, a dose of tiny sponge-like discs that are injected into an open wound with a syringe. The sponges, which have been treated with an anti-hemorrhagic substance, expand to 10 times their size in seconds, both plugging the wound and providing needed compression to stanch the bleeding.

It could be a revolutionary battlefield tool, says John Steinbaugh, a former Special Forces medic and the company's director of strategic development.

Packing wounds with gauze or tampons and then applying direct pressure for several minutes can take several minutes too long, he says. Bleeding out is a major cause of fatalities. "Three to five minutes can mean the difference between life and death," he says.

Medics are looking for something that "you fire and forget," he says. "You put it in and the bleeding instantly stops." XStat received FDA approval in April, and RevMedx is now ready to get it into the hands of medics.

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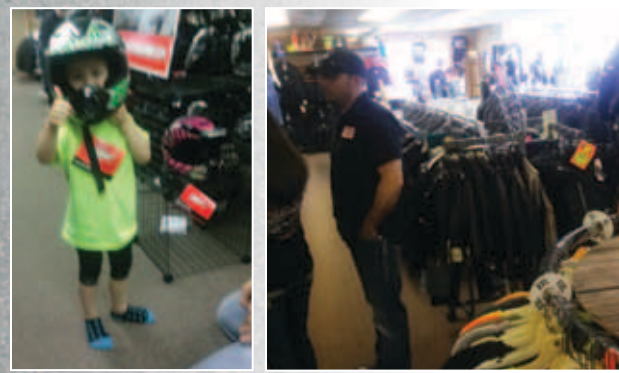
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A Sturgis Blessing



By Dale Terry

May 10th was a great day for a motorcycle blessing. Myself and two others headed to Retail Warehouse at 1640 S. Centerville road in Sturgis Michigan where H.I.M. C/M association was holding their 1st Annual Bike Blessing. All 85-90 bikes were blessed. Before the benefit ride we all shopped inside for all the latest leather goods. The employees were surely helpful with all the questions we had. We were all truly blessed that day.



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Women's Motorcycle Month

As most readers know by now, July is Women's Motorcycle Month. Across the United States, motorcycling is growing in popularity among men and women of all ages. According to a recent Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) survey, women now account for about twelve percent of motorcycle owners in the United States. Most riders have noticed a definite shift as women have moved from the back to the front of the bike, especially over the last ten years.

Here in Michigan, the number of women with a CY endorsement on their driver's license jumped from 54,084 in 2008 to over 67,539 in 2013, an increase of 13,455 riders. Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, who is actively involved in promoting motorcycle awareness and safety, was one of the first women in Oakland County to get her Michigan CY endorsement.

Women who ride seem to take safety seriously. More women are taking and completing motorcycle safety training courses, and in response to the increase in demand, many certified Rider Training Programs are offering "women only" classes. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) reported that of the 4,667 motorcyclists who died in crashes in 2012, 419 were women, or about nine percent. Of this group, 285 of these were riding as passengers. In total, women riders (non-passengers) represented less than three percent of the motorcyclist fatalities in 2012. Obviously, the ideal would be zero motorcyclist fatalities, and both men and women who ride need to keep fighting to promote motorcycle awareness and safety on our roads.

In the past, customization was often the best option for women motorcyclists shopping in a "man's world", but that is no longer the case. Manufacturers are sitting up and taking notice of the sharp increase in women riders: protective gear, clothing, helmets, and even bikes are now being specifically designed to meet the needs of the female market. Harley Davidson® is a great example of a company that is working to attract the increasing number of female riders. Harley recently released two new motorcycles designed to appeal to women riders. A large portion of its website is dedicated to women, providing a wealth of information for female riders including tips for choosing a motorcycle and links to motorcycle safety courses. Women motorcyclists are encouraged to share their stories, and there are a number of inspiring testimonials from real women who ride. Harley has also created Garage Party, a hands-on event hosted by local dealerships, where women can come together to learn about motorcycling and view some of Harley's products and services.

While the availability of gear and even bikes designed with female riders in mind is a bonus, motorcycling isn't just about the "stuff". For most bikers, riding a motorcycle is about freedom and stress relief. Grabbing the handlebars is a way of taking control, and it appears most women riders feel the same way. Last year, Harley Davidson commissioned a study that found overall, women who ride feel happier, sexier, and more confident than women who don't. The study also showed that female motorcyclists had better communication with their significant others, as well as more physical intimacy. In terms of stress relief, women riders who participated in Harley's study reported feeling less stressed after they started riding.

From where I sit, I think the increase in ridership among women is a good thing for all motorcyclists. More bikers can only help motorcycling technology evolve, which has the potential to help increase road safety for all of us. Also, the more motorcycles car and truck drivers encounter, the more likely they are to really "see" us in intersections and in their blind spots. With high-profile role models like Secretary of State Johnson, and manufacturers catering specifically to women who ride, I hope to see this trend continue over the next decade and beyond.

Attorney Jason A. Waechter is a Michigan attorney specializing in the areas of motorcycle and motor vehicle injury litigation as well as Michigan's Motor Vehicle No - Fault Law. Mr. Waechter has collected millions of dollars in settlements, awards and verdicts for his motorcycle clients over the past 20 years. A portion of each case settled goes to educational resources for bikers, funds to help bikers while their cases are being litigated and our motorcycle accident prevention campaign.

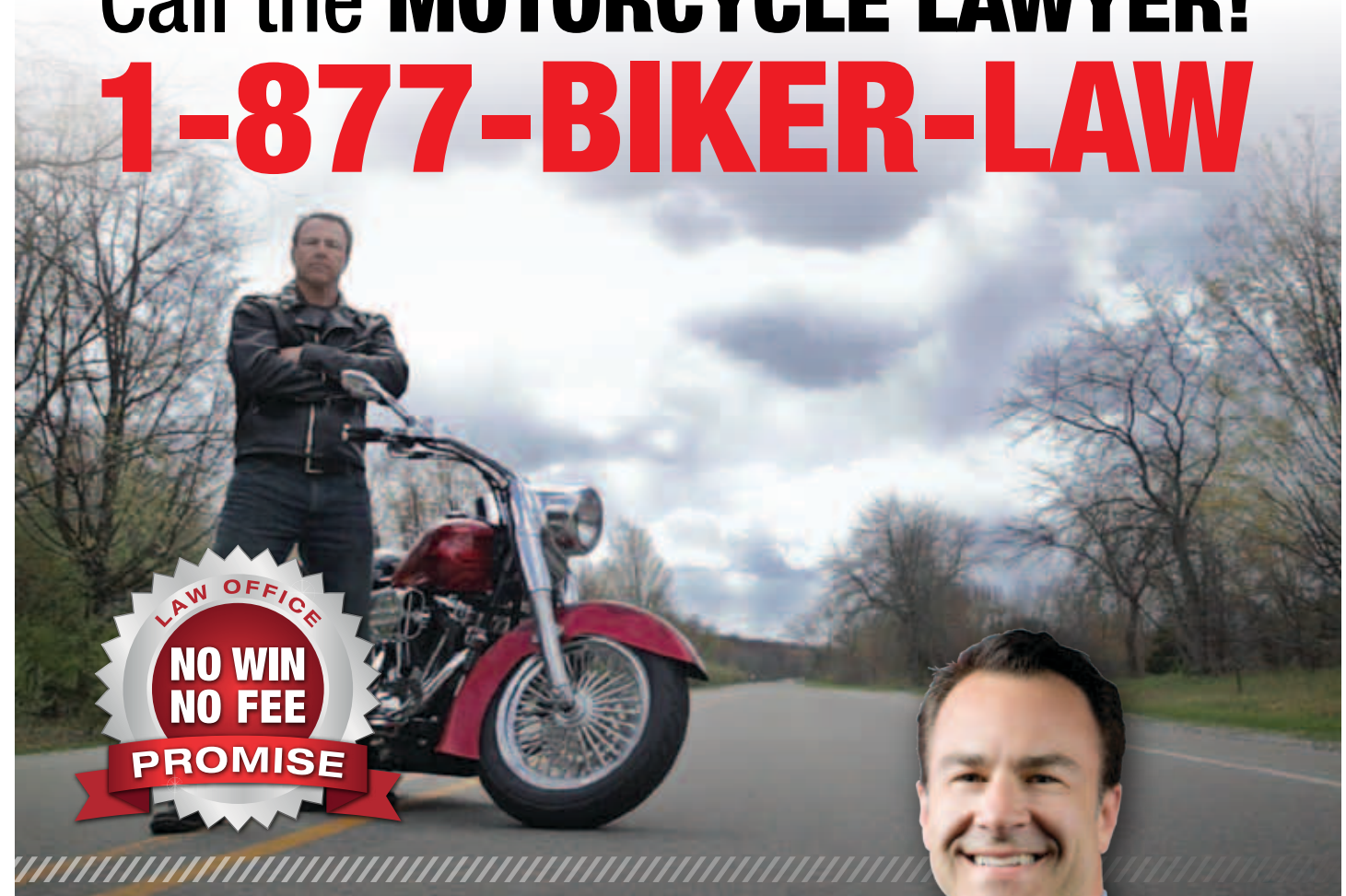


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I was banging this nice lady on her kitchen table when we heard the front door open. She said, "It's my husband! Quick, try the back door!" Thinking back, I really should have ran, but you don't get offers like that every day.

Due to the current financial situation caused by the slowdown in the economy, the Government has decided to implement a scheme to put workers of 60 years of age and above on early, mandatory retirement, thus creating jobs and reducing unemployment.

This scheme will be known as RAPE (Retire Aged People Early).

Persons selected to be RAPED can apply to the Government to be considered for the SHAFT program (Special Help After Forced Termination).

Persons who have been RAPED and SHAFTEd will be reviewed under the SCREW program (System Covering Retired-Early Workers).

A person may be RAPED once, SHAFTEd twice and SCREWED as many times as the Government deems appropriate.

Persons who have been RAPED could get AIDS (Additional Income for Dependents & Spouse) or HERPES (Half Earnings for Retired Personnel Early Severance).

