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THUR:

As seen on the cover, how many of us have stopped dead in our tracks at an event when we hear the sounds of high horsepower and that locked up front wheel. We look over and see the billowing smoke columns floating amongst the cheering fans. After the smoke clears and you get home Sunday night, can you say, "that was one hell of a good time?" I know I do all the time. We have some of the best motorcycle events in this part of the country, and as far as I am concerned, I personally have no reason to go to the mega rallies. Besides for bragging rights of being able to say I was there, what other theory is there. For me, I think I will keep in the upper Midwest and ride the wind like there is no tomorrow, enjoying life to the best of my ability.

I have been spending most of my extra time (What's that right?) doing something that I really enjoy, that most folks take for granted, politics!! Yep, I spend most of my extra time attending meetings and learning about the different aspects of government. What have I come up with? That this country is so messed up in it's thinking that in the end it is us, the consumer, that gets it up the " you know where"every time a politician opens his/her mouth. Most people come to the same conclusion, something needs to be changed. I have this theory that if people take care of themselves and not push their agendas on others, we would all live a little less stressed in our daily lives. Call me a dreamer, but I believe that change comes in small increments. Did you buy your first motorcycle, ride it for a while and then move up to a better one, or did you spend big bucks right away? Most people in this country would like to live with as little government intrusion as possible. With the world changing at such a fast pace, it scares the living daylights out of some of us. With gas, food, energy and my blood pressure going up, along with everything else, I'm thinking that we all need to sit back and re-evaluate our own thinking. Where can I make some changes that help me the most. A couple less trips to the store every week or one less weekend get-a-way might help the budget. I know I have been doing just that. I was talking to Lorie and she mentioned that she had a lot more miles on last summer at this time, than this year. I would have to agree with her. What's a person to do? I'll do what's best for me, you do what's best for you and hopefully in the end it will help all of us.

A quick note for anyone that is interested. I am hosting the July 4-b ABATE meeting at FRP Headquarters 4500 Hwy 66 in Stevens Point on July 1st. This also happens to be my birthday, so I am inviting everyone interested in their rights as motorcycle riders to attend. The grill will be going, so feel free to bring something. We will provide soda, snacks and of course birthday cake. Give a call with any questions 715-344-6164. Other than that have a safe ride, attend them local events and fund-raisers and we'll see vou down the road. And that's the way I see it.



If you have a picture of your Next Generation Rider, feel free to send it in to me. Who knows it just might kick start a Hollywood career for them. Send those pic's to preacher@freeriderspress.us or by snail mail to 4500 Hwy 66, Stevens Point, WI 54481

" 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. Send to: "Bingo's Downed Biker Fund"

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Meet this month's Next Generation Rider Ayden, and it seems like she's ready to ride.



Front Cover Image of: Tim Roberts, Proprietor of Edge-O-Dells at his 10th Anniversary Customer Appreciation Party June 14, 2008.

We here at the Free Riders Press would like to congratulate Crazy and his wife Mysi on the birth of their new baby, Harlee Dawn Charron - Morrison born 5 lbs 13 ozs on June 4th. Again congrats and enjoy your new bundle of joy.

