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From the Editor:

Did you all have a great holiday season? Hope you all got what you needed and made it a great season for somebody else that isn't as fortunate, after all we are bikers that help out the community when we can, right?

This editorial is going to be short and sweet. The swap meet season has kicked in for those of you that are looking for that certain item. A couple of changes/new shows added this year. There has been a change for MN. The Crocodile Swap Meets have been taken over and will be run by Trish and Bessie of Casper Leather. For more info on that 218-492-1121. The 1st Annual Donnie Smith "Rochester" Invitational held Feb 19th www.donniesmithbikeshow.com For WI there are a couple of new meets to go along with the same ones as in the past. Fat Boys Feb 19th in Eau Claire see ad page 5, and another GT Swap meet at Menominee Jan 29th see ad page 10. A change of venue for the Porkers USA show which is now March 10&11 in Eau Claire (Release page 4). Keep an eye on our calendar for other great Swaps and Shows.

I would like to welcome "Big Jim" from IL who will be helping out with some event coverage in Northern IL. He has been around the riding community for many years, so I think he will bring yet another welcomed view to the Free Riders Press. Lastly I want to let you know that as you know I was all over the place last year. Taking pictures and covering events. Well unfortunately I went to more events than I had room for in the paper. So with it being off season in the Midwest for any major riding, I will be doing some catch up on events Jan, Feb and March so we're ready to rock again in April. So enjoy this issue and I will see you at as many of the swaps and show I can possibly make.

Till next time, Preacher

Today is the First Day of Winter!

That means that starting tomorrow, the days will be getting longer!

More light, less dark, a return to Spring!

Sunshine, melting snow, more light, less dark!

The return of singing birds, playing squirrels and red fox, less dark, more light!

Warmer weather so you won't have to stay indoors 22 out of every 24 hours of your day!

And we will turn our clocks ahead 1 hour so we will have... more light and less dark!

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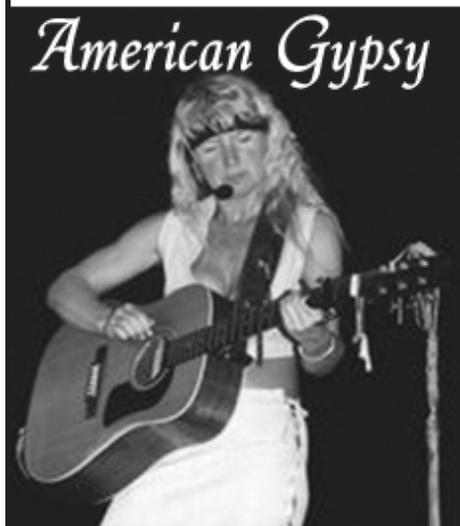


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"Bingo's Downed Biker Fund"

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 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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