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From the Editor

Hey all, enjoying the mild weather out there, been doing a lot of running and been seeing some scoots on the roads. The people I talk to have all been saying the same thing, "I almost pulled the bike out today." In fact at the Federation of clubs party I had one Brother say, "Hmmm, do I ride or paint it?" Tough decision, but I think mother nature is still going to wallop out butts with a couple of good storms. We'll have to wait and see. I think I'd get my tin painted, but that's me!

I have a ton of stuff to say, but am finding it very hard to find the wording. Ya, right you say, is that possible?

I would like to start by saying Take Care to Pat and Angie of Spoke-N-Rode magazine that was mainly in MN and west. I enjoyed chatting with them from time to time but they had a different path to follow. See their Good-Bye letter on this page. And on the same subject, I got the honor of sitting down with some of the staff of SNR and I'll tell you, talk about dedicated people. Thanks JR, Brett and Laura the Potter for taking the time to see me, it was fun. And a big welcome to Laura the Potter to the Free Riders Press family, she will be a great addition for us to enjoy. Remember this is a low pressure, family paper, "Written by Bikers, For Bikers." (PS: Brett remember to have your son send me something.)

The way I feel for certain things pertaining to a particular subject, the more soul I have to put into believing that what I am doing is what I want. Are you confused yet? Grab a cold one and let me try to explain. I started the Free Riders Press almost 4 years ago when I was living in Minnesota. I had built some good working relationships with a lot of people. A few of these people have since become some of the best

friends I have ever had. All my life I have had a deep down feeling that my niche was to be in the biker community full time. Publishing a good, clean, readable paper that spread's throughout the biker community from one end to the other is just icing on the cake. When someone comes up to me and tells me, "that they look forward to getting their paper because they enjoy reading it so much", makes me feel really good.

Now your wondering what I'm trying to get at, HUH?

I have a goal in life to see what I can do to bring the brothers and sisters all together so that the life I have chosen for myself is a smoother one. A common goal of people working together to preserve the biker way of life, be it through hooking one business to another, connecting them so they both have a good working relationship all in the hopes that it's easier for them. That's a natural high for me when someone says, "Hey so & so really helped me out." Way kewl, that was the goal. But I am confused on how to proceed with another aspect of this goal.

I was at the Wisconsin Federation of Motorcycle Clubs Winter party and got to thinking about the way things are for us bikers. The freedoms we enjoy today, may not be there tomorrow if we don't work together to preserve our way of life. Abate, MRF, MMRA and the AMA are just a few

of the groups of dedicated people that work together in a mutually beneficial way for us. NCOM and all the clubs that talk or have others speak about our freedoms, and how they are being taken away daily by those in government that would like to see us conform to their way of thinking. Now I don't usually get very political in the paper, but it's getting time for everybody to work together to keep our way of life available for our kids and grand kids. I watched a video that was shown at a town council meeting about how all clubs are out there causing havoc in their community, including the CMA. The old Hollywood thinking is still very real in the minds of the ignorant. Anyone with a patch on their back. The cop that put this particular video together should pull his head out of his ass, get a pair of glasses that have a wider range of intelligence to realize that everything on this video was bull. Now a days all of these patch wearing brothers and sisters attend runs, parties and charity events for someone that needs help throughout the year.

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Meet Allysa Mae, this month "Next Generation Rider"

If you have a pic of your "Next Generation Rider" feel free to send it in to me. Who knows, it just might kickstart a hollywood career for them. Send those pics to Preacher@freeriderspress.us or snail mail it to our home address.

Here is a Thank-you from Pat and Angie of Spoke-N-Rode. I offered space here in FRP so they could give proper thank you's to all of you that supported them.

The Road Ends:

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly:

We are sad to say we no longer will print SNR. Tim will continue to keep this site going and [maybe] print something again. I, like the whole staff have full time careers. I have to move to continue my chosen profession. We had a grassroots effort to keep it going but in the end all "Gypsy" rides conclude. We have really enjoyed the phenomenal support from the great white north. At times we felt you all took ownership of this magazine, for that we will be forever in awe. Without further a due here it goes.

The Good"

PLEASE when you see Tim Brophy, JR Steele, Laura the Potter, Brett Dahl, Skeeter Scanlon, Wilba, Ray Beber, Repo Ray, Amy "Mouse", Scottie Ducati, "The Horse Trader" p-l-e-a-s-e thank them for the effort. A special Thank you to the "behind the scenes", people Andy Jay Art Director/Web Guy (photodude.net) & Rory O'Neill Photography/Jason, Current Web Developers (www.rory-thomas.com), & Beth Welch, Missing Link Photography, (missinglink.com). Dale Driscoll & Mary Kay Valenty who helped ship, mail and deliver for nothing! Lord Knows they all didn't do it for the money.

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