Obviously persons who have AIDS or HERPES will not be SHAFTEd or SCREWED any further by the Government.

Persons who are not RAPED and are staying on will receive as much SHIT (Special High Intensity Training) as possible. The Government has always prided themselves on the amount of SHIT they give our citizens.

Should you feel that you do not receive enough SHIT, please bring this to the attention of your MP, who has been trained to give you all the SHIT you can handle.

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P.S. - Due to recent budget cuts and the rising cost of electricity, gas and oil, as well as current market conditions; The Light at the End of the Tunnel has now officially been turned off.

Ever wonder what a man's ultimate embarrassment might be? I'd have to say it would be running into a brick wall with a good stiff erection.....and breaking his nose.

And turn-about is fair play...A woman's would have to be standing on the scales and literally having to reach down and separate her sagging boobs, just so she can read the numbers.

WHY don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'

WHY? do people order bacon double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a Diet Coke.

WHY? do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

WHY? do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

WHY? do they make hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

WHY do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

WHY are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

WHY didn't Noah swat those two f'in mosquitoes?

At breakfast, the husband says to his wife
 "What would you do if I won the Lotto?"
 "I'd take half of it and leave you" she says!
 "Great" he says.
 "I won \$12 bucks yesterday. Here's \$6. Stay in touch".

A guy is watching a film with creepy organ music on the TV and suddenly yells, "No! No! Don't enter that church, you damn fool."
 His wife asks him, "What in the hell are you watching?"
 Husband replies, "Oh, just our wedding video."

I saw a fortune teller the other day. She told me I would come into some money very soon. Last night I "hooked-up" with a girl called Penny. Is that spooky or what?

Brinkley gets this text from his brother, Oxley, recently. It read. "Can I stay at your house for a few days, all the acceptable hotels are booked? "Lambkins" kicked me out after she caught me measuring my penis. For what it's worth, it reaches all the way to the back of her sister's throat!" Just sayin', bro'.

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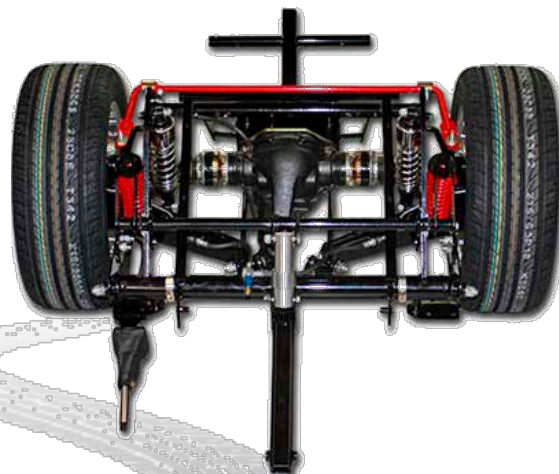
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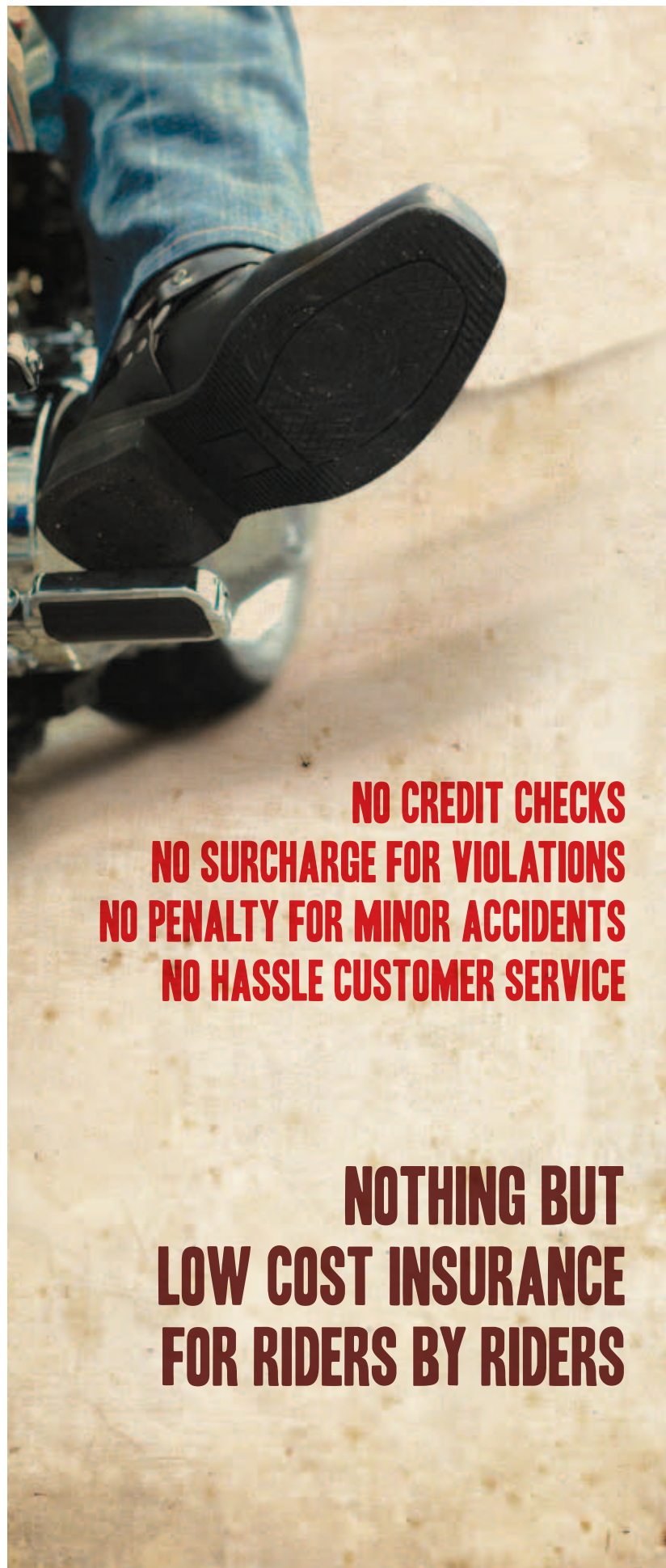
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The Way it Works

Go to one of the registration stops listed in this issue and get your FREE ride card. When you register you will be asked to provide your name, address, phone and e-mail. These are necessary so you can be contacted in the event you are a prize winner, etc. Don't worry your information will only be used by Thunder Roads Michigan for this purpose. After you get your card (looks like a credit card), you will see you have a unique number, this number is assigned to only you! Check out the list of registration and ride stops and go check-in throughout the month as you choose. A registration stop is also a ride stop so just because you may not have got your ride card there you can now go there to check-in. After you register for your card you are off and running. You can hit as many or as few ride stops each month as you choose. The list will change from month to month with some new stops being added each month.

Once a Rider has registered at the stop - their Card number is then entered into the drawing for that stop. Thunder Roads Michigan will then select rider checks-ins randomly each month from across the state for special prizes and incentives.

Prizes are developed by both Thunder Roads Michigan and our sponsors - allowing for some exciting options. They may include stays at exciting stops, riding gear or accessories, gift certificates, cash, and even the opportunity to win a premium sound package!

The beauty and simplicity of this program is that anyone can win with any check-in, but your chances of winning are increased by the amount you ride! The more stops you check-in at each month - the more opportunities you will have to win! That's the whole idea - to encourage everyone to get out and ride!

State and Stop Prizes

Every month the TRMI staff will randomly select winners from the check-ins. Some prizes will be specific to the particular stop - and usually sponsored by that stop. For instance, a leather shop may award a custom leather vest to someone visiting their store during that month. That would be a prize specific to that stop and only riders checking in at that location would be eligible for that prize. Other prizes will be state wide, with everyone checking in at any location eligible to win!

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- Riders are able to win multiple prizes - based upon the drawing of their check-in.
- Some prize drawings are specific to only check-ins for the particular month - while others prizes are drawn from check-in's season long.
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Thunder Roads Michigan will also be working with charities and various non-profit events to include them in the Run schedule as well. This will be an easy means of encouraging participation and attracting riders from outside the local communities.

Some Thunder Roads Michigan Sponsors will also be offering discounts to readers that present the cards. Thunder Roads will be listing special discounts and offers in the magazine throughout the year as an added value to readers and means of encouraging our partners to offer these extra savings.



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As we mentioned, this is a dynamic event – intended to be tweaked and developed over time. If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns – please don't hesitate to let us know. You can email us at

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We want to keep things exciting for you – the readers and riders on the run. We're bikers and it's all about the ride. We want to help create fun experiences for you and share some cool spots in our state. And we want to discover new spots as well, which is why we are encouraging everyone to nominate their favorite riding destinations. We have designed this run to entertain and challenge our readers – as well as promote our partners.

As with the magazine itself, the Michigan Thunder Run is presented through the support of our sponsors and partners all across the state. We have secured several key sponsorships already, but opportunities remain. If your business would like to get involved, this is a great way to promote yourself all across the state in a positive manner. Even if your organization is not a riding destination you might become a sponsor for the tremendous promotional value it offers through the constant media attention it will receive. Obviously this will be a heavy focus within the magazine but we are also working with radio and other media outlets to help spread awareness of the run. Sponsors are able to tap into this network and enjoy great exposure.



