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THURSDAY JUNE 19, 2025

6 pm - 9 pm: Open Mic Night in the Wangler Pavilion.

Free entry for tonight ONLY.

Hosted by J.R. Cook and Mind Magik Tattoo.

FRIDAY JUNE 20, 2025

9 am - 9 pm: Registration at the Fairgrounds. Public Welcome,

> We ID, \$35 entry fee per person. Entry fee good for entire weekend, Golf Cart registration, \$25 each.

10:30 am: Blessing of the Bikes

by CMA under Bike Show Tent.

11 am: Wertz Warriors Bike Run. Registration at

front gate immediately before leaving.

\$5 per person to ride. All proceeds go to

Wertz Warriors Special Olympics.

Registration for Hot Pepper Eating Contest, Noon - Event:

Loud Pipes Competition, and Audio Show.

4:00 pm: Hot Pepper Eating Contest in Wangler Pavilion.

Hosted by Hot as Hale Pepper Gardens. \$20 entry.

Audio Show hosted by Insomnia Bagger Audio 5:30 pm:

in Main Event Area, \$5 Entry fee.

Loud Pipe Competition hosted by 508 Fab, 7 pm:

Machining & V-Twin Performance

in Main Event Area.

*Free to enter competition.

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9 am - 9 pm: Registration at the Fairgrounds. Public Welcome,

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10 am - 12 pm: Ride in Bike Show registration at

Thunder Roads Michigan Booth.

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10 am - 5 pm: Tattoo Contest registration and judging.

Sponsored by Mind Magik Tattoo Winners will be posted at Mind Magik Tattoo Booth and announced in between entertainment.

VCR Stunt Show in Main Event Area. 11:30 am:

12 pm - 2 pm: Ride in Bike Show and voting

under Bike Show Tent.

Winners announced immediately after show.

2 pm - 3 pm: Fuzzy's Field Events registration in Main Event Area.

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2 pm: VCR Stunt Show in Main Event Area.

3:30 pm: Fuzzy's Field Events in Main Event Area.

Motorcycle Rodeo north of Main Event Area.

Registration immediately before.

Entertainment in the Griffin Barn.

The Rock Show

Raggedy Ann

*Raffle ticket drawing will take place in between The Rock Show and Raggedy Ann.

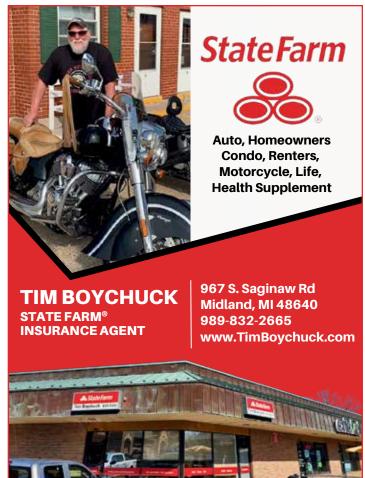
Front gate registration closes at 9 pm on Friday and Saturday nights. Admittance to the grounds will only be permitted to those who already have a wristband

7 pm:









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LETTER FROM THE OWNERS

s many of you may know, RJ surprised me with my dream bike, a 2018 Harley-Davidson Anniversary Street Glide Special in Legend Blue. The color is important. I've wanted this bike since it was released in 2018. I first laid eyes on it while we were down at Daytona bike week, and I almost made an impulse buy, but...I didn't. Instead, I came home with regret. I bought a Harley-Davidson Road King later that year, but the Street Glide was the bike that slipped through my fingers. Once he realized how badly I wanted that very specific motorcycle, RJ started looking. Jon, who works at Holeshot H-D, knows that RJ has spent the last 5 years searching for that bike, and so have others in that time, but they all kept coming up empty-handed. It seemed that if one was found, it would be in poor shape, or it would be sold, or it would be on the other side of the country, and they wouldn't hold it. It just seemed like the timing was never right! Well, not this time! I didn't even realize they were still looking or how hard they were looking until RJ surprised me with it on Friday, May 3rd. Originally, I had given RJ a ride to the dealership to pick up "his" new bike, unknowingly of the surprise in store. When I saw it at the dealership, Jon told me it belonged to a customer who was coming to pick it up. They let me circle and drool over it for a minute before RJ told me that I was the customer taking it home. I didn't believe him until I realized he was recording me the whole time. That's when it hit me, this really was my bike! As RJ would say, June is my "Birthday Month", so happy early birthday to me! And yes, I might be a little spoiled.

So that's why he gets to take a break from writing this month's letter from the owners- lol.

June is my favorite month of the year, and not just because it's my "Birthday Month", but because it also marks the start of rally season for us. The Rendezvous Rally up at Byce's Michihistrigan Campground in Gould City, MI, that takes place on Father's Day weekend each year, is my favorite! Then there's Bike Bash, at the Ogemaw County Fairgrounds in West Branch, June 20th – 22nd. And that might actually be my favorite. But then there's the Great Lakes HOG Rally up in Marquette, Michigan, and I've never

been to that one, but I'm sure it will be my favorite too. You get my point?

As I wrap this up, I want to say thank you RJ, for always thinking about me and putting me first. I really do love my new-to-me motorcycle, and I can't wait to show it off this summer.

RJ & Aly

JEN INTRO



ey all you readers out there,
I'm Jennifer Dabrowski, aka Sparkplug, a sales
Representative for "Thunder Roads Magazine of
Michigan". I also own my own Travel agency, "Jens Adventurous
Ways Travel," and work for "Precision Lawn Sprinklers" as a
Sprinkler Technician, a "Jill of all trades" as they would say...
I grew up in Higgins Lake, Michigan, and later moved to the
Tri-Cities area in my late teens. Now I live in Auburn. I have
Certifications in digital Marketing, content marketing, affiliate
marketing, blogging, and more. I have a love for traveling,
whether it be on 2 wheels, 4 wheels, Plane, Train, Boat, or Bus.

I've been around motorcycles since I was about 5, maybe even younger, riding on the back of my dad's motorcycles. That's where my passion for motorcycles and hearing the rumble all began. My dad and uncles all started riding when they were young, and they passed that love and appreciation on to me.

