



Put me on a harley
 where I can be free and get narley
 a feeling I can't explain
 its better than alcohol and cocaine
 theres nothing I like better and
 I don't want to leave it ever
 it makes me feel so free
 it so good I can't let it be
 so Ill keep on riding
 go out on the highway and
 keep on gliding
 just want to be meself
 don't want to be put on a shelf
 Im gonna keep on keepin on
 until Im dead and gone
 riding with the wind
 that sure can't be no sin
 ~ Michael Studer

Free Riders Press Readers. "Bone-Leg-Dog" and hundreds of scooter folk from Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois came to the 2-Wheel Inn in Rockford, IL early the week of May 27th, 2012 to party and meet other scooter folk that had come to be part of Michael "Scooter" Studer Last Ride.

Scooter and his Lady Theresa called the 2-Wheel Inn home and everybody would dam sure know when Scooter came through the door because he would yell very loud, "Don't start no shit, and there won't be no shit", and then handshakes and huggin'. Theresa and Scooter would plant themselves and have a drink or two or three. Theresa has worked with hospice for years and it's hard gettin' to know a person fixin' to die and they know it. But stoppin' for gas and gettin' shot dead by two young black men that think I believe

it's easier to rob and shoot folk than go out and get a real job. They will find out the dumb-ass way ain't easier when they get busted. What goes around comes around was proven by "Scooters" last ride with all the Brothers and Sisters as they are called in our lifestyle that showed up and got to ride with Scooter one more time!



"Scooter" Forever...

Going back to what goes around come around than I must tell ya'll that the 2-Wheel Inn had Scooter benefit bash and the brotherhood of the 2 Wheel Inn family made sure the benefit went off in style with tons of food, plenty of bar help, and the 2 Wheel Inn house band Stone Free rocked the bar with their bad-ass southern style rock-n-roll and donated their time for "Scooter".

Bone-Leg-Dog is part of the 2 Wheel family also. I am very proud to tell ya'll the Inn family raised over 10 thousand dollars for "Scooter" bills.

Ya'll know who you are and I hope ya'll can get a Free Riders Press newspaper for 1 big-ass thank-you, thank-you, thank-you from Scooter and no shit started. Ride hard but safe ya'll.

Bone-Leg-Dog

Photos by: Sarah "the mouth" and Chip "Sick Boy"



Today we ride as one...



The Brothers passing "Scooters" casket..

Stop It, Already!

During my time with ABATE of Wisconsin, I've come to realize that our organization is one of the best motorcycle rights organizations in the country. And while my job is to promote our great organization, it also calls for me to combat any bad PR that comes our way. And we're getting loads of it this riding season!

Our riding season has started out with a substantially higher number of crashes and fatalities. One-vehicle crashes in particular. This is not exactly the type of PR and attention we want. The rise in single-vehicle crashes tells me that we either have an awful lot of careless or drunk riders out there or the deer population has exploded to the point where we have massive numbers of motorcyclists running off the road in order to avoid the wildlife. I have this sneaking suspicion that it's not the deer's fault.

Every time that the crash or fatality number ticks up one more, we bring more negative attention to our way of life on the road. There are a number of government agencies that we battle with on a regular basis. The NTSB, NHTSA, CDC and the DOT are just some of the agencies that love to take these statistics and use them against us to try to institute mandatory helmet laws and road-side checkpoints. So why do we constantly give them ammunition to restrict our rights when most of these single-vehicle accidents can be avoided?!

There are a lot of us with ABATE of Wisconsin that spend our own precious time and dime to fight for everyone's freedom of the road. So when I see someone riding drunk or riding so fast that they're going Mach 5 with their hair on fire, I think, "Really?! You're really going to ride like that and make it harder on the rest of us?" Stop it, already! We all know the types I'm talking about. It's the "hotdog" of the bunch who has to try to ride a wheelie or see if they can bury their speedometer. It's the rider who has to have a couple of drinks at every poker stop that day. And these will be the same folks who scream and holler when the government clamps down on us. I'm not saying that you can't have fun while you're out riding. What I am saying is that every time we're perceived as a public nuisance on the roadways or a danger to ourselves, the clamoring from the general public becomes loud enough that the government listens – and acts! We need only look at how some communities are clamping down on loud exhausts as evidence of that. Some riders couldn't practice "throttle management". So after enough bad press, regulations were instituted to penalize all of us who have after-market exhaust systems. And more regulations will be coming, including banning motorcycles, unless we can stop killing ourselves.

With every crash or fatality, the "safety-Nazis" get more and more bold with their attacks. And with every bit of bad PR, the public perceives us as people who can't take care of ourselves and need more government rules in order to save us from ourselves. The public and the government agencies feed off of news stories where another motorcyclist who wasn't wearing a helmet got hurt. In the end, we waste our time fighting the same helmet battles over and over again instead of advancing our other causes.

So if you know one of these types, get them to stop their destructive behavior before it's too late. Sure you might be branded as a "stick in the mud" but at least you'll still be able to keep your two wheels in the future and you might save a brother or sister as well.

Take away the ammunition from these government agencies that seek to restrict our way of life and "Always Arrive Alive".

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