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Last month's thoughts that I laid down in print resulted in quite a few responses from a wide range of the riding community. All agreeing we need to work together. Unfortunately I wasn't quite done with my thinking due to space.

As I stated last issue some distinct differences between a wide variety of today's bikers. (Old School, ABATE, New Rider & Hog members). The last major group is the women riders of today. They make up a huge group (up to 30% of new registrations) and I know many women that are involved with all aspects of riding. From instructors for share the road, organizers for huge events like Ride the Ribbon out of Wisconsin HD, H.O.G and groups like Women in the Wind. Accident Scene Management Inc. www.accidentscene.net run by Vicki Sanfelipo teaches hundreds of bikers a year the critical need for on scene knowledge during an accident.

I know some riders don't believe women should ride, and that they belong on the back of the bike, but me for one, I would like to see them take a major role in bringing bikers together for the common good as a whole. They are organized, knowledgeable about what they believe and from my own marriage gets their points across Loud & Clear. (Yes I ducked) If anyone can bring togetherness, I know Women can.

Next a short call out to the young riders. (Known here as Next Generation Riders) You are what we are fighting for. The preservation of a lifestyle that has been envied by many in the past. But without your new age thoughts, everything we have fought for will be forever lost. I don't care that many younger riders straddle sport bikes, but keep in mind your freedoms that are pleased now are because of your predecessors. Get involved with ABATE www.abatewis.org or other biker rights groups like www.mrf.org , learn how to relay your thoughts to what is needed for your generation of riding. I only speak for myself, but I don't expect to be alive forever. The lifestyle will need to be handed over, and hopefully your ready to accept it.

Lastly, you may be realizing that this issue is a little behind on getting out. I have been jumbling in my mind many feeling that have been keeping me from addressing the Free Riders Press. That is the deployment of my son DJ along with the other 3400 brave men and women of the 32nd out of Wisconsin. As the date nears (Feb 25th), I am realizing what the millions of other parents in the U.S.A's history have felt when they watch their children get on that bus and head out to war.

I now know that when that bus or plane goes out of sight that it's not only your kin your worried about, you have just adopted every person in uniform as your own. The protective feeling you had over your child's past are now null and voided and you realize you have to just let go. I would ask that the readers of FRP say a prayer for ALL of our troops and a safe return, and while reading this take a moment to remember that we as Americans are ONE, We can, will and always will need to work as one, just like the Brothers and Sisters we are.

That's the Way I see It...

*** Cover Picture Taken at Edge-O-Dells ***

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Meet this month's Next Generation Rider.



Meet Zoey, this month's next generation rider on her grandpa's ol '65

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

A few comments about my last month's Column. All good, which tells me that the sentiment is right that many riders in the great upper mid west agree with my assumptions. Here are a couple of e-mails sent to me **Feb.**(that's the way I see it) You'll never be a politician being that truthful and direct. I loved the article. Its hard to believe that bikers can be so generous of their time with charitable events. Yet concerning the things that are dear to them (or should be) they are so apathetic . Thank buddy, Tim
** I know. Honest politition's are few and far between.

I have read your article twice [brain cells lost in the sixties require that I reread stuff]. What a great article! We definitely need to work together. It seems to me over the last 10 years or so, the bike bias and other bias' have loosened a little. Maybe when we are all called to come together we will. God willing!

Thanks, man, keep up the good work. We'll see you on the highway in a couple months. God Bless and Godspeed.

Love and Respect Preacher Clutter

1 Timothy 2:1-4-1. I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. 2 Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. 3 This is good and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

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** Well consider the "CALL MADE" to come together by me. Now let's make it happen. Let's kick butt fellow riders!!

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.



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