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Well, spring finally here, we can look forward to riding again...and having to watch for all the, salt, sand and what we here in New England are famous for...POTHOLE! With that said please be careful out there.

Just to be safe you might want to attend the Baggers 4 Life (B4L) Annual Bike Blessing on April 25th at Ebenezer's, 60 Bridge Street, S. Hadley, MA. Line up at 10:30, prayer and blessing at 11:45, with a ride to the Hot-L and The Harp then back to Ebenezer's for some fun.

Now I want to mention someone I have known for years, Jim Doyle. who 1978 began his drag bike racing career, riding a gas powered 1977 Sportster. In 1984 he began racing a fuel injected Harley Davidson using nitro methane as a fuel. It took 3 years to win his first National Event in 1987. That year his first National Championship came in the Drag Bike USA sanction. With that bike, two National Championships were won and four National Records were set. In 1990 another Pro Fuel Motorcycle was introduced and actively campaigned until 1993. In that time 15 National Records and five more National Championships. This bike is currently on display at the National Motorcycle Museum in Iowa. From 1993-2012 a part-time schedule was raced for several other team owners, without much success. Everyone has their own idea of what it takes to go fast, which is why Jim felt it was once again time to assemble his own team. With the help of valued sponsors and a dedicated team, the 2014 season proved that he has a winning team and a 2015 championship is clearly in their sights.

Jim will be having a "Nitro Party" at the American Legion Post 275 in Chicopee on May 16, 2015 and will include a bike show, vendors, and music and cash prizes. Tickets are \$15.00. This fundraiser will benefit the Jim Doyle Racing Team and you will get to see the Nitro Harley Drag Bike Burnout Show as well. Event begins at 1:00 p.m. Bike entry begins at 1:00 with judging at 4:00. Currently they are looking for bike show contestants, vendors and sponsors. If you are interested, please contact Jim Doyle at (413) 273-2616. Please come out support the team!

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The first place I want to mention is absolutely one of my favorites. With it's pirate theme, and friendly staff, including general manager Debbie and Tom who is everywhere you look, making sure staff and guests alike are happy and have what they want and need, even if they have to go out of their way to make sure you are happy. If that's not enough, they also distill their own vodka, 01001 they call it, the zip code for Agawam,. Yes, it's Kaptain Jimmy's on route 75. Now, let's talk about the food and specials. They have a large menu every day, but it's the specials that I'm excited about. Sunday is the five dollar breakfast buffet served from 9 A.M. till 1 P.M. with purchase of a beverage. Also, all day Sunday is all you can eat prime rib with purchase of a beverage for \$12.99. Monday is \$10.00 surf & turf or \$5.00 Opa Opa beer & burger special. Tuesday brings a \$5.00 Land lubber special. Wednesday is \$5.00 Beer and Burger special. Thursday, we're talking \$12.99 Prime Rib or \$10.00 Pasta & house martini, our favorite. On Saturday is Land lubber for \$5.00. Kaptain Jimmy's also has a beer special every day, just ask your server about it. And remember, tell them the biker gourmet from Throttle Rocker Magazine sent you.

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They team up with other qualified charitable organizations that also dedicate their time, energy and resources in helping children. The foundation has participated in serving the community with youth workshops, adult clowning workshops, child identification programs, local community public functions and an annual motorcycle fundraiser.

Every year, they hold an annual poker run. The Poker Run and Chicken Barbeque is \$20.00 per person. A cash prize will be awarded to the First place poker hand in the amount of \$200.00, the Second place hand will get \$100.00, and Third place will get \$50.00 Registration. Coffee will begin around 9:00am with the dinner and raffles starting around 5pm at our club: St. Stan's Polish Club 144 South St. in West Warren, Ma. A rain date has been set for Aug 23rd.

In addition to the run, they also raffle off a motorcycle. This year it is a 2015 Indian Chief Vintage along with a \$3000 gift card to one of the local Indian dealerships. The raffle tickets are \$100 each with only 400 being sold so get yours today!

I have had the immense pleasure of meeting and spending time with the foundation's clowns and volunteers. They are wonderful people who truly support their community, and of course, children. They believe the world runs on laughter and they hope that by sharing their love, laughter and resources, they will bring genuine smiles to the faces of all children.

So if you are out and about and happen to spot the clown bus, give a honk, a wave and most of all a smile! If you wish to obtain more information on this organization or become a volunteer, please contact their office.