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JULY STOPS SCHEDULE



STOP	TYPE OF STOP	ADDRESS & PHONE	HOURS	SPECIALS & PRIZES	NOTES
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702 Bar & Grill	Ride Stop	702 S. Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48642 989-835-2851	Mon-Fri 10am-2:30 am Sat- Noon- 2:30 am Sun- Noon-10pm	1 lucky winner will receive a \$50 GAS Gift Card!	A Five Star Dive Bar. Live music, great burgers & cold beer!
ABC Harley-Davidson®	Ride Stop	4405 Highland Rd Waterford, MI 48328 248-674-3175	Mon-Fri 9-6, Sat 9-5 Sun 11-3	1 lucky winner will receive a \$25 gift card	"Love what we do, ride what we sell, stand behind our service and throw a great party!" Voted Mid-Michigan's Best Nachos & Burritos. A great destination ride.
Beaverton Tavern	Ride Stop	102 W. Brown St. Beaverton, MI 989-435-2094	Sun- Noon-10pm Mon-Thurs 11am-10pm Fri & Sat 11am-1am	1 lucky person will win a free small "Best" Nacho or Burrito of their choice.	Family owned, friendly & knowledgeable staff.
BMW of Grand Rapids	Ride Stop	5995 South Division Grand Rapids, MI 49548 616-530-6900	Mon-Fri 9-6, Sat 9-3 Closed Sun	Prize TBD	
Boonox Motorsports	Registration & Ride Stop	2535 28th St SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512 616-575-9250	Mon & Wedns 9-8 Tues, Thurs Fri 9-6 Sat 10-4, closed Sun	Free oil change to 1 lucky person or voucher for later date.	The good ole boys bike shop. Stop in and get a root beer & see for your self!
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C & K Corner Store	Ride Stop	8892 Van Cleve Rd. Vassar, MI 48768 989-871-3120	Sun-Thurs 7am-9pm Fri & Sat 7am-10pm	Show your card here and 1 lucky person will win a Miller Lite #2 Rusty Wallace mirror.	Hersey's hand-dipped ice cream, pizza, cold beer & more
Cornwell's Turkeyville	Ride Stop	18935 15 1/2 Mile Rd Marshall, MI 49068 269-781-4293	Everyday 11am - 8pm	1 lucky winner will receive their choice of a T-shirt or \$10 gift card	Bike Night Wednesday's 6:30- 9pm
Doc's Sports Retreat	Ride Stop	19265 Victor Parkway Livonia, MI 48152 734-542-8162	Mon-Sat 11am-2am Sun Noon- 2am	1 lucky winner that stops here will receive a \$100 gift card at the end of the season.	Thursday Bike Nights 6pm- Food & Drink Specials, Bikini Bike Wash & Give-a-ways!
Driftwood Bar & Grill	Ride Stop	7456 S. Croton Hardy Dr Newaygo, MI 49337 231-652-2686	Sun-Thurs Noon-10pm Fri- Noon- 2am Sat 11am- 2am	1 lucky winner will receive a \$20 gift card	Bands on the deck every weekend overlooking the lake!
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Hubble Boondocks Bar & Grill	Ride Stop	219 E. Railway St. Coleman, MI 48618 989-465-6315	Noon- 2 am Everyday	1 lucky winner will receive 2 free bottle cozies.	Tues Bike Night & Open Mic Night- live music & cheap drinks. \$2 domestics & well drinks.
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JULY EVENT STOPS SCHEDULE



Date	Day	Time	Event Name	Address	Event Type
July 9th	Wednesday	6:15 PM	Motown HOG Host Bike Nite	McNasty's Pub Brownstown, MI	Open event/public venue Taco night in addition to regular menu available.
July 10th-12th	Thursday-Saturday	Noon-?	Ogemaw Hills Bike Week	Vendor Row Ogemaw Co Fairgrounds West Branch, MI	Concerts, Vendors, Bike Show, Events Daily & More!
July 12th	Saturday	11 am-5 pm	Wheels of Thunder	Michigan Ave	Battle of the bands, custom bike show stunt riders, vendors & more.
July 17th	Thursday	6:30 PM	Thunder Thursdays	First Merit Event Park Saginaw, MI (Across from The Dow Event Center)	Concert featuring The Refermen & Drift Lifted (Parking inside venue gates for bikes).
July 19th	Saturday	11am-2pm	Muskegon Bike Time Sign up or check-in at 46 Bar	46 Bar	100,000 people, over 60,000 bikes. live bands, national vendors, stunts & more.



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Definiteness of purpose is the starting point of all achievement. ~ W. Clement Stone

We must balance conspicuous consumption with conscious capitalism. ~ Kevin Kruse

Riddles

- A.** How can forty elephants have forty foreheads?
 - B.** A man walks all the way around the world without getting wet. How does he do this?
 - C.** It takes ten men ten hours to build a certain wall. How long does it take five men to build the same wall?
 - D.** You wear me every day but never put me on and I will change colors if you leave me out too long. What am I?
- (Answers below)

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Fortune cookies were actually invented in America, in 1918, by Charles Jung.
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Answers: A. All of the forty elephants have foreheads B. He is on a plane or ship that goes around the world. C. No time, the wall is already built. There is no need to build it again D. Skin

Thank You FOR YOUR SERVICE!

On Memorial Day my mom and I rode our bikes over to the Veteran's Hospital in Saginaw to spend the day with some very special people. We were able to tour the facility, meet with the Veteran's there and spend some time just talking with them. It was a place I remember visiting when I was younger when my grandfather, a WWII Veteran, was there. My father,

"Moe" served 2 tours in Vietnam and I have other family members who have served and currently serve in the military, so it was very special for me to be able to tell them, "Thank you for your service". Sometimes just taking time out in a busy day, week, etc. and doing something personal like this can have the biggest impact on their day as well as your own.



Thank you so much to the Veterans for spending time with my mom (Shirley) and me and for making that day one to remember! The words do not say enough, but truly, "Thank you for your service"! I would also like to say Thank you to Jason for coming in on your day off and setting everything up for us in advance to be able to come in that day!

Next is some information about the Saginaw Veteran's Hospital, provided by:

Jason Christianson
United States Army Veteran Affairs
Chief, Voluntary Service

The Aldea E. Lutz Veterans Affairs Medical Center and nine Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) proudly serve Veterans from Saginaw to the Mackinaw Bridge, a total of thirty-five counties. Last year we supported 1,197 admissions, 343,149 outpatient visits, and 32,776 first time Veteran visits.

As Chief of Voluntary Service, I'm charged with the responsibilities of the recruitment and placement of volunteers, as well as the acceptance and dissemination of donations from the community abroad.

Last year we received over \$244,000.00 in donations that assist with new admissions, homeless program, Veteran education, Health Annex group activities, Recreational Therapy activities etc. To date our office oversees 433 volunteers that assist throughout the main facility in Saginaw and nine CBOC's.

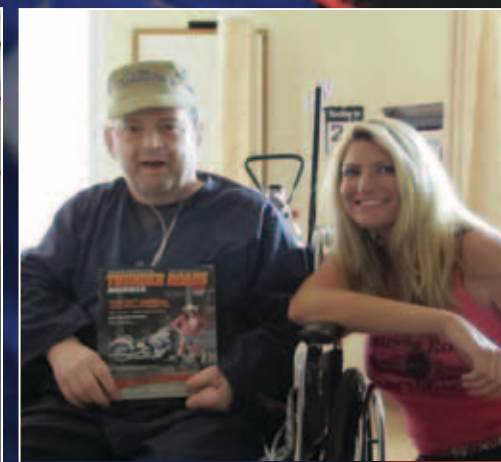
Going forward, one of our main goals is to increase the number of



special guest appearances for our residents in the Community Living Center. These special guests can be prominent sports stars (present

& past), local and national celebrities, business leaders, and government dignitaries.

If you know of someone described in the above or have a contact of someone who does, please share with me. The Veterans we proudly serve deserve the same niceties as those at the larger facilities who receive special guests regularly.



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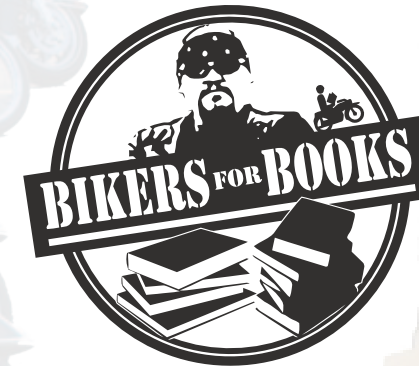


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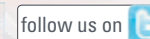
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Biker Preacher's Corner

Independence Day, or the Fourth of July as we know it, is the day we honor and remember the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th 1776, in which we declared our independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain (United Kingdom), from tyranny and oppression. Another historical fact is that our Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights (the basis of our law and nation) are founded on The Bible. Now, I understand that there are some that think this isn't truth, or at least don't want this to be true. But, the historical facts still remain, we are and have been the greatest nation in the world because of our foundation in God and His Word – the Bible.

If you haven't stuck your head in the sand, you've probably noticed that the foundation of our country has been eroding away, by anti-American forces that have manipulated their way into positions of power. Our liberties and freedoms are being stolen right out from underneath us and many times we don't know how we got here or what to do about it. There is a reason for this though, we as a nation have been turning our backs on God for the last 50 years. Our national sin continues to separate us from the Lord and all of His blessings that we have taken for granted.

The Bible says in **2 Corinthians 3:17** "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." We have been the greatest nation in all the history of the world because of our faith and foundation in Christ Jesus. But over the years we have told The Lord, in effect, we don't need you. So, like the perfect gentleman that He is... His Spirit has lifted and now we are paying the price for our own choices.

But, here is the good news - There is the fix for this issue! **2 Chronicles 7:14** says "and [if] My people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."

