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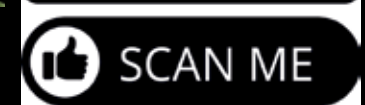
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LETTER FROM THE OWNERS

We just wrapped up our 4th TRM 2025 Bike Night at the end of July. Only two more are left to go for this year. We want to take a moment to throw up a big THANK YOU to everyone who’s helped make our Bike Nights such a blast this season. Each one has been packed with good vibes, great people, and entertaining to say the least!

To all the locations that opened their doors and hosted us, we truly appreciate you. It takes a lot of coordination to make these nights happen, and your hospitality means the world to us. And to our amazing helpers—the team that shows up early, stays late, hauls gear, and makes it all run smoothly—THANK YOU. None of this works without you.

Now, let’s dive into something monumental: We are finally heading to Sturgis! To say I’m excited would be an understatement. For the last three years, RJ has been saying ‘maybe this year’, but something always seems to get in the way, leading to ‘Maybe next year’. However, we are now packing our bags and hitting the road. This is one of those dream rides that every biker yearns for, and it’s finally becoming a reality. In recent months, we’ve been showcasing a special series titled “Sturgis or Bust!,” highlighting tales from seasoned Sturgis attendees. Their insights, whether good, bad, wild, or wise, have provided us (and hopefully you) with a genuine sense of what to anticipate. A massive thank you to each of them for sharing their highs, lows, and invaluable “don’t miss this” tips. You’ve helped paint a vivid picture of what makes Sturgis more than just a rally, it’s a genuine



experience. Whether you’re gearing up for Sturgis as well or staying local to support the Michigan bike community, ride safe and enjoy every moment. Maybe we’ll catch you out there. Watch for our follow up in September when we share our own experiences from the Black Hills Rally!

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BY CHAPLAIN CHARLIE

July 3rd was one of those perfect riding days. The kind we dream about during a Michigan winter. The skies were blue, the air was warm but not stifling, and my wife Kendra and I were out enjoying the open road on our Harley Davidson trike. No destination in particular, just running a few errands, enjoying the freedom that comes from being on three wheels with your best friend beside you.

We were stopped at the corner of Stark and Wackerly in Midland when it happened. Out of nowhere, bang! A sudden jolt from behind. We'd been rear-ended.

The sickening sound of metal, the unexpected lurch, the moment your brain scrambles to make sense of what just happened. I looked over at Kendra to make sure she was okay. Thankfully, neither of us were injured. Shaken, yes. Hurt, no. For that, I give all the glory to God. It could have been so much worse.

As we gathered ourselves and stepped off the trike, we quickly realized that the driver behind us wasn't just careless, he was under the influence of something. His behavior was erratic, his speech was off, and his overall demeanor screamed "not sober." The police would later confirm that he was impaired and charged him with OWI (Operating While Intoxicated). They eventually took him away in handcuffs.

But what's stuck with me ever since wasn't the crash. It was what happened in the minutes after.

This man, 39 years old, lit up a cigarette right there at the scene. Kept walking up to us like we were old pals, trying to chit-chat, trying to act casual, as if he hadn't just slammed into the back of a motorcycle with two people on it. He even asked to borrow my phone to look up his insurance card.

I tried to be patient. I really did. But something inside me was just boiling. I don't usually let people get under my skin, but he did. It wasn't just what he did, it was how he acted like it was no big deal. Like we were supposed to shrug it off with him. As if his brokenness shouldn't bother us.

Finally, I looked at him and said, "You do realize you ran into my motorcycle, right?"

He replied with a casual "Yeah."

That was it for me. I told him I didn't want to talk with him anymore and that he needed to go back to his car. To his credit, he did. Rattled, maybe but he listened.

I don't regret saying it. But I've been reflecting on why it got to me the way it did. Why I felt so rattled, so... invaded.

As riders, we accept the risks that come with the road. We know the dangers. But what we don't expect is to have our peace violated by someone else's recklessness. I think that's what shook me most, not the impact of the crash, but the disrespect that followed.

Later that night, I sat down and did something that didn't

come easily. I prayed for him.

Not out of pity. Not out of obligation. But because I know what God asks of us. In Matthew 5:44, Jesus said:

"But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Now, I wouldn't go so far as to call him an enemy. But in that moment, he sure didn't feel like a friend. And yet, we are called, commanded, to pray for people even when they've wronged us. Especially when they've wronged us.

So, I prayed that this moment would be a turning point in his life. That God would take this moment of chaos and use it to plant a seed of change. That this wouldn't just be another line on a rap sheet, but a redirection of his path.

Because if we believe in grace for ourselves, we've got to believe in it for others too.

Don't get me wrong, I still feel the tension. I still feel anger when I replay it. But I also know that harboring bitterness doesn't heal anything. And the road ahead of me is too sacred to carry that kind of weight.

The truth is all of us have been "that guy" at some point in our lives. Maybe not rear-ending someone or being high at the wheel but lost in our own ways. Self-centered. Oblivious to the pain we've caused others. Broken. And someone, somewhere, chose to pray for us instead of cursing us.

I thank God that Kendra and I are okay. I thank God for the friend from high school who happened to be behind us and saw it all. I thank God for the responding officers who handled it with care. And yes... I even thank God for the opportunity to confront a part of myself that I don't always like, the part that flares with anger and pride when someone crosses a line.

But in that confrontation, God was present. Reminding me that grace isn't just something we receive, it's something we extend. Not when it's easy, but especially when it's hard.

I'll close with this:

"Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:21

Let that be the banner over all of us, on the highways, in the heat of the moment, and in the quiet spaces afterward when the adrenaline fades and the Spirit begins to speak.

Stay safe out there, brothers and sisters. Watch your six, ride with your eyes wide open, and never underestimate the power of a prayer, even one said through clenched teeth.

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As this issue of Thunder Roads® Michigan hits shelves and the mailboxes of our subscribers, Aly and I will have already arrived in South Dakota with our group. We leave the morning after our TRM Bike Night we are hosting on the 30th at Garrett's Pressure Crack in Prudenville, MI so we'll probably in need of some extra dark coffee before we roll out. With our very soft itinerary we should arrive at our Airbnb in Lead, SD on the 1st of August.