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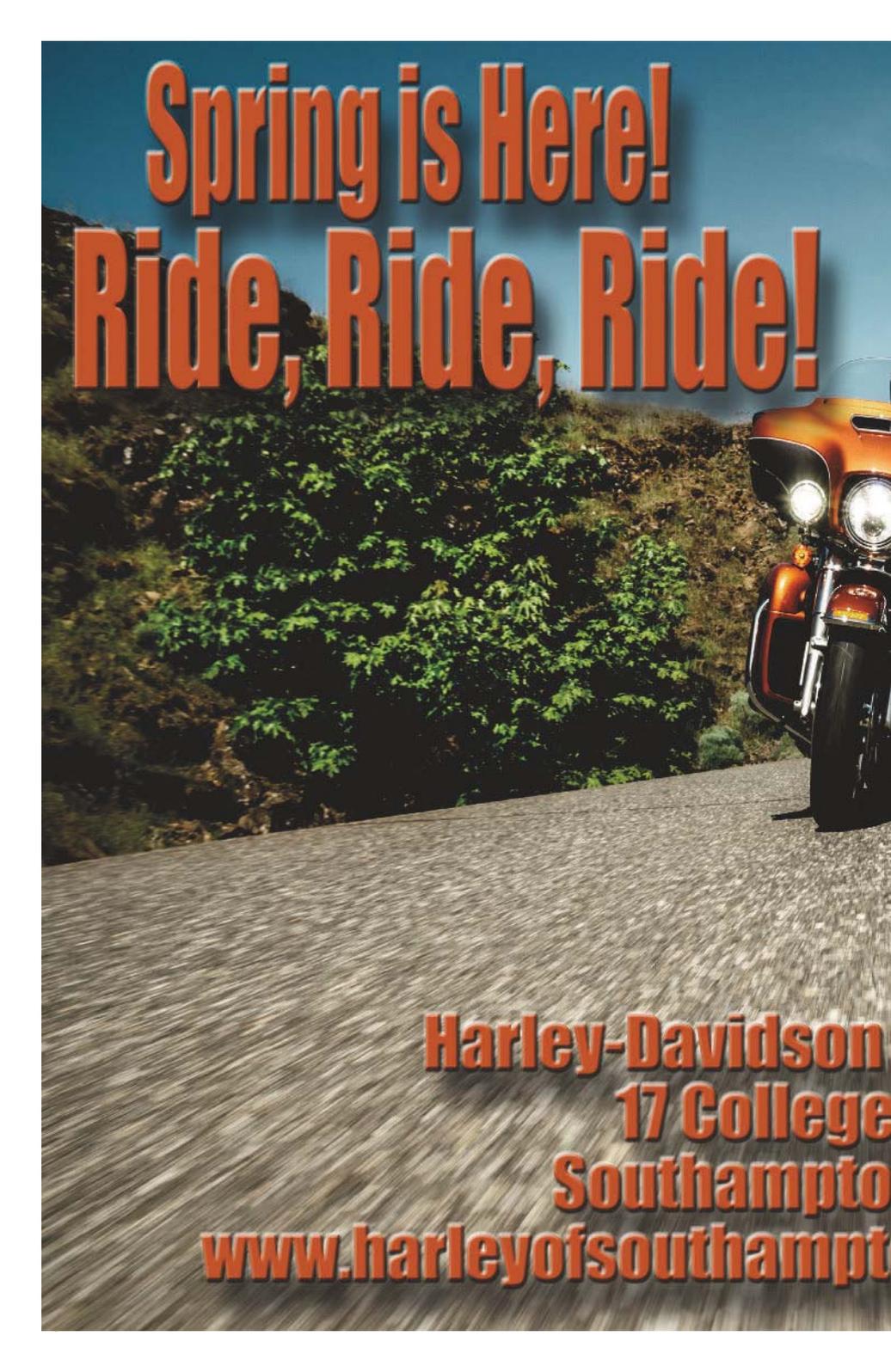
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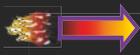


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Welcome to the 2015 riding season!! It sure has been a tough winter, with heavy storms seemingly every weekend throughout February. And no chance for riding with all of the record breaking cold temperatures. We had to satisfy our riding “jones” by attending as many bike shows as we could, working on bike modifications and customization, and traveling to our favorite destinations in the cage to see some good friends and support the venue owners.

But that is all behind us now and we looking forward to all of the events, rides and biker fun that come with a fresh riding season. Before you head out on the road, though, please make sure that your bike is properly taken out of hibernation and is safe to hit the road, to ensure an enjoyable riding season.

For this spring edition of the magazine, we thought we would share some of the rides, rallies and events that we plan to participate in this season.

