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I am going to try to get off my chest something that I have written about in the past to some extent, but never in fully blown thoughts written down on these pages. It's the fact that ALL riders are going to have to be as ONE to preserve our way of life on two wheel's.

Some clubbers look at hog members that wear a shiny patch on there back as weekend warrior wanna be pricks that have no clue. Some HOG members look at clubbers as long haired smelly scum that do nothing but cause trouble for everyone else on two-wheels. And some riders from both these groups look at ABATE members as just another group that promotes their anti helmet agenda.

Let me get to my point now that I have your attention. We all are riders that in the near future are going to need to work side by side to fight some of the bull coming down the pike. What do I mean by this?

I attended a meeting for clubs in the state and their was minimum turnout, but yet the Mongal Nation situation was the main topic of discussion. I attend ABATE meetings and there are sometimes 10- 15 people (if lucky) attending a region meeting with bikers rights being the main topic. Honestly I have never attended a HOG meeting, but they're future is covered by both these afore mentioned groups.

Let me break this down a little further for those that need more explanation.

There is an issue about a motorcycle club in California that had their trademark stolen from them by the federal government, through a law called R.I.C.O.(Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act). This is were the feds can consider clubs/Organization etc with a commonality such as patches on their backs that have members with a felony on their records. This is so they can take down the whole group and add extra enhanced penalties.

I know some of the Hog members that are upstanding pillars in the community are saying, "Well they deserve it." Maybe, but it's no ones place to pass judgement on another rider.

Think about it, most of the Christian motorcycle groups that have the same patch are made up of ex hard core riders that have a checkered past life and have been blessed with a new path.

In turn, you have your HOG members that have the world by the ass. They enjoy jumping on the scoot on the weekend, puttin' around the country side (some wearing helmets, some not) just having a relaxing day. But did any of you that take that ride ever realize that you would not be able to do this without the hard work and dedication of the club members and ABATE members during past decades. Back when a good majority of the baby boomers were raising families and building nice retirement nest eggs, these other bikers were trying to keep motorcycling the way we want it to be. The last real free group of individuals that most of the non riding citizens would like to see wiped out. All while raising families, working hard, running business's and so forth. The only difference is appearance. So were's the problem, right?

Then you have the ABATE crowd that spends countless hours working with lawmakers, the DOT, and other powerful people, (that can make or break our balls) to keep our way of life safe while informing non-riders to watch out for motorcyclists through signs, share the road classes for the new drivers, legislating in Washington and our own Capitol, mostly on their own time and most of the time on their own dime.

We all have one common interest, and that is motorcycling. I heard a brother this past weekend mention the problem of apathy. (My life isn't effected, so I don't care).

Apathy (also called impassivity or perfunctoriness) is a state of indifference, or the suppression of emotions such as concern, excitement, motivation and passion. An apathetic individual has an absence of interest or concern to emotional, social, or physical life. They may also exhibit an insensibility or sluggishness.

Well to all the Brothers and Sisters from all groups mentioned in this editorial. It is time to get involved and learn what the other riders are doing for the motorcycling community. If a business has a sign on their door saying "no colors allowed", this could mean hog patches, Blue Knight patches, Union member patches etc. There is no end to which this insanity can't be used.

The Federation of Clubs in Wisconsin www.wisconsinmc.com is working on getting an Anti-discrimination law for Wisconsin like Minnesota has, so we as bikers are not treated as second class citizens. ABATE of Wisconsin www.abatewis.org has a Lobby Day on February 26th that is open to any rider that is interested in helping meet their lawmakers and inform them of our concerns.

H.O.G has a huge group of dedicated riders that could make all other non-hog riders improve

the motorcycle image. It's just a matter of becoming informed on the different issues. "GET INVOLVED, STAY INVOLVED and SUPPORT EACH OTHER". For the next generation of riders sake.

"Our lives will begin to end the day we stand by and remain silent about the things that matter..."M.L.King

Another Quoteable Quote: "You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred. You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's initiative and independence. You cannot help people permanently by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves." Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), sixteenth President of the United States

That's the way I see it... Preacher

The Disabled Vet Biker

By Bingo

He went into the service and he served over seas.
He was wounded in both legs - just below the knees.

He USED to be a biker! But he isn't anymore!

So I started wondering: — What's a brother for?

So I'm asking people to pitch in - money or part -

To build that vet a trike - to show they have a heart!

So if you have a few buck - or some parts that we can use -

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If you'd like to donate - get in touch with

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Meet 8 year old Mathew sitting on Gram and Gramps Sporty. He's this month's Next Generation Rider.



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



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Oh, how I love Wisconsin
When the snows up to your butt;
You take a breath of winter air
And your nose is frozen shut.
Yes, the weather here is wonderful,
I guess I'll hang around.
I could never leave Wisconsin,
Cause I'm frozen to the ground.