We feel like we have received some great input from the conversations we've had over the months and that we are ready to rock and roll. Kinda. We feel good about what to expect and think we are prepared, but as everything goes for us... it came down to crunch time to make sure the bikes were ready to rock too. I'm not talking about the usual TCLOCS. I had purposely put off doing any services on my bike until it got closer to our trip, and Aly really racked up some serious miles on her new bike since she got in May; changing all three fluids was in order for her too. We really did wait too long, but these are the days of our lives – lol It took us seeing a Facebook post of our buddy Jim's bike torn apart on his lift to prod us along and get the bikes looked over. Seeing his bike on his lift in pieces really made me feel like I was testing my fate waiting so long. We were only two weeks away from burning gas toward Sturgis with having Reble Road in Muskegon, our TRM Bike Show in Lapeer, and the Bike Night we hosted at Garrett's Pressure Crack in Prudenville to do still. I'm sure you've heard someone say it before "You guys really get around!" Where there's bikes... there's going to be Thunder!

In this season's final chapter of Sturgis or Bust! interviews we close it out with Mike Hall. He and his wife Charlene own a new shop called Grizzly Peak Customs in Wyandotte, MI. It was a bit of an emotional interview, and we are so happy they shared it with all of us.

STURGIS OR BUST!

Mike & Charlene Hall of Wyandotte, MI

Me: Hey Mike, thanks for taking the time to speak with me! You got my attention when you said that you were 19 years old the first time you went to Sturgis, so I had to reach out-lol. I tried to imagine a 19-year-old me there at that age and what it must have been like. I have so many questions. You went out to Sturgis when you were 19 dude?? How does that happen?!



Mike- Yeah, so check this out! When I was 19 a buddy of mine that I went to High School with was working out there. At that time, I had attended my first year of college and was on break trying to figure out what my next move was going to be. I wasn't happy with my first year playing football there and I felt that there were empty promises made. So, I was considering switching schools and maybe taking some time off from it when my buddy was home visiting. We got to hang out and talk about my plans and about what he was doing and how much money he was making. The idea of going from a broke college kid to making a couple of thousand dollars a week was all it took when he invited me to come check out Rapid City with him and his brother. I bought a pickup truck and got there around mid-July. Unbeknownst to me, Sturgis was around the corner. I had never heard of it. The beginning of August rolled around and some of the guys that I had started working with and was just becoming friends with said "Hey man, we're going to Sturgis tomorrow... Let's go, we got concert tickets!" I don't know if I was even old enough to get in, but I got to see Def Leppard at the Buffalo Chip for my first concert back in 1999. Getting to downtown Sturgis that day I had never seen anything like it.

Me: So how long were you out there for? Did you go every year after that since you were living there?

Mike- Around two years in Rapid City, but all in all about 15. I did go back the next year too, but I didn't own a bike back then, so I didn't really get into the riding crowd at the time. I really was there to work, and I got to know the area pretty good over time. Spearfish, Deadwood, Lead and all around from working different places. I moved back to Michigan in 2014 and didn't get back to the rally until 2021. Charlene and I were married and some friends of ours had never been there before and we were all like "Let's go" so we put it together.



Me: We kind of decided to go Sturgis while having dinner with friends last fall. Knowing they had been there before and that they were going again made the decision easy. We rented a cabin in Lead.

Mike- You're gonna love it! Lead is a small town. Get to Deadwood. It's a fantastic town. It's a really nice ride out and back to Sturgis from anywhere in the area, but we really enjoyed Deadwood. You'll pass nothing else but bikes.



Me: So, who went out with you? I hear my message notifications going off in the background as we are talking. Looks like pictures are coming through.

Mike- My wife Char and I, my buddy Steve Erwin and his now widow Rachelle, our friends Gus and his wife Penny, and our friends Mike and Chris. It was the eight of us. There is a picture we took on our last day together at the cabin we all stayed at and it means the world to me. Steve passed away almost immediately when we got back our trip from



complications with covid. We all came back sick from that trip and sadly Steve didn't bounce back like we were able to.

Me: I can hear it in your voice that Steve meant a lot to you. After you mentioned his name and looking at the photo as we are talking, I can say that I knew Steve also. I didn't know you knew him and that he was on that trip with you guys. We met while I was working at the H-D dealership in Gaylord. I remember him picking up his new bike and

how excited he was to be going.

Mike- Steve and I met back in second grade when our dads were both stationed at the same Army base in Germany. So, we were best buds growing up. When I was in fifth grade my family moved back to Gaylord when my dad retired and a couple of years later in seventh grade, I walked into my homeroom class and there he was – lol. His family had moved to Gaylord just like mine did when his dad retired and bought the house directly across from my grandparents' house. He had moved back, and I had no idea. So, he and I got to finish middle school and high school together. When I moved away in 1999, I came back home for Christmas,



and we had a New Year / Y2k party before I headed back out to South Dakota. After that, it wasn't until I moved back home until we reconnected. Our trip to Sturgis together was the first time he had ever been and him passing away right

after returning makes me question things sometimes. Like wondering if we would not have gone, but at the same time I'm glad that I got to share that with him.

Me: Man, hearing you share that puts me hearing about his passing at a whole new depth. I'm sorry man. I'm glad you have a great memory to hold onto. Mike – Thanks. It's something that will always live with me for sure.

Me: I had the pleasure of meeting Gus while I was working up in Gaylord too. Since then, Rachelle and I have communicated here and there about the DYSUN Run that she continues to do each year. I'm happy to say that we were able to get involved a little by helping promoting the DYSUN Run this year, and we hope it is a huge success.



Me: When you guys went to Sturgis where did you guys stay?

Mike- We actually stayed in Lead. It would be crazy if it was the same place or area you guys are staying – lol **Me:** Yeah, it would!

Me: In one of your pictures, you're holding some good size hail larger than a quarter. Looks like you guys got hit like so many other people have mentioned. Everyone says that the storms come out of nowhere.