Now, as a grown woman, I'm incredibly grateful that riding is still my way to stay grounded, connect with myself, and keep that sense of freedom alive. It's a Healing of my soul, heart, and mind.

Riding and owning a bike has helped me build confidence as a woman. There's something about stopping after a good ride—smelling like exhaust and dirt and checking myself in my mirror—that reminds me of the beautiful balance between strength and femininity. The challenges, whether it's dealing with unexpected rainstorms, navigating unfamiliar roads, or fixing issues with my bike, big or small, always make me feel like a total badass. There's nothing like the feeling of coming out of those challenges with a smile on my face, knowing I did it all on my own. I encourage all women to at least give it a try...The feeling of Unity and a community of people and friendships with a shared passion for adventure and riding, to feel the wind in your hair and against your skin as you are soaring like an eagle in the sky, feeling so free.

I'm excited to keep the passion alive in all Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan readers and be an inspiration to all women riders, and encourage more women to take up Motorcycle Riding!!

CHAPLAIN CHARLIE'S CORNER:

NAVIGATING LIFE'S TWISTS AND TURNS

By Chaplain Charlie,

n the summer of 1986, I embarked on a solo motorcycle ride from Michigan to Florida. At just 19 years old, this journey symbolized far more than an extended road trip—it was a rite of passage. Back then, riding alone over long distances was widely regarded as a powerful declaration of independence and courage, a significant milestone indicating that one had truly arrived as a "real rider."

The summer heat that year was unusually oppressive, enveloping the entire country in a sweltering heatwave. Riding through Macon, Georgia, was particularly memorable, as temperatures soared to a blistering 106°F. The intensity of the heat seemed amplified by the asphalt beneath me, turning my motorcycle journey into a grueling endurance test, mile after sweaty mile.

Yet, the scorching heat was only one element of the many challenges I encountered during that trip. Nothing prepared me for what awaited me in the Appalachian Mountains. These mountains, known for their scenic beauty and winding roads, are equally infamous among riders for their unexpected hazards. Descending a particularly steep stretch at around 70 mph, I suddenly encountered a fierce and unexpected crosswind.

This crosswind was powerful enough to catch my bike's fairing, triggering an immediate and terrifying instability. Within seconds, my motorcycle began to weave violently back and forth across my lane, an unsettling phenomenon riders call a "tank slapper." To my immediate right was nothing but a sharp drop-off, protected only by the thin reassurance of roadside guardrails. At that moment, my mind raced with stark clarity—this was serious, and the consequences of losing control would be catastrophic.

My heart pounded fiercely in my chest, adrenaline surging as every instinct I had learned from riding kicked in. Knowing that abrupt movements could worsen the instability, I gently and methodically eased off the throttle, fighting the urge to react too forcefully. It felt like an eternity as the motorcycle slowly, painstakingly began to stabilize. Gradually, the intense weaving subsided, my grip relaxed just enough, and I could finally take a full breath again. The immediate crisis had passed.

Reflecting on that moment decades later, I realize vividly how life often mirrors my experience on that mountain road. We set out confidently, believing we have prepared ourselves fully for whatever may come. Yet life has a way of introducing unexpected twists, turns, and crises that challenge us profoundly—testing not only our skills and courage but also our

In moments of such uncertainty, I'm always drawn back to Proverbs 3:5-6, which says, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." That day on the mountain, when my motorcycle wobbled dangerously beneath me, I didn't have time to fully comprehend the physics of what was happening. My only choice was to trust my instincts and rely on the experience I had gained through practice and preparation. Similarly, faith calls us to trust God's guidance when life's circumstances leave us feeling uncertain and out of control.

Every rider inevitably encounters unexpected curves—some gentle, others treacherously sharp. Likewise, our lives are filled with unforeseen circumstances that can seem daunting or even overwhelming. Whether it's a sudden illness, financial struggles, relationship turmoil, or unexpected job loss, these are moments when faith becomes essential. Our ability to trust that God is guiding us, even when we can't see clearly, provides comfort and strength during life's most challenging times.

My youthful journey to Florida was indeed a personal rite of passage, marking my transition into adulthood and solidifying my identity as a serious rider. But more importantly, it taught me valuable lessons about trust and humility. I learned that meticulous planning, while important, would never fully prepare me for every situation. Just as riding safely requires ongoing alertness and adaptability, life demands a willingness to adjust our plans and trust the greater wisdom guiding our

As I now reflect on that adventure, it serves as a continual reminder of the power and importance of faith. Just as I eased off the throttle that day in 1986, I now approach life's challenges by easing off my impulse to control every outcome, instead embracing trust and patience. This gentle approach to uncertainty reminds me that, while the path ahead may seem unclear, there is always a greater purpose at play.

Today, whenever life throws me into those familiar wobbles of uncertainty, I return in my mind to that harrowing mountain descent. I'm reminded to lean gently into life's curves, trusting fully that God's steady hand is guiding my way. Life's twists and turns might seem daunting, but they also represent our

> greatest opportunities for growth, resilience, and faith.

Ride safe and live strong, friends. Remember, the road might twist, but your faith can remain straight and true.

<mark>Chaplain Dean Titus (Charlie)</mark> Sanford American Legion Riders #443

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CHLOE INTRO



ey there! I'm Chloe Monville, aka Shawty. I am a passionate motorcycle enthusiast from Essexville, Michigan. I've been riding my Harley-Davidson Softail Slim since 2018. After working as a certified Motorcycle Safety Foundation RiderCoach for seven years, I have decided to transition to a new role with Thunder Roads Michigan motorcycle magazine. This new pursuit will allow me to socialize regularly, ride more often, and fully immerse myself in the riding community. I embrace the spirit of freedom and connection that motorcycling brings, living by the belief: "Four wheels move the body; two wheels move the soul."

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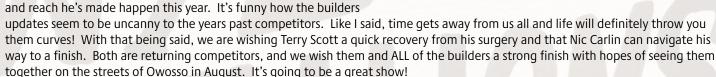




2025 WYLD STALLIONS MOTORCYCLE BUILD COMPETITION

ell, this is the final update for the 2025 Wyld Stallions Motorcycle Build. The finale will take place on Saturday, August 23rd of this year and a new champ will be crowned. Unless you are Frank Grimes; he would argue that point. Could we have our first back-to-back win?? He has some tough competition hammering out their own visions of coming out on top, but we'll find out soon enough in August at Owosso Vintage Motorcycle Days.

