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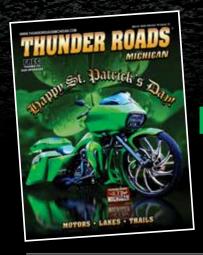
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LETTER FROM OWNERS

Spring!

ometimes it can be difficult to forecast what mother nature brings us here in Michigan, especially since we typically write the Owner Letters during the month prior, to make the next month's print on time. However, we have seen so many bikes on the roads over the winter that we are going to go ahead and predict that we will have a beautiful 48-degree day and sunshine on March 1st. We'll make sure to compare our prediction when this issue hits the stands- lol. How's that for forecasting? I guess we'll have to pay attention and see!

Another sign of spring is when swap meet season here in Michigan is over. The promoters do a pretty good job keeping us moving and thinking about bikes in our down time and we really appreciate that. Oh, and we can't forget about Bubba's Mother's Day Swap at the Midland Fairgrounds in May! That might be the last one other than some smaller stuff during the summer. Anyway, between swap meet season and riding season, most of us will be hitting up our favorite bike blessings too, like The Original Blessing in Baldwin. They (bike blessings) seem to be popping up more and more all over the state and along with Baldwin's and others, we plan to check out the 2nd Annual Houghton Lake Blessing, and the Grayling Blessing this year. It looks like St. Ignace is even having a bike blessing this year too! Ovid's Blessing was a lot of fun last year (even though we rode there in rain), and we plan to make it there again this year. Lol - we'd hit them all if we could!

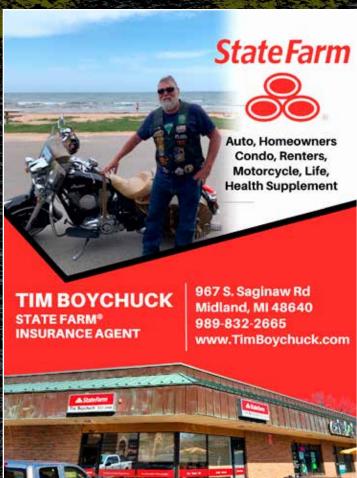
By the time all the bike blessings are done, we'll all be getting into the swing of our favorite bike nights, poker runs, charity runs, and favorite rallies. And man, we can't wait! So, remember "WHERE THERE'S BIKES... THERE'S GOING TO BE THUNDER". Make sure to stop and say hello when you see us out this year and grab your copy of Thunder Roads Michigan at our Thunder Zones and at our awesome biker friendly businesses that support us and you.

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can remember as a little girl, my brothers pulling me around behind their 4-wheeler while I was on my ice skates. We could go up and down the dirt roads because there was so much compacted snow and ice built up, that we could actually take our blades out there and not hit any rocks. I also remember taking the snowmobile to work because the back roads were not passable in a car. And I remember my dad using the chainsaw to cut holes in the pond to make sure there was enough ice out there for Ice racing. It was a blast! Lots of snow, lots of ice, and winters that you had to be tough to survive! This year, when the last week of January started off, things looked hopeful with a couple snow days, a few early private practices on the frozen water, and the hopes for a good ice season to come. BUT THEN!! ... mid-February hit and the temperature gauge in my car said 56 degrees!! I guess mother nature decided to give us an early warm up and unfortunately canceling the ice season for most of Michigan.



Still, I have to give credit to the ones who made the best of the season we did have! The Port Huron Motorcycle Club happened to already be preparing for one of the best winter fest races of the season.... The SXS and Chili Cookoff that they had at their property in Port Huron Michigan. Which, to my knowledge was the only race this winter that didn't have to be canceled.... Of course, only because side by sides can run in the mud too!!-Lol Oh, and oh my goodness THEY









DID!! I was super excited to send my apprentice Emma Robar of Shutterworks Photography out there to catch some mud splashing action and she did NOT disappoint! I certainly was sad to miss that mud flying fun, but thank you Emma, for donating your time and talent to the racing community! This incredibly creative artist didn't hesitate to grab her camera and jump in the mud, and the shots she captured were incredible!

To all the Michigan riders out there who are chasing indoor ice racing at the World Championship Ice Racing Series in arenas across the country, Thunder Roads Michigan Magazine would like to wish you the very best of luck!! Although some were able to make the best of the winter by splashing around in the mud, most of our racers had higher hopes for a colder season and found themselves a little disheartened not having any ice to race on. So, to lighten



the mood I'd like to share a plethora of my favorite pictures from ice seasons over the last couple years, back when mother nature played along with Michigan and made Ice! If you have any snow and ice pics to share, please drop them on our Facebook page. We'd love to see them! As things begin to melt off and dry up, we look forward to an amazing, and soon to come dirt season!

Story by Erin Fay/Madcap Imaging Contributor/ Photographer for Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan

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Smoke N'GearZ

THE PROC - 2024 - YOU HAD TO BE THERE!

his month's article is two-fold. Educational and an experience of a got damn good time. As an avid motorcyclist, I am always looking for two things-fellowship and knowledge. Well, here it was, an opportunity for us to meet in a central location and break bread, laugh, talk ishh with the best of us, and see faces that we may not otherwise see until ice is gone and weather reaches 55 degrees.

The 2024 PROC was monumental for several reasons:

- 1. This was the 20th year Anny.
- 2. A few 1%ers clubs showed up to publicly commence a "Pause for the Cause."

It was hosted in the mid-west this year.

I got a chance to meet the founder of PROC, Butta, some of his squad, and found out what the passion is behind the educational weekend for (1%, 99, Social Clubs, Riding Clubs, Christian Clubs, and civilians) Bikers. Starting all the way back from Philly @ Roy's Comfort Zone working with the Double Lyte

Posse to today. The goal has always been to provide a venue where people from all walks of life could meet, have a good time, share/listen to some MC game, and show a united front.

Butta, born and raised in Paterson, New Jersey gave me the opportunity to sit down and get laced from his perspective.

