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From the Editor:

By the time most of you read this Thanksgiving will have come and gone, along with my waist size due to the turkey and fixin's. But it is all worth it to see the family and friends that are not in our lives on a regular basis. But with this time of year comes holiday after holiday, so next on the docket is X-mas. I don't really need much from ol' St. Nick except a new wide glide front end, new forward controls, a \$1000 gift certificate for some chrome, but I'll settle for a healthy family and a great upcoming year for my household along with all of yours.

A couple of notes for those of us that haven't put the bikes away. Watch out for the construction zones. They are finishing up projects and the sandblasting pellets for taking the traffic lines off are very slippery. I seen one bike a few weeks ago just keep sliding forward even with the brakes on. Also there is a major toy run going on in Chicago December 4th. (Check calender) I am planning on attending if I have to haul down due to snow. (Can you say skis for training wheels) But this ride is supposed to be awesome, so I'm game. A little cold won't stop me.

I did get a chance to spend a couple of days traveling in Minnesota and Illinois this last month. Gas killed me but what the heck it was more than worth it. With the thought of getting away, spending some time with my kid. (Who it turned out wanted to get some more driving time with his temps). To see some places and people I have only heard of, or talked to on the phone but never got a chance to see their shops. One of the first places I stopped at was Fury Big Dog in South St. Paul. While talking to David Ellis Miller we were talking about toys for the big boys pertaining to a Big Dog motorcycle. He said there not toys, they're "life-enhancement tools". I just thought it was a neat way to put it. Kurt at Wild Custom in Inver Grove Heights and Twin City HD South in Lakeville were next on the list, then North to see my buddy Chuck at Hilmerson RV in Little Falls, then on to Chariot Customs in East Gull Lake. Continuing NE to Biker Trading Post in Aiken then up to Warba to see Trish at Casper Leather.

After a short time at home I headed the other direction to Round Lake, IL to see Warren's Cycle on my way down to Chicago where I stopped in by Gina and Carolyn from Open Road Radio who showed me some of that Midwest hospitality. (I will Never forget the after effects of the red beans and rice, Thx Gina LOL.) After visiting for a while, Skipp from Action cycle in Lombard stopped over and borrowed me his bike so we could run around while he played tour guide. Introducing me to the good folks at Aurora Cycle

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A couple of quick e-mails:

Thanks for sending me your paper. I bring it to our club meetings to read read the jokes after I get done yelling. Everyone ends up laughing and no one leaves pissed. Keep them coming. I pass around the paper and by the next meeting there's not much left of it. Keep up the good work, we love it.

Mucho Respecto, Digger Night Cruisers MC, IL

No Problem. Always glad to make meetings more fun . Preacher

Thanks for publishing the story of the Firefighters Ride for MDA. I really appreciate it. I am already planning for the 2006 ride. It will be on May 19-20, 2006. Andy A.

It's never to early to get the word out. We'll get it in the calender of events on our website right away. www.freeriderspress.us

Thx Preacher

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"Poker run at Knuckleheads in Fox Lake, IL"

Picture from Kenn Hartmann Chicago Biker Bars

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.

"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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