Mike- Yeah, we had just left Mt Rushmore and headed back to Rapid City and we could see one dark cloud in the sky. We got unloaded on! All of sudden it hit us and we got separated for a moment. Gus and I were in the front, and we ended up pulling into a Christmas store that was almost like Frankenmuth in the middle of nowhere. The other ducked into a gas station for shelter. All we could do was



wait and watch the bikes get pelted along with cars that were in the parking lot. Somehow, the bikes survived without any damage, but those cars didn't fare so well. One minute we were saying that cloud looks bad and the next thing we knew we were under it. That's where the picture of Char and I with the Lions glasses on was taken. It was funny to find them in a

random place at that moment, so we had to put them on and get a pic while we waited.

Me: Give me some do's and don'ts if you can

Mike- Well, I don't think I really have anything not to do. We had a lot of fun spending time the towns, but we really loved hanging out in Deadwood. We did a ghost tour at one of the hotels there and captured some really cool and creepy photos on it. I'll have to show you what I caught on my phone the next time I see you. **Mike:** Hey Char.. what was the name of that hotel that was on Ghost Adventures that had the ghost tour? **Charlene-** (a bit later in our conversation) The Fairmont Hotel! Another thing we all had a lot of fun doing was a bus tour where they take you around different locations and give you some of the history in Deadwood. We got to see Wild Bill Hickocks grave site and learn the story of how Calamity Jane got to buried next to him and how her life was a mix of myth and truth. I would say if you were able to attend a concert at the Buffalo Chip, I'd recommend doing that. Downtown is always fun, and the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum is there to check out. It's fun to people watch and the crazies definitely come out at night - lol. Ride out to Custer State Park if you can. I forget



the name of the spot or where it's located exactly but there is a corner where if you are there, you can say you were at all three states at the same time. There's just so much you can do out there. I can't think of anything to stay away from. Keep in mind the number of tickets they write during that time. Make sure to ride smart and mind your speed. They definitely hold people accountable and even go as far as sharing all the incident reports and how many tickets they



wrote after the rally. You're not too far from Wyoming if you can find the time to go there. Get to Spearfish Canyon and check out the waterfalls and ride around there.

Me: Would you mind sharing what your budget was like for your time out there per couple? We have heard some very high numbers and some that seemed more than reasonable. We ask because



it could very well be something that might deter people from making the trip.

Mike- With the cost of splitting the place we stayed and not spending a lot of money on souvenirs and still doing some excursions, we may have spent around \$1500 to \$2000. That's my guess. We even randomly ran into Hobo Bud during a day visit at the Buffalo Chip. We went there to check it out and there he was, so we all took a pic together.

Oh, and if you get the chance, visit the Black Hills National Cemetery too. We really enjoyed Deadwood like I said, and Charlene agrees that it was her favorite place too. Also, if you are into trying new things to eat, you can try some Rocky Mountain Oysters while you're out there. Once you get around the idea of what they are, they aren't that bad! - lol. They're something to be found on the menu that you won't usually see anyplace else. **Me:** I don't think I'm that adventurous, but we'll see!

Me: What's an item that you would highly recommend having with you on a trip to Sturgis?

Mike- I highly recommend taking a full-face helmet with you. I really wish I had one with the weather out there. Especially riding 60 mph when that hale hit. That was brutal!



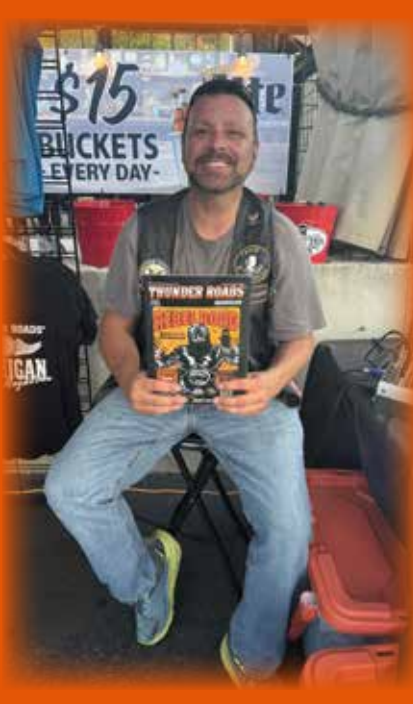
Me: Did you guys ride out? Which way did you go?

Mike- No, we rode up to Chris's and loaded the bikes from there. We drove all through the night and got there at about dinnertime with five bikes.

Me: I gotta remember to have you show me that ghost pic when I see you again. Anything else that you would like to share in closing?

Mike- If there's one thing we all learned and took away from our last trip, it would be to take all the pictures you can because you don't know what will happen after that moment. Steve made it home on a Thursday and by Sunday he was hospitalized, never making it back out. Make sure to take it all in through your own eyes, but don't be afraid to capture those moments too.








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ABATE UPDATE

Good morning, good afternoon or good evening. Whenever you are reading your Thunder Roads Michigan Magazine, it's a good time! Please let me share some info from the MRF.

We must all watch the state and federal policies to make sure that they don't bring bills in under the radar!!! The ABATE website and the MRF sites are a great source of information.

INFO FROM THE MRF

Robotaxis In Texas
July 2, 2025 - Austin, TX

In late June 2025, Tesla launched its Robotaxi service in Austin, Texas, deploying vehicles equipped with Full Self-Driving software but with human safety monitors on board. Several concerning incidents have already been reported.



A Tesla robotaxi with no backseat passengers drives on the street along South Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, on June 22, 2025. (REUTERS/Joel Angel Juarez / Reuters)

Videos document robotaxis entering left-turn lanes but proceeding straight, other robotaxis crossing double-yellow lines and even robotaxis entering oncoming traffic for several seconds. Additionally, there have been reports of abrupt phantom braking, especially near police vehicles. Although no major accidents have been reported yet, local lawmakers have taken notice. Texas legislators are contemplating stricter permitting rules related to this technology. Federal regulators are also aware of the reports out of Austin. In a statement from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA),



A Tesla robotaxi with no backseat passengers drives on the street along South Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, on June 22, 2025. (REUTERS/Joel Angel Juarez / Reuters)

the agency said, "NHTSA is aware of the referenced incidents and is in contact with the manufacturer to gather additional information."