Time gets away from us all and life sure likes throwing us some curves along the way, right? When Derek Long started the process of inviting builders to the competition late last year, I thought it was crazy to have 12 builders for this season. Now, I can appreciate the talent and reach he's made happen this year. It's funny how the builders



Make sure you are following wyld stallions motorcycle build on Facebook and follow all of the builders. Can't wait to see you all on August 23rd at the Owosso Vintage Motorcycle Days in Owosso, Michigan!

Side note: Apologies to little mans pic being cropped in Jay Bird's update in April. Sorry, bud... got ya in there this time.



FRANK GRIMES DEFIANCE, OH

This month has been pretty busy, but I still managed to make some progress. My grandpa passed away this past month, so most of my time was spent with family. I decided to go a different route with the gas tank to

save some time. Instead of making one, I opted to use a tank I got from a friend of mine several years ago. I got it on, and all the mounts made. I'm very happy with how everything looks. I have brackets started to mount the rear fender. Everything is really starting to take shape. I also decided on using some taillights that I made over the winter. I feel they will really go well with the theme I have going on with the build. We're getting closer to the show day, and I'm super stoked to see everyone's projects come to life!

















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As of June, my project has progressed with the construction of wheels. I have decided to change direction on my frame due to acquiring a parts bike. I will be using the tail section from that bike and building forward. My goal is to achieve a 70s aesthetic, and I aim to ensure I allocate sufficient time to properly fit and flow all the sheet metal and molding.

FOLLOW THE BUILD ON PROUDLY SPONSORED BY





MACKBLANK **FOWLERVILLE MI**

While the last few months have been focused on getting other bikes finished and spending time with the family, this month I have finally been able to spend some time working on my build bike. It didn't come without its own set of challenges. I started a new career a few months ago in the exciting world of Air Compressor service (yes it's as glamorous as it sounds) so I have spent quite a few weeks on the road doing training. I did spend some time



figuring out the geometry for the rear suspension shock mounts so I could build the swing arm hoop and template out the shock mount tabs. I also finally found a set of wheels I have been searching for, it turns out they aren't that easy to find. Progress should start picking up faster over the next few weeks as I start building the subframe for the seat and gas tank next.





BUILDER UPDATE BRYCE



It is full out planting season, so my build is on hold currently. My frame and parts are at the powder coaters as I'm writing this. They should be done by the time the planting is complete. Then I can paint the tins and begin assembly. Till then, farm comes first for me.









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BUILDER UPDATE CHRIS WAT1 DETROIT MI

Finally on the road and

couldn't be more stoked on this beaut. A lot of hours and sleepless nights but I think everything turned out better than I could

have hoped for. I've been able to log around 500 miles in the last couple weeks with her on the pavement, but the real test is the 26-hour 1300 mile trip to Tennessee Motorcycles and Music Revival being held at Loretta Lynns ranch. Wish me luck!









BUILDER UPDATE PITTSBURGH PA

Got everything ready for assembly. I'll be finishing up some motor work and should be on track to get this mama going. I'm full tilt into this 1947 Knucklehead and it's close enough to being put together that I can already feel the exhaust burning my legs-lol. I'm ready and excited to have her















BUILDER UPDATE MATT DREWYORE **CLINTON TWP MI**

I wasted an entire month worrying about

all the wrong things (again). I bought and completely redid a 16-foot-tall high striker carnival game. I know I know. Why? Because I can. I got my kids involved. It was a blast watching them do the hard work while relaxing with a cocktail. Just maybe one day they will take this out and learn how to work a crowd and make a few dollars doing it. Now I guess on to my build. I've not really done much fab work before, so this is where I'm really learning a lot of new skills like my welding. I'm getting my sissy bar setup as I write this. I also scored some awesome pipes at the Imlay City swap with some bends to hopefully build a custom exhaust with. I end this off saying thanks to the wyld stallions build off for the deadline, to all the folks at the Steel Horse Ranch for the help securing parts, and as always Thunder Roads Michigan Magazine for the awesome reading material. Now, I gotta go and get this bike done.









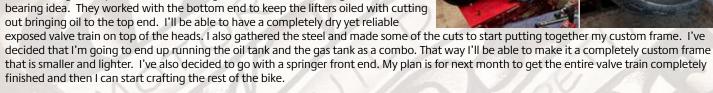


BUILDER UPDATE NICKNAUMANN RAMSEY MN

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ideas and decided to start with a block of aluminum to make a rough draft before I finish making the exposed valve train using arm brass. I decided to go with a sealed bearing idea. They worked with the bottom end to keep the lifters oiled with cutting out bringing oil to the top end. I'll be able to have a completely dry yet reliable







BUILDER UPDATE **BRIGHTON MI**

We are still in pieces. Engine is going back together this week after doing a complete tear down. New to me wheels obtained have 90% less corrosion than the original wheels

and the fatter rear and larger front wheel is the look I'm going for. As soon as the engine is reassembled, I can mangle in the rear brake conversion kit with the rear bracket and get the frame, tank and fender painted. The push button starter is ordered and I'm still trying to figure out the shift style I want to go with for the suicide clutch. I'm starting a welding class this week and hoping to get something together quickly to get proper fitment. Once the engine is back together and in, I feel like everything should be downhill. Assembling the harness for this bike will be easy as I've removed some components. She might be a pile of pieces, but I know what goes where, maybe next time I'll have better organization, currently still winging it.