Smoke: What experience do you bring to the table as of today?









Butta: Been around the set since 1999 and riding since 2001, I seen a club that caught my interest named the Pioneers MC and started the hang-around process in '99. (The first well-known sport bike club in Paterson). Wanting to get on





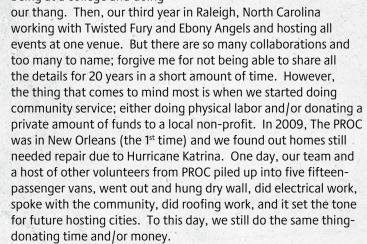
twos so bad, I flipped some investments, and purchased my first bike-a 1999 ZX11. I am also the founder of Hot Commodities MC (Est. 2005) out of Paterson, New Jersey; even though I am now residing in a warmer climate in the "Dirty South."

Smoke: What was it like growing up in Brick City. I mean we seen the movie New Jersey Drive, but it doesn't tell the community story of a biker.



Smoke: Thinking about the journey of the PROC, what were some of the memorable moments when it started?

Butta: Working with Speed Divas out of DC and Bowie State University in Bowie, Maryland. It was BANANAS being at a college and doing



Smoke: For the sake of time, tell me about this year's event that was hosted at the luxurious JW Marriott in Downtown Indianapolis, Indiana.

Butta: First off, big shout out to Foxy, the General Manager and all the PROC Team. Then, I want to say thank you to the clubs and set of Nap-Town. We decided to take a chance in the mid-west. The ideal weather was not there but bikers are. It was a calculated risk and the pay-off outweighed the financial gains. The truce displayed amongst the 1% community was the staple and made it attractive to our quests alone. Also, JW's management was awesome, they congratulated us on a job well done in a private room, and nice bottle of champagne. At that point, I knew we made a sound judgement coming to the MW and used our platform to establish something much bigger than ourselves. The passion continues, "going into a city, working in the community, and making an impact in their lives before we leave." Lastly, thanks to our corporate sponsor Polaris and Indian Motorcycles for investing in us.

Smoke: Is there ever a possibility of coming to Detroit, MI? We are kinfolk with Chicago, Cleveland, Gary, Columbus, Flint, Saginaw, Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, Toledo, Pittsburg, Lexington, Louisville, Nap-Town, and Fort Wayne. But Detroit's

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roots spread throughout the nation. It's nothing to see an Old English "D" in any urban

Butta: It is a possibility! Of course, we will be looking a few years out. I would have to start coming to the Detroit area and working with the set, looking for venue availability, hotel rices have to be right, and

looking at places for people to eat. You know bikers are going to eat and drink-lol. Additionally, the location has to be right by having a hall/ballroom that can accommodate at least 1500 people, and we would need to be able to meet/exceed the food and beverage attrition with the venue. Most importantly, we **need some team leaders**. Lastly, we have to be able to pour into the community, therefore, I don't have a problem at all with bringing the PROC to Detroit one day!

Smoke: How are we going to get the 19-25 year old onto bikes and off the ride share apps?

Butta: Reach out to them and promote the 125cc bikes, bring them around bike blessings, show unity, build bonds, show we are more than bikers, most of us are also professionals. Show them the cool factors and display the bonds that are built from

Smoke: In closing, what do you have to share in the same tone of doin a burn-out and poppin the back tire...

Butta: The PROC is not just a party or parties, it is a whole experience!! Education, fellowship, fashion, community service, growing as one, CULTURE, and R-E-S-P-E-C-T. So, grab your early bird tickets for next year because we are bringing even more heat - literally- LOL. Oh yeah, the weather should be better too.

Smoke: LMAO, thanks for puttin it down with Thunder Roads Michigan and sharing history of The PROC.



In closing, respecting and fellowshipping with the (inter) national set is important and everyone benefits. Make sure to look out for The MC PROC 2025 hosted in Atlanta, Georgia. https://www.tiktok.com/@ mcprofessionalconvention

Chin up chest out,

Smoke

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n preparing for an upcoming trial for a severely injured motorcyclist that was hit by a distracted woman on her cellphone.... I have been reminded how important a

When you litigate cases against billion-dollar insurance companies and their hundred- plus- lawyer -law -firms, they obstruct, they paper you to death by filing unnecessary motions that you must respond to, they make a mountain out of every molehill and bring three attorneys to every deposition were only one is required.

30 years ago, when I started my practice, it was just me. Literally me. But over the years my firm has grown. I have five lawyers and plenty of support staff. For this upcoming trial I added an appellate lawyer to my team. You see, appellate lawyers never leave their office and all they do is the research and writing necessary for a case. I am the litigator, which means I m in depositions and in court much of the week and if I get a motion, I have to respond to it. This takes additional hours for me and my in-house lawyers to respond to it. A litigator specializes in participating in trial proceedings, or litigation. With my appellate attorney, her entire focus is on anything the defense throws at us by way of written pleadings.

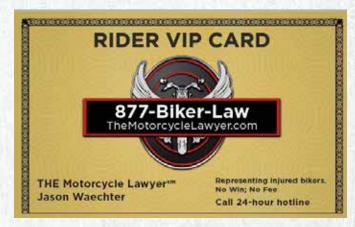
Jury consultant: For the past 15 years I haven't tried a case without a jury consultant there helping me pick the jury. I hire a paid jury consultant because they specialize in selecting a jury. A jury consultant is a behavioral expert that helps a legal team understand the jurors, including any hidden biases they may hold. All they do is help lawyers with jury selection. They have more experience picking juries than any other lawyer because that is their primary focus. I've also learned that while I'm picking a jury, I don't like to keep notes. The other lawyers on my team and the jury consultant can keep track of which jurors said what, so that we can decide whether to excuse a juror or not.

Medical expert: The case I'm working on for this trial literally has 9,000 pages of medical records. Most personal injury attorneys that have been practicing for over a decade will have a pretty good understanding of medical records and what most medical terms mean. I added to this trial team an individual with 40 years of medical record and medical experience to reread all 9,000 pages and summarize it all. This freed up 50 hours that I would've had to spend.