In March 2025, Waymo confirmed plans to launch a human-free, fully driverless service in Washington D.C. starting in 2026. Some view the idea of bringing this technology to the doorstep of Congress, NHTSA and other federal regulators as a bold move. Any high-profile events involving this technology on the streets of our nation's capital would draw massive media attention and could easily spur action and stricter oversight.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation continues to educate officials in D.C. about our concerns regarding the deployment of these vehicles. Examples like the ones out of Austin further demonstrate the need for robust testing to ensure motorcyclists and other roadway users are not collateral damage in the rush to commercialize these vehicles. As always, stay vigilant and aware of your surroundings.

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Michigan's Motorcycle Insurance Mess: What Riders Need to Know

WRITTEN BY ROB NORTON, AKA "BIG YETI" HOST OF RIDE WITH PURPOSE

Let's talk about something every Michigan biker deals with, but nobody wants to talk about: motorcycle insurance. Yeah, that boring ass paperwork you sign just so you can legally ride. But here's the thing: if you're a Michigan rider, you're getting screwed. Hard.

And unless we start raising hell about it, nothing is going to change.

The Raw Truth: You're Not Covered Like You Think

Michigan is one of the only states where motorcycle insurance does not include personal injury protection (PIP). That means if you lay your bike down and you're the one hurt, your auto insurance doesn't have your back unless another vehicle is involved and they're at fault. You read that right: you could be bleeding in a ditch, and your own insurance says, "Not my problem."

Want PIP coverage for yourself as a rider? Good luck. Most companies won't sell it to you.

A few do, but you'll pay out the ass for it. And It Gets Worse.

Here's what else Michigan riders are dealing with:

- Sky high premiums: Especially if you're under 30 or ride a sportbike. It doesn't matter if you've got a clean record.
- Coverage confusion: Many riders don't realize they're not covered for medical unless someone else hits them.
- Uninsured drivers: Michigan ranks high for uninsured motorists. So even if you're hit by someone else, there's a chance they have nothing, and you're stuck.
- No fault? No help: Michigan's no-fault system was supposed to help everyone. It helps car drivers. Riders? Not so much.

Let's Put This in Real Terms

You could be a combat veteran, riding for peace of mind. You could be a mom on a Softail running errands. You could be any one of us out here living our truth on two wheels. But the second you hit the pavement, the State of Michigan treats you like you don't matter.

You're not protected.
You're not prioritized.
You're not equal.
And that's bullshit.

So, What Can You Do?

You can start by being aware. Know what your policy covers. Ask about add-ons for medical or supplemental coverage. If your insurer talks in circles, press them. If they still don't help you, switch companies. They don't deserve your business.

But awareness isn't enough. This is a broken system, and it won't fix itself. We need to:

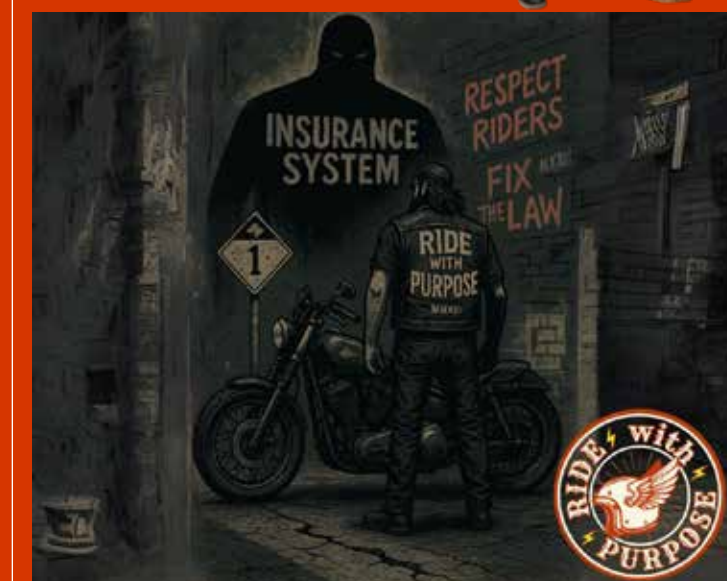
1. Push for legislative change: Riders deserve access to affordable PIP coverage, just like drivers.
2. Support motorcycle advocacy groups: ABATE of Michigan, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, and others are already fighting this fight. Join up!
3. Spread the word: Most riders have no clue how exposed they really are. Share this info with your crew.
4. Talk to your reps: Yes, really. Call or email your state legislators. Tell them this is a priority.

This Is Bigger Than Paper

This isn't just about insurance. It's about respect. It's about being seen as equal on the road. It's about making sure that when something goes wrong, you're not left to rot because you chose to ride instead of drive.

Ride with Purpose is here to speak truth, protect our own, and fight for what's right. If the system won't ride for us, then we raise hell until it does. We are riders. We are warriors. And we're done being silent.

Want to help fix this mess? Join the fight. Support the missions of **ABATE OF MICHIGAN** and the **Motorcycle Riders Foundation, Washington, D.C.** Let's ride smart. Let's ride loud. And let's never ride unprotected.



YEAH, OR MEH?

GEAR REVIEW: ICON OVERLORD VENTED CE BOOT

BY ERIC "BIG E" KRUER

When it comes to motorcycle gear, boots don't always get the love they deserve—but the Icon Overlord Ventilated Boot might just change that. I've been putting these to the test, from All-day Rides to long stretches walking around at Shows and Bike Nights, and they've more than earned a spot in my go-to gear.

First off, let's talk about construction. The Overlord is built from a mix of synthetic leather and vented mesh panels, giving it a tough exterior with some serious airflow. On those hot summer days when the pavement's radiating heat and the sun's cooking the back of your neck, these boots keep your feet breathing easy.

Heads-up though—with all that ventilation comes one tradeoff: these boots are not waterproof. If rain is in the forecast, plan accordingly or pack a backup pair.

Comfort-wise, Icon really dialed it in. They're lightweight, supportive, and surprisingly easy to walk in—something you'll appreciate after a few hours on your feet at a crowded event. Whether you're pushing your bike into a tight parking spot or just cruising the strip at Bike Night, the Overlords offer the kind of support that doesn't wear you down.



