

From the Editor:

Ok all, another month passes bringing the riding season that much closer. The warm spring air beating down on us while riding next to the brothers. Stopping for a cold one on the way to a party. Oh sorry got to dreaming there. I hope all of you had a great x-mas. Hopefully olde St.H-D showed up and stuffed them saddlebags that were hung by the fire place with all the stuff you wanted. As we head into the new year we here at FRP are looking forward to meeting more of the brothers and sisters out there. All the events are starting to come in and the calender is filling fast.

As most of you know our website freeriderspress.us is up and running. We will be adding more and more pics and stories so that you all can think back while looking at it and say "I remember that". Remember that if you have an event or something biker related going on, put in in the calender so that we all know about it. Hell, I might even show up and put it in the paper Who Knows! As for the paper, it is going well. We are getting more and more stories and such being sent to us. Keep them coming their great. Also, don't forget to keep an eye on all the rules and regs that are going through all the houses and committees. Just because it is in some other state doesn't mean it won't happen here. Let's stay ahead of the game, before our government has us riding with bright yellow reflective gear surrounded by a roll cage. IT COULD HAPPEN!

Like usual there's the one big item I can't stress enough. Support our advertisers whenever possible. For anyone that has ever put on an event, we all know who the first people are that we go to for door prizes and such. So keep it in mind! other than that take care for now, spring is coming.

Preacher

" 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 is not cheap. But 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 along way. We all know somebody that's down, and anything would be greatly appreciated.

Send to: "Bingo's Downed Biker Fund"
P.O. Box 156
Forest Junction, WI 54123

North , South , East , West
R...Way

As I transfer my body to my wheelchair each day ,
As a paralyzed biker I must say !
For the last few decades the research rides lead to the MDA ,
To hope for the cure of a disease that is here to stay !
There are many fortune 500 companies trying , OK
We all dream for the vitims each day , let us pray !
Read Study Think , The brotherhood freedom road ,
Help a down biker lighten their heavy daily load !
The wind is changing coast to coast ,
Ride with Pride for R...Way Brotherhood Galore in "2004"
Re-Cycle a Triker that used to eat bugs as a biker ,
It will bring back yesteryear and make our lifestyle nicer !
My fellow Americans , mount your rides and choose your sides ,
The cure has arrived for down bikers that Live to Ride !
Side by Side it's history in the Wind ,
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To whom it may concern (and it concerns you all)

I hope you have enjoyed your recent successes of the last decade, Harleys are one of the hottest toys around and the rich and famous that are enjoying them and (I would guess hanging out at harley headquarters) reads like a who is who list in hollywood. I bet they all look like real outlaw bad boys and girls all decked out in the entire harly motor clothes catalogue. Hmm they need a pair of genuine harley davidson leather biker socks.... that will be another 150.00 please.

I guess what I am getting at and excuse my sarcasm in the opening lines is what is going to happen in the next couple of years to harley davidson? You have forgotten us, the blue collar working men and women also known as the bikers. we cant afford your bikes anymore. you and the doctors and lawyers have seen to that. hell its getting hard to afford a T-shirt that is running 25.00 plus. What are you going to do when the bikers who supported you through the lean years give up on you because you kicked us to the side to go play with your new rich friends? And speaking of your new rich friends, what is going to happen when they decide they are tired of playing biker and move on to something else? You furnished the the bikes, the clothes, and even gave them a patch they didn't have to earn just so they could play "wild one" or "easy rider" on sunday afternoon. The one thing you couldn't give them was heart and a sense of brotherhood. Your manufactured "R.U.B." as we call them are as easy to spot at a rally as a "hooker in a convent". thats why you see fewer and fewer of the real brothers and sister at the rallies.

There is a rumble among a lot of true bikers these days and its not from the drag pipes. There is talk of boycotting the rallies and any harley davidson sponsored event, and also stop buying all new harley products. I mean not only bikes but t-shirts bumper stickers , posters , all of it. I have noticed since the 100th anniversary bikes came out, the rich boys got theirs and now every ad I hear on the raido is screaming because they have a showroom full of them and cant move anymore. Why you may ask, its not from a slow economy or a resession it is because of the plain and simple fact that we cant afford them anymore. you priced the loyal customer base you had right out of your showrooms to chase a group who is notoriously into fads. and the whole biker boom is just that to them a fad and not a lifestyle like it is to most of us.

You cant honestly justify 20,000 for a wide glide. a lot of bikers including myself are now looking at alternatives when it comes time to buy a new bike. I went into a kawasaki dealership and was amazed by the 1500 vulcan nomad. It is a V-twin, its 1500 cc (bigger than just about everything you make), It comes with a better warranty, and it costs almost 10,000 less. heck for what you are charging for a bike with the same features, I could buy both me and the wife each one and probably never have to put a wrench on it for many years. Can you say the same? didnt think so.

In closing let me say this you need to remember where you came from and who your true friends are, for when the ones with deep pockes move on to something else (i hear flying is getting popular with them) where will you be left standing? There is a large majority of bikers out there who are turning their backs on you as we speak for no other reason than you turned your backs on them.

A concerned old time biker