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Camp Liberty Raffling Dozer Cycle Studios Crusader Custom to Benefit Its Veterans Services

Major Richard Briggs (Retired, USAF), co-founder and Board Member of Camp Liberty, has announced that the organization is raffling off the Crusader custom motorcycle built by Dozer Cycle Studios. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit



tickets, go to <https://camp-liberty.org/crusader-custom-built-motorcycle/>.

Founded in July 2012, the mission of Camp Liberty is to "provide inclusive outdoor recreation programs that aid in the reintegration of U.S. military service members, veterans, and their families, with an emphasis on

the Camp, a 137-acre restricted-access facility located in Norvell Township in Jackson County, Michigan. The organization offers "programs designed to aid in the rehabilitation and reintegration of U.S. Military Service Members, Veterans and their families in a natural outdoors setting."

The Crusader is powered by an air-cooled Harley-Davidson 80 cubic inch EVO v-twin with a S&S E carburetor mounted in a rigid frame. The exhaust is from Vance and Hines. The Harley-Davidson five-speed transmission is controlled by a foot clutch and hand shifter. The styling combines the looks of a bobber and chopper with 16" tall ape hanger handlebars. (See picture accompanying this article.)

assisting those with post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injuries." (<https://camp-liberty.org/>)

The Camp is operated through a long-term land sharing agreement. Under this agreement, Camp Liberty Inc. utilizes this property for its recreational and therapeutic programs. A multi-year conservation plan has been implemented to restore this property to a native Michigan habitat in



Raffle tickets for the Crusader are \$20 each. Only 4,000 tickets are being printed so the odds of winning are significantly better than the lottery. The drawing will be held during the Diamonds and Spurs Gala on Feb 18, 2017 at the Laurel Manor, Livonia, MI at 9 pm. Proceeds go into the Camp Liberty general fund and will be used on mission priorities as set by the organization's all-volunteer Board of Directors. For more information about the raffle and to purchase

cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partner's for Fish and Wildlife program and with the support of conservation organizations such as Pheasants Forever, Safari Club International, and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

For more information about Camp Liberty and its services, visit their website at <https://camp-liberty.org/>.

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Crusader Custom Raffle to Benefit Camp Liberty



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To learn more about Camp Liberty, visit their web site at <https://camp-liberty.org>. To purchase a raffle ticket for the Crusader Custom, go to <https://camp-liberty.org/crusader-custom-built-motorcycle>.

The proceeds from the sale of the Crusader will fund recreation, training and support programs for our combat injured and disabled veterans, through Camp Liberty.



Motorcycling & Law

Bill to Include Slingshot as a Motorcycle

by Dondi Vesprini

This fall we enjoyed unseasonably warm weather which served to extend the riding season beyond that period of time we are accustomed to. As fall moved forward, not only did I observe more motorcycles on the roadways than I am used to seeing this time of year but I also saw more of another vehicle that seems to have gained more and more popularity as time has gone on. I am speaking of the Polaris Slingshot or "The Original 3-Wheeled Roadster" as it is called on the Polaris website. You have likely seen them, with their sports car looking front riding on two open wheels, the two passenger go cart looking cockpit complete with steering wheel and five-speed manual transmission, and the one wheel supporting the rear. Below is a photo of a Slingshot:



Code.

Thus, Senate Bill 1120 was introduced on October 16, 2016 which would change the definition of an autocycle to read "A motorcycle that is equipped with safety belts, rollbar or roll hoops, steering wheel, and equipment

otherwise required on a motorcycle, has not more than three wheels in contact with the roadway at any one time, and is not equipped with a straddle seat." The Bill would change the definition of a motorcycle to read "a motor vehicle that has a saddle or seat for the use of the rider and is designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground. **Motorcycle includes an autocycle**, but does not include a tractor."

By virtue of including an autocycle in the definition of a motorcycle, vehicles such as the Slingshot would be deemed a motorcycle for purposes of the Michigan Vehicle Code given that it meets the definition of an autocycle.

This would mean that under the Michigan Vehicle Code, any regulation which applies to a "motorcycle" would by definition thus apply to a Slingshot or any other similar three-wheel vehicle that meets the definition of an autocycle. Such regulations include but are not limited to Michigan's modified motorcycle helmet law and noise regulations regarding decibel levels of noise that the vehicle produces.

The analysis of the bill by the Senate Fiscal Agency states that the bill would have a minimal impact on the number of individuals who would not be required to have motorcycle endorsements on their licenses. This is likely because, while falling under the motorcycle definition under the Bill, it would appear that Slingshot riders would not be required to get a motorcycle endorsement on his/her license, as the motorcycle endorsement law specifically excludes persons riding an "autocycle" from the requirement.

Also, if the Bill passes and the government includes Slingshots or similar three-wheeled vehicles as a motorcycle for purposes of compiling

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It is a very different looking motorcycle. No, that is not a typo. This vehicle would be classified as a motorcycle under Michigan's Motor Vehicle Code if Senate Bill 1120 passes.

The Michigan Vehicle Code has a definition for an "autocycle", which presently is defined as "an enclosed motorcycle that is equipped with safety belts, rollbar, windshield, wipers, steering wheel, and equipment otherwise required on a motorcycle, and which has no more than 3 wheels in contact with the roadway at any 1 time."

The Michigan Vehicle Code presently defines a "motorcycle" as "every motor vehicle having a saddle or seat for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than 3 wheels in contact with the ground but excluding a tractor."

Apparently, the legislators in Lansing did not believe that a vehicle such as the Slingshot fit in either category, making it a class of vehicle without a definition for purposes of regulation under the Michigan Vehicle

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