One of the standout features is the BOA® lacing system—and if you’ve never used one, prepare to be spoiled. Just twist the dial to tighten things up, and pop it out to release. It gives you perfect fit every time, no laces flapping around, no uneven pressure points. And when you’re kicking off your gear at the end of a long day, the BOA makes it fast and frustration-free.

Looks? Oh yeah, it's got those too. The Overlord boot has a futuristic, aggressive vibe that's somewhere between moto-military and something Marty McFly might've worn on his way back from the future. They're eye-catching in the best way, and they definitely don't look like your granddad's engineer boots.



Bottom line: the Icon Overlord Ventilated Boot is tough, cool, and ready for the road—or the sidewalk at your next bike event. Protection, comfort, and a little sci-fi swagger? So, from me, that's a Yeah! Count me in. Just maybe leave 'em in the garage on a rainy day.

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Wellcome to the future of hot weather footwear from ICON. The ventilated textile upper with TackTuff overlays provides air flow and durability when the temperatures are on the rise. The BOA closure makes for easy adjust, while internal D3O additive inserts provide increased cushioning. 16-stitch hand made construction enhances rider comfort, while a reinforced midfoot shank provides additional structure. Finally, the premium rubber outsole increases slip resistance in all conditions.

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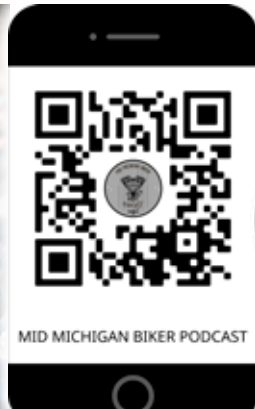
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Let's get the name out of the way. It was given by my daughter based on the Garnet Red color of my 2022 Ural CT 750. I'm a proud father of all daughters, four of them to be exact. So, when one of my little ones named it Carmen based off of one of their favorite character's Carmen Sandiego, it stuck. Taking my daughter's for rides in my single wheel drive sidecar has become one of our favorite things to do besides riding it every chance I get.



I haven't owned it for too long, but it's getting used for traveling to work, fun, and some dedicated rides. I've got close to 3,000 miles on it so far this season and replaced the tire since I bought it. One of the rides I recently enjoyed it on was The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride back in May that was held in the Grand Rapids area. It was an opportunity to help raise funds by riding for preventable health issues like prostate cancer and for men's mental health.



I've been riding for about 14 years and have owned different bikes during that time. My first bike was a 1995 GS 500, and I did own a 2002 Ural prior to this one. If you aren't familiar with Ural's, which most people are not, they are a Russian made motorcycle that comes equipped with a sidecar and available in single- and two-wheel drive. You won't see many of them out there without the sidecar because the wheels are offset and can be difficult to do. Plus, it's fuel injected, electric start, and has a kickstart!

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Fuel Requirements	Premium
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Carburetor	No
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Speed Governor	No
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Stroke (inches)	2.20 / 8.69
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Ohio is now the closest dealer near us after a location in Brighton closed. Carmen happens to be my second Ural that I've owned and is a single wheel and tops out at a whopping 65 mph on a downhill road with the sidecar windshield off. Although, not my first bike, it's brought many conversations since I've owned it, which is if you've owned one, it's known to

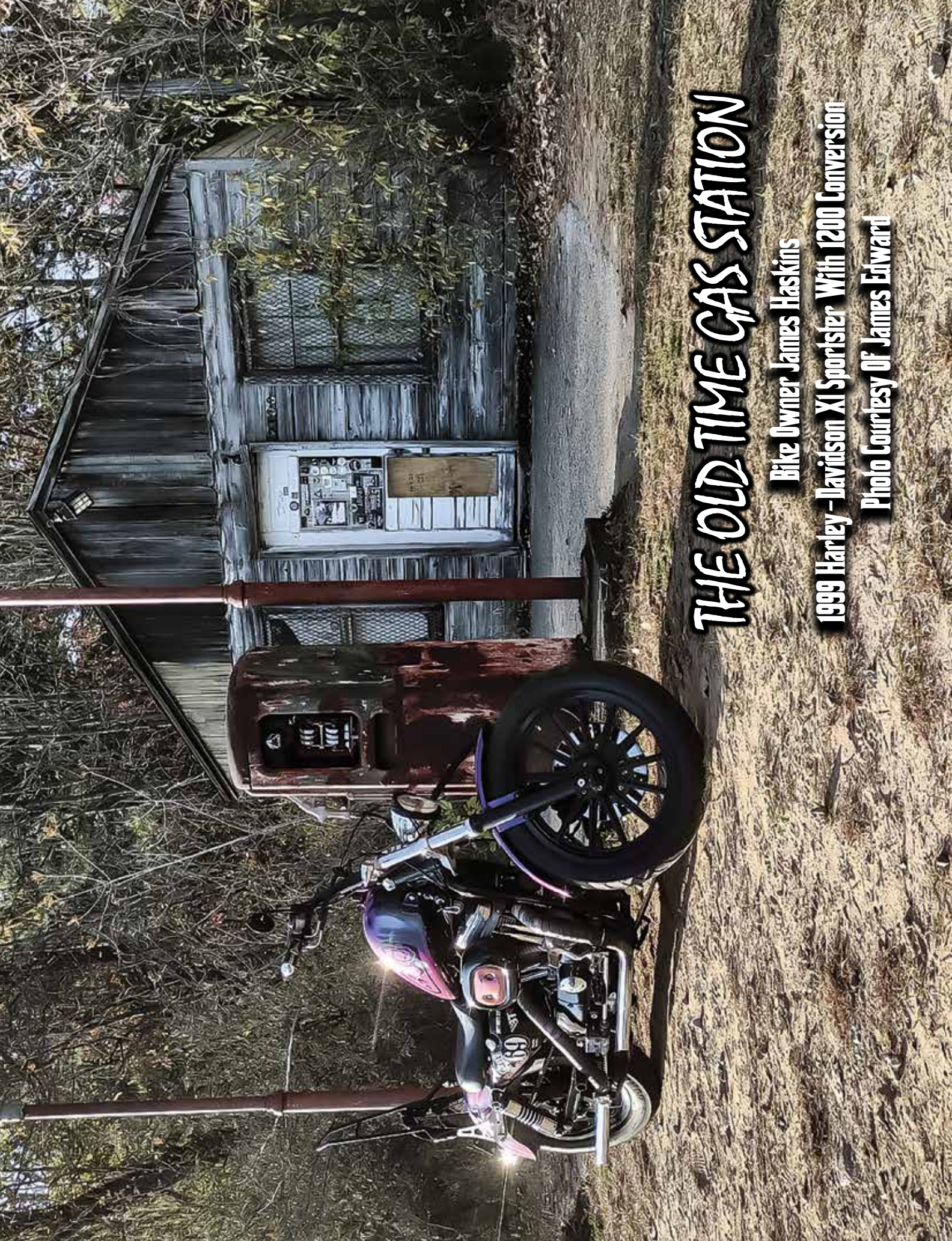
have "UDF" or, Ural Delay Factor. People just want to talk to you about it and take pictures. It's fun to see the smiles it brings to people when they see it!