My time is better spent preparing and focusing on the legal aspects.

When we go to trial next month, the team I've assembled for our motorcycle accident victim will consist of three lawyers, a paralegal, a medical specialist, and a jury consultant. We are loaded for whatever the defense attempts to throw at us.

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CHARLIE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER: NAVIGATING LIFE'S HIGHWAYS: THE SYNERGY OF FAITH AND ACTION IN MOTORCYCLING

Welcome back to the Chaplain's Corner, a sanctuary for those of us who find our solace on two wheels, with the wind in our faces and the road unfolding before us. Today, let's delve deeper into the profound connection between the



spiritual journey and the exhilarating world of motorcycling.

In the realm of motorcycling, the parallels with life's journey are striking. The balance between belief and action is not just a spiritual concept but a tangible reality on the roads we traverse. This concept is beautifully encapsulated in the scriptures - Matthew 7:15-20, Hebrews 6:9-10, and James 2:14-26 - and the insightful lyrics of "Screen Door on a Submarine," by Rich Mullins. Together, they form a quidepost for living and riding with purpose.

The Journey Begins with Faith

Let's start our journey with faith. Faith in motorcycling is not merely about believing in the mechanics of your bike; it's an intrinsic belief in your ability to navigate the uncertainties of the road. Hebrews 6:9-10 speaks of a faith that motivates us towards love and good deeds. It's a faith that doesn't just sit idle; it propels us forward, much like the ignition of a motorcycle sparks life into its engine. Faith, in this sense, is the confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

The Perils of the Road and Life

Navigating life, much like navigating the road on a motorcycle, requires discernment and wisdom. Matthew 7:15-20 warns us of false prophets. In motorcycling, this can be likened to the false sense of security or overconfidence that some riders may develop. It's essential to discern between the thrill of speed and the peril of recklessness. A well-maintained bike, much like a well-nurtured faith, bears good fruit - it keeps us safe and ensures a fulfilling ride.

Faith Without Works: A Screen Door on a Submarine

The lyric, "It's about as useless as a screen door on a submarine," humorously encapsulates the essence of faith without works. Imagine a motorcycle, perfectly designed, yet stationary in a garage. It's an image of unfulfilled potential. Similarly, James 2:14-26 emphasizes that faith, if not accompanied by action, is dead. It's a call for every rider,

every believer, to not just dream but to act, to not just hope but to implement.

The Symbiosis of Faith and Action

In motorcycling, faith and works go hand in hand - the left hand and the right. One guides the throttle and the other manages the clutch. They work in unison to navigate the bike through twists and turns, much like how faith and actions guide our lives. This synergy is a dance of balance, trust, and movement, a perfect metaphor for how we should lead our lives.

Active Faith: The Essence of a Rider's Spirit

In the spiritual realm, faith is not a passive state. It's a living, breathing, active part of our being. In motorcycling, this translates into every decision we make on the road from gear shifts to leaning into curves. Faith in our skills, in the reliability of our machine, and in our judgment, becomes the cornerstone of every journey.

Riding with Purpose: The Metaphor for Life

The scriptures and the song lyrics serve as a profound metaphor for the journey of a motorcyclist. They teach us that having faith without putting it into action is as unproductive as a motorcycle gathering dust in a garage. Our beliefs should drive us into action, propelling us into living a life that's as thrilling and fulfilling as a journey on a motorcycle.

As we conclude, let's reflect on this synergy of faith and action. Whether it's navigating the literal highways on our bikes or the metaphorical paths of our lives, the blend of belief and action is what gives our journey its meaning. Let us ride with purpose, holding faith in one hand and action in the other, navigating life's highways with the wisdom and balance that these teachings offer.

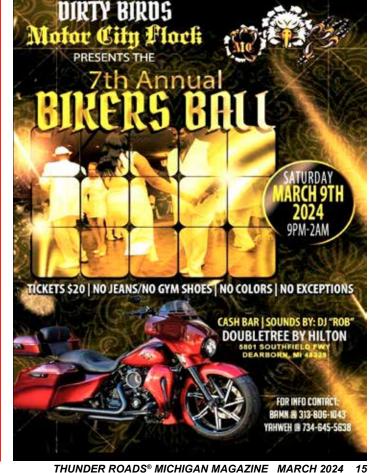
Parting Words Until our next journey in Chaplain's Corner, ride safe, and may God's blessings guide you on every road you choose. Remember, the journey is as important as the destination, and the way we ride, just like the way we live our lives, speaks volumes about who we are. Yours in faith and fellowship, **Chaplain Charlie!**

Chaplain Dean Titus (Charlie)













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> Keep that shiny side up! Smoke











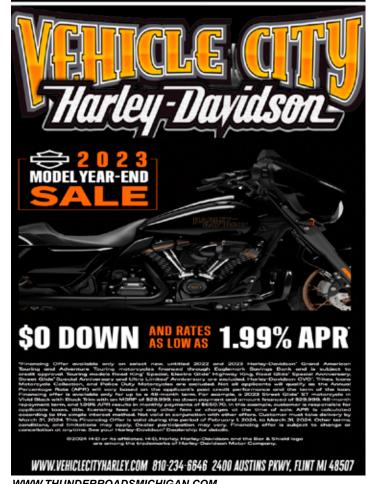
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Armed Forces. It was originally founded in Flint Michigan in 1942.

The Blue Star Mothers of Midland County Chapter 197 are a very active group of moms that do much more than provide support. Of Course, they are there to provide support for other Blue Star Mothers and Families, but they are providing support for those sons and daughters that are deployed as well as the Veterans. The Blue Star Mothers of Midland County send care packages to our deployed men and women that answered the call to keep our country safe and secure. When they receive a request, they determine how many troops they are sending to, their genders, and the address to ship to. They then have a packing party to fill boxes with things that are needed and some goodies to lift morale.