BUILDER UPDATE METAMORA MI

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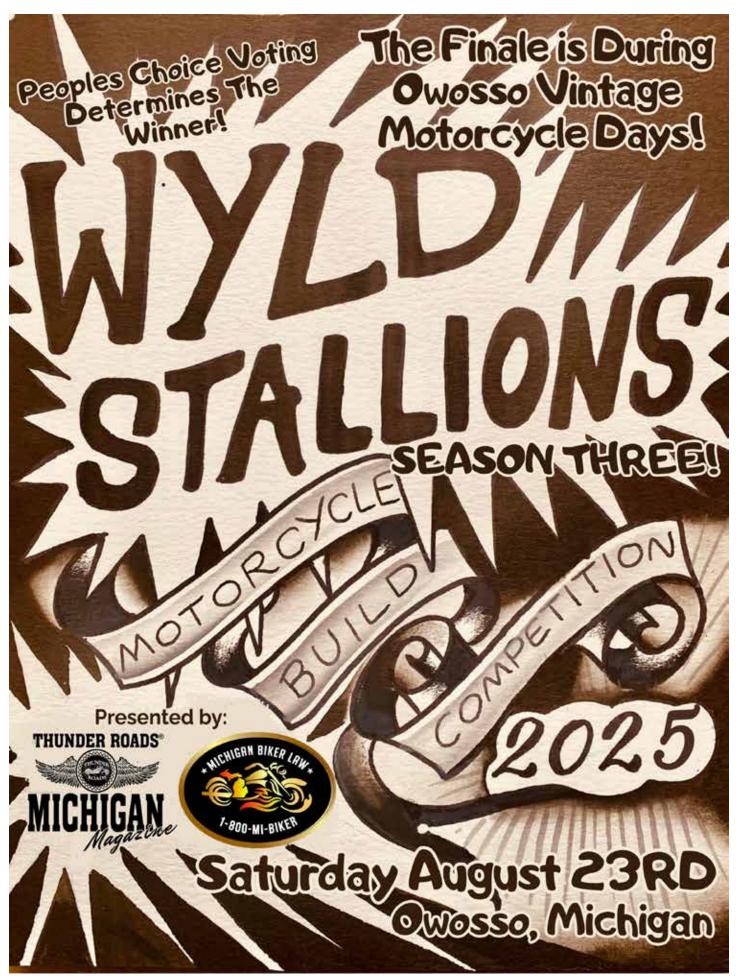
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They worked with the bottom end to keep the lifters oiled with cutting out bringing oil to the top end. I'll be able to have a completely dry yet reliable exposed valve train on top of the heads. I also gathered the steel and made some of the cuts to start putting together my custom frame. I've decided that I'm going to end up running the oil tank and the gas tank as a combo. That way I'll be able to make it a completely custom frame that is smaller and lighter. I've also decided to go with a springer front end. My plan is for next month to get the entire valve train completely finished and then I can start crafting the rest of the bike.





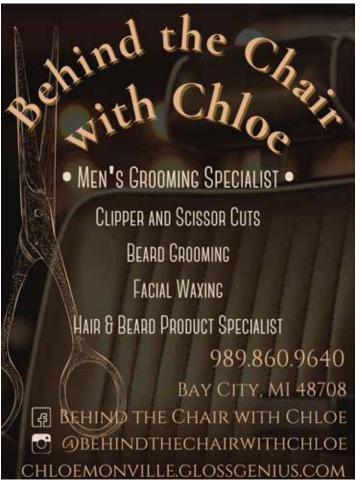


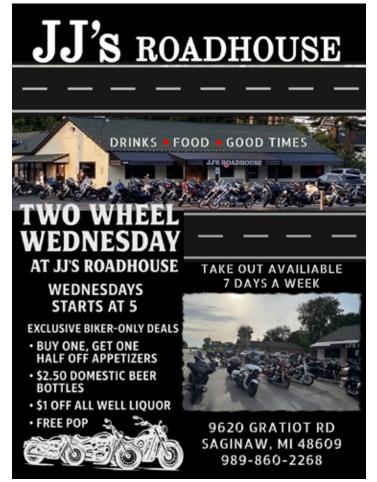














4 pm - Arrival at Covenant

Covenant HealthCare provides a teddy bear or stuffed animal to each of Covenant Kids. This event helps them accomplish this.

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ABATE UPDATE

une is here, and that means the riding season is officially upon us! I hope everyone enjoys their summer and rides safely. I wanted to share a message from Jay Jackson, the Executive Director of ABATE of Indiana and Vice President of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. He emphasizes that this isn't just about ABATE or any specific group; it's about our everyday lives and how we advocate for our interests as motorcyclists. If we don't take action, who will? I encourage you to read his article closely—it's a vital reminder of our collective responsibility. ABATE has been tirelessly working for motorcyclists for nearly 50 years, and as we approach 2026, it's time to get involved and show our passion. A big thank you to Jay for his unwavering support and for leading engaging sessions at ABATE seminars. I hope to see many of you at our annual seminar in 2026 or at one of our events throughout the year!



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Jay Jackson

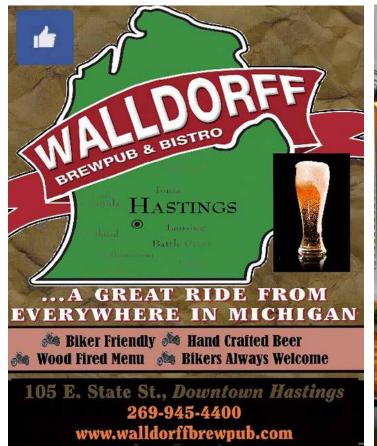
Executive Director of ABATE of Indiana Vice President of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation

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Michigan Rider Newsletter There appears to be a theme in this issue of Hoosier Motorcyclist. You saw