Carmen also came with some cool history along with her. The previous owner of the bike thankfully gave me a great deal on it and a neat back story. It was featured in a Meijer commercial! The gentleman I bought it from had owned it for a month or two and had it at a show where he was asked if he would like to be in a commercial. He ended up saying yes and taking it all the way to Cedar Springs for the shoot where the actor rode it for about 5 or 6 takes for about 15 feet and he would put it in reverse each time and put back to where they would start.

So, far the longest trip I've taken her on is from Lansing to Manistee, but I have a lot of places I'd like to go as long as I don't have to get there fast.






THE OLD TIME GAS STATION

Bike Owner James Haskins

1999 Harley-Davidson X1 Sportster With 1200 Conversion

Photo Courtesy Of James Edward

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The Old Time Gas Station aka Polly's Place

INTERVIEW WITH BRENT N. – EAGLES OF REDEMPTION M/C

There isn't much per se in the little town of Porter except for a few houses and The Old Time Gas Station, aka Polly's Place. After the business closed, an original 1950's Tokheim gas pump was left to the elements. Well, there was. Back in May, some lowlife(s) stole the rusty icon from the station's property and set the motorcycle riding community on fire looking for it.



Dixie Shelley, owner of the property where the gas pump was stolen, said.

"The amount of messages I have gotten and the support trying to get it back, it's been overwhelming, it's really great."



The Ole Gas Station would have people searching for it from all over the state as a favorite destination. It had long been a popular stop for travelers, who would often plan their trips around it, capturing memories with photos in

front of the nostalgic structure. Many would post photos of themselves or themselves with their bikes or cars in front of the pump and the old building. So many of those photos would be shared practically every day during the warm season on social media group pages across the state and internet. Every so often a newbie would ask for the



address or directions to the location to plan a trip for themselves. Which is actually kind of funny because when you search for "The Old Time Gas Station" on Google maps it pops up just like it reads. When riding or driving, it can be easily found along Pine River Rd. between Midland and St. Louis or easily missed if you aren't paying attention.

The station, once operated by Dixie's grandmother, Mildred Shelley, from 1953 to 1974, had fallen into disrepair

but transformed into a must-visit spot over the years following for those seeking the perfect selfie or a unique backdrop for their rides. Then it was gone.



That's until Brent and a few of his brothers from the Eagles of Redemption M/C heard the news. Brent said that he and his fellow club brothers were at the Mother's Day Swap Meet in Midland when they first heard somebody say, "Hey, did you hear that the old gas pump got stolen?" Like so many others when they heard of its disappearance, they had to see it for themselves. Especially with some of them living close to that area. The next day their Treasurer came up with the idea of offering a reward for the original pumps return or an arrest leading to the recovery of it. After coming up with \$500 out of their own pockets, the word started to spread and the next thing they knew, it was over \$1,100. It took off like wildfire all over social media. A couple of local news stations even picked up the story.



After a period of searching without any promising leads, the club decided to contact Dixie about utilizing the reward money to

find a replacement pump for the property. In a generous move, Holeshot, the local Harley-Davidson dealership in Mt. Pleasant, stepped in to assist by launching a t-shirt sales campaign called "Fuel the Cause" to help raise funds. They also contributed financially and arranged for a custom tin sign to serve as a remembrance plaque at the site once a new pump was secured.



Fortunately, the Eagles of Redemption M/C succeeded in their quest, acquiring a suitable replacement from Denny Getgood of the Midland

area. Anticipating increased traffic during the fundraising event and beyond, Brent and his brothers offered to provide a porta john on the property, covering its maintenance costs for visitors. They even considered making repairs and adding a rain cover to the back of the building for those needing shelter from the elements. On the day of the fundraising event for the replacement pump, an impressive 270 bikes passed through, along with an additional 60 curious visitors after the event concluded, drawing attendees from Pontiac, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Grayling, and beyond to witness the new pump.



It's clear that the Old Time Gas Station means just as much to the Eagles of Redemption M/C as it does to others that shared that same sinking feeling of disappointment when hearing the pump was taken from us. So, I had to ask, now that the replacement pump is there, there must be some worries as to its survival and to still be there for many, many years down the road. Without getting into details and having some lunatics taking it as a challenge, Brent assured me that it's secured back on solid ground for many years to come and some other security measures have been added to help keep it safe at Polly's Place.

Great job to Eagles of Redemption M/C!



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BY RJ, PUBLISHER OF THUNDER ROADS® MICHIGAN

As we wrap up another season of WSMB, I find it challenging to stay on the sidelines. It's not that I yearn to compete—I know that's not in the cards for me right now—but rather, I recognize the constraints of our hectic schedule that make it impossible to dive in. Let alone the talent and capability. I have immense admiration for the builders who took the plunge, facing unexpected hurdles along the way, as well as those who returned for another chance at the WSMB trophy. This isn't about fame; it's about respect, camaraderie, and the pride that comes from accepting the challenge.