There is an annual event held every year by the Midland County Chapter and the Sanford American Legion Riders post 443 to raise money to send care packages to our troops. Donations are collected at the Sanford American Legion (2080) N Meridian Rd Sanford, MI) year-round and can be dropped off there during normal business hours. There is a barrel by the front door for easy drop off. If you have a family member or a friend that is deployed and could use a care package, please reach out to this amazing group of moms. You can reach them on Facebook, by mail or at any of their events. They would love to send a package to your loved one.

A few things that may surprise you about these donations.

- 1. 1. The post office does not offer any kind of discount to ship packages to our troops.
- 2. The number and type of things that are needed by our troops is astonishing.
- 3. They are not able to get a list of names or addresses to ship too from our government, this information must come from the requests of family members. I will provide a few items that are needed but there is not enough room for the complete list.

Donations needed are: Deodorant (non-spray), baby powder, foot powder(small), chap stick, nail clippers, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, tampons, toilet paper, Aspirin, first aid kit, shaving razors, sun-screen, saline nasal spray, shoe insoles, socks, pillow cases, roll up blankets, cliff bars, 5-hour energy shots, granola bars, Cheez Whiz, cookies, Ramen Noodles, hot sauce packets, AA and D batteries, board games, dice, DVD's, hacky sacks, head phones, paper, magazines, pencils, pens, puzzles, prepaid phone cards, stamps, zip ties. This is just a small list of items from each category. The listed items are requests from our troops, and it has more than 100 items on it and is always growing.

The Annual Care Packages for the Troops with Blue Star Mothers will be on July 27th, 2024, at the Sanford American Legion where we will be raising money to help with sending care packages. If you would like to donate but are unable to attend the event, you can send a check to...

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Or, you can drop off donations at the Sanford American Legion. There is a Facebook event that has been started and will be updated as planning continues at www.Facebook.com/alr443, or www.facebook.com/ bluestarmothersofmidlandcountymi197/

We invite you to join us and be a part of the passion and excitement each mom has a Blue Star Mother. Working side by side with them to raise money to ship these packages is always a great honor. We are looking forward to their next event, hopefully we will see you all there.

Director Shane Talbot Sanford American Legion Riders Post 443 ALR District 10 Riders Liaison

















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teve and Shirley Moore have quite the story to share inside their museum and shop at Cycle-Moore in Interlochen, Michigan. If you have never been inside, you must put them in your places to visit as they welcome everyone to stop and take your time looking around. You can especially do this if you take advantage of their historic campground while you're on your travels. We won't ruin all the fun with too many details, but we could have spent a lot more time there if our schedule would have allowed. It sounds like another road trip destination for us this summer is in order. As a matter of fact, when speaking with their son Earl and grandson Steve, they mentioned they look forward to having their Annual Birthday Celebration each year in September, and that sounded like music to our ears. Maybe we can bring some other Thunder Heads with us... hmmm. Road trip anyone?!

Unfortunately, we stopped unannounced and didn't get to meet Steve and Shirley on our visit, but we felt like we got to know them pretty good by all the photos and items to look at. We hope to catch up with them next time to hear some stories of Steve's racing history as an amateur and pro. Plus, we think it would be fun to learn about all the bikes they've owned, worked on, or built themselves. It sounds like there isn't anything that he wouldn't hesitate to introduce a wrench to with his many, many years of experience. I'm thinking there is a chance that



Shirley could out do Steve with her stories of how they met, being a Life member of the Motor Maids, being the First Licensed Lady Mechanic at the Daytona Short Track, and many others! I'm telling ya, they have some serious history together, right up to today! Here is an insert and some other bits we thought we'd share off their website.



History (a small part)

A LONG TIME AGO A YOUNG MAN WAS NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE A MOTORCYCLE.....IN HIS SENIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL HE ENLISTED IN THE NAVY.....IN BEFORE YOU'RE 17.....OUT BEFORE YOU'RE 21.....ENLISTED IN 1960....BOUGHT HIS FIRST BIKE IN 1961 IN PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA......A 1940 61 INCH KNUCKLE.....RODE IT FOR A YEAR.....RODE IT HOME FROM VIRGINIA....LOOKED FOR PARTS FOR IT AT THE LOCAL HARLEY SHOP (WIKLE'S HARLEY-DAVIDSON), BUT ENDED UP TRADING IT IN ON A 1960 TIL HE GOT OUT OF THE SERVICE.....HIS BUDDIES

TOLD HIM IF HE NEVER GOT OFF THAT BIKE HE WOULD NEVER GET MARRIED.....HIS REPLY WAS WHEN ONE COULD RUN FAST TO JUMP ON, HE WOULD THINK ABOUT IT.

So, a little more of the story goes like this, but you can read more on their website as Shirley recalls how they met, she got her bike, how their shop, and family history came

"WHILE HOME ON LEAVE FROM THE PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA NAVY BASE, STEVEN CAME OVER TO WIKLE'S HARLEY-DAVIDSON FOR PARTS ENDED UP BUYING A 1960 XLH SPORTSTER WHICH WAS TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN OUR LIFE, AGAIN. THIS WAS BEFORE I KNEW HIM. HE RODE THAT BIKE THE REST OF THE TIME HE WAS IN SERVICE AND WHENEVER THEY WERE IN PORT. HIM AND HIS BUDDIES WOULD TAKE OFF FOR RIDES EVEN IF THERE WAS A LITTLE SNOW ON THE GROUND. HIS FRIENDS CALLED HIM FROSTIE BECAUSE HE COULD SLEEP ON THE SIDE OF A CANAL WITH NO COVER. HE **EVEN RACED THE SPORTSER**

AFTER STEVEN BOUGHT THE 1960 XLH SPORTSTER HE RODE IT BACK TO THE FORRESTAL (CVA59) THAT WAS DOCKED IN NORFOLK, VA. IT WAS NOT SUMMERTIME AND SOME WHERE BETWEEN HERE AND THERE IT TURNED INTO REAL WINTER. HE WAS STOPPED JUST BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA BORDER AND WAS TOLD HE HAD TO GET OFF THE ROAD BEFORE HE GOT TO THE TUNNELS BECAUSE HE WAS ON A MOTORCYCLE AND WAS TOLD HE COULD NOT RIDE THE MOUNTAINS. THEY DIDN'T WANT TO LISTEN WHEN HE TOLD THEM HE HAD TO GET BACK TO HIS SHIP ON TIME.