If we as Americans would humble ourselves, repent for our mistakes and turn back to God, He will forgive us and restore us. **1 John 1:9** says "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

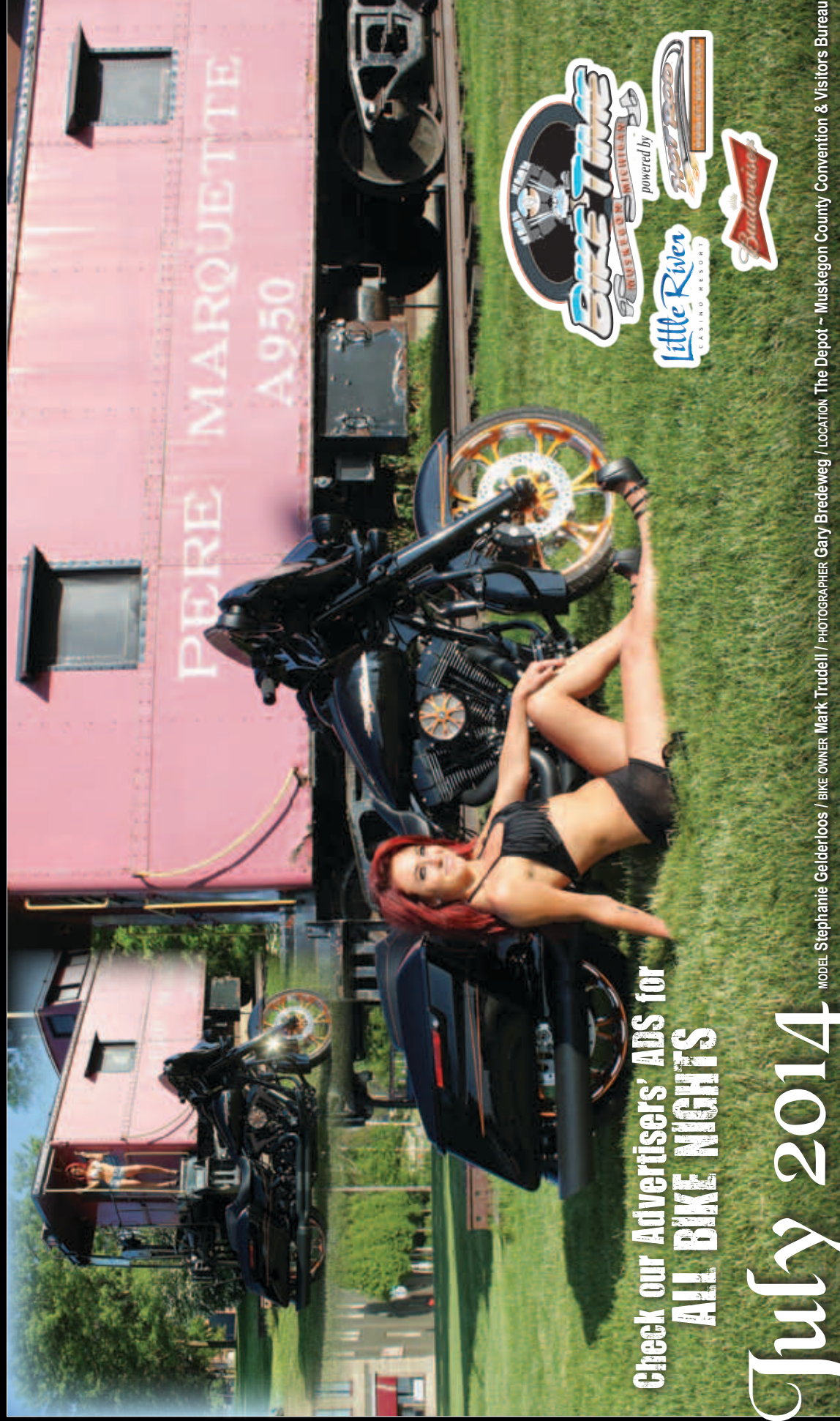
This 4th of July, I encourage all my brothers and sisters to remember from where we have fallen, turn back to God and watch Him bring the peace, liberty and freedom that we ALL want.

There is no substitute for the real thing – Jesus!

Much love and respect,

Apostle Brian "BMAN" McKay
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HARLEY FEST



BY JACQUI SPICUZZA

Harley Fest 2014 was a day we've all been looking forward to! Sponsored by 106.7 the D and Wolverine Harley Davidson®, the perfect "summer storm" came together on a hot Michigan Saturday at the Freedom Hill Amphitheatre in Sterling Heights! 216 bikes showed their support for The Care House Ride (Riders against Child Abuse) and enjoyed a scenic route out of Wolverine HD ending up at Freedom Hill, great ride for a great cause! Many more bikes showed up and were treated to some of the best vendors (food, clothing, accessories and more), great bands all leading up to a great evening concert. Whether you came in on 2, 3 or 4 wheels – it was an excellent ride in – easy in – easy out!! Mother Nature treated us well with pre-summer like temps, and made it really easy to shelf the yard work!

Jackyl was the headlining act for the evening, but before that there was a meet and greet - the lines were long with excited fans, but well worth the wait! Along with Jessie James Dupree, Mike Ballard owner and star of truTV's hit reality show "Full Throttle Saloon"! These guys were down to earth and very cool to meet. Jody Mo, Beth and I were some of the last to get to meet these guys and I tell ya considering Jackyl were performing within a short time – they were in no hurry to push us through to get ready backstage. Jesse James had his America's Outlaw Bourbon Whiskey which comes in 3 flavors, original, spiced, and honey for sale – I'm gonna have to go with the honey as my favorite!

Of course they later rocked it out to a huge crowd who really enjoyed themselves! Between the sounds of classic rock all day, the incredibly delectable smell of long cooking barbecues, custom bikes and people watching, it was a helluva day to get out, ride, enjoy friends and live life!



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JULY

July 5
Bike & Classic Car Show
Hawgsville Saloon, Watervliet, MI. All proceeds go to Michigan Veterans. For more info call 269-201-7120 (See ad this issue).

JJuly 5
AMA Pro Motorcross
RedBud MX, Buchanan, MI. For more info call 386-492-1014 or visit www.amapracing.com

July 5
4th Annual Thunder on the Lakeshore Lake Street Cadillac MI. Live music, bike show, prizes, chicken bbq, beer tent. For more info go to www.cadillacmichigan.com (See ad this issue).

July 5
Turtle Races
Beaverton Tavern, Beaverton, MI. Regis 8pm-9pm, races begins at 9pm, must be 21 to attend. The dumbest thing you will ever admit to attending, but the most fun! For more info contact BT 989-435-2094

July 5
Grey Dragons- Little Mary's Poker Run
Manistee National Forest Entertainment Tent, Manistee, MI. Regis Noon-1:30pm and returns by 5:30pm. For more info call 231-233-1718

July 9
Escort for Vietnam traveling wall.
Prudenville, Mi. Knights of Columbus on Hwy 55 west of 75
Escort is 9.5 miles to Houghton Lake Roscommon Township Hall on Knapp road. Line-up is 2pm, kickstands up at 3. Escort is free.
P.O.C. is clerk@roscommontownship.com

July 9-14
30th Annual Ogemaw Hills Bike Week
Ogemaw Co Fairgrounds, West Branch, MI. Live concerts, big bands, flat

track races, bike games, corral party & more. For more info go to www.ogemawhillsbikeweek.com

July 11-12
12th Annual Wheels of Thunder Michigan Ave, Downtown Jackson, MI. 11th 3 pm-10 pm & 12th- 10 am-10 pm. Battle of the Bands, Saturday Poker Run, food, vendors, local stores & restaurants open, custom bike builders, we honor the Men, Women, & Veterans from our Armed Forces, & more. For more info go to www.TheWheelsOfThunder.com In Memory of the WOT Founder, Joe Michner (See ad this issue).

July 12
Freedom Run Memorial Ride
Houghton Lake, Mi. K-Mart lot, Kick stand up at 10am
Ride is aprox 1 1/2 hours to local Historical sites honoring our Military. Ride is free and will end at the Vietnam traveling wall. P.O.C. is clerk@roscommontownship.com

July 12
Mary's Dream H58 Fun Run
Elks Lodge in Newberry, MI. Starts at 9 am, proceeds to benefit the Diane Peeper Resource Center and others across the state. Poker run format, no bike- cars welcome. For more info go to www.marysdream2008.org

July 12
8th Annual Lyon Ride- Operation Injured Soldiers
James Atchison Park, New Hudson, MI. Regis 11 am- noon, kickstands up at noon, \$20 per rider or passenger, includes ride, t-shirt & luncheon. For more info call 248-437-1144 or email info@injuredsoldiers.org (See ad this issue).

July 12
Guilty Girlz RC Detroit Chapter - A Little Guilty Fun Poker Run
Stingers Bar & Grill, Wixom, MI. Regis 10:30 am - noon. \$10.00 pp, total of 102 miles, open event. Last bike in: 6 pm. Cash, door prizes, food & drink specials. For more info call Cathy 734-716-7645.

July 12
STAR Chapter 249's Anniversary Bash
St. Helens Power Sports, St Helens, MI. 10 am- 2:30, Stands up at noon, ride to last about 1- 1 1/2 hours, lunch from 1:30 - 2:30, \$10 donation per bike. For more info call 231-429-9244.

July 12
Lest They Be Forgotten Freedom Ride
VFW Post 4156, White Lake, MI. Regis 10:30am, kickstands up at noon, \$20 rider plus \$5 passenger, dinner, prizes & entertainment. For more info call 248-366-6813

July 12
Christmas in July
Wolverine HD, Clinton Township, MI. For more info call 586-463-7700 (See full page ad this issue)

July 12-13
13th Annual Niles Burn Run (Great Lakes Burn Camp)
Downtown Niles, MI. 10 am- 10 pm, bike show, food, bands & more. Ride on the 13th- regis 9 am, leaves at 11 am, \$20 bike, \$30 with rider if regis by June 24th. For more info go to www.nilesburnrun.com (See full page ad this issue).

July 12-13
7th Annual Ashley's Ride
Downtown Mancelona, MI. Begins at 10:30 am, returns at 4pm, \$15 includes ride, dinner & poker hand, pig roast, silent auction, live music. For more info call 231-564-3354

July 13
Talons Out Honor Flight Veterans Poker Run
VFW Post 4073, Marshall, MI. Breakfast & regis 9am, kickstands up 11am, \$20 single, \$25 double. Help send WWII vets on honor flight to their memorial. For more info go to talonsouthonorflight.org (See ad this issue).

July 17
Thunder Thursdays
First Merit Bank Event Park, Saginaw, MI. (Across from the Dow Event

Center). Live music by The Reefermen & Drift Lifted. Starts at 6:30 pm, \$5 riders parking in venue, \$8 general public. Summer concert series (See full page ad this issue).