We will travel to Bentley’s Saloon and Campground in Arundel, Maine for their Biker Bash in June during the same dates as Laconia Bike Week. They have some amazing musical entertainment, with as many as three bands a day during the busiest time of the event toward the middle and end of the week. This year, will feature one of our local favorites, Shovelhead on the outdoor stage, as well as Two Troubled, featuring AJ from Shovelhead and Dave Brunette from AKA and dB3. They are also bringing in an amazing national acts that we have seen perform at many rallies including most recently at Suck Bang Blow during Myrtle Beach Bike Week in 2014. The Jasmine Cain Band. This is one of Mary’s favorite bands. The event features trips to Laconia, either by motorcycle escorted by the Bentley’s crew or on their charter busses. The riding in this area of Maine is absolutely awesome with plenty of biker friendly places to stop.

On July 12, we will participate in a run for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, which starts at two locations; TSI Harley Davidson in Ellington, CT and Brother’s Harley Davidson in Branford. CT. The ride concludes at Sun Valley Beach Resort in Stafford Springs, CT (our home away from home) for an all-inclusive BBQ, prizes, vendors and a performance not to be missed by the Charlie Daniels Band! Enjoy the band on the outdoor professional stage with the lake as the backdrop as well as The Clubhouse Café while you are there. This is a fully Police-escorted ride with plenty of close, safe bike parking and other great local bands that will be opening up for the CDB.

In September, it is off to beautiful East Durham, NY for the Catskill Mountain Thunder Motorcycle Rally at The Blackthorne Resort. This is one of our favorite rallies of the year. The event features a huge vendor expo. Also During the 3-day festival there will be stunt shows and live music all day long. Enjoy rodeo games, seminars on antique bike restoration, bike shows with \$1,000 in cash prizes, Bike Build-Off with celebrity bike builders, Airbrush Contest.

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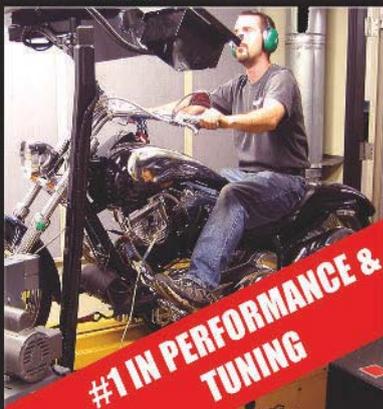


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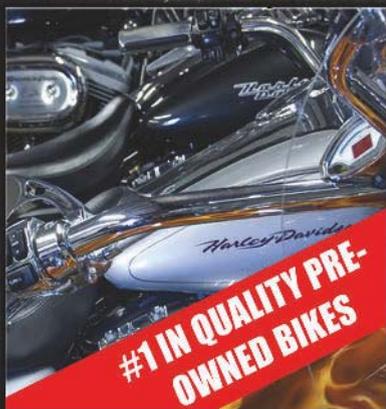
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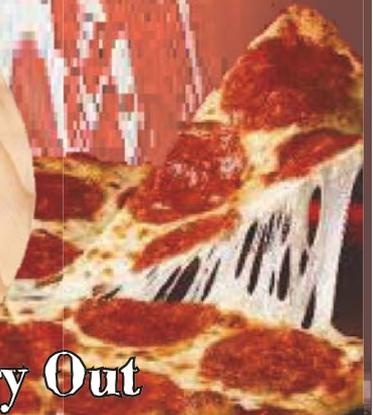
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Greetings, biking buddies! Hopefully, by the time you read this, some of the actual ground will be poking out from beneath the snow. I am sure that the long, cold, snowy winter has you jonesing to get the bike out and hit the roads!

On the Shrine front, it was great to see so many of you at the St. Patrick's Day festivities. The Holyoke Parade is certainly a Western Massachusetts highlight, and this year's event was no exception.

I want to bring your attention to the Melha Shriners perennial and biggest fundraiser, the Melha Shrine Circus! This year's edition will be held, as it always is, at the Big E Coliseum in West Springfield from Thursday, April 23 through Sunday, April 26.

This extravaganza is your local Shriners' biggest fundraiser of the year, and we certainly could use your support! Our circus producer, Hamid Circus, will bring another outstanding show to West Springfield, and it will feature international clown and acrobat sensation, Bello Nock! The theme of the circus this year is "Nock Your Socks Off," and Bello ALWAYS hits a home run!

There is one show on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m., one on Friday night at 7:30 p.m., three big shows on Saturday: 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., and two on Sunday: 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. This year, we moved the circus back one week to coincide with the kids' school vacation, so we're looking for banner crowds!