SOOOOO, HE DID WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS THE RIGHT THING WHEN HE GOT TO THE TUNNELS..... HE KEPT GOING WELL, HE WAS SOON WONDERING DOWN THE SLOPE INTO THE FIRST TUNNEL AND THE SPORTSTER DECIDED TO HAVE A FIT TOLD HIM IT DIDN'T LIKE THE WEATHER GAVE A COUGH AND QUIT. BY THAT TIME, HE WAS ALREADY TOO FAR INTO THE TUNNEL TO DO ANYTHING EXCEPT TRY TO GET OUT OF THE WAY OF THE BIG RIGS REAL QUICK. HAVE YOU EVER TRIED PUSHING ANY BIKE FAST ENOUGH TO GET OUT OF THE WAY ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE IS NO WHERE TO GO BECAUSE THERE IS A WALL THERE ????? THAT'S WHAT HE DID ICE AND ALL. JUST IN TIME A SHALLOW AREA APPEARED AND IN HE WENT, AS A BIG RIG ZOOMED BY. THE REST OF THE RIDE BACK TO HIS SHIP WAS QUITE UNEVENTFUL COMPARED TO THAT NEEDLESS TO SAY, I AM SO VERY GLAD HE MADE IT WITH BOTH HIM AND MY FUTURE BIKE INTACT!"







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Also, from their website....

"Cycle-Moore is host to many Michigan motorcycle events every year. Each Michigan motorcycle event is special, and some groups come back year after year. Some of the motorcycle events hosted over the years here are the Vintage Motorcycle Rally, Motoguzzi Rally, Moto Campers, Adventure Riders, Great Lakes Round-Up, Jap Wrap, Abate of Michigan, Metric Land Cruise, the Annual Birthday Party, Gordie Leonard Gold Wing Memorial Ride, VROC Vulcan Riders Owners Club Meet, Dual Sporters Meet and Ride, National Sidecar Rally, International Vincents, Michigan Sidecarists, and many more!"

"By just walking into Cycle-Moore, you're witnessing a lifetime accumulation of Steven and Shirley Moore's and their kids motorcycle history. Our walls are crammed with collectibles and pictures from days-gone-by, as well as vintage bikes of all kinds. Plus parts and displays. Our museum is here for you to enjoy at no cost. It is always changing, so check it out often and stay long so you do not miss anything."

"In addition to the rolling stock, the museum is a virtual treasure trove of vintage gas tanks, pictures, advertisements, posters, and memorabilia. One could spend hours looking over every inch of the attraction and not see everything."

We couldn't agree more, and you should plan your visit to the Cycle-Moore Antique Motorcycle Museum today! "IT IS FREE AND ALWAYS OPEN TO VIEW WHEN THE SHOP IS OPEN."











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to us. The time of year

owns a motorcycle starts to get

the itch to hit the pavement, crack the throttle and get into the riding season in Michigan. So please do your safety checks on your steel horse and take time to go over all the most important issues for safety and maintenance. Check the air pressure in your tires, change your oil, clean your air filters, and make damn sure your tires are road ready because we will be getting wet weather and some possibly cold, and no one wants to be caught off guard with bad brakes!

March is a good month for us because we are getting started with our annual cause for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in April. So, we start collecting goods for the Foster Care / Childrens Protective Services during our March 10th and April 14th meetings at The American Legion Post 268 in Milan at 4:00 pm. To donate or find out what items we are collecting, please call Joe at 517-920-1440 or Laurie at 517-423-6534. They will let you know what items we will be needing for the children. Or, you can always check us out on Facebook - Hot Rods Motorcycle Awareness and Suicide Prevention Foundation.

We have two members who will be in the Auto Rama in Detroit at Huntington Place March 1-3, 2024. If you are a car enthusiast, please stop by and visit Stretch and Spider (Cleve) at their booth while they showcase their awesome all original 1965 Chevy C10!

I want to thank Superintendent Ryan Duvall and the entire School Board at Airport Schools in Carleton for allowing us to get them our benches for their mental health efforts and their "Kids Who Care" program. They placed one bench in their Atrium and one by the gymnasium where they got a lot of traffic. We hope the message "You ARE Not Alone" reaches out to a student that may need help and encourages them to call 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline to talk to someone and get some help. May God bless all bikers on the road and keep us safe!

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President / Hot Rods Motorcycle Awareness and Suicide Prevention Foundation





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BY JEREMY "LIL ICE MAN" BOUVRETTE

Tell, January is over and so is another annual ABATE OF MICHIGAN State Seminar. The weather during the seminar kind of kicked our butt as we had sleet, snow, and wind put a hurt our attendance in January. I know that everyone that was able to make it, made the best of it! Our family got there around 3ish to settle in and get ready for our Friday meetings. Jinx, Bear, and Tamera helped with the MRF table, working the ticket roll for a beautiful blanket that was being auctioned off for the MRF for the weekend. The MRF meeting consisted of all the assistant state reps that were in attendance, along with our VP Jay Jackson. Jay brought in some good insight on what the MRF is working on and what is needed of us in 2024. Jinx, Tamera, and I are working on updating the state member list so we can be back on level playing field. Saturday's breakout sessions were a blast as always, learning as much as you could. The biggest breakout took place later in the "hallway" with Congressman Tim Walberg; it was as if a celebrity walked in. After we all shook hands, Jay included, we chatted a bit and got ready for our LO session. Opening with Jim Rhoades sharing history of ABATE, opening the door to Congressman Walberg. With a standing ovation, the Congressman talked about Washington, the current state, a bit of old days, and the relationship with all of us. It was a true honor listening to him speak of things that I had not heard before and of his years of coming to MI Seminar. However, it was nothing compared to how he ended his time. Congressman Walberg took his precious time to call out ABATE OF MICHIGAN's outgoing President, Vince Consiglio

to present him with a flag that was flown over the US Capital, and a written speech he spoke on the house floor to commemorate the many years of his dedication fighting for motorcyclist's rights. It was a very somber moment witnessed by all as we all from ABATE of MI watched the changing of the quard. Congratulations Gary Kopta.