Year three proved to be just as tough, if not tougher, than the previous seasons, with life throwing its share of curveballs—loss, changes, and the ever-pressing issue of time and money. As the builders plead for a little divine intervention to finish their projects, we at Thunder Roads® Michigan are gearing up for the finale on August 25th at Owosso Vintage Motorcycle Days, where the winner will be determined by public vote. Regardless of the outcome, it promises to be a fantastic day filled with stories of struggle, perseverance and triumph. Can't wait to see everyone in Owosso!

~ RJ

PS. Apologies to Chris Watt for mixing up the photos in his June update. Sorry bud, good luck in Owosso!

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FINAL UPDATE TERRY SCOTT OVID 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.



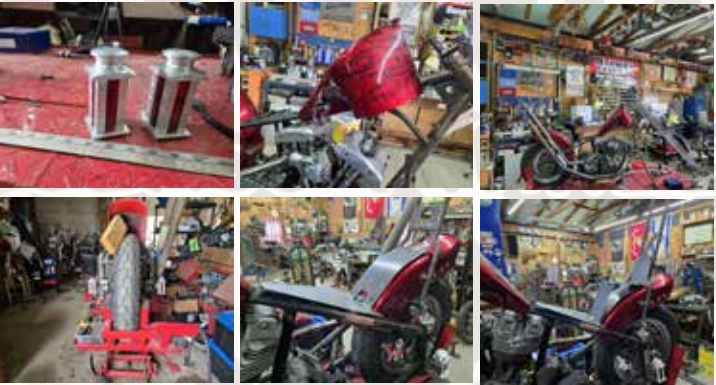
FINAL UPDATE WENDY LOU METAMORA MI

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.



FINAL UPDATE FRANK GRIMES DEFIANCE, OH

This past month has been quite hectic, but I feel I've made significant strides. I completed the seat pan, which is now ready for upholstery, and the taillights are mounted and look fantastic. I also finished the battery box, choosing to machine it from aluminum rather than using sheet metal. Additionally, the fender is all trimmed and securely mounted. I spent a couple of weekends attending bike shows and enjoying time with friends, which did slow down my progress a bit, but it was absolutely worth it—especially the Party At The Pen show in Mansfield. I'm excited to see how everyone's builds and their creativity on the 23rd of August!



FINAL UPDATE DEREK LONG OWOSSO, MI

"Get busy living or get busy dying" began all of our updates and the phrase feels more relevant than ever. 1) Some Builders from last year attended The Party at the Pen in June. 2) Recent life-changing events, including the loss of Rob VanGorder, have made this statement even more significant. 3) July was crucial since August is now here. It's time to show what you're made of through craftsmanship and resolve. To prove that you can complete a badass bike with your own hands. Welcome to August and our final monthly update. I'll be ending this chaotic time by locking myself in the garage with some music while I put in the final work on the Wyld Stallions Motorcycle Build. I need this more now than ever. If you need anything, feel free to leave me alone while I focus on the one thing I have control over - the outcome of this bike build!

FINAL UPDATE MACK BLANK FOWLerville MI

As I write this, I'm sitting in a hotel in Ohio on a week-long training course for work, so this update will reflect minimal progress. Luckily this will be my last training trip until after the competition. I was however able to get the rear shock hoop finished and shock mounted; front gas tank mount started. I also started bending up the seat hoop. Since this year has been less time to build than last year, I have decided to remove a couple things from the build so that I can have the time to actually get the bike done. Fingers crossed that in the last couple weeks I can make some serious forward progress on the build!



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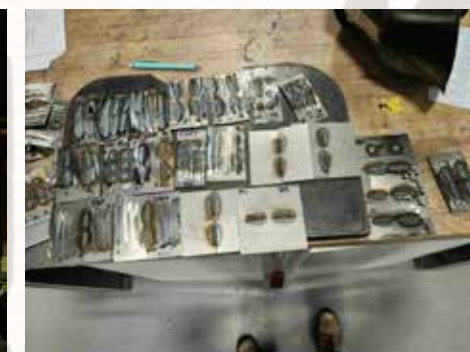
FINAL UPDATE BRYCE STEWART FENTON MI

I am done with planting, so I am running full steam ahead on the build. I got my parts back from the powder coaters. They did a great job. I had Pirate Powder Coating and Fab do my powder coat. I also have paint done (for the most part). I am on the assembly stage now.



FINAL UPDATE MARISSA COLLINS BRIGHTON MI

It's been a busy month of not making progress on the bike. Been busy with full time work and school (welding class). Made the Dean's List, got Employee of the Month, and spent 6 hours organizing my garage so I have a better space to work on the bike. At this point I'm cleaning out the crank case of all the old gasket I just scraped off and I've been reading the manual to make sure I'm building it correctly. I hope to get the engine back in this weekend and figure out where the bracket for the rear caliper is going to go so that I can weld it on and get the frame painted. I'm not a welder, but I'll lay down some boogers and grind it down to make it look like I'm decent. I've been soaking parts that have corrosion and rotating bolts and random stuff through the evaporust, and the next parts are the springer front end. I'm going to kick it into high gear to get this thing road-ready asap. I am not a welder, I just kind of "know how" at this point, practice makes you better.



FINAL UPDATE CHRIS WATT DETROIT MI

Creeping over 5k miles already on the bike and my builds been solid as ever. I made it to Tennessee and back, freeway at that, made it to the Party At The Pen no problems as well.

I must have a lucky charm somewhere on my bike cause this never happens! Excited to see the rest of the builders projects at the finale at the end of August. I feel like there is some really cool craftsman shop going on with this group stay tuned!



FINAL UPDATE JAY BIRD PITTSBURGH PA

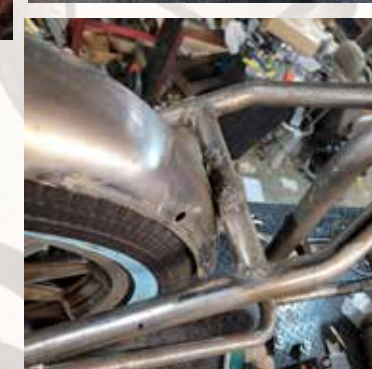
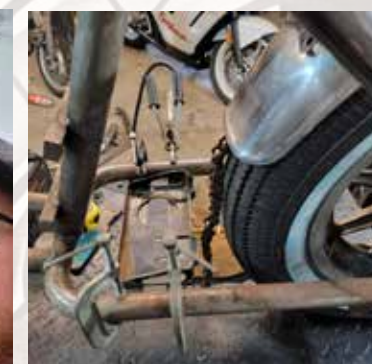
The 1947 Knucklehead is coming together and should be ready for Owosso Vintage Motorcycle Days at the end of the month!