July 17-20
Muskegon Bike Time
Muskegon, MI. Live music, extreme custom bike show, burn out pit, stunt shows, vendors & more. For more info go to www.muskegonbiketime.com (See Cover & full page ad this issue).

July 19
Great Lakes Burn Camp Fundraiser
Axemen MC club house 8480, South St. Detroit, MI. 1pm, live music, food 3pm, \$15 donation. (See full page ad this issue).

July 19
Ride to Biker Bash from ABC HD
ABC HD, Waterford, MI. Registration 9am. Kickstands up at 11am. See ABC HD ad this issue for pricing- proceeds to Kamp for Kids & Freedom Angels. For more info call 248-674-3175 (See full page ad this issue).

July 19
Biker Bash
DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston, MI. Noon- 6pm, free parking & admis before Ted Nugent concert. 2nd stage live music by Pistol Day Parade & Chit. 2014 HD Dyna Low Rider giveaway, live music, vendors, food & more. For more info go to WRIF.com (See full page ad this issue).

July 20
Bumpers, Bikes & Bands
Old Village, Plymouth, MI. 11 am- 3pm, classic cars, trucks, motorcycles, music, food, vendors. For more info go to www.oldvillageplymouth.com

July 25-26
Downtown Cheboygan Music & Motorcycle Festival
Main St, Cheboygan, MI. Music, food, beverage tent, poker run & more. For more info call Kirsten 231-627-9931

July 25-26
Hamilton HD Powerfest presented by Rush Racing
Hamilton HD, Sturgis, MI. Stunt show, beer garden, food, prizes & meet guys from Rush Racing Exhaust. For more info call 269-651-3434 (See full page ad this issue).

July 25-27
Wetzelland 2014
Wetzel Motorcycle Club, 17816 Van Wert Paulding County Line Rd, Grover Hill, Ohio. Fire House & Warrant Friday, Scott Stapp the voice of Creed Saturday night. Fri-Sun \$50 pp, includes free bike parking. Must be 21. For more info go to www.wetzelland.com (See full page ad this issue).

July 26
Thunder Through the Northwoods
Caberfae Peaks Ski & Golf Resort, Cadillac, MI. Regis 9:30- noon, kickstands up at noon, \$30 per bike (passenger incl), free t-shirt, dinner included, 115 mile ride, if bad weather silent auction, dinner & music rain or shine. For more info go to www.cadillacmichigan.com or email cadillacbikeshow@gmail.com

July 26
7th annual Mike "Chet" Winchester Memorial Motorcycle Run- held by The GR Chapter of the Warthogs Motorcycle Club
Rockford American Legion, Rockford, MI. Regis 9:30am-10:45AM, ride leaves at 11 am, lunch & dinner served, \$25 per bike, \$40 for couple. Proceeds benefit project Red White & Blue. For more info to grwarthogsmc.com

July 26
Shiawassee HD Ride in Bike Show
Shiawassee Sports Center, Birch Run, MI. Regis 9 am - noon, judging in 3 classes: Stock, Custom, and Vintage/ Antique plus a People's Choice Award. Live Auction, hot dog & beverage stand. For more info call Shiawassee Sports Center 989-624-4400 (See ad this issue).

July 26
Cigar & Wine Nite at Tecumseh HD
Tecumseh HD, Tecumseh, MI. For more info call 517-423-3333 (See inside front cover this issue).

July 26
Family Fun Day
Wolverine HD, Clinton Township, MI. Activities all day. For more info call 586-463-7700 (See full page ad this issue)

July 26
RE Olds Museum Car Capital Auto & Bike Show
215 N. Capitol Ave, Lansing, MI. 7:30am, many awards, discount to preregister. For more info call 231-675-0965

July 27
Shiawassee Michigan H.O.G. Chapter #3271 14th Annual Mystery Ride
Shiawassee Sports Center, Birch Run, MI. Regis 10 am- noon, \$15 pp includes scenic 100 mile self-guided ride, excellent buffet dinner, lots of door prizes, awards, a "big pot" 50/50 drawing. For more info call Dee at 810-922-7571 or Steve at 810-931-3195 (See ad this issue).

July 26-27
Barons M/C Summerfest 2014
Downtown village of Gaines & Barons M/C Clubhouse. Free admission
26th- Family Fun 10 am, car & tractor show, dunk tank, bounce house, fire truck displays, fire safety & more.
27th- Motorcycle Mania, 1 pm, motorcycle parking only, bike show, New York Strip dinner \$10, live music & more. For more info call Rob 810-223-3327 or email robfrench1978@gmail.com

July 31
Trip Packing Workshop
Town & Country HD, Cement City, MI. For more info call 517-547-3333 (See full page ad inside front cover).

July 31-August 2
SPC Bradley D. Rappuhn Memorial Beer Tent & Poker Run
American Legion Post 48, Grand Ledge, MI. 7pm-midnight, live entertainment, \$5 cover, \$2 beers, raffles & silent auction. Poker run on 2nd \$10 hand, regis 9am, run 11am-6pm.

July 31-August 2
Alpena Bike Fest
French Rd, Alpena, MI. Camping \$25 per couple for 3 days or \$5 pp per day, bands, games, vendors. For more info call 810-300-2599

AUGUST

August 2
2nd Annual Driftwood Charity Fun Ride
Driftwood Bar & Grill, Newaygo, MI. Regis 10 am, starts 11 am, \$10pp. For more info call 231-652-2686 or email driftwoodbarandgrill@gmail.com (See ad this issue).

August 2
10th Anniversary Car, Truck, Bike & Semi Show
Marion Fairgrounds, Marion, MI. Regis 8am-11am, show 9am-2pm, prizes, food, music. For more info call 231-679-1265

August 3
3rd Annual Kevin "MOSES" Memorial Ride
9979 S 8 Mile Rd, Vogel Center, MI. Arrive by 11am to register, ride leaves 1pm sharp, Michael J from WUPS 98.5 FM is here live. Burgers, hot dogs, homemade ice cream & more. Numerous prize drawings, 50/50 drawing. All

proceeds benefit Museum of Moses. For more info go to www.museumof-moses.com or call 231-825-2219

August 3
11th Annual Nathan Weidner Foundation Chicken Run
Stevens' Cycle Sales Bay City, or start at Steven's Sports Center in Midland, or Bubba's in Linwood, Regis 9am-11am, ends at vets park in Bay City. Appx 100 miles, \$15 donation includes dinner. For more info call 989-684-9872.

August 4-10
Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, Sturgis, SD.

August 9
Escort the Kids to Great Lakes Burn Camp
Meet at Wings Stadium, Kalamazoo MI. Regis 10am-12:30pm, Ride Leaves 1pm. Prizes, Food, 50/50. For more info contact Bill 517-206-1115 (see full page ad this issue).

August 9
Come Ride with Local Fire Department (Great Lakes Burn Camp)
Paw Paw Car Pool exit 60 & I-94, Paw Paw, MI. Regis 9:45 am, ride leaves at 10:30 am, be a part of the parade that ends up at K-Wings. For more info contact Tom 269-998-2067 (See full page ad this issue).

August 9
8th Annual Ride Against Domestic Violence
Ewart County Fairgrounds, Mt. Pleasant, MI. Regis at 9 am, Kick stands up at 11 am sharp, 50 mile police escorted ride. \$25 per bike. For more info email marysdream2008@yahoo.com and go to www.marysdream2008.org

August 9
6th Annual Going to Hell and Back for Gold & Blue Star Families
Screams Ice Cream Store, Hell, MI. 11am- 4pm, free admis, kids games, bike games, raffle drawings, guest speaker Richard Brewer, proceeds to military families. For more info call Mike 616-897-7287 or email mikeandrosawelch@gmail.com

August 9
10th Annual Wounded America Run
Biker Bobs HD, Taylor, MI. 10:30 am-noon, \$15 pp, ride track for \$10.

August 14-16
2014 Michigan State Hog Rally- The Great Lakes Rally
Birch Run Expo Center, Birch Run, MI. HOG members only. Pre-register by June 26th for best rate & gifts. Riding, live music, bike games, bike shows, prizes, food & more. For more info call Gary 989-860-8022

August 14-17
ABATE Region 21 End of Summer Party
3800 19 Mile rd, Barryton, MI. Everyone welcome, primitive camping avail, bike show, music. For more info call 231-937-6392

August 15
28th Annual Midnight Ride
Departing from Meijer on 10 mile rd, Rockford, MI. Departs at Midnight on Friday heading to St. Ignace for bike show, museum, parade & more. For ride schedule, route, stops, all specifics go to www.jdrfwestmichigan.com or call Harry & Marcia at 616-363-2159

August 15-16
Lady Biker Day Bike Run
Boyne Mountain Resort, Boyne Falls, MI. Friday night beach party, Saturday night BBQ, silent auction & 50/50 & poker run. For more info contact drjohnson03@yahoo.com

August 15-17
Hog Daze Motorcycle Rally
Marion, Indiana. Great bands, charity ride, old school bike night & burlesque. For more info go to showme-grantcounty.com (see ad this issue).

August 15-17
Easyriders Rodeo Tour
Fowlerville Fairgrounds, Fowlerville, MI. Quiet Riot, Sons of Anarchy "Chibs", bike show, food, beer, vendors & more. For more info call 800-962-9857 or go www.easyridersevents.com (See ad this issue).

August 16
2nd Annual MDA Ride 4 the Cure
Zips 45th Parrallel HD, Gaylord MI. Regis 11am, kickstands up 1pm. If pre regis by july 18th cost only \$25 per rider, \$35 per couple, escorted ride, pig roast, auctions. To regis call 517-706-0348 or go to www2.mda.org/mdaride2014 (see ad this issue)

August 16
5th Annual Davison Eagle Riders Prostate Charity Run
Davison Eagles, Davison, MI. Regis 10 am- noon, last bike back at 5 pm, live bands, breakfast 8-11, all proceeds to prostate cancer awareness. For more info contact Danny 810-653-0727 or grip-per47@yahoo.com

August 21
Thunder Thursdays
First Merit Bank Event Park, Saginaw, MI. (Across from the Dow Event Center). Summer concert series with live music. Starts at 6:30 pm, \$5 riders parking in venue, \$8 general public. More info to come (See full page ad this issue).