Along with new board members, there were a few changes in the MRF assistant state reps. Tamera spoke with all of them to try to help determine what our focus is going to be for the upcoming year. Like issues from autonomous vehicles, ethanol, membership, anti-profiling, and the right to repair. Those mentioned will be a major focus for us this year. We are working on finalizing the details for our annual pizza and pop luncheon event at the State Capital. This is always a great way to build relationship with legislators and staff year after year.

Jinx attended the ABATE of OHIO yearly seminar. Congrats to them for passing HB 201. The details are listed in the article by Mark Buckner that we are sharing this month. We appreciate our neighbors to the south.

That's the news for now but we hope to see you at the March 30th COC fundraiser in Waterford. Feel free to reach out to anyone of our members or Facebook pages for more info. Also, April 6th will be the MRF Fund Night Spaghetti Dinner put on by Region 7, join them for a good time with great food. Check them out online too and to everyone staying in the fight... Thanks for giving a s#t!!

Jeremy "Lil Ice Man" Bouvrette ABATE OF MICHIGAN Board Trustee MRF Assistant Representative



IS GREEN THE NEW GRAY AREA?



BY MARK BUCKNER **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION**

■or as long as I can remember -■ which is getting to be a LONG time! - those of us who love riding motorcycles and have devoted a large part of our lives to preserving and protecting our way of life have

been telling anyone who would listen that the enemies of motorcycling don't just want to pass more and more restrictive laws where we're concerned. Their ultimate goal is to get us off the road entirely. A prime example of this is the recent push to outlaw internal combustion engines, just one of the issues the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and our partners in the state motorcyclists' rights organizations and the motorcycle aftermarket are fighting head on.

So why are internal combustion engines under attack? The Biden administration is calling for one in two new cars sold in the 2030s to be fully electric. Federal incentives intended to prop up 'green' proposals have been pushed through Congress. In some states, these initiatives have become all the rage, calling for the elimination of all internal combustion engines and the end of fossil fuels as an energy source. California's plan to ban all internal combustion engines by 2035 is the most obvious of these, while similar plans have been launched around the country and the world. On the surface, that might sound bleak for those of us who love our gasoline-powered bikes, cars, trucks, and boats, but there may be good news on the horizon. As more research is coming to light from a feasibility, a financial, and an environmental perspective, initiatives targeting zero greenhouse gas emissions are being reexamined.

The Connecticut state legislature, like their counterparts in California, initially targeted the elimination of internal combustion engines by 2035, but has now decided to pump the brakes, killing Senate Bill 1145 which would have set unattainable greenhouse gas emission goals. Part of that bill would have penalized non-compliant parties up to \$25,000 PER DAY for not meeting stated objectives, labeling the penalties as a 'tax'. Other uncoordinated decarbonization 'roadmap bills' are still being considered in Connecticut, but the all-out push to join states like Massachusetts, California, and others is on the decline.

Ohio is pushing back as well. Their state legislature recently passed House Bill 201, signed into law by Governor Mike DeWine. HB 201 prohibits state agencies, counties, or townships in Ohio "from restricting the sale or use of a motor vehicle based on the energy source used to power the motor vehicle." It also specifically prohibits a state agency from adopting the California emissions standards for motor

vehicles. ABATE of Ohio played a major role in getting this law on the books. In northern Europe, Norway, which had targeted zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, is likewise backing off on its plan as its feasibility becomes less certain.

None of this is to say that we shouldn't be concerned about pollution. We absolutely need to address these issues, especially in our major cities. But the outright elimination of vehicles powered by fossil fuels is not the answer.

Regarding the general public's opinion on an allelectric solution, many people are less than enthusiastic about moving away from gasoline-powered alternatives. According to the Sierra Club, in 2022 66% of car dealerships did not have an electric vehicle for sale. We can only assume that's because there was no market for them. Today, thousands of car dealerships around the country are pushing back on the Biden plan, saying they can't sell the electric vehicles they already have in stock. Car manufacturers are backing off as well, curtailing production of new EVs. Why is that?

First and foremost, electric vehicles are expensive. Some studies suggest that people who can afford to buy all-electric cars represent a finite group, and that many of those consumers have already purchased an EV car or truck, meaning the available pool of buyers is shrinking. Also problematic is that due in large part to the high cost of battery replacement, there is a very small market for used electric vehicles. Basically, no one wants to buy them knowing that a big repair bill is headed their way. While battery technology will likely improve in coming years, as of today that technology and questions about the cost of building a sufficient charging infrastructure are major concerns for consumers.

Finally, we should never forget that for the 'nanny state' crowd, going all the way back to Ralph Nader and the original safety-crats of the 1960s, the mantra has remained the same. That being, where safety is concerned, the public can't be trusted to make their own decisions or manage their own risks. In other words, these fine folks think they're smarter and better equipped to make policy decisions than us mere citizens. In their delusionary 'Road to Zero' world where there will be zero accidents and zero fatalities - the best way to get there is to get rid of what they consider to be dangerous activities - like riding motorcycles. Eliminating internal combustion engines could go a long way towards achieving that goal.

Just as we have since the 1980s, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation is standing up for motorcycling, fighting against issues like the elimination of internal combustion engines, and we need every concerned rider to join us in our mission. If you're not already a member of the MRF, my only question to you would be 'why not?'

