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The past month I have been having a crazy time with my bike breaking down. Always at inopportune times but always somehow for the best. By this I mean I may be down and out for some time, but in that time I got to meet some real down to earth Brothers and Sisters.

Starting in LaCrosse for the LZ Lambeau honor ride. We got all ready to go, went out to the bike in the rain and Nothing. I'm talking not even a cough. I got mad, threw my gloves and after my mini temper tantrum collected my thoughts. I tried to run down the problem with everything from jumping the battery to changing it with a new one. Then changing a coil with minimal tools, still Nothing and eventually having my scoot hauled to a dealership were after rolling it in to the shop, she started right up. Talk about baffled. But I think I was more irritated when I got a bill for \$88 and a note saying my bike runs just fine. All I can say is thanks for nothing.

In this time though I got to meet some really righteous people. The staff at Micro tel let me use their cars for jumping the battery and staying in our room as long as we needed. Gabe & Roger from S.E Wisconsin who were also broke down that ended up riding to Green Bay with Lorie and I. I had a paving contractor from the Mauston area give me a lift to Walmart so I wouldn't have to walk in the rain. Joe & Cathy from Ohio en route to Wyoming that stuck around and helped me out with some tools and some much needed rides to the dealership along with some personal support. Joe is an old school biker that knows what true brotherhood stands for.

Skip to the following weekend. The Horse Rally in Sabula, IA. 90 degrees and nothing but sun. Minimal shade and like the prior week no ignition. Nothing! After some monkeying around with it I called Jerry (the owner and promoter of the Horse Rally) who proceeded to call Mike from Savanna. A young guy who was really sharp with bikes. We checked some possibilities and finally concluded that the ignition switch wasn't making full contact. After sliding the switch back and forth she started right up. I had a few offers from people that offered what they could from tools to limited mechanical suggestions, but like the previous week we got her going.

Were am I going with this? I ask you what kind of brother are you when a friend or stranger needs assistance. Are you more concerned with riding in the group that has been scheduled for month's, or are you willing to give that up to hang out with someone that could use maybe just someone to chat with. Are you willing to give up your goal to do a little bit of goodness that can really go a long ways. Think about it! That ride might be important at the moment and may never happen again, but a friendship and the feeling of true brotherhood can last a LIFETIME. Thanks to all that helped this scooter tramp out, because yes that is what I have done in the past, and I do believe what goes around comes around. Think about it, next time you're broke down and noone's stopping to help. Did you create your own misery? Till next time, ride safe....


Meet This Month's Next Generation Riders.

Meet Brandon Van Venroy.
Great grandson. Don Gauthier "POPS" Magnetos' MC .



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

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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.

"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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