August 22 - 24
Thunder in Oscoda
Oscoda American Legion Post 274,
Oscoda, MI. Weekend rally, bike show,
to benefit several charities including VA
Hospitality House in Saginaw & Wreaths
across America. Fri - Jam session, raffles,
Sat - bike show/SRP Band, vendors,
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Jackie 989-569-3134 or Pat 248-640-
7919

August 23
Rumble from the Rock
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vendors, demolition derby. Ride in show
3pm, demo derby 6pm, stunts 7pm. For
more info call 248-634-7682

August 23
Classic Car Show (Rain Date the 24th)
Beaverton Bowl & Lounge, Beaverton,
MI. \$10 or \$8 advance, top 30 awards,
best of show, silent auction, giveaways &
more. For more info call Mike or Toni at
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August 23
5th Annual Cruise for 22q- Logan's
Heroes
Millington Inn, Millington, MI. Regis 8:30
am- 10 am, ride leaves 10am, bike run
& dinner \$12 pp. Everyone welcome,
dinner 4pm, raffles & silent auction. Rain
or shine. For more info call 810-656-1188
or go to www.logans-heroes.org

August 24
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August 28- September 1
Milwaukee Rally 2014

SEPTEMBER

September 6
**Paw Paw area Rotary Club host a ride
during Grape & Wine Festival (Great
Lakes Burn Camp).
Sea Land Air Inc Travel Service, Paw
Paw, MI. Regis 9:30am, ride leaves at
11 am, \$20 per bike. For more info call
Tom 269-998-2067 (See full page ad this
issue).**

September 6
**8th Annual Poker Run- Red Knights
Firefighters MC Chapter MI-5 (Great
Lakes Burn Camp).
Lenox Township Park, 63775 Gratiot Ave
(between 29 & 30 Mile Rd), New Haven,
MI. Regis 10:30am- noon, kickstands
up noon. For more info contact Chris
586-557-0892 or oldwiseass@yahoo.
com (See full page ad this issue).**

September 6
3rd Annual Luther Biker Bash
Loggers Landing, Luther, MI. Regis 11
am- noon, ride leaves at noon, everyone
welcome, autos can follow bikes.
Games, food, music & prizes. For more
info call Dixie 231-797-5688

September 12-14
**8th Annual Bikes on the Bricks
Saginaw Street Downtown Flint MI.
Police escorted ride, police skills
competition. For more info go to www.bikesonthebricks.com (See ad this
issue).**

September 14
Walneck Motorcycle Swap Meet & Show
Monroe County Fairgrounds, Monroe, MI.
\$6 admis. 8 am- 3 pm. For more info go
to www.walneckswap.com

September 18
**Thunder Thursdays
First Merit Bank Event Park, Saginaw,
MI. (Across from the Dow Event
Center). Summer concert series with
live music. Starts at 6:30 pm, \$5 riders
parking in venue, \$8 general public.
More info to come (See full page ad
this issue).**

September 20
Downtown Homer Car, Motorcycle, Tractor
& Bicycle Show
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Prizes. Free Registration. Enter down-

town from the east. 50/50 Drawings and
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7117 or Jim Lingenfelter 517-414-8468

September 21
Boobapalooza Tour 2014
The Oxford Tap, Oxford, MI. \$20 per
bike, \$5 passenger, regis 11:30-1pm, last
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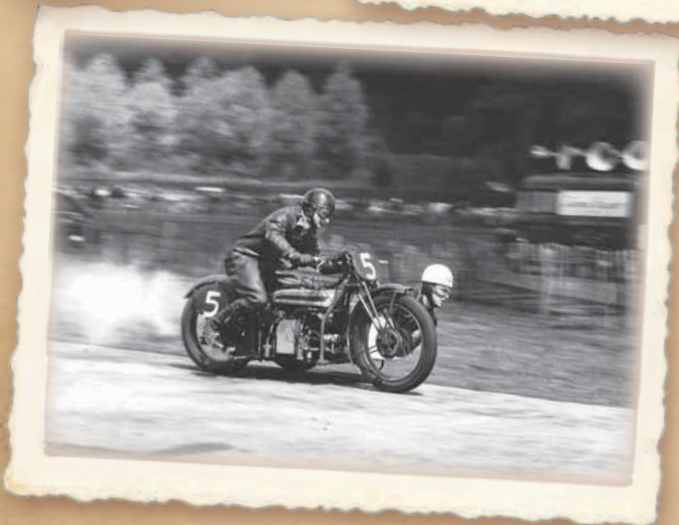


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My name is Orion Bongard, I am 21 years old, and I am a member of ABATE Region 21. There are very few young ABATE members, and membership is slowly declining. The veteran ABATE members are not as spry as they used to be and there are no new people coming to taking their places. I have been rattling my brain for quite a while trying to figure out ways to get young people to join ABATE, whether it be letting young people in for half price or widening the range of topics we cover. Although these things may work I have come to the conclusion that young people have no idea what the meaning of Freedom is.

I was lucky enough to grow up in a home where Freedom was a big part of our lives, but take a look at most Americans. A lot of our population has their head in the sand and the idea of freedom is becoming a thing of the past. Our freedoms are being taken right out from underneath us and my generation is completely oblivious to it. In reality why would they miss something they never had? 20-30 years ago this country was a lot different, but people my age wouldn't know that. So how do we amend this situation? We have to find a way to EDUCATE young people so they know what they are missing. We need to find a way to spark their interest, and we need to bring ABATE into the 21st century.

The veterans and what little young ABATE members we do have need to work together. But how? This generation isn't going to just want to come to something to learn, they are going to need a little incentive. Obviously beer and boobies aren't working, so we need to think of something a little more creative. And that is where we need the help from you, the readers. Do you ride? Do you have kids? Help us create a new generation of freedom fighters, before Freedom is only a memory.

In 1976 ABATE Region 21 started with 5-6 men sitting around a kitchen table fighting for their freedoms. Look how far ABATE, and not just Region 21 but all of ABATE has come. And I do not believe it has reached its full potential. We have many more things worth fighting for and the government is quickly encroaching on what little freedoms we have left. You may be thinking this is just one group of people, but this is one group of people that has fought hard and long. "ABATE of Michigan is not a club or riding group, it is a non-partisan grass roots political organization committed to protecting the rights and interests of ALL Michigan motorcyclists." Keeping this organization going may be just a small step, but it is a small step in the right direction.

Lone Freedom Fighter,

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If you have any advice or words of wisdom on how to bring in our next generation of ABATE Freedom Fighters, please contact me at orionbongard@gmail.com



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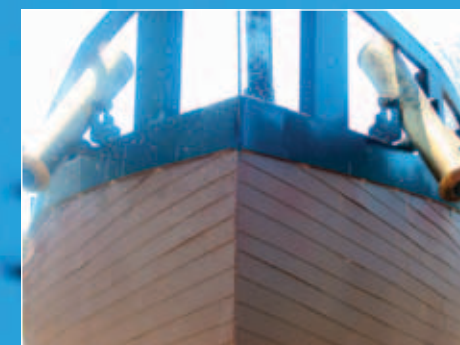
Head north for about a half mile and turn right (east) on Thumb Lake Rd. This is a favorite ride for local riders; it will lead you into Old US-27, dropping you just south of Wolverine, a nice rest stop. Continue north on 27 to Indian River, where you will take C-68 to the east. You will go through the small town of Tower, then through Onaway, and on to Rogers City. While in Rogers City, be sure to check out the big quarry at the north end of town. This is a nice town with a great marina area, and plenty of places to stop for refreshments, but the quarry is the highlight, believe it or not. It is impressive! There is an overlook on the north side of the pit on Bus.23.

If you are heading back to the west side of the state, there are a couple options; both are good rides, one to the south, and one to the north.

To do the south route, head south out of town to M-65 to M-32 at Lachine. If you have enough time, or just like to follow the lake, you can stay on US-23 out of Rogers City all the way to Alpena to M-32, but it will add some time to the ride. Once on 32 west, you will go through Atlanta, Johannesburg, Gaylord, and Elmira before coming to US-131. Go north to pick up 32 again in about 1/2 mile. Follow 32 west back to East Jordan.

The north route out of Rogers City takes you back west on 68, but instead of turning back south on 27, continue on 68 to US-31 at Alanson, where you can head south back to Petoskey. From here you can take the lakeshore on US-31, or back to 131 south to M-75 at Lake Walloon, then on to Boyne City. Either route is beautiful riding. If taking the M-75, get on Front St Downtown, and hug the lakeshore until you see Advance Rd. Turn left, this will take you into East Jordan.

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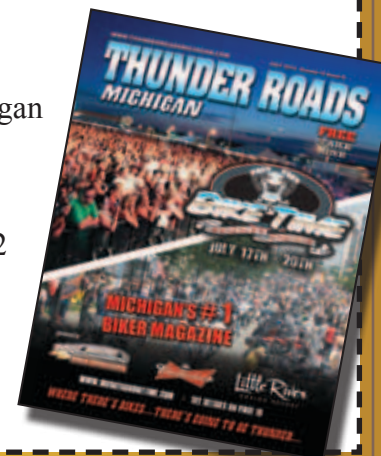
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No Guarantees in the Helmet Debate

BY Rob Striks ~ Special Writer
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*“We never even said a word.
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~ Bob Seger

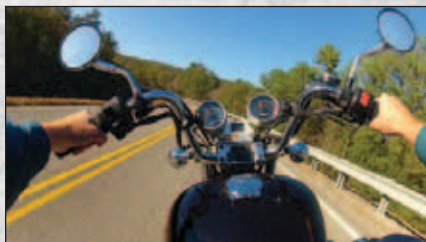
Riding a motorcycle is like any other highly pleasurable activity. It's hard to describe the thrill to people who don't ride or will never ride. They just can't understand.