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BULLET PUNTS BY GREG DENAY, AKA JOHNNY

appy March everybody. This month holds a special place in my heart as St. Patrick's Day is the day my wife and I started dating, forever changing the trajectory of my life. For the better, I might add. You see, even though when she and I started dating, I worked as a bouncer at a bar that at most times had a lot of trouble. I didn't fully grasp the notion of protection at that time. Especially protecting someone you cared about. Sure, I would always have the back of my team as they would mine. But still then, to me, it was

more about keeping myself alive. But on that fateful day in March, all of that changed. I had someone that I cared enough about that self-preservation fell to second place.

I know I'm not going to be Glock 43X around forever, that is why now, I am doing my best to teach my wife self-protection. One of my favorite things to do with her in that regard, is take her to the range. In my quest to find a handgun that suits her properly for concealed carry, we had an opportunity to try out a couple of handguns that I had been eyeing up for her. The Sig Sauer P365 and the Glock 43X. So here goes my first ever gun review.

Let's start with the Sig Sauer P365 as this is a gun I've been wanting for a while. It has a 10+1 capacity, and for those of you that don't know, that means 10 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. Its Barrel length is 3.1 inches long. Which would indicate to you that it should have a somewhat harsher recoil (the shorter the barrel, the more kickback you feel). But, compared to the Glock 43X, it felt guite tame to me. It was snappier than my everyday carry (EDC), the Sig Sauer P320 but still very manageable, in my opinion. My grouping was very consistent, as was my wife's. Sig has a very textured hand grip that I really like. To me, I feel I have more control over the gun and don't have to worry too much about slippage. My wife would disagree on that one though, as she preferred the Glock hand grip, as it isn't as rough.

So that brings us to the Glock 43X. The hand grip, to me, felt bulkier. The texture was fine, but I prefer the texture of the Sig. Even though it has the same capacity as the 365, one big difference is the barrel length. With it coming in at 3.41 inches, it's almost a full half inch longer than the Sig. You would think a longer barrel would reduce some of the snappiness, but for both of us, that recoil was worse. It made it harder to stay on target, which nobody should like. Both of our groupings were ok at best, though as always, would improve with practice. My wife still liked the Glock better than the Sig Sauer.



When we turned our rentals back in, we were asked what we thought. We both gave them honest feedback with the pros and cons that we encountered with both guns. They were kind of shocked when we told them that the Glock felt like it had more kick than the Sig Sauer. They recommended that we try the Glock 48 as it has a longer barrel coming in at 4.17 inches long. Basically, it's the same handgun as the Glock 43X just with a slightly longer barrel therefore reducing the recoil. Unfortunately, they did not have one available to shoot, but had one to sell. As we both held it, we were very comfortable with it. So now, both of us can't wait to be able to shoot the Glock 48.

In summation, by the time this issue of Thunder Roads® Michigan Magazine was published my wife's birthday would have already passed. But there is still plenty of time to get my Irish wife a gift for our dating anniversary on St. Patrick's Day. You can choose either the Glock 48 or the Sig Sauer P365 in rose gold. Because, in her words, "She's so pretty!" Until next time, vote accordingly, and merry dating anniversary my love!

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harlie Vallier, his wife Marilyn, and their family are the owners of Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum in Naubinway, MI and they felt the need to create an event for veterans, involving

their museum. A good majority of their family are veterans, so what better way to give back than to create an event and share their passion of snowmobiling with others. Maybe even with someone who has never been out on a snowmobile.

So, a group filled with OIS Riders, OIS veterans, and others got together with Mike Brown at Brave Hearts Estate in Pellston, MI before going to visit the museum. Mike is one of the caretakers of the estate and is also a fellow veteran who made the drive up to Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum with us. When we arrived, we took the time to introduce ourselves to one another and shared our familiarity with snowmobiles over a breakfast treat. However, the real treat was Charlie giving us all a private tour of his museum. He is very passionate about snowmobiles and gave a wonderful tour. After the tour we all sat and ate lunch as we prepared to set out on some private trails on his private snowmobiles through a hunt club. We ended up at a log cabin on a beautiful spot on Cranberry Lake. After learning about the history of the cabin and the land it was on, we started to head back to the museum. We may not have had a ton of snow on the ground, but we had enough snow to make a great ride. This event was super fun with a lot of information about the history of the evolution of the snowmobile and different ways snowmobiles have been used through the years. Anybody that finds themselves in the Naubinway area should take their time to visit and support wonderful family and their museum. There is so many interesting things to see, and it has a wonderful gift shop as well. This event was such a great success we are planning on making it bigger and better next year.

Our second event with veterans last month was

attending the International 500 Snowmobile Race, this snowmobile race is like the Nascar of snowmobiles. OIS was contacted and was invited to bring some veterans up to its location in Sault Ste. Maire, MI for the opening flag ceremonies. OIS veterans were alongside State Legislatures and dignitaries who were all a part of the opening



ceremonies for the 55th year running. The OIS Riders and other veterans volunteered to help put flags out to each one of the competitor's snowmobiles. The weather for this vear's event was the warmest it has ever been and there wasn't much snow to speak of on the grounds or around the track. Having some cloud cover helped keep it chilled down enough to give a slight flurry during the early part of the race and held out held out long enough for all 500 miles to be raced around the icy track. The icy one mile track was literally colored blue so the racers could easily see their route while going around it at 100 mph at times. OIS Riders helped Mike Brown cook lunch for our veterans and we all got to enjoy it together while we relaxed with one another. It's always a great time hangout, socialize, and to plan future outings over a good meal. Due to the weather

















being a bit on the warmer side for February and the fun being had at the event, almost everyone stayed until the very end. This race is the world's longest, fastest, and toughest oval race. It started at 10am and went a little after 6:30 pm. We were all honored to be a part of such a great event. Thank you to Ric Federau, Carri Bradley, and the rest of your team for all your hard work you put into this race and the opportunity to have the veterans involved in the opening ceremonies. Congratulations to Bunke Racing for the win! A special thanks to our OIS veterans Ryan Blain and Dave Parsons and for their passion for snowmobiling and getting our veterans involved in these two events. A lot of fun was had by all, but more importantly is the comradery built throughout the event by the veterans. It's all about getting them back outside and doing things with one another.

