

Laura the Potter

Hey – I'm having fun this winter!!! Can you believe that I was born and raised in MN and have never been in a fish house before? I know it!!!!!!! Well, my boyfriend has a nice one – 7 x 16 on retractable wheels, nice stereo, little gas stove, and its toasty warm in there. As we were packing up things to head on out the first stupid thing I said was – "We better stop and get some ice for the cooler." Da! We've been out 3 times now – playing marathon games of cribbage, reading, (he reads to me!), and no matter what you may be "in the middle of" when that little bell jingles to tell you there a fish on the line – you are up and dashin' for it! My dog "Clay" is a good boy and loves the "fishies." The ice cracking was freaking me out just a bit the first time; it almost sounds like a serious thunder storm, and a couple times shook the fish house. But what a blast! I now know that Dave can eat 32 pizza rolls in a day, and I can "hold it" for over 36 hours! I know you are all impressed. And...I know I looked so sexy in my brown insulated Carhartt bibs I got for Christmas.



I'm very anxious for my bike to be done – If you have read in a previous story, I just had my bike painted, and then Smooth Customs painted over some botched up graphics – rescuing the look of it - but there was never clear coat on top of that...My leg was rubbing off the painting a bit, but I was perfectly ok with riding it like it was. Then Hering Kustoms and I agreed on me doing some work for them, and so, I guess now is the time for another paint job! They are the best out there – World Wide, and I'm proud to have them work on my bike! Please see the story adjacent to my column, and their ad as well. My bike is still going to be blue, with the tattoo on my back as the theme in the graphics, but I know it's still going to be very different. I'm giving them free reign on using their creative expressions. I am very excited about it!!

Preacher (owner of FRP) came to visit me a couple of weeks ago and announced that he is pulling the paper out of Minnesota...I had a feeling it was going to happen. It costs a lot of money to ship out these papers, and well, if enough MN businesses aren't willing to advertise in it – and make it a MN paper as well as other states, then – he did what he had to do. And I really want to thank all the MN businesses that have advertised. I know everyone does like to see a publication that is local, a great riding calendar, seeing people you know in it, I think its so sad...Preacher

asked me if I still wanted to write...and I tell you what, its been a very difficult decision for me to stop writing for the press. I've written a monthly column in some sort of biker publication for over 5 years!!!!!!! NOT WRITE??? But you know, Preacher said any time I wanted to put a story in – I can, and that is really nice. I just may from time to time.



I'm so grateful for the friends I still have, the people I have met, the places I have been, events I've gone to, memories I have made because of the publications I've worked with. I have always felt part of it all! It is fun to meet people and then find out that they read my column. Maybe there will be a new avenue ahead of me that I will write for...who knows. I am very Thankful to Preacher and Lorie for putting up with me, and how awesome it was to have my bike on the cover!!! You guys are the greatest!!! Really. We'll keep in touch. I sure don't have a clue what it is like to put out a paper in as big of an area as he does. But he does do it well, and I'm honored to have been part of Free Riders Press.

I've been making lots of pottery these days, doing shows, classes, and I have my hands full over here! I have a website that is in the works, and now – there is a guest book on there...If you did like reading my column it would be nice to hear from you. Please go to www.laurathepotter.com and drop me a line!

I'm still sober too if you are wondering. I love it!!! I feel like everything is "New" in my life. And it really is! My creative spirit is back with me once again! Pretty tough to look at a fast spinning potter's wheel when you are hung over, and you certainly can't drink and watch it spin either. Wow...that was a rough one. I will never forget it either. It hasn't always been easy for me to just spill my guts in such a public forum. I know a few people have not appreciated it, but honestly, I don't give a shit. It is what it is. I said what I felt from the heart always. It isn't always about the fun and partying, life is real...get on it! So – with that – I pass. Take Care, from Beautiful Downtown Silver Creek, Laura the Potter



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