FINAL UPDATE MATT DREWYORE CLINTON TWP MI

This month my welding skills were pushed to their limits. I made some things, screwed some things up, remade some things and sometimes repeated this process a few more times.

I got angry, threw things, cussed and told myself I'd never get it done. But cooler heads prevail, and some work was accomplished. The taillight mount, battery box, and fender mounts "done." Just don't look too closely. Yes, I know it's sketchy. Seeing these other builds coming together I know I'm outgunned but this is a blast and I can't wait to see all the bikes at Owosso Vintage Motorcycle Days and get some miles on this thing when it's over. Thanks Benchmark Abrasives for the flap disks and cut off wheels. My next order is coming soon!





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Motorcycle riding helps relieve stress, manage PTSD, and build new bonds of brotherhood—something many veterans miss after service. Whether it’s a charity run, a veteran club meeting, or just hitting the road with other riders who “get it,” these events are more than recreational—they’re restorative.

As one veteran rider said, “When I’m on my bike, the war disappears. It’s just me, the road, and peace.”

This August, Michigan’s roads will carry the hum of engines, the spirit of freedom, and the strength of those who’ve served. For many veterans, that ride makes all the difference.

Motorcycle riding can be profoundly therapeutic and empowering for veterans, and events like the ones happening in Michigan this August offer more than just a good ride—they offer connection, healing, and purpose. Here’s how these rides and gatherings help veterans:

- Mental Health & Emotional Healing**
 - Stress Relief: The freedom of the open road, fresh air, and the hum of the bike offer a meditative experience that helps veterans decompress from daily stress and manage PTSD or anxiety.
 - Healing Through Purpose: Events like the Suicide Prevention Ride and POW/MIA rides give veterans a mission again—honoring fallen comrades or raising awareness for mental health can restore a sense of meaning.
- Brotherhood, Belonging & Camaraderie**
 - Rebuilding the Bond: Many veterans miss the camaraderie of military life. Motorcycle clubs like USMVMC (U.S. Military Vets Motorcycle Club) or CVMA (Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association) provide a tribe again—brothers and sisters who understand without needing to explain.
 - Safe Space: These rides and clubs create an environment where vets feel understood, supported, and respected—something often hard to find in civilian spaces.

- Physical & Emotional Empowerment**
 - Staying Active: Riding keeps veterans physically engaged and mentally alert, promoting an active lifestyle that counteracts isolation.
 - Confidence Boost: Handling a bike, planning rides, or leading charity events helps boost confidence and pride in new skills.
- Community Involvement & Giving Back**
 - Helping Others Helps You Heal: Many veteran rides raise money for charities, fellow vets in crisis, or memorial causes. That sense of service doesn’t end when the uniform comes off.
 - Building Civilian Bridges: By participating in community rallies or benefit runs, veterans connect with civilians, strengthening mutual understanding and community ties.



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August! The last couple of months have been a whirlwind of activity as we focus on providing support for families in need, including our own members. The joy on their faces when they receive assistance makes all the hard work worthwhile. Recently, we added three suicide prevention benches to Dundee Schools, a testament to the positive impact our organization has on the community. This month has also been bittersweet for me, as I mourn the loss of my younger brother Finlay to cancer on July 4th—a painful reminder of the struggles many face. "CANCER SUCKS!" Looking ahead, we have an exciting run to West Branch scheduled for the 25th and 26th, where I anticipate some much-needed wind therapy and camaraderie with fellow members. Our Chief Road Captain George has already scouted some great routes, with support from his wife Barb and Road Captains Sherman and Ann. Additionally, we will host a Golf Tournament at Brookside in Saline on August 10th, and anyone interested in sponsoring a hole can reach out to Donna and Bob at the provided numbers. Our 5th Annual Car and Bike Show is also just around the corner on September 13th, which is hard to believe. Our Awareness Champion, Amos, has been actively educating young drivers on how to safely navigate around motorcycles, emphasizing the importance of respect on the road. Her efforts are crucial in preventing accidents, as we cannot afford to lose any riders due to careless driving. Please stay safe out there, and God bless all riders and club members; they truly are the best.

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He immediately notices a young woman in the rear seat, filing her fingernails.
Puzzled by this surprising situation, the trooper walks to the car and gently raps on the driver's window. The young man lowers his window.
'Uh, yes, Officer?'
The trooper asks: 'What are you doing?'
The young man says: 'Well, Officer, I'm reading a magazine.'
Pointing towards the young woman in the back seat the trooper says: 'And, her, what is she doing?'
The young man shrugs: 'Sir, I believe she's filing her fingernails.'
Now, the trooper is totally confused. A young couple, alone, in a car, at night in a lover's lane and nothing inappropriate is happening!
The trooper asks: 'What's your age, young man?'
The young man says: 'I'm 22, sir.'
The trooper asks: 'And her, what's her age?'
The young man looks at his watch and replies: 'She'll be 18 in exactly 11 minutes.'

1. Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow. Do not walk beside me either. Just pretty much leave me alone.
2. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and leaky tire.
3. It's always darkest before dawn. So if you're going to steal your neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.
4. Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.
5. Always remember that you're unique. Just like everyone else.
6. Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
7. If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.
8. Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
9. If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

10. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day long.
11. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
12. If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
13. Some days you're the bug; some days you're the windshield.
14. Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
15. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.
16. Duct tape is like 'The Force'. It has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together.
17. There are two theories to arguing with women. Neither one works.
18. Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.
19. Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
20. Never take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

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Everybody's a tough guy until that damn compressor kicks on in a quiet garage at 11 pm.

Are you supposed to wear the fanny pack over the gut or underneath it? I don't want to look like a dork.
Sweetie Pie, if that's what's your primary concern is then gotta say, that ship has sailed.

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