

These are all letters that were sent to me from our Downed Brothers that don't have the opportunity presently to share our good times. I did want to acknowledge that these letters were all in response to my blurb last month in the "way I see it" section. I do thank those that wrote because all those that are down are still our Brothers & Sisters. No ifs ands or buts about it.

All the letters I receive from the inside will have the name left out unless it says specifically to print. I do want to get letters, stories and such for one big reason, and that is that as I write of my own experiences maybe someone will learn from me and not follow the same path of some of my bone-head moves. If we can save a few people from going through what some of the Downed members of our world from messing up, I think this section might be worth keeping.

So with that said, please send me article that are true, false etc, and remember we are here for you.

#### Preacher

I just got my Jan '08's FRP. I sorta understand why you don't get more input from Brother's & Sisters that are down. A lot of stories come from life lived. I love what your paper offers and that more & more people are riding. But back when, people didn't take their kids and Rv to the bike rallies. You carried your gear on your bike, F\_\_\_ the weather. Our life was gritty/raw. Slide down the road, make repairs- onward, pick up a chick and life goes where it goes. Or solo ride, ya stop at a bar, only to have some cowboy slice you up. Bar fights aren't romantic.

A story that sticks out in my head is a work of fiction called "Fish Hook". It was published in a "76" Easy Rider magazine (the issue had Willie Nelson sitting on a couch). That story was fiction, but it hits close to life.

Next, if a person writes about a personal experience and it's incriminating, published publicly, it can be used against said individual. There's too many snitches around to chance. Our world has changed- not for the better!

#### Another letter:

Drinking and Riding do not mix, be it on 2 or 4 wheels. I've been riding for over 25 years, had 2 serious crashes and 6 OWI's, 3 of them on my motorcycle.

My last OWI landed me in prison. I was lucky enough to get accepted to the Earned Release Program (ERP). This is a very serious treatment program that focuses on all aspects of substance abuse. It has given me a chance to look at things a little more closely. Riding motorcycles is a great experience. So much to see and do. Why do so many of us risk losing it by mixing it with alcohol? It's always a good time going on poker runs or just bar hopping on Sunday afternoons right! That's what I thought. Since my last Sunday afternoon ride, I've had to sell my bike, missed out on family things like my grand daughters 1st year birthday and holiday's.

So you say big deal, that's my fault right? What if I wouldn't have been lucky enough to get pulled over? What if I wouldn't have spent the night in jail? Instead of feeling sorry for myself for being in prison, my family could be coping with not having a Grandpa, Father or Husband. I'll be getting out of prison soon and you can bet I'll be riding again, sober this time.

Thanks for the letter. I too spent my time in the saddle feeling invincible when all I was is an accident waiting to happen. I hope your future holds fun times for your family, and enjoy that grand daughters next birthday with double the hugs. Take care.



## Don't Get Smart Old BikersMad!!

By Bingo

Every weekday morning a car would pull up and stop next door at 4:35 A.M. and the driver would blow his horn. Not once but 4 times! A LOUD - BEEP! - BEEP! - BEEP! - BEEP! That would wake me up! He was picking up a fellow worker and almost always - the guy was down there and they were on their way in a minute or 2. BUT - it always woke me up! -And at my age I could not get back to sleep. As you can imagine - after a week of that - I was pissed off. I asked my neighbor - in a very NICE way - to tell his 'chauffeur' to please not blow his horn. He said that he would ask him not to.

The next 3 mornings - BEEP! - BEEP! - BEEP! - BEEP! That's when I decided I had to do something about that. I got out my binoculars - and using them - I could read his license plate numbers. I wrote them down. Now as most of the readers know - there are a LOT of things you can do with a computer! I got the listing for those license plates, the owner's name and address - then looked him up in the phone book and got his home phone number. I knew that he might have 'number identification' on his phone at his house, so I stopped off on my way home from a party - at 2:00 A.M. - at a public phone - and I called that guy up. It rang about 6 times. When he finally answered the phone - I said: "Are you awake?" He sleepily mumbled: "I am NOW! Who the hell is this?" I replied: "I'm just one of the people that you wake up every morning blowing your horn on Jefferson street! I just want you to know how it feels to be woke up every morning!" - Then I hung up.

Not surprisingly - he never blew his horn again when he picked that guy up.



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