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Thinking back on the last month, I have to admit it was very fun packed. Some of the events were new to me and the weather was good on each day. Torquefest at the Dubuque County Fairgrounds in Iowa was to say the least a blast. After spending time with my daughter and grandson there, I have decided it will be a MUST for next year. Camping and all! The following day Lorie and I headed to the Roadrunners Bike Blessing in Oak Creek. Great weather and a lot of folks I haven't seen in years. We also attended an Awareness Ride to the Capitol on May 10th. I wasn't prepared for what it turned out to be. What you may ask was it? It was a Motorcycle Awareness event along with a memorial ride for a Milwaukee sport bike rider. For the first time in my 30 years of riding, the Harley crowd and the sport bike crowd were all riding with a commn goal. Can I get an AMEN? I will have more on all these stories in later issues. I also spent time this past month chatting with friends and had lunch in Cadott with Dave Zien and "Rooster" from the combat Vets mc. Spent two hours just chatting about a wide range of topics. Let me tell you, sometimes you just need to take the time to do something for yourself. In this case it was relax.

I also had it brought to my attention that a former advertiser is mad because I didn't put his events in the paper. The down side is he expected me to call him specifically to get the info. Didn't feel he needed to promote his business on his own. Can't really approve of a business owner that expects others to promote their establishment! All I can say is you support me and I will work my ass off to promote you. Pretty simple theory in my book.

I seen on the news last night that Green Bay is cracking down on sound. They showed a bike and that it was illegal to modify an exhaust. The program is called "Tame IT". Don't ask me what it stands for, but I know I don't want to be singled out for riding. I guess we all need to stay away from Green Bay if you have any kind of loud vehicle.

I am going to take a guess and assume most of you seen the story of Dave Zien and his flags on Fox news, the Journal Sentinal and a ton of other media outlets. If not a short version for you! It appears that Harley voided the warranty on his bike and claim his flags caused too much resistance for the motor and drive train causing breakdowns. Couldn't be that the guy rides a ton of miles. All I can really say is watch this story closely. If this is the case, when you take your bike in for service and there is a small tour pack flag, it technically could void a warranty. In my opinion, the story was in part that the American flag was in play. Really! More on this to come!

I do want to mention that I do have some Biker Coupon Certificates left for various places to eat and stay. The cabin in Coloma, Log Cabin in Rush Lake, Sassy's in Black Creek, Hardtails in Hortonville, Twin Bay Resort in Tomahawk, Roadhouse in Necedah and that's just the eat 'em up joints. Places to stay include Island City Inn Minoqua, Magnuson Grand Hotel in Madison and America's Best Value Inn Rhinelander. If you plan on going to any of these destinations and would like to save some money give me a shout. Check out BikerCoupons.com for what's left.

Lastly, now that my bike is running awesome, I will be seen a lot more than in the last couple of years. I do apologize for not catching all the advertised event, but I will continue to do my best. Feel free to send your own pictures and quick write up of your event and I will do my best to get it in a future issue of FRP. Ride safe...

Meet This Month's Rider of the four legged kind.
YTaken at the Awareness and Memorial Ride to the Capitol May 10th.



If you have a picture of your Next Generation Rider or a cute picture you would like featured, feel free to send it in to me. Send those pic's to preacher@freeriderspress.us or by snail mail to PO Box 1126 Wautoma, WI 54982

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Cover picture from the Region 7-D Bike show in Tomah, WI April 26th

Letter to the Editor

I had the pleasure to meet "Kenny" at iMotorsports today on the occasion of gaining my class M endorsement. As I was perusing the back showroom's fare, Kenny introduced himself and asked me what was "new and exciting" and we began the dance of "what will stop you from buying a bike today?". As I was preparing to leave he autographed a copy of an FRP article he authored and instructed me to send him a book report. It was an unusual and amusing request. As such, here we are.

"Book Report" is a clever article combining Kenn's pop culture references, a brief recount of how cool his life is, and oddly enough, a book report from a retired school teacher. While I enjoyed reading the article, as I also enjoyed Kenn himself, I cannot say the article's subject was anywhere near as interesting to me as a man who makes his living riding motorcycles every day. To be able to do what you love everyday means that "you never work a day in your life". While that paraphrased quote has become cliché what is not is Mr. Hartmann and his life of riding 'sickles'. I look forward to buying my own 'sickle' some day, but I wish even more to find that thing to love that turns work into play.

Brother Al

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