It's just like non-golfers who can't understand why anyone would live to chase a little ball all over the place. Or like people who ice fish – how they can go out in the freezing cold just to sit on a frozen lake and fish.



So it boggles the mind of some non-riders why anyone would risk driving a motorcycle without a helmet on. Heck, even little kids on bicycles with training wheels wear helmets.

But, no matter what side of the motorcycle helmet debate you come out on, we can all probably appreciate the literally unbridled freedom helmetless riding provides. Wind in the hair unencumbered by thick cushioned plastic and leather. It's you, a leather jacket and jeans streaming through the biosphere, taking Mother Nature in along with a few insects, to be sure.



Words fail. But the bottom line is that there are no guarantees either way. Wearing a helmet can hamper a rider's ability to see and react to other drivers. Not wearing a helmet can sometimes turn your two-wheeler into what some ER personnel call a “donor-cycle.” Here, we argue that it's the inexperienced rider combined with distracted auto drivers who create all the issues.

And just like you don't know someone until you walk a mile in his or her shoes, you don't know riding until you've put on a full-face helmet and taken a bike for a spin. Helmets are clunky. It takes longer to turn your head in a helmet. And your senses are somewhat muted from all the nuances of riding



Maybe you'll find it hard to understand how someone like me could see both sides of the helmet laws since I often treat wound care patients who have suffered traumatic and sometimes-paralyzing injuries from motorcycle accidents. But I do see both sides. And I do not judge.

You see, I live to chase that little golf ball. I also live to fish, although I restrict my winter fishing to the supermarket seafood counter. And you live to ride. It's that simple.

We're both at the mercy of the unknown, the distracted driver, the rookie rider. In my car, even though I'm surrounded by shiny metal and tempered glass, I'm just as vulnerable as you. A couple of years back, I got T-boned in a Taurus by a teenage driver and had to be extracted from the vehicle. And yes, I was wearing a seat belt. The point is there's no guarantee.



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So the debate over helmets goes on. Frankly, I'm smack dab in the middle with my estimation of the issue. The more bikers I talk with and the more I hear their attempts to describe

the joys of riding, the more I just can't take a position on one side or the other.

So I take the only position I can: compassion.

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MOTORCYCLE BRAKES

Modern motorcycles can achieve unbelievable speeds and most riders spend far more time focusing on how to reach high speeds - then they do considering how they are going to come back down. Just as engines and transmissions have evolved over the years, allowing motorcycles to push the limit in terms of acceleration and top speed - so have the modern braking systems. Performance braking systems have amazing stopping power, but require periodic maintenance and upkeep in order to function. It's essential that riders understand how their braking system work and what's required to keep them up to speed (or take them down...)

Tip: Brake fluid absorbs moisture over time and becomes less effective. Replace brake fluid every one to two years and your brakes will perform the best they can.

Motorcycles have up to two brake fluid reservoirs, one for the front, usually found on the handlebars and one for the back. Both should be checked regularly. Topping up should only be done from a new, sealed bottle as brake fluid tends to absorb moisture over time. If your brake pads are thin and due for replacement. Beware - brake fluid, if spilt on paintwork eats right through to the bare metal.

Also check the thickness of the brake pads. If you allow them to go right down to the metal your brake disc will be damaged resulting in an unnecessary and expensive replacement. Fitting braided steel brake lines will increase the performance of your brakes by roughly 50%

Replacing front and rear brake pads

Replacing stock or worn brake pads is the quickest way to get increased braking power out of a tired system. Various manufacturers make all kinds of different types of replacement brake pads for today's motorcycles. Some claim to last lon-



ger, while others claim to give more feel and braking power. However, be forewarned that the manufacturer of your motorcycle put a lot of time and effort into developing your braking system, and there is no telling what a different type of pad material might do to your rotors or how well different pads will work with the overall design and setup of your bike. If you have any doubts, then stick with genuine factory parts.

Removing the calipers from the rotors is the first step in checking your brake pads. In dealing with your front disc brakes, first remove the Front Caliper two main bolts that attach the calipers to the forks. Once the calipers are free you can slide them off of the brake discs and inspect the amount of pad material and look for anything out of the ordinary. If there is less than 1/8 inches of pad thickness left then they should be replaced.

Internals of Front Caliper

Once the calipers are free from their mounting locations, it is time to disassemble them and remove the brake pads. On this particular setup there is one threaded metal pin that holds one side of the pads in place. The other side of the pad rests in the casting of the brake caliper. Removing this pin will free the pads and they should just fall right out. Notice the metal clips inside the caliper just beneath where the pads sit. These metal clips provide pressure on the pads to keep them from moving around inside the caliper. It is a good idea when you are working on your brakes to replace these clips. It would be foolish if you spent all this time and effort to have something so simple and cheap screw things up.

Internals of Rear Caliper

Once the two mounting bolts have been removed, the caliper should easily slide off the rotor. Inspection of the pads is the same as the fronts. The rear pads are smaller because less braking power is required. The rear pads are held in place

Tip: If you are unsure how to replace brake pads then have a mechanic do it for you. It is worth the cost as it is in the best interests of your safety. Feel free to bleed your own brakes as that is a easy operation to do.



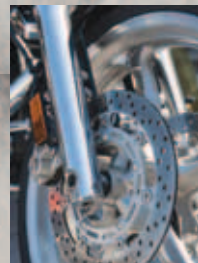
by one bolt on one side of the caliper and are held at the other end inside the casting of the mounting bracket that the caliper is bolted to. Be very careful to make sure the new pads are firmly mounted in the caliper and are held securely at both mounting locations. If there is any doubt, check them again! Otherwise, they could fall out while you are cruising down the side of your favorite canyon road and ruin a perfect day, causing you to crash into the guard rail and go flying off the side of a cliff. Not a pretty site.

Once the new pads have been assembled into the calipers and everything is torqued to spec, it is time to bleed the lines

How to Bleed Motorcycle Brakes

It is actually not very hard to bleed (renew) your own motorcycle brake fluid. This should be done at least every 2 years. Or when the brake fluid turns from clear to a brown to black colour (darker it is, the worse it is).

Brake fluid will eat away at plastic and paint, be sure to cover any paint or plastic that may get splashed with brake fluid. Wipe any spilled fluid with the rag and lots of water.



STEP 1: Make sure you have the tools to bleed your brake fluid. The tools you require will vary, but generally this is what you will need:

- A.** Wrench/Spanner (average 10mm)
- B.** Brake bleeding kit (rubber fitting, clear hose, small container)
- C.** Brake fluid overflow container (to put the brake bleeding kit small container in)

D. Rags

E. Brake Fluid (check what type of brake fluid you need for your bike. e.g. DOT 3). Make sure to buy enough brake fluid in the DOT type you require. (500ml should be more than enough).

STEP 2: Attach the brake bleeding kit to the brake fluid nipple located on the brake caliper.

STEP 3: Loosen the nipple so the fluid is free to flow down the brake bleeding kit tube and into the small container

STEP 4: Remove the master cylinder cap (top) so you can monitor and refill more brake fluid into the master cylinder as you bleed the brakes.

STEP 5. Pump the brake lever so the old/new brake fluid is forced through the tube into the brake bleeding kit fluid container

STEP 6: Keep the volume of the master cylinder constant (near full) as to not have it empty. Keep pumping on the brake lever until the fluid coming out is clear (rather than the old brown/black colour).

STEP 7: Once all the tiny air bubbles are gone hold pressure on the brake level and re-tighten the brake fluid nipple to close it off.

STEP 8: Replace the master cylinder top cover.

STEP 9: Remove the brake bleeding kit from the cliper and use the rag with water to clean up any spillage.

Tip: Any brake bleeding kit will do just fine but make sure you have a small bucket to put the tiny brake bleeder fluid container in as it is very likely to overflow.

Drum Brakes

For a long time motorcycles were stopped by drum brakes which work by pushing shoes up against the inside of a drum and cause friction slowing the motorcycle down. Drum brakes are easy to recognize with the 'drum' mounted on the wheel.

Brake Shoes

Drum brakes worked well and are still being used for smaller bikes however drums are prone to overheating and wear-outs. Even the high performance ones, these motorcycle brakes need regular adjustment for optimal use. Disc brakes started to appear in the seventies with Honda leading the pack (the CB750). A disc brake works on a simple principle that a steel disc is gripped by two pads by a hydraulic calliper.



BRAKE SHOES

Disk Brakes

Disk brakes are much friendlier for a motorcycle rider, less prone to overheating and require little (or no) adjustment. The downside was/is (especial during the early days) that wet weather didn't let these motorcycle brakes function as well. Modern day bikes use twin front disc's and only one at the rear. Using more brake power at the back would lead to wheel block ups due to the dynamics of braking.

Brake Disk or Rotor

Each disk is gripped by calipees, where every calipees is pushed by four or six pistons. This highly improves the brake power and the riders feel when braking. Many tour bikes use a combination of different motorcycle brake hydraulics to divide the front and back breaking power in the most optimal way. Additionally some bikes now also have ABS (anti block system).

The steel disk floats in the wheel so it can accommodate the temperature influences which a cure while braking. The pads are also fitted loosely in the clamp around the steel disk. Over time the disk pads need replacing which is just standard maintenance. However keep an eye on disk damage due to incorrect placement of brake pads or anything else. Damaging the steel disk can result in a costly replacement.

Signs that your motorcycle brake pads need replacement:

- Brake fluid level has gone down markedly in the master cylinder reservoir.
- Brake lever or pedal travels farther before engaging the brakes.
- Different noise from brake pads than previous when applying brakes.
- Increased brake noise when applying the brakes, including a metallic squealing noise.

