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So is it riding season or sledding season? Mother nature doesn't know what she wants to do. But if you don't mind the salty roads and a little sand in the corners, then you've probably been out already. I had a few miles in the saddle so far this year, but am anxious to get plenty more. Come on warmth!

I do find it amazing that when we do one thing, sometimes it leads to another. This did happen to me this year with the creation of Free Rider Xpress LLC. I usually do hauling for a company but I got the chance to transport a couple of bikes to Daytona this year. Never been there during bike week, and I am sure I will go back. I ended up working most of the time but it was worth the long drive. (Hell, some will argue my job doing the FRP isn't really a job at least in their eyes. But that's an argument for another time.) Ocean breezes, miles of coastline to enjoy from the saddle and a whole lot of people. Well for me personally, I don't care much for the crowds, but I can usually find something of interest to keep myself occupied. Historic places like the fort at St. Augustine and remnants of burned out buildings. Anywhere you go there is always something of interest to see. What am I getting at? Enjoy the moments and opportunities you may have cross your path is all. Don't always be in a hurry. Stop and smell the roses as they say. This will create some great memories hopefully without getting stung.

I do want to give a shout out to Duwayne who will be doing some writing for us from time to time. He like so many others that have written for the FRP, just want an outlet to see their thoughts or writings layed down in print. Free Riders Press is perfect for this. I have always said this is the brothers and sisters paper. I am simply a tool to help assist the contributors and put it all together for a great read. I hope I am meeting the challenge for the past 13 years. Ya, it's been that long, and I still enjoy it.

A few short notes about events upcoming. Torquefest in Dubuque May 1 & 2 at the fairgrounds. I am still planning on going down. Will more than likely haul down and take a day to run the river a bit and the other to spend at the event. Anyone want to go let me know. Also the Summer Twister. Yes it's still on. I will be running more than likely next issue a shrot summary of what is going on with this great party. It will dispel any rumors floating around out there. We will be enjoying this event for years to come. I am also sorta thinking of putting an event on down in

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Savanah, IL at one of the venues. A band, beer, food and a great time is all I am going to try to go with. No cost, just a fun

Other than that, I am keeping extremely busy. Trying to change the way I do things here at FRP. I am going to try to catch 2 events a month minimum. And run that for the following issue. I have always tried to run the story the following year like I did with this month's Bike Blessing, put on by long time advertiser and friend the Roadrunners MC. I always figured this help keep an upcoming event fresh in the minds of all who are reading this paper. I plan on still doing a little of that to but going to keep it easier on my old brain to keep track of. If you have an event you'd like to see covered in the paper, send me a couple of tickets (please give me as much notice as possible) and I will see what I can do for you. I figure at least this way the event is reaching out for promotion and I am not chasing an event to help it out. It can help itself out first. Nuff said there.

Well I think I'm done ranting for now. Everyone enjoy the warm when it shows up, and be careful. And I know I say it a lot but please don't drink and ride. If I don't know you, I would like to meet you someday. So ride safe



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Meet This Month's Next Generation Rider. And it's about time I am told. Meet Preacher & Lories grandson Rilev who at 3 is a wizz on his 4 wheeler.



If you have a picture of your Next Generation Rider, feel free to send it in to me. Who knows it just might kick start a Hollywood career for them. Send those pic's to preacher@freeriderspress.us or by snail mail to PO Box 1126 Wautoma, WI 54982



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