it on the cover and you're reading it here. APATHY PROHIBITED is ABATE of Indiana's mantra this year. As we celebrate our 50th anniversary, we've gotta wonder if apathy will allow us to make it to 60. So, what do we really mean by APATHY PROHIBITED? What is apathy and why don't we want it? Apathy is defined by Merriam Webster as, "a lack of feeling or emotion; a lack of interest or concern". Webster's further explains that "apathy, impassivity, and indifference all denote a lack of responsiveness to something that might normally excite interest or emotion. Apathy suggests a puzzling or deplorable inertness or lack of passion, as in "the problem of continued voter apathy." The simple definition is apathy is feeling or doing nothing about things you should be concerned by. Apathy is often brought on by frustration. If you've been going to the city council for three years requesting a stop sign at the intersection of First Street and Main Street, it is difficult to remain engaged, much less excited, when you've been basically ignored for the last three years. Major corporations, and sometimes governments, use this as a strategy. They can afford (financially and otherwise) to "wait out" little guys like you and me. They count on people getting frustrated and giving up. If that doesn't explain why we don't want apathy, I'm not sure that I know a better way to convince people. Apathy becomes contagious. If somebody already worked hard and couldn't get anything done, why should you waste your time? It's pretty easy to feel that way. That is the epitome of apathy. Historically, since the 1960's and definitely since June 25, 1975 (ABATE of Indiana's founding), bikers have been anything but apathetic. Passion is something we've always had. Passion about our ride, our lifestyle, our freedom. Motorcyclists have never hesitated to let people see just how passionate we are. We have taken on, and won, battles that we shouldn't have even been able to start. That's not because we have great resources like a lot of money or a large number of people. It's because bikers have passion. We believe, and we are willing to fight for those things we believe in. Over the last few years, we have experienced some apathy within our community. We don't have as many members; we don't have as many people attend meetings or events, and we don't have as many "activists". Grassroots lobbyists are people who don't get paid to educate lawmakers, they do it because they believe in the cause and are... yup, you guessed it, PASSIONATE. The motorcycle rights movement (which started State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations) has never had huge numbers. But we need enough people so that legislators feel compelled to listen. It may not take a million people to get that stop sign on the corner, but it can be nearly impossible for one person to get it accomplished alone. What one person can do is educate and motivate people so that the group becomes larger and gains a louder voice. What one person can also do is spread apathy to epidemic proportions. Which one of those people do you want to be? We need you to be educated, active and be a catalyst of energy, activism and passion. Inform everyone you contact and invite them to get on board. We are not fearmongering; we are letting you know that the future of motorcycling and our chosen lifestyle are in danger. We MUST be vigilant in promoting, protecting and preserving motorcycling for future generations.

Ride Safe, Ride Free Jay Jackson















STURGIS OR BUST!

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ur Sturgis or Bust saga continues this month, but with a different approach. Yes, we still have more interviews to share from

experienced Black Hills travelers, but since we are halfway through the interviews leading up to our departure in August, we thought we would give some updates on how the planning side has been going so

Originally, we had a small hiccup with the Airbnb we had plans to stay in; the owner sold it, which left us scrambling for a place to crash at night. So, patiently we sat on our hands for the Airbnb to be finalized with the homeowners but in the end, we were referred to another family looking to rent out their home. Well, it turned out to be a duplex of sorts and that just wasn't going to work with our motley crew. With the unknowns of what we would be riding into at that location, we began to search again. This time our buddy Jim wasn't alone with such responsibility and the stress involved. I mean there are going to be some future stories to be told about this trip and some not to be told-lol. Visions of being surrounded by "Karen's" on the referred location had us looking for something a little more private and well... fitting. Now, a couple of folks in our group suggested we

could just take a tent and rough it for 10 days, but I'm no Bud Mosley, and finding a kind soul to let six people use their shower seems like a tall order. I will tell you, this late in the game and with each day, it gets even harder to find a reasonable house for rent. Apparently, someone hauled a mobile trailer into downtown Sturgis and is asking \$18,000 for the week- talk about over the top! But let's face it, the Sturgis rally is an extreme event. Luckily, we did find a spot that fits our group without breaking the bank. So, it is official, we are Sturgis-bound.

If you have been following us as we learn vicariously through the experience of Sturgis veterans, then you've probably noticed a lot of repetitive talk and pictures. Same landmarks with a new face in front of them. And yet,

> people are drawn back year after year to get that same picture over the years. I have listened to the majority of the interviews that RJ has conducted, and there's so much more than what makes it into the final cut, like all the side chats and the emotion behind the stories everyone shares. I believe it was Cory L. who mentioned the trek to Sturgis, the caravan of trailers and bikes. She described how, upon entering a restaurant, the place was packed with bikers, united by their passion for motorcycles and living their own personal Sturgis or Bust. Excited strangers would greet each other and invite them to sit at their table, swapping tales from their previous trips to Sturgis and creating new friendships and memories even before arriving. But then, you arrive, and the town's surroundings are a perfect scenic backdrop for the rally. We have been envisioning us riding along with so many through the Black Hills, Spearfish Canyon, the Badlands, Needles Highway, and Iron Mountain Road. The stories of the stunning landscapes and challenging roads amp up the excitement of the ride. The roads that lead to all the famous landmarks, Mount Rushmore, The

Crazy Horse Memorial, Devils Tower, and even the iconic buffalo on the road. I have heard time after time, "RJ, the pictures just can't capture it." I can't wait to get out there and experience these breathtaking views myself. We can't quite pack our bags yet because we have an insanely busy summer ahead of us to get through before then. There is no more sitting on our hands, it's go time! The house is booked and now I can exhale as I enjoy putting some miles on my new bike. I know I'm going to get to know it very well before the long journey to South Dakota and back.



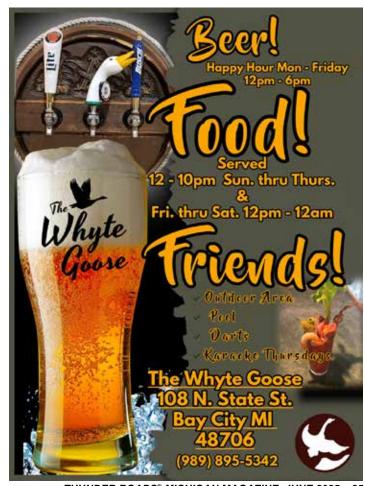


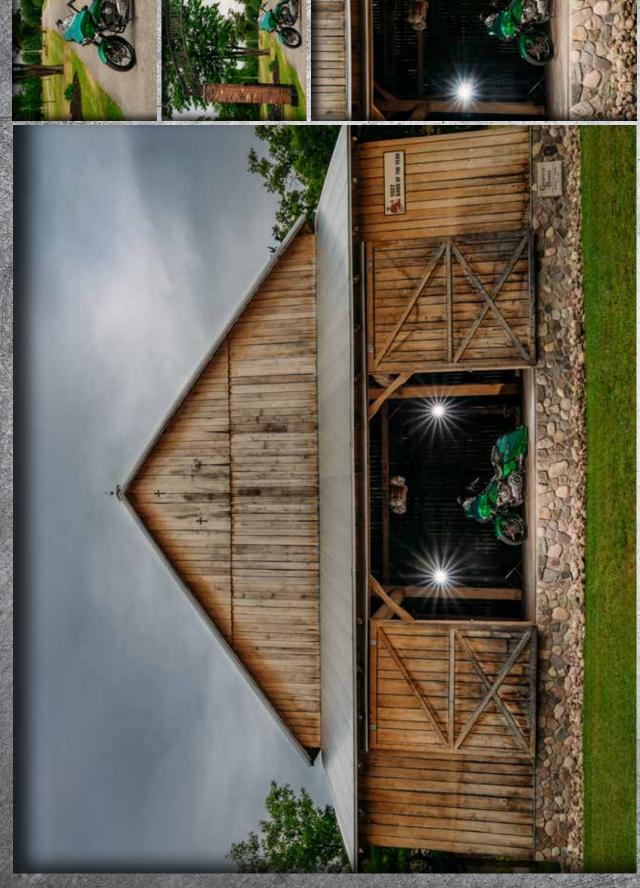












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Remembering the Fallen:

A Memorial Day Reflection for Veterans



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Ithough Memorial Day was at the end of May. As Veterans, Memorial Day never truly passes as it carries a weight that is both deeply personal and profoundly communal. While the rest of the nation enjoys parades, family gatherings, and the unofficial start of summer, we pause with heavier hearts. This day isn't about us—it's about them. The ones who never came home.

Each name etched on a headstone or memorial wall represents a story cut short. A voice silenced too soon. A comrade-in-arms who gave everything in defense of something greater than themselves. Whether they fell in a distant land or in the skies above it, in the depths of the sea or on the battlefield beside us, their sacrifice is why we stand free today.

For those of us who served, Memorial Day can stir a complex blend of pride, sorrow, and survivor's quilt. We remember the last conversations, the laughter in the barracks, the missions we shared. We carry those memories like sacred flames. And on this day, we are reminded to tend to that flame—not just with remembrance, but with purpose.

Let Memorial Day be more than a moment of silence. Let it be a call to action. Reach out to a fellow Veteran who may be struggling. Share stories of your fallen brothers and sisters so that their legacies live on. Teach your children, your neighbors, your community why this day matters.

Attend a local ceremony. Lay a flag. Say a prayer. Raise a glass. Whatever form your tribute takes, make it sincere. Make it count. If you didn't have the chance in May, there is always today and every day after. Find your local and state Veteran Memorial to reflect and honor.

Because to truly honor the fallen, we must live lives worthy of their sacrifice. We must continue to serve—in our communities, our families, and in the stories we keep alive.

This Memorial Day, we remember. We grieve. We honor. And above all, we carry forward the legacy of those who gave all.

We will never forget. Ride Safely

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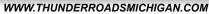
nternational Female Ride Day is exactly what it indicates. A worldwide event where women get together all over the world on the first Saturday in May every year, and we ride! Jen (one of our new Thunder Roads® Michigan Reps) and I had the opportunity to sit down with the organizers of the IFRD Detroit event a couple of weeks before the ride. They shared some of their history on what inspired this event and some of what it took to keep it going. The term pop-up was used a lot. There are pop-up rides that take place everywhere, and we mean everywhere! There is an international Facebook page dedicated to sharing all of these pop-up and scheduled events. Internationally, this was

the 19th Annual Ride Day. CoCo was the original collaborator of IFRD Detroit. She had a vision and decided to act on it. Bringing female riders together to encourage each other. Inspiring confidence and support for both experienced and non-experienced female riders. 10 years ago, she started with 7 participants, the next year she had 100, and the next 200. It didn't take long to grow into what it is today. Four years ago, CoCo had some health issues and had to step away. That's when Eclipse, one of her club sisters, asked CoCo for her blessing to pick up where she had left off. And so, the IRFD Detroit has continued its tradition for 10 years now. CoCo, Eclipse, and Wonder are the inspiring women who take on the responsibility of organizing and planning this event each year, and sitting and talking with them, you











can see how passionate and encouraging they are not only for this ride but also toward each other. With some help from the Wayne County Sheriff Department and some local police departments, the ride is an escorted 60-mile ride through the heart of Detroit. Starting and ending at Dick Scotts Powersports in Livonia, the ride is purposely designed







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so women of any experience or riding level can participate and feel comfortable. All proceeds are donated to the Karmanos Breast Cancer Institute. This was Wonder's first year as a co-host, and when Coco was asked how she felt they were doing? Her response was, "It feels like a mother who is watching her children take off, 10,000% I support them." We could tell that even though they are from different clubs, they share a bond that is visible to anyone who spends time with them.



After some food and an emotional conversation, we said our goodbyes for now, took some pics and videos, and made our way back to central Michigan. Jen was inspired, and so was I. Those ladies lit a fire under us, and Jen was on a mission to get as many female riders as possible to ride their bikes with us down to Detroit. Even with the last-minute notice and the chilly weather forecast, we ended up with two more ladies who jumped on board, one being Chloe, who is also a new Thunder Roads ® Michigan Rep, and Jennifer, who had seen our Facebook invite to join us. The four of us left late Friday night and stayed down near Livonia so we could get up in the morning and be fresh for our full day of female-inspired events. The Ride was amazing!

