

Calender of Events

Dec 25- Merry Christmas to all of you from us at Free Riders Press

Jan 1- Happy New Year

Jan 3- (MN) Yarusso Bros Italian Restaurant 5:30-8:00 2-Wheel Wednesday in January Free Pasta In The New Room 635 Payne Ave East Side St. Paul 651-776-4848

When you hear the weather siren think of us !!!!

Jan 7- (WI) Expo 1 Swap meet - Waukesha Expo Center Waukesha, WI for more info 414-839-2712

Jan 7- (OH) Walneck Swap Meet at Springfield, OH- Clark County Fairgrounds 8:00am - 3:00pm for more info www.walneckswap.com

Jan 13- (WI) Benefit for (Maggot) Carl who has terminal Emphysema, at the Zodiacs clubhouse in Oshkosh, WI. Starts 7pm. for more info (920) 203-5011 or (920) 235-4696

Jan 12-14th- World of Wheels Bike Show at the Wisconsin State Fair Park in West Allis, WI for more info call Colleen at 414-380-9005 or Brett 414-427-1155

Jan 14- (MN) Casper's Leather swap Meet at St.Cloud Armory in St. Cloud, MN 10-4 for more info 218-492-1121 or www.caspersleather.net

Jan 14- (IL) Walneck Swap Meet at GraysLake, IL- Lake County Fairgrounds 8:00am - 3:00pm for more info www.walneckswap.com

Jan 20- (WI) Wisconsin Federation of Motorcycle Clubs Annual Winter Rendezvous at Elizabeth Inn Plover, WI for info 920-651-1588

Jan 21- (WI) GT Promotion presents a swap meet at Elizabeth Inn Convention Center in Plover. I-39 & Hwy 54 for more info 920-989-3995

Jan 27- (WI) Outer Limits MC Winter Party at Whiskey River 1297 Hwy 175 Hubertus, WI 6-??

Jan 27- (CA) Arlen Ness bike show 10am-7pm Sunday Januray 28th 10am- 5pm in San Jose Convention & Cultural Facilities www.sjcc.com . 408 Almaden Boulevard San Jose CA 408-277-5277. This will be a bike show and parts show 100.000 sq feet. www.arlennessbikeshow.com.

Jan 28- (WI) GT Promotions swap meet in Menomonie at the Disabled American Veterans Hall. 9-5pm for more info 920-989-3995

Jan 28- (WI) Midwest Biker Swap Meet at the Riverside Ballroom in Green Bay, WI 10-4pm for more 715-453-8532

Jan 31- (MN) Bikerday at the Minnesota State Capitol 2007. You are cordially invited to attend the 4th Annual "Bikerday at the Minnesota State Capitol" to be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for more www.abatemn.org

Feb 3- (IL) 23rd Annual Chicago Supercycle Show & Parts Expo at McCormick Place North. 11am-8pm 42 class bike show and much more. for info www.supercycleshow.com or 262-835-9509

Feb 11- (MN) Casper's Leather Swap Meet at Anoka Armory Anoka, MN 10-4 for mor info 218-492-1121 or www.caspersleather.net

Feb 11- (WI) ZMC Productions presents the 21st Annual meet at Fondulac County Fairgrounds 10-4pm for more 920-922-5068 or 920-922-0952

Feb 17- (WI) Motorcycle Swap Meet at Dale's Weston Lanes 10am-5pm, presented by USA Pride Inc. for more info 715-693-4381 between 7-10pm

Feb 18- (MN) Donnie Smith Rochester Invitational Bike Show and new this year adding a swap meet and new parts show from 9am - 5pm at the Rochester Mayo Civic Center, 30 Civic Center Drive Southwest, Rochester MN 507-281- 6184

Feb 18- (MN) Casper's Leather Swap Meet at St. Paul Armory St. Paul, MN 10-4 for mor info 218-492-1121 or www.caspersleather.net

Feb 18- (WI) Fat Boys swap meet 9:am - 4 pm Ramada Inn convention center downtown Eau Claire, WI. The pre party is saturday Feb 17th at FAT BOYS, 202 Gibson St, eau claire, WI for more info 715-379-1522 or 715-829-8186