Our circus is always a value, and BigY will have discount vouchers to make it even easier to attend! My advice is to visit the box office with your vouchers BEFORE the show you want to see, because lines get long on the day of the show!

Remember, every dollar you spend stays here locally to support the activities of the local Shriners! In turn, these funds allow us to continue to support the world's greatest philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children.

In closing, think spring, my friends, the warm weather will be here before you know it! If you really want to undertake something worthwhile during the coming year, consider becoming a Mason and a Shriner. You can do the things you love, associate with some really great people, and help others at the same time! This reporter is always willing to talk to any upstanding man, age 18 and over, about the rewards of our fraternity! You can contact me at clownbank@aol.com.



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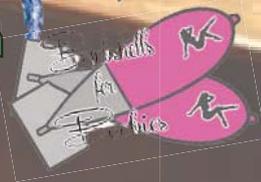
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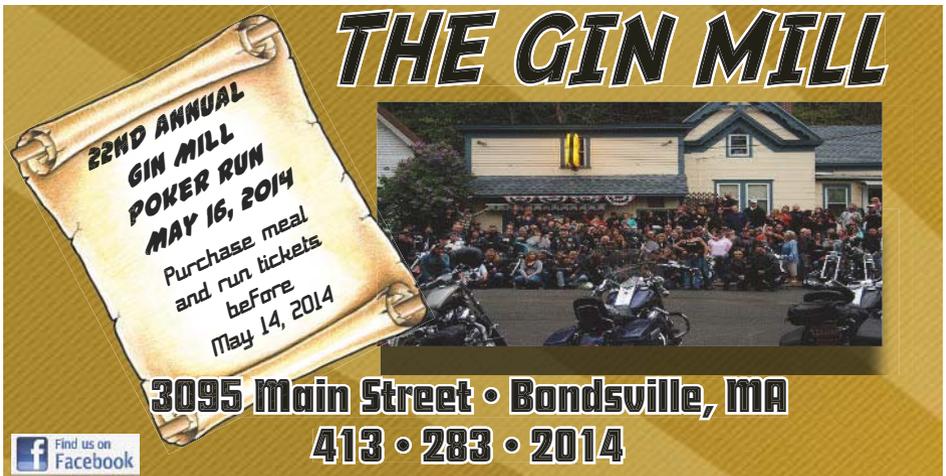
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MAY 17th - Ludlow, MA

Ludlow Youth Football Poker Run and Chili Cook Off. Ludlow Fish & Game Club KSU 10:30am. Chili Cook Off 1pm. pokerrun.chilicookoff@gmail.com

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JUN 25th - 28th - Plattersonville, NY

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JUN 27th - Charlemont, MA

Six State Run Week... Mohawk Park 8a breakfast KSU 9: 30a
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JUN 27th - Southwick, MA.

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JUN 28th- Stafford Springs, CT

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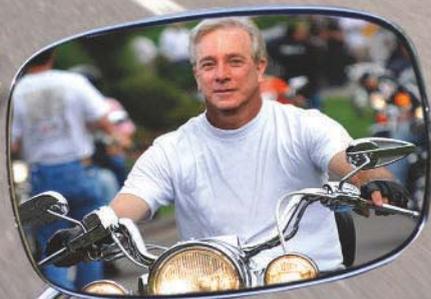
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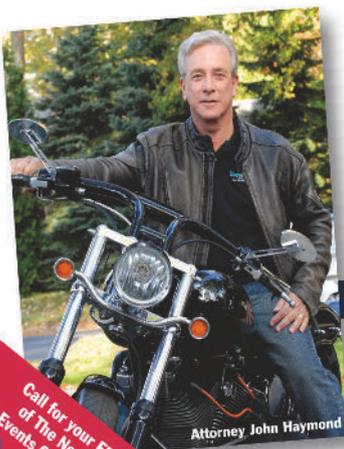
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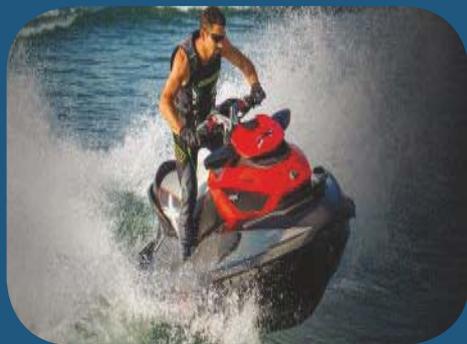
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