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departments did a great job of blocking traffic; we had the road to ourselves. I didn't even know where we were until we rolled past Little Caesars Arena, Comerica Park, & the Fox Theater. A parade of female riders rolling down Woodward Avenue with a police escort? It was a sight to see. We were turning heads for sure. Talk about empowering. When we rolled back into the dealership, 1 hour 37 minutes later, there were vendors, food trucks, shoe shining, a DJ, & dancing in the parking lot. These ladies turn this event into a party. In closing, I want to say this isn't just about a bunch of women getting on motorcycles and riding, these ladies inspire unity, they are uplifting and empowering. Thank you, CoCo, Eclipse, & Wonder for making all of us feel like family. It's amazing the way you represent and what you are doing for the female

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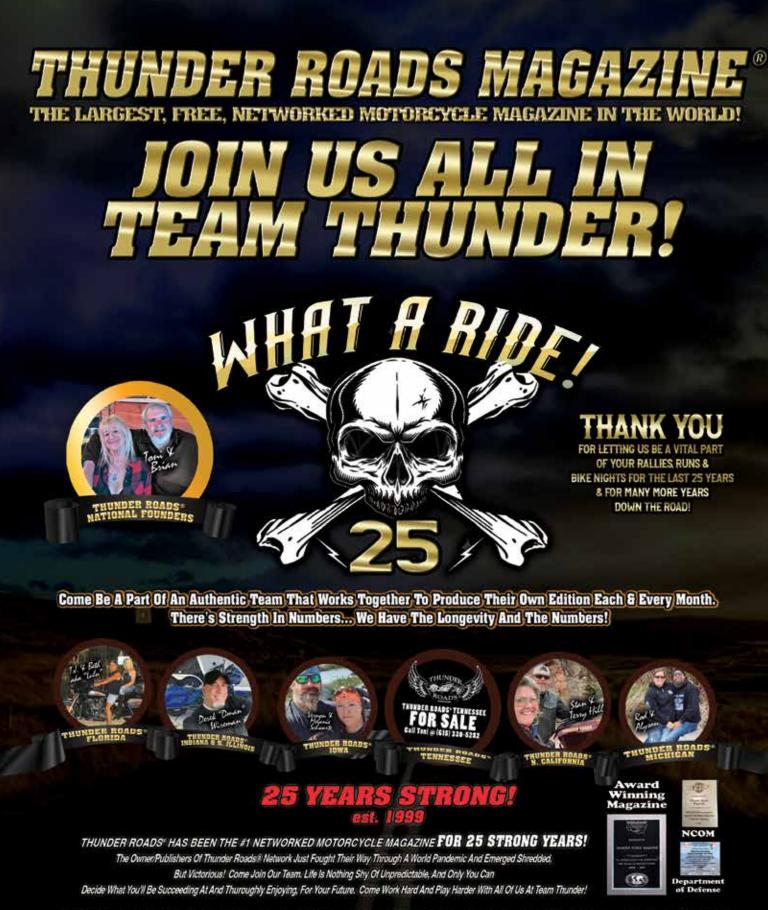






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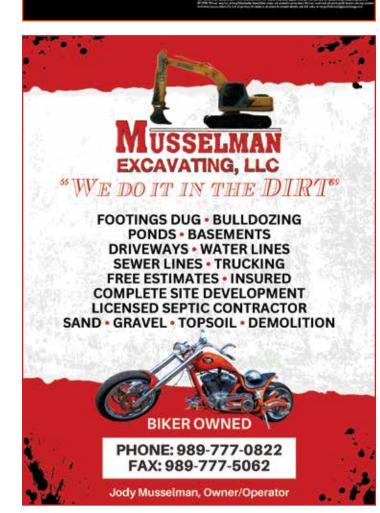




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HOT RODS TOPICS



■he riding season can be hit or miss with Michigan weather, yet we didn't allow it to get in the way of having the privilege of helping a niece of several of our organization members. A poker run was put together to raise funds to help her through a rough patch with cancer and raising a newborn at the same time. Please pray for Katie Gorham as she moves forward with this health challenge.

In May we jumped in with our proclamation from Pittsfield Township in Saline on the 14th and on May 17th we hosted our bike blessing. May 1st was a big hit at the Visitor Center on US-23 in Dundee and Amos, our Awareness Champion has been teaching so many classes that she had to get some help from Macey Jo Sanders which is so cool! We also have yard signs at A&M Leather on Middlebelt Rd. in Romulus so stop in and get ya one. "Be Aware - Motorcycles Are Everywhere".

There are always lots of great things happening in and around our communities. We were able to set up at the Walneck's Motorcylc Swap Meet in Monroe, MI on May 18th and we were also at the Milan Fair the last weekend of May to help spread the word about motorcycle awareness and suicide prevention. Our work is paramount, and we are dedicated to continuing to get it out to as many people as we can. August 10th our Liaison Champions Bob and Donna Lawrence are planning an event at Brookside Golf Course in Saline so stay tuned. And finally, our Fifth Annual Car & Bike Show will be on September 13th at Wilson Park in Milan. If you're interested in participating in our events, please reach out to us through our Facebook page or hotrods.motorcycle.awareness@ gmail.com. Events like these help us fund projects throughout the year as requests for our suicide prevention benches have been coming in from multiple high schools. It's an honor to be able to help those that need someone to talk to in a time of crisis!

June 7th we'll be going to the Radicals car show from 10a – 4p. It's unique with their burnouts and a fun time hanging out with awesome people. We are in the planning stages for a road trip to West Branch on July 25 and July 26th. We currently have 10 couples going with rides planned for both days. There will also be dinner rides and day trips mixed in along the way. So, if you enjoy being around good people and having a fun time, please check out our Facebook page because sometimes things come up at the last minute and just maybe you could join us! God bless all of you. Ride free and proud - you deserve it! Stay safe,

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1. SHAKE AND POUR OVER ICE.

2. TOP WITH A SPLASH OF SPRITE AND







My nephew asked me where Walla Walla was located. I told him somewhere between ting tang and bing bang. That should keep his mind busy for a while.

So, you're reading this Joker's Wild in June, but I'm actually writing it on the late evening of Mother's Day; May 11th. When you do this mag you live in the future, the month that just passed and in the right here and now, it gets a while to adjust. Anyway, a few days ago our daughter says "It's getting close and I still haven't gotten you anything for Mother's Day!" I just so happen to be looking at an ad on Zon for a helluva deal on a Ring doorbell with voice activation for both sides. I sent her the screenshot and said, "this would be really nice! js". So she shows up for Mother's Day and said she ordered flowers but they probably wouldn't be delivered until tomorrow, and then she hands me a zip-lock bag with a Used Ring doorbell and I'm like wtf? where's the new voice activated one and she's like, "Well, we get a lot of people in our community and y'all don't get that much traffic so I just switched them out. That one still works really good tho!

