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Welcome to the FRP pot-pori. A mixture of great, good, and "that's really messed up". So let's get started.

I want to take a moment and welcome back all the men and women of the 32nd Brigade that are back home among us, especially Dude and the 120th. It has been a long 11 months since the deployment commenced and the relief of having them back is enormous. The homecoming at Volk Field Monday showed families cheering when the plane door opened. We will be running a final 32nd picture page in the near future, so please send us your pictures of the homecoming in your town, at Volk Field, as a Patriot Guard Rider, a friend or anything else that pertains to the guards return.

One last thought on this topic. We here at FRP headquarters along with many others finally get to have Christmas. We put it off till now on the simple premise of being all together as a family. Unfortunately my oldest son Michael will be partying in Indy, but he along with our daughter Tammi were able to be at the field when dude arrived. (Nothing better than being together, makes me proud to call them all my family) Oh ya, and did I mention that I finally got to meet my Grandson. Nicholas was there to, which made for an extra special moment. "Thank You Angie for bringing him." It was **Great!!**

Now for that good part. Who give's a shit about our rights as motorcyclists? Do you really? Well show how much you care and show up February 23rd at the State capitol for ABATE of Wisconsin Lobby Day. www.abatewis.org for more info on the gathering. It is a **GOOD** way to show our lawmakers that we are informed, we are concerned and are willing to take up the fight to protect what we have. Of course we are polite, but all the lawmakers I have talked to say they respect us as an organization. Good job ABATE.

And finally a couple of issues that irritate me to no end (and my wife won't be on this list) that will make up my "**that's really messed up**" finale.

Number 1 is uninformed people that spread what boils down to editorial copy. Groups like Advocates www.saferoads.org that do nothing but believe that the only way to make our roadways safer is by making laws. They use old statistics, out dated info and very little common sense thinking. With issues like pushing helmet laws on states where the rider fatalities dropped the last two years.(MN and WI) I will mention more on that in issues to come.

Number 2 is the issue of promoting yourself. I have mentioned this before and I will say it again till I don't see it happening. This is the use of a free venue to promote what you do. A booth that is at a swap or a show that allows you to get you message out. I am only pointing at a couple regions of ABATE. I will not say which ones but one on the east side of the state hasn't had a representative at any of the shows in the last few years. This to me is WRONG. If you as a director/rep of a region can't attend the event get someone to cover it. The way I see it, if you pass on FREE opportunities to promote ABATE either step up or step aside and let someone who cares take over.



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This Month's Next Generation Rider.
Christian posing for his Harley dude pictures.
Grandson of Harley Don and Jackie.



If you have a picture of your Next Generation Rider, feel free to send it in to me. Send those pic's to preacher@freeriderspress.us or by snail mail to

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Note: I am finally almost caught up on the Next Generation Riders Pictures. If you haven't seen your submission printed please send me an e-mail. It may have gotten lost in the shuffle. Send to preacher@freeriderspress.us

Brother Lost:

Formed in 1967 by Frank "Claim Jumper" Rios, the Hell's Lovers M.C. became one of the first integrated motorcycle clubs in Chicago. A Mexican-American from the west side of Chicago, Claim Jumper was an outsider among existing motorcycle clubs when he started the Hell's Lovers.

He put the name on his back and the club took off. He hooked up with a friend since childhood and the Lovers were born. The Hell's Lovers have about 1500 members in 20 states.

Frank Rios, a boxing and martial arts instructor, rode his Harley regularly until four years ago, when he started suffering complications from diabetes.

Claim Jumper is survived by a Grateful Hell's Lover's Nation.

For full story- <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-obot-rios-11-jan11,0,5262311.story>

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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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