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What more could a tramp like myself want? I'm sitting at J&P Cycles in Anamosa, IA, on a lounge chair handing papers out. All the brothers & sisters are enjoying an 80's degree day, partly cloudy with a light Grandma & Grandpa Hill made this motorcycle and sidecar breeze. Need I say more!!!

As of today I just rolled 4100 miles for the season, and I don't plan on stopping anytime soon. Which brings me to point #1. Have you been taking advantage of the weather? If not, why? I chatted with someone a couple of weeks ago that said he has only a 100 miles or so on this year. Why or should I say how is this possible? If you own a bike and enjoy getting your knees in the breeze, just do it. No excuses, no explanations needed. Just take some time off, tell the ol' lady or ol' man that it's time to ride, and ride.

I ran into some more places that I was not aware of that I have been sending papers to. I mentioned this because it cost money to send papers, and for me to find out that I am sending them to an empty mailbox piss's me off to no end. I might as well burn some cash (literally). If you know of a bar, shop or any other place that gets or may get the Free Riders Press that went out of business, do me a favor and let me know. E-mail me at preacher@freeriderspress.us. I will thank you now in advance for your help.

Now for the juicy part of my whiny rant. What in the hell does that mean? I am big into ABATE www.abatewis.org as most of you know. They are a great group of individuals that volunteer countless hours of their time to promote what they believe is important, (Motorcycle Safety & Rights). But sometimes or maybe I should say some people within the group I just don't understand. I got a response from one region that had a free booth offered for a show. The response I got from the individual was. "I asked around and noone was interested in promoting ABATE at the show" Not interested in promoting motorcycle safety and awareness..

I just don't get it. It's like a fireman not promoting fire safety, or a policeman not responding to a call of a crime because they aren't interested.

To me if you passionately support a cause, idea or event, it is your responsibility to do just that. If you're not interested step down & do something else. It does me no good as a biker to not have the public being aware of me on a bike. But maybe that next biker that's run over in your area was worth skipping a chance to possibly prevent it. If you can't attend the event please make an attempt to get me the materials and if I am there I will do your job for you, no problem.

For those of you that know my thinking I say what I feel and write down the thought for you to read. I will give criticism but I will also give praise. I do want to give kudos's to Region 1A for a very informative and well run meeting that I had a chance to attend. I'm glad I made it down. This group also stepped up an helped with some security at the Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet at the State Fair Expo. They raised some money for ABATE and helped out with being visible at their booth. They took time out but this group of individuals are exceptionally dedicated.

This issue is a little late due to the fact that family always comes first, and this past month I needed to spend a week or so helping out my in-laws in my original career of screw machinist. Everyone gets overwhelmed now and then and my late issue proves I am no exception. We can all only do the best we can, right!

Get out there and ride the winds that the good Lord has blessed us with this year, and I will hopefully run into you at one of the many events in June. And I do mean many. Enjoy this issue...

Mission Statement:

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"

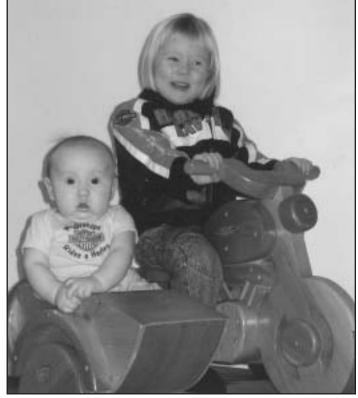
If you have a Brother or Sister down and would like to get them the Free Riders



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. Send to:

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Meet This Month's Next Generation Riders. forAddison & Zane



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

