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The way I see it.....

I think I will call this "What does the future hold for the Lifestyle". I have been pushing this issue for years now. In another 10 years when our kids are grown, they won't have had the thrill of learning the biker lifestyle due to the fact that they are left home all the time. What are some of us fighting so hard for today when there doesn't seem to be anyone learning the ways for tomorrow. The parents ride off to attend an event and have a good time, all the while the kids sit at home and play on the computer or video games.

I understand the theory of getting away. I have done it enough to know that there is a certain freedom of not having to be an upstanding person because the kids could see. A time to as they say, "Let loose and be fancy free." But at what cost is this done.

Most of you that know me from swap meets and shows have also had the pleasure of meeting my kids Tammi and DJ. I have enjoyed the feeling of knowing that my kids have at minimum been around the good folks that ride. They have seen the camaraderie and respect that comes with being one with the wind. Now DJ is old enough to start riding his own, and I am hoping to be blessed with having him ride besides me. Call me a proud papa! That's ok, because I know that my kids will be the heirs to my freedom.

The problem with having the kids along on the bike is that usually the wife is at home (unless she rides her own) fuming because she would like to be on the back. It's nice being the driver, I always get to ride. The one thing that is fact in the upper Midwest, is that it get's cold out and the kids are able to tag along to an event in the cage. I have noticed that since I was young and attending functions with my parents, that there are not as many kids at swap meets and shows as there used to be. Some events are geared for adults and that's cool, but keep in mind that there are some good events for the "Next Generation Riders" to attend. Events like Chopperfest, Tomahawk Fall Ride, Swaps and Bike shows like Donnie Smith, Supercycle and Cyclemania that the promoters all try very hard to make into family events.

My final thought to this subject is, "Let's try to spearhead a family oriented gathering through abate, FRP or whoever so that we can all ride proudly as a family. My family, the Biker Family. And that's the way I see it. Preacher

**Brothers and Sisters Lost**

John James Miller, 43, Merrill, WI died Monday, Oct. 15, 2007, at his home.

John was an over-the-road truck driver. He served in the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army during the Granada Conflict. He was an avid motorcyclist, a member of Rolling Thunder - Chapter 3 WI, and the Patriot Guard Riders.

A flag line of about 30 PGR and Rolling Thunders members were in attendance to honor John at his funeral on October 20, in Merrill WI. A military honor guard from the Wausau American Legion - Post 10 was also present to honor his service to this country. John will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Survivors include his father, Don Miller, Merrill; a son and daughter, David and Katarina; his sister, Jackie (Rodney) Wright, Fort Belvoir, VA.; two stepsisters, Kris Miller and Julie (Bob) Steinke, all from Wausau, WI; and other relatives and friends.

Mark Tilkens, President, Rolling Thunder Chapter 3 WI



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**Meet this month's Next Generation Rider.**

Nolan and Payton ready to rumble on Grandparents (Bill & Karens) Classic



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

**Blue Dog's Nation.**  
 Comic Strip By LeRoy

**Numbers Pondered in Time:**

(One Thousand)  
 1,000 Seconds = 17 Minutes Approx.

(One Million)  
 1,000,000 Seconds = 11 1/2 Days Approx.

(One Billion)  
 1,000,000,000 Seconds = 32 Years Approx.

(One Trillion)  
 1,000,000,000,000  
 Seconds = 32 Millennia  
 Approximately 32,000 Years

"Treak Off the Ranch,  
 & Goin to TOWN..."

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**Trivia, Trivia, Trivia**

This months winner was Lisa Williams with the answer of 1942. Among other motorcycles made for the Army, H-D produces the unique XA 750, a motorcycle with horizontally opposed cylinders and shaft drive, designed for desert use. The contract is cancelled early due to war combat moving out of North Africa. Only 1,011 XA's are built.

She was pulled from the many right answers. Now wasn't that easy?

Here's how to play. I give you a question supplied to me by PIPEz. When you have the answer, e-mail it to trivia@gmaxpro.com and around the 10th we will post the answer on www.gmaxpro.com/FREE-RIDERS-TRIVIA web page. From the right answers we will draw a winner. These folks will win products and items that are donated from different advertisers and businesses. Sound easy enough? Lets get to it!!!

**Remember: e-mail answer to e-mail it to trivia@gmaxpro.com**

**No Trivia for December.**

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**"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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