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Novels inspired by the open road

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James Larson makes his living as an electrician for Miller Brewing Co., but this week, it's his work as a novelist that's keeping him busy.

Larson, who lives in the Wind Lake area of the Town of Norway, started writing in 2002 or 2003, he said. His first two books were historical fiction, he said, about the Viking age. Then he wrote a horror novel. A few years ago, someone with some biker writing credentials got in touch.

Edward Winterhalder, an Oklahoma author, was interested in writing biker fiction and wanted a partner for it.

"I've been a biker all my life, so it kind of fit in," Larson said. "We got together and so far we've done two books."

Filling a void

The duo has two books out now — "All Roads Lead to Sturgis" and "The Mirror." Their first book was a biker mystery, featuring members of an outlaw motorcycle club and federal law enforcement agents. In "The Mirror," the pair again writes about the outlaw club, but this time focusing on a prospective member of the club who uses a time portal and finds himself in an alternate reality.

Winterhalder is the author of five books and has three television series in the works, he said. Biker culture is his main focus.

The collaboration with Larson was an offshoot of his nonfiction writing about biker culture, he said.



Photo courtesy of Jim Larson

Jim Larson of Wind Lake has co-written two books of fiction based on the world of motorcycling.

"I got into the fiction as a result of the nonfiction," he said. "The nonfiction came from being involved in the motorcycle world for 28 years."

Winterhalder said there was a void in the world of fiction.

"There's no good biker fiction out there at all," he said. "We wanted to do the best. We wanted every book to be basically movie-worthy. That's what we set out to do and what we'll continue to do."

ALL ROADS LEAD TO STURGIS

A Biker's Story
Book 1 of the Series



EDWARD WINTERHALDER
&
JAMES RICHARD LARSON

THE MIRROR

A Biker's Story
Book 2 of the Series



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MEET THE AUTHORS EVENTS

Larson and Winterhalder will appear at several joint book signings in the area this week.

- Wisconsin Harley-Davidson, 1280 Blue Ribbon Drive, Oconomowoc, 2 to 7 p.m. today
- Racine Harley-Davidson, 1155 Oakes Road, Mount Pleasant, 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday
- Hal's Harley-Davidson, 1925 S. Moorland Road, New Berlin, 2 to 7 p.m.

Thursday

- Uke's Harley-Davidson, 5995 120th Ave., Somers, 2 to 7 p.m. Friday
- Suburban Motors Harley-Davidson, 139 N. Main St., Thiensville, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday
- Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet, Wisconsin Expo Center at State Fair Park, 8200 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday