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I am going to try to explain something that has been in the back of my mind for years.

We've all been in the position of feeling like the low guy on the totem pole. Looking up and not seeing the top of the pole, while thinking that there is no way to reach the top anyway, even if you can see it. This is the way I feel when I see other magazines around my distribution area. Especially new ones that try to come in. A feeling of being violated, someone in my space. Well I want to get some of this off my chest.

As many of my readers know, the Free Riders Press has been around for almost 6 years now. Started out of desperation, not being employed and having to take care of my kids. Having a real love for riding and having an idea of how I would like to see a magazine put out there that is made up of ideas that I personally like and agree with. Keep it clean, informative and dedicated to my passion, while doing a paper that can be easily read and understood by riders and non-riders alike. (I call it Mother-in-Law friendly)

Call it selfish, call it greedy, but call it like you see it. I run a paper that is personal but yet kept only skin deep. I try to include all aspects of the riding community from the "Next Generation Riders" to the downed Brothers and Sisters "From the Inside". Some spiritual additives to some humor that can be racy. The readership is so vast due to the endless miles accumulated attending events that when Lorie or I run into people at non-biker events or chatting on line, people say they have heard of FRP. We may be a smaller publication but we have a Huge attitude.

Many people told me go glossy, thicker paper, full color. Be like the other magazines out there. Why I ask? Why would I want to be like every other Tom, Dick and Harry out there? I am an entity that puts a huge amount of personal touch, thought and honesty into each issue. I don't use national stories from high buck writers, we have extraordinary writers that contribute to us through non conventional eyes.

I have never had the desire to be the biggest paper out there, just the best. As you may have noticed I don't have big national advertisers, but rather small business ads that I feel make up the heart of the Free Riders Press. Not only are they and all the people that contribute essential to the success of each issue, but the life's blood of a lifestyle loved by many and envied by most.

And That's The Way I See It!

Trivia, Trivia, Trivia

Last month's winner was Cindy Schmidt with the answer of Germany's DKW model RT125 which first appeared in 1928. After WWII the German DKW motorcycle engineering designs were forfeited to the Allies as a part of War Reparations at the conclusion of World War II.

In America, Harley-Davidson stated producing the Model 125 also known as the Hummer in 1948. In England, BSA made the Bantam also started in 1948. The U.S.S.R, having control of what became East Germany, also appropriated the DKW designs, and made the Mockba M1A coming out as early as 1946. In Japan, Yamaha also got into the act with the YA-1 in 1955.

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Here's how to play. I give you a question supplied to me by PIPEz. When you have the answer, e-mail it to trivia@gmaxpro.com and around the 10th we will post the answer on



www.gmaxpro.com/FREE-RIDERS-TRIVIA web page. From the right answers we will draw a winner. These folks will win products and items that are donated from different advertisers and businesses. Sound easy enough? Lets get to it!!!

In what year and on which model did Harley Davidson first use an electric starter on a production model?

Remember: e-mail answer to e-mail it to trivia@gmaxpro.com

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Meet this month's Next Generation Riders.





<Elise Lynn age 2 on Great Aunts bike

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.

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