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Welcome to my smorgasbord of thinking. This is my way of letting many things known, with nothing really particularly life changing being said about any of them. So allow me the courtesy of getting some of my sas' out.

Let's start with Lobby Day. I along with hundreds of people attended and took over the capitol for the day. We touched base with I believe all lawmakers, letting them know some of our issues. We were forced to take the group picture inside this year due to rain. Being bikers, when they were told to say cheese, a mighty roar filled the halls, and the thunderous vocals rolled through the building causing many staffers to come out and see what was going on. So mission accomplished on getting some lawmakers to actually be seen, killing some urban legends that say lawmakers and staff are invisible to constituents during off election year cycles.

And staying on a political light side. For those of you that seen our president on The Tonight Show, I am beginning to wonder if this isn't the wave of the future for politicians. I heard that next on his tv circuit is "David Letterman", a hosting gig on "Saturday Night Live" where he play's the (president of a motorcycle club that terrorizes a town while riding their Vespa's) followed up with an appearance on "The View". To finish off the whirl wind tour, a short cameo on "Barney Goes to Washington", the 21st century version of "School House Rock"

I have been to a half dozen swap meets in the last month, and I have to say that the economy hasn't kept people from heading out on a Saturday or Sunday. Most of the events are fairly well attended for some major socializing, but not much cash being thrown over the counters for purchases. But I guess we're all waiting for our stimulus checks to hit our mail boxes.

Next up is the "Million Mile Harley" ridden by Dave Zien. By the time you read this issue I will have either ridden with Dave for his last 2000 miles or attended the landing in Milwaukee. Either way it is one hell of a feat. I am hoping to do a story on Dave in next month's issue. The time is here, the vibes are good, the star's are all in line for me to finally put out an issue honoring this huge hearted biker that has done so much for the rest of us that ride.

One of the items on my agenda here is food. I am talking my favorite Italian food in Minnesota. St. Paul to be exact. Yarussos's Italian restaurant (635 Payne Avenue) is the only eatery that I try to chow at when I am in town. The old time atmosphere, the owners (Mike and Freddy) and the history makes for a great eating experience. Unfortunately a fire has temporarily closed the place and until they can get it reopened I will have to attend the Donnie Smith Show without my baked mostaccioli. The good news is they are planning on opening again. Their monthly bike night is slated to start the first Wednesday in May barring any unforeseen trouble. I guess what I am trying to say is you can't keep a legend (the restaurant) or the good they do for the riding community in St. Paul (Bike nights and benefit support)down. I look forward to them opening again and will see them flourish again.
www.yarussos.com

That's All I Got... I'm Outta Her...

Preacher Says:
"I want my
Baked mostaccioli.."
www.yarussos.com
Bike Nights
to start
in May...
Yarussos Bros.
Italian Restaurant

Cover Picture Taken at Waverly Beach in Menasha, WIMarch 15th, 2009

Quote of the Day...

I'm gonna put something stock on my bike that way I will be different from everybody else...

Mission Statement:

This paper was started out of the love and respect for being in the wind, and the brothers and sisters that are in the wind also. I have been riding all my life and have learned what brotherhood means. The Free Riders Press is a paper dedicated to the biker who knows this respect. Not barring any rider for what he wears or rides. We try to cover stories that make the public sit back and have a positive outlook on bikers. We will try to cover events that are for the biker and put on by the biker. This paper will be used to better the riding community through education, updates and personal views that are of positive thinking for the riding community in general. We will try to fight the ongoing discrimination that seems to be thrown onto us without our view being told. Free Riders Press is for all to enjoy, so by working together someday we can be free in the wind, without the worry of any of the aforementioned items.

Meet this month's Next Generation Riders.



Jake Shockman Age 4 of Oak Grove MN. Grandson of Don and Janet



Skylar Age 2 Son of Scott and Kim Quist

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 4500 Hwy 66, Stevens Point, WI 54481

I found this poll online somewhere, but thought I would check with my readers and see how close the results were. I will post both results next month.

Moto Poll: Should Harley-Davidson Receive a Government Bailout?

It's a tough time for the motorcycle industry, and no major player is immune: Yamaha and Honda have announced they're pausing production, and Harley's most recent stock beating has emphasized-- in the words of one analyst cited by Forbes.com-- that "Selling high-end motorcycles to mid-end consumers in this economy remains challenging." To say the least.

Pennsylvania Senator Bob Casey Jr. recently requested that Harley-Davidson's financing arm become eligible for bailout funds, which puts the Motor Company in a similar boat to beleaguered domestic automakers Ford, GM and Chrysler*. My question for you: should Harley-Davidson receive a government bailout, or should they weather this economic storm themselves and let the pieces fall where they may?

1. Bring on the U.S. government funds; Harley deserves a bailout, and I support the government supporting them.
2. No way. The U.S. government has no business helping yet another struggling American corporation.
3. Keep me out of politics and let the politicians decide; I just wanna ride.

e-mail answer to preacher@freeriderspress.us

"Bingo's Downed Biker Fund"

If you have a Brother or Sister down and would like to get them the Free Riders Press, NO PROBLEM, be glad to do it but it does cost money. A lot of people help out by donating some coin. We here will do what we can, but with everybody giving what they can, we will make it go a long way. We all know somebody that's down, and anything would be greatly appreciated.



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