Whoop De Fookin Do!! Really?
I just gotta' say that we raised this girl right but how she turned into cheap-ass switcheroo Sally is beyond me. My hubby and I are still laughing about it. I took a pic and am going to post it, ya' know, just to keep it real. lol HighLarious!!

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Earl and Vern are sitting at the local Tavern and Earl says, "Vern, you been sitting there just pondering some thing for sometime now, so go on, spit it out and let's know what's up."

Vern looks at Earl and he says, "I was just wondering how much jail time I would get if I actually did onto others as they have done unto me?"

"That's all." We can all relate Vern, truly.

Finally figured out the Middle Age is when your age actually starts showing around your middle.

I got SOO dang drunk last night, I walked across the dance floor to get another drink and won the freakin' dance contest!

Hubby is watching wife hang her panties on the clothesline, "I remember when you could fit a dozen pair of your lil' sexy panties on that one line, now you only can get five! Wife says yeah well, I remember when you actually had a Big Bulge in your undies instead of only skid marks. I am literally dazed and amazed how a cemetery can raise its' funeral prices and blame it on the cost of living.

A baby can drink a bottle, fall asleep and people say how adorable it is if I do it, I'm called an alcoholic.

I took my suit to the cleaners, who wanted to charge me \$40. So I gave my suit to the charity store next door. They cleaned and pressed it and put it in the window. I bought it back for \$5.00

My Doctor said I needed to socialize more, get out and about, so I took up running, so far this week I've met three different sets of Paramedics.

I live in Florida and I saw a bumper sticker on a parked car in front of WallyWorld that read: "I Miss Philadelphia".

So, being the helpful kinda' guy that I am, I broke out the window, stole the radio and left a note that read: "I hope this helps with your missing."

Sometimes you might feel like no one's there for you, but you know who is always there for you? Coffee.

Cofffee will Always be there for you. Always!

Balloons are so weird "Happy Birthday", here's a rubbery sack full of my breath."

Isn't it strange that we have one hand that knows how to do everything and then we have another hand that just sits there like, "I don't even know how to hold a pencil."

Women know. They just know. Even if they didn't know, they would know. Men might not get this, but women will, because they know.

I took my daughter to get a Toddler Bed for my only grandchild. I paid \$100. extra for a 20 year warranty. I'm just going to wait 19 years, cause this store has been around for a century, and take it back with Warranty in hand. They'll be, "Well, what's wrong with the bed?" and I'll just give them one of those looks and say, "Well, if you must know her feet are hanging off the end of the bed and her husband is pretty damn uncomfortable too!!

Why is it called boob sweat, instead of what it really is Humidititties?

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- Autism Awareness Motorcycle Ride 9th Annual Run & Steak Fry **Kingswood Outfield** 3535 Phillips Rd. Kingston, MI **Check out Facebook for details**
- -Fuzzy's Memorial Parade **Ogemaw Hills Free Methodist Church Parking Lot** 3480 W. M-76 KSU 11:00 am
- Gildner's Harley-Davidson **Open-House** 2723 S. M-76 West Branch, MI See Ad for details
- -Jake Irvine Benefit Iron Horse Bar & Grill 3592 Main St. Akron, MI **Check out Facebook for details**
- Port Huron Motorcycle Club Dirt Drags | Test -n-tune 3376 Griswold Rd. Port Huron, MI **Check out Facebook for details**

-Red Ball Ride CVMA MI 35-6 Jay's Sporting Goods 1151 S. Otsego Ave. Gaylord, MI Check out Facebook for details

- Saginaw Blessing of the Bikes Beemer Memorial Run 4th Annual American Legion Auxiliary Post 439 5190 Weiss St. Saginaw, MI Check out Facebook for details

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-Bubba's Backyard Motorcycle **Swap Meet Bubba's Tri-City Cycles** 804 S Huron Rd. Linwood, MI Check out Facebook for details

June 11

- ABATE of Michigan -Freedom Rally on the Capitol White House Steps 322 W Ottawa St. Lansing, MI **Check out Facebook for details**

- Vet-Fest 2025 Michigan Technological University **Student Development Complex** 1400 Townsend Dr Houghton, MI 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

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- Summer Kickoff **Holeshot Harley-Davidson** 4741 E. Pickard St. Mt. Pleasant, MI **Check out Facebook for details**
- -VFW Riders Group Fun Run 3013 Bay City Rd. Midland, MI Registration 9:00 am - 11:00 am

June 22

- Port Huron Motorcycle Club **Blue Water Summer Nationals** 3376 Griswold Rd. Port Huron, MI **Check out Facebook for details**

June 24

- 2025 Thunder Roads Michigan **Bike Nights!** 2nd TRM Bike Night of the Season Silver Bullet Saloon 8347 E Washington Branch, MI **Check out Facebook for details**

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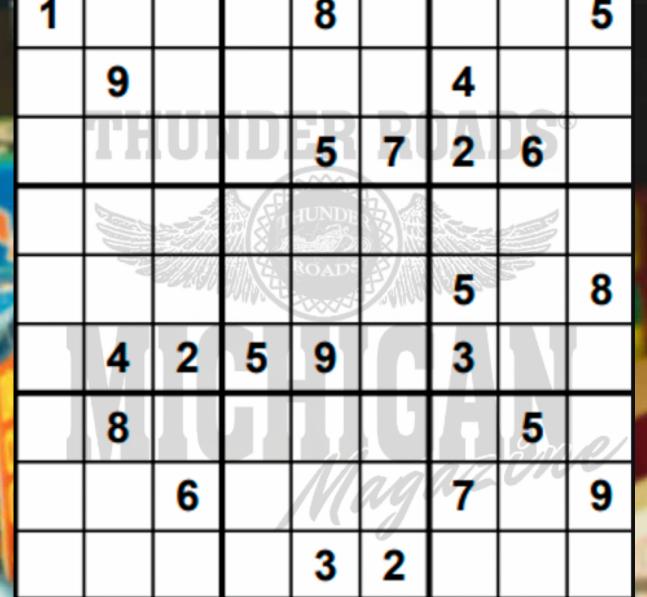
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