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## A short history of "Russ's Cycle".

The year, 1974. The place, a backyard garage.

It began as a part time hobby shop and grew into a full time job for Russ. The business kept growing over the years with "Harley-Davidson's" as Russ's specialty. Later buying the Inventory from a Harley dealership which went out of business in the early 80's.

His son Dave was always in the shop asking questions on how everything worked and with Russ as his mentor, Dave began fixing dirt bikes for himself and his friends. Dave stayed with the rice side of bikes as he grew. His nick-name becoming "Rice Man". Working as a team, the business grew, expanding with another building.

In 1996, came a heart attack for Russ forcing him to retire from his forestry job. Dave began to spend more time in the shop because his dad had time to teach. To this day, Dave still says; "There's not a day that goes by, that my dad doesn't teach me something new about Harleys".

Dave bought the business from Russ in 2000, and moved it to Main Street, Oconto. We still specialize in high performance Harley Davidson and Custom building of V-twins and the name remains the same "Russ's Cycle Shop" because of the respect Dave has for his father, and because Russ continues to be a big part of the shop.

Ask our many customers and they'll tell you that Russ and Dave make a great team with over 40 years of experience between the two of them.

We're still an old school shop providing New and Used parts, and specializing in older and newer Harley models.

We hope you will stop in to see us when in North East Wisconsin, we would love to meet you!

## To Free Riders Press,

This is a poem that I wrote after an accident I was in May 2004, after spending a cool spring day riding with my friends. It made me realize that life could be cut short in an instant. Motorcycles can be replaced, life can't. I was lucky to walk away with minor injuries. The accident inspired me to write this poem. I thought about my family and friends and this life that I love and my passion for motorcycling. I hope you all enjoy it. You have done a good job on your publication, the articles and information are great. I am from Cohasset, MN 5 miles west of Grand Rapids on state hwy 2. Northern Minnesota has some of the best scenery and winding roads. My friends and our wives go on trips like to the North Shore, Duluth, International Falls, Brainerd, and St Cloud areas. We always find that people are friendly and accommodating. Keep up the good work; I hope to see more letters and pictures from your readers. Enclosed is a picture of my replacement bike, a 98 Ultra Classic. Both of us will ride on forest. Remember, positive will always power your life.

Ride on forever, always free as you feel.

The road goes on to an unknown destination, for only you it matters not.

Time stands still in this sacred piece of freedom that you created in the wind.

Reality will follow us over hills, down into valleys, through forests, by waters, and under the sky.

That is there for eternity.

With this, two wheels, the rumble, and the fire beneath you.

Ride on forever my friends.

Positive is better than negative It will power your life.

Jeffery David Serich April 6, 2005

