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## From the Editor:

How's everyone doing? All's going ok here. With x-mas here and gone the time has come to get the scoot put in it's bed for a few months. Hopefully you all got them special parts and accessories from St. Harley. Now is a great time to get that dream paint job, or that power plant built up just a bit better. Keep in mind when searching for them parts or services to give our advertisers from past and present a chance. Remember, that without them you wouldn't have this rag to get you through the cold times here in the Midwest.

Lorie put it perfectly when she said, "The first snow is a good way to justify the cold.." Yep I think that covers the end of the riding season pretty well.

I do need to get through one thing quick. I pride myself on putting out an accurate and interesting paper, that all bikers can relate to. Last month we printed and I didn't hold up to my great standards. You may have noticed a few errors. First off I need to apologize to Bonnie, one of our writers (A Sisters Point of View). I put in the wrong date of Space' passing. (The date is supposed to be November 8.) Secondly I need to apologize to Captain Ron and the bars that he was to play at in December. The ad dates were wrong, but the calender was right. A good thing to do when going to any event is to double check with the event host for all the needed info. Never go by one source. I always contended that I am just a biker that enjoys doing this paper. I'm not perfect!

I would like to commend all the clubs and events. Why you may ask? I have been getting the dates for certain events and they seem to be working together as I wrote about last month. The Federation of Clubs sent me their events calendar and no one seems to be stepping on each other. Great job all of you!!! Hopefully this will be the best year for bikers yet.

And lastly, most of you will be getting the paper before January 1st. Which means all the New Years Eve celebrations will be up and coming. Do me a favor, DON'T DRINK and DRIVE!!!! There have been to many of the Brothers being lost from natural events, that driving all f\*\*cked up CAN be avoided. Use the safe ride home programs available to you. Better yet, let's all help each other out and designate a driver. Hell, if I see anyone unable to drive I'll get you home personally. That's what the Brotherhoods all about right.

So get the scoot all fixed up and the polish out, because riding season is just around the corner.

Until next time, Preacher

### **Brothers Lost**

Friends never die and Brothers ride forever. Another has joined that special club. "Big Todd" Barden began that ride December 7th, passing away after a battle with heart complications.

You might remember "Big Todd" from a visit to Suburban Harley in Milwaukee or Appleton Harley. If you ever had a question about your ride "Big Todd" had the answer. Or you may have stopped for a cold one, a card game or just a good bull-session with friends at his bar "Big Todd's Rumble Inn" in Stevens Point which he ran with his wife and best friend Mary. If you were fortunate enough to have met him you gained a true friend for life.

Todd not only loved the open road, but more so being with the people and raising money for children's charities.

Ride on my friend. You are forever with us. For ever in the wind.

### Mission Statement:

This paper was started out of the love and respect for being in the wind, and the brothers and sisters that are in the wind also. I have been riding all my life and have learned what brotherhood means. The Free Riders Press is a paper dedicated to the biker who knows this respect. Not barring any rider for what he wears or rides. We try to cover stories that make the public sit back and have a positive outlook on bikers. We will try to cover events that are for the biker and put on by the biker. This paper will be used to better the riding community through education, updates and personal views that are of positive thinking for the riding community in general. We will try to fight the ongoing discrimination that seems to be thrown onto us without our view being told. Free Riders Press is for all to enjoy, so by working together someday we can be free in the wind, without the worry of any of the aforementioned items.



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