Feb 24- (MN) Bikers Against Child Abuse Benefit Chili Feed 4:00p-12:00a @ Stillwater Eagles 94 Club corner of Norell & HWY 36 for more 651-497-1618 or BACA_MN@yahoo.com and bacainternational.org

Feb 24 & 25th- (IA) 38th Annual Rod & Custom Car Show at the Monticello Berndes Center Monticello, Iowa for more www.rodandcustomcarshow.com or 319-465-5119

Feb 25- (WI) Expo 1 Swap Meet at the Jefferson County Fair Park 10-5 for more 414-839-2712

Mar 11- (MN) Casper's Leather Swap Meet at IRA Civic Center Duluth, MN for more info 218-492-1121 or www.caspersleather.net

Mar 18- (MN) Casper's Leather swap meet at Aldrich Arena 1850 White Bear Ave Maplewood (1/2 mile s. of Hwy 36) for more info 218-492-1903

Mar 24& 25th- (MN) Donnie Smith St. Paul Invitational Bike Show and Parts Extravaganza on Saturday March 24th with new show hours from 9am to 7pm, and Sunday March 25th from 10am -5pm. It will be at the St. Paul Rivercentre 175 West Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul MN 651-265-4800 www.donniesmithbikeshow.com

You got an event? A benefit? Or just something you want to let everybody else know about, let us know. E-mail your event to preacher@freeriderspress.us. Many more events listed at www.freeriderspress.us

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such as offering day-care services or free Internet access.

"We seem to be stuck back in the '60s and '70s in what we're doing," said Kurpius, a Vietnam veteran from Anchorage, Alaska. "There's a perception that we are basically a social club. They associate it with a cheap place to have a beer, a fish fry and bingo."

The VFW has 1.8 million members, down from a peak of 2.2 million in the early 1990s. The American Legion has about 2.7 million members, down from 3 million in 1994.

In all, the country has about 24.4 million veterans. Members of the Combat Infantrymen's Association said they'd welcome the veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan with open arms. They believe it helps to be able to share the horrors of combat with those who've had similar experiences.

"With Vietnam, you just came home and you tried to go from combat to civilian life," said Wayne Watts, who won the Bronze Star for Valor in Vietnam and is a retired captain with the Shelby County, Ala., Sheriff's Department. "It was a tough transition. I've lost men and it bothers me to this day."

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The only problem was that Mariah was really expecting by now, and a two hundred mile "motorsickle" ride was going to be really uncomfortable. JJ tried to get a bus or train ticket for his wife, but with the holiday, and everyone mustering out, there was nothing available.


Today, we could navigate the trip on Highway 101 from San Diego to the Santa Clara Valley in about four hours, even considering the traffic through LA. JJ was hoping to make it in one full day if nothing broke down. He was familiar with the Pacific Coast Highway, which had been commissioned by the Department of Transportation in about 1926, but it was a far cry then from what it is today. At least they wouldn't be crossing vast expanses of wilderness, but it was still a tough trip for an expectant mother on the back of a "motorsickle." About as soon as JJ got into a rhythm, Mariah had to stop at a comfort station. Then they had to eat. Then they had to take a break because of her backache.

Mile after mile, delay upon delay, they finally turned right off of the coast road, and could see the lights of the valley in the distance. Just a few miles and they would be home, safe with family and friends, and then, "It's broke." Mariah screamed it so loud that JJ almost went down. He couldn't hear what had broken but he pulled over to the roadside. "My water's broke." This was one thing they hadn't taught him in the Marines, so a frantic JJ began to look for shelter of any kind. They were near a little settlement called Saticoy, but there wasn't anything open there, especially at midnight. As they rolled through the village, JJ spied the corner garage and "motorsickle" shop, which had a light on in the back. Asking permission of the owner, JJ unloaded Mariah in an unused service stall, and with some borrowed blankets made her comfortable. "I guess this won't be the first kid born in a stall." When their first-born son came into the world, just before dawn, they named him Jaysee. As they lovingly looked upon their precious boy, JJ and Mariah realized . . . it was Christmas Day.

Luke 2:7-11. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

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