PLEASE NOTE:



- Most, but not all brake pads have wear groove indicators (see image) that help us identify when we're getting close to the end of the brake pad's life. In the case of the bottom image, the pads are ready for replacement as the wear groove indicator is now absent (almost absent) from both of the brake pads.
- If the brake pad manufacturer doesn't use a wear indicator, a micrometer may be necessary to measure the amount of friction material remaining to ensure the level is within manufacturer specification.
- We would rather replace brake pads a little early versus run the risk of damaging a brake rotor or worse, finding ourselves without brakes when we need them most.
- Locating the wear indicator may be possible without taking a brake caliper off the motorcycle for inspection. However, if necessary, we may have to remove a caliper for closer inspection.

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2014 HARLEY-DAVIDSON IRON 883



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Thanks to Lake Erie H-D for hosting the shoot and providing the bike.



For 2014, Harley-Davidson focused on style and technological updates to their bikes – to make them better suited to the demands facing today's riders. The Iron 883 was no exception and for 2014 comes with improved ergonomics and a new close loop exhaust system.

The bike was also fitted with an improved braking system which includes bigger brake rotors and modified calipers. (There is also an optional ABS system offered.)

The 2014 Harley Davidson Iron 883 is powered by Harley's iconic air-cooled, Evolution engine which comes with electronic fuel injection and aluminum heads and cylinders. To offer a smooth riding experience the engine was rubber mounted and its power is kept in leash by a six speed transmission.

As far as performances are concerned, the Evolution engine puts out a maximum torque of 53.8 lb ft at 3750 rpm and delivers an average fuel consumption of 51 mpg.



2014 HARLEY-DAVIDSON IRON 883 SPECS

Price	\$8,399
Length	88.8 in.
Seat Height, Laden	25.7 in.
Seat Height, Unladen	28.9 in.
Ground Clearance	4.7 in.
Rake (steering head) (deg)	30.5
Trail	4.6 in.
Wheelbase	59.5 in.
Tires, Front Specification	100/90B19 57H
Tires, Rear Specification	150/80B16 77H
Fuel Capacity	3.3 gal.
Oil Capacity (w/filter)	2.8 qt.
Weight, As Shipped	540 lb.
Weight, In Running Order	562 lb.
Engine	Air-cooled, Evolution
Bore	76.2 in.
Stroke	3.811 in.
Displacement	53.9 cu in
Compression Ratio	9:01
Fuel System	Electronic Sequential Port Fuel Injection (ESPFI)
Exhaust	Chrome, staggered shorty exhaust with dual mufflers
Wheels, Front Type	Black, 13-Spoke Cast Aluminum
Wheels, Rear Type	Black, 13-Spoke Cast Aluminum
Brakes, Caliper Type	Dual-piston front, Dual-piston rear
Engine Torque	53.8 ft-lb
Engine Torque (rpm)	3,750
Lean Angle, Right (deg.)	29
Lean Angle, Left (deg.)	30
Fuel Economy: Combined City/Hwy	51 mpg

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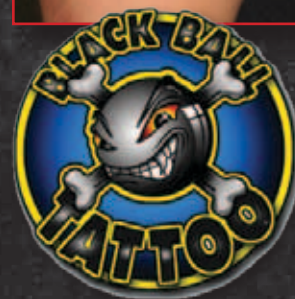
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4TH OF JULY SPARKLERS & CRAB CAKES ON THE GRILL W/ PEANUT SAUCE

Peanut Sauce:

- 1/4 Cup of Rice Vinegar
- 2 Tbls. Creamy Peanut Butter (Premium Brand)
- 1 Garlic Clove; minced
- 1 tsp. Brown Sugar
- 1 tsp. Olive Oil (Premium Brand)
- 1/4 tsp. Ground Mustard
- Dash of Cayenne Pepper (or more; up to you)

Crab Cakes:

- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2/3 cup Crushed Saltines (Premium Brand); approx. 15 crackers)
- 1/4 cup finely chopped Celery
- 1/4 cup finely chopped Roasted Sweet Red Pepper
- 1/4 cup minced fresh Parsley or Dry will do, just rub between hands to release oils
- 2 Tbls. finely chopped Sweet Vidalia Onion
- 1 Egg White; lightly beaten
- 1 Tbls. Lemon Juice; fresh or bottled
- 2 Tsp. Horseradish
- 1/2 tsp. Paprika
- 1/4 tsp. Paprika
- Salt & Pepper to taste

1 Lb. of Lump Crabmeat, drained (Definitely a Premium Brand for this) If you have fresh, Wow! you hit the lottery!
1 Tbls. Olive Oil (Premium Brand)

In small bowl whisk first 7 ingredients until blended. Set aside for now. In large bowl, mix the first 11 Crab Cake ingredients until blended. Gently fold in crabmeat. Gently shape into 12 1/2" thick patties.

If you have those ring molds that works really well.

Be sure and press down firmly with the bottom of a glass before removing ring form. In a non-stick skillet heat Olive Oil over medium heat. Cook 1-2 minutes and then move to a pre-heated medium heat hot & ready grill that is sprayed with butter or oil, gently place cakes and only let go approx. 40 seconds each side, just long enough to get grill marks. Remove and set on a platter to cool & "set up". Serve with warmed Peanut Sauce and baby....let the Sparklers start flaring up! These are incredible and the Peanut Sauce is the perfect dipping sauce. You'll be using it for many other dishes. So versatile.

FIREWORKS CARIBBEAN COLESLAW

- 1 Bag of Chopped Cabbage Coleslaw Blend
- 2 Tbls. of Sugar
- 3/4 Cup of Chopped Dill Pickle (from bottle)
- 1 Capful of Apple Cider Vinegar
- 1 Cup of Real Mayo (or Miracle Whip; your choice)
- Salt & Pepper to Taste
- Couple dashes of "Louisianne" if you want
- 1/4 Cup of Sour Cream
- 1/4 Cup of Half & Half Cream
- 1 Tbls. of Smoked Paprika
- 1 Tbls. of Caribbean Seasoning (in any Spices aisle at well-stocked grocery store)

Whisk up all your ingredients, except the Coleslaw. Pour over pre-cut, bagged coleslaw and mix really well; from the bottom and pull up. Just taste and determine for yourself what extra it needs....dis or dat. It's up to you. Love this smoky, Caribbean kick though. Amazing!

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- 2 Tbls. Grenadine Syrup (may need to get at liquor store or just use
- 2 Tbls. of warmed, seedless, Strawberry Jam)
- 3 Tbls. of Grated Lemon Peel
- Pinch of salt

Mix thoroughly as per package directions, even though you've added your own "spin" on things. Bake as per directions for cupcakes on box. Be sure and bake in cupcake liners. Let cool on a rack; completely.

FROSTING

- 1 Large Can of Cream Cheese Frosting
- Put into small glass or ceramic mixing bowl and add: 1 Tbls. Grated Lemon Peel, 4-5 Drops of Pink Lemonade from little bottles of Kool-Aid or Crystal Lite in your juice aisle at grocery. After mixing with hand blender until good stiff consistency, I remove wrappers from cupcakes, others prefer to leave on. But put lots of frosting on each and then lightly use pink sprinkles on each. Yummy!
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Bullet Points

Holsters 101 PART I OF II

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There are many different brands, materials, and styles of holsters on the market, and they're not "one size fits all." Here are some of the basics to get you started, and be sure to check out the Bullet Points next month, when I'll get into the more varied and specialized options!

Cowhide (Leather)

Most leather holsters found on the market today will be made of cowhide. It has been used to make holsters for many years because it is reliable, soft against the skin, and the higher quality leathers will stand up to years of wear before they become unusable. There are other leather products on the market, including horsehide, and some exotic skins, such as crocodile and stingray, and those are generally more decorative (and expensive) than basic cowhide. The downside to leather is that it will absorb some moisture.

Plastic

Various grades of plastics are also used in the manufacturing of holsters and range wildly in quality and durability. A brand of thermoplastic used frequently for holsters is Kydex. Molded plastics may not be comfortable up against the skin for some people, and they lack the aesthetics of leather goods. That being said, they are extremely durable, and are unaffected by sweat and moisture. Hybrid plastic/leather is often used to increase comfort, combining the best of both worlds.

Belt Holsters

These holsters are worn on a belt, outside the pants. There are many options for location around the belt, from cross-draw to hip and small of the back. These holsters generally keep the gun off of the skin, and there are many styles designed specifically for concealment. Some belt holsters are designed for open and police carry and are often made of plastic, some sporting a locking device, such as a thumb break, an angled release, or a finger release.



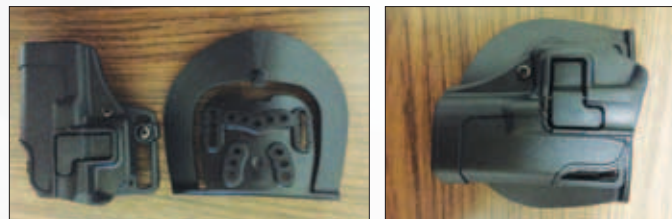
The Galco Tac Slide holster is a hybrid leather/Kydex holster, and an inexpensive favorite of many. I often wear this holster on my hip when I am working at the shop.



The Galco Concealable is a molded hard leather holster designed for concealed carry. It is favored by many of the employees at the shop because it offers comfort, durability, and excellent concealment.

Paddle Holsters

These holsters are easy to put on and remove, because their attachment point is a curved piece, usually of plastic, designed to catch under the belt. These are popular hip holsters, because the gun is worn outside of the clothing, while the paddle is against the body. Many also have locking devices, and some of the most popular duty holsters, such as the Blackhawk! Serpa holster, has the option of a belt attachment in addition to the paddle.



Inside the Waistband

These holsters are designed for concealed carry. They have clips or hooks designed to attach to a belt, while the gun remains concealed under clothing. This style may require some adjustments to your wardrobe, as wearing a gun inside your waistband may increase your pant size. This style offers deeper concealment, fitting the gun into the natural planes of your body. The gun is more challenging to draw from deep concealment, but the perk of this holster is that, when fitted properly, you need not fear printing nor accidental visibility of your firearm.



The Galco King Tuk holster seems large, but the combination of Kydex and cowhide makes for an extremely comfortable and durable concealment holster.



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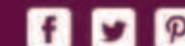
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