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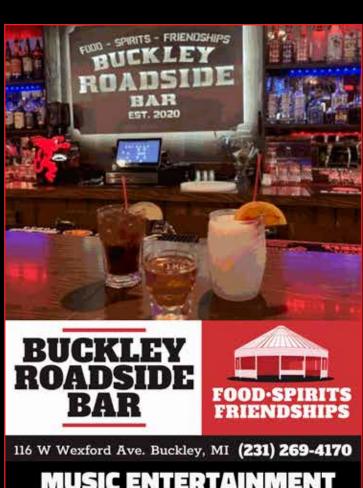
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"Late again?" the 5th grade Teacher asked of her most challenging student, Lil' Joey.

"It ain't my fault this time, Miss Crabtree. You can blame this'un on my Daddy. The reason I'm three hours late is my Daddy sleeps naked!

Now, Miss Crabtree had taught grammar school for thirty-someodd years. Despite her better judgment, she asked Lil' Joey what he meant by that statement? Full of grins and mischief, and in the flower of his youth, Lil' Joey and trouble were old friends, but he always told the truth.

"You see, Miss Crabtree, out at the ranch we got this here low down coyote. The last few nights, he done ate six hens and killed Ma's best milk goat. Last night, when Daddy heard a noise out in the chicken pen, he grabbed his shot gun and said to Ma, "That coyote's back again, I'm a gonna git him!" "Stay back, he whispered to all us kids!" "He was naked as a jaybird, no boots, no pants, no undies, no shirt! To the hen house he crawled on his belly, just like a burglar on the snoop. Then, he stuck that double barreled 12 gauge shotgun through the window of the coop." "As he stared into the darkness, with coyotes on his mind, our old hound dog, Zeke, had done woke up and comes sneakin' up behind Daddy. Then, as we all looked on, plumb helpless, old Zeke stuck his cold nose in Daddy's crack!" "Miss Crabtree, we all been cleanin' up chicken parts since three o'clock this mornin'!!".

Text from wife: where are u

Me: kitchen

Wife: can u feed the cat

M: I meant garage

W: bring in laundry

M: bathroom

W: clean toilet

M: Idaho

W: get potatoes

A man came home from work one day to find his wife on the front porch with her bags packed.

'Just where the heck do you think you're going!', said the man. 'I'm going to Las Vegas', said the wife,

'I just found out I can get \$400 a night for what

I give you for free!

The man said, 'Wait a minute!', and then ran inside the house only to come back a few minutes later with his suitcases in hand. 'Where the heck are you going?', said the wife.

The man said, 'I want to see how the hell you're gonna' live on \$1,200. a year!'

Friend: So, what are you doing today? Me: Same ole drinking and pole dancing Friend: Oh! so coffee and mopping the floor? Me: Yep, the usual hot Mom chit

I think we can all agree that the 'time out' generation did not work out as well as the 'ass whoopin' generation.

Trust me dude, I'm just as excited as you are when I take my bra off

A good thing about water is you can drink it at work. The good thing about Vodka is it looks like water.

An Irishman went to Confession in St. Patrick's Catholic Church. "Father," he confessed, "it has been one month since my last confession. I had sex with Pussie Green twice last month." The Priest told the sinner, "You are forgiven. Go out and say three Hail Mary's."

Soon thereafter, another Irishman entered the confessional, "Father, it has been two months since my last confession. I've had sex with Pussie Green twice a week for the past two months." This time, the Priest questioned, "Who is this Pussie Green?" "A new woman in the neighborhood," the sinner replied.

"Very well," sighed the Priest, "go and say ten Hail Mary's." At mass the next Christmas morning, as the Priest prepared to deliver the sermon, a tall, voluptuous, drop-dead gorgeous redheaded woman entered the sanctuary. The eyes of every man in the church fell upon her as she slowly sashayed up the aisle and sat down right in front the Priest. Her dress was bright green and very short, and she wore matching and super shiny emerald green shoes.

The Priest and the altar boy gasped as the woman in the green dress and matching green shoes, whom sat with her legs spread slightly apart, but just enough to realize she wasn't wearing any underwear. The Priest whispered out the side of his mouth to the alter boy, "Is that Pussie Green then?" The alter boy replied with all honesty, "No! Father, I truly believe that's just the reflection off her shoes!"

Happy Saint Patty's Day!

aye then Bikers, Irish or not -March 17th is the official day where you Do Not want to eat the green snow!





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March 2

- Big Bend Racing 513 Conrad Rd. Standish, MI Check out Facebook for details

March 3

- AMA D-14 Ice Racing Owosso Motorsport Park 2504 W M21 Owosso, MI State Championship Series 7:00am-4:30pm www.d14ice.com

March 10

-20th Annual Kalamazoo **Motorcycle Swap Meet Paragons Promotion Wings Event Center** 3600 Vanrick Dr. Kalamazoo, MI 10:00am-4:00pm Admission \$10 per adult www.paragonspromotion.com

March 23

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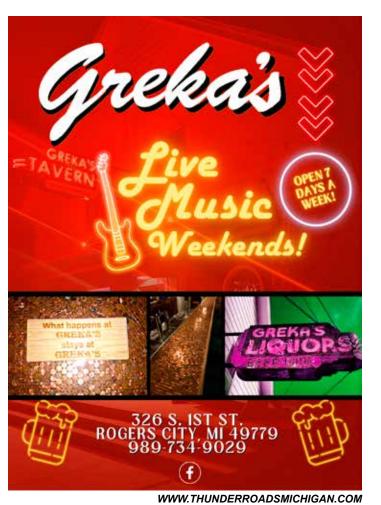
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