Welcome Home 1-120th....

On Jan 18th my family along with hundreds of others stood on the tarmac at Volk Field as the plane landed carrying our loved ones. Families were reunited after nearly a year of long distance communication. With only an hour to visit before the soldiers headed to the buses for the last week of debriefing before they are finally home for good. The birthdays, Christmas's and other celebrations of these families can finally be finalized. We are thankful for everyone that showed up that cool winter day, especially our troops.

On a side note we here at the Free Riders Press are very grateful to SGM. Steven Fritz who presented us with a flag that was flown over Iraq. He is with the 1-105th CAV and found an issue on base that was laying around. He was appreciative of the

fact that we sent issues to any soldier that wanted to keep up with the happening in WI. Our way of helping out the effort. Thank You SGM. Fritz and all the troops of the 1-120th. Welcome home!!!







Motorcycle Riders Depot Schofield, WI 54476

Industry Reports Bad Year For Cycle Sales

2009 was a bad year for bikes, with the Motorcycle Industry Council reporting the lowest sales in a decade. The MIC noted a 40.8% drop in sales from the 2008 season, with roughly 520,502 bikes sold in 2009 compared to 880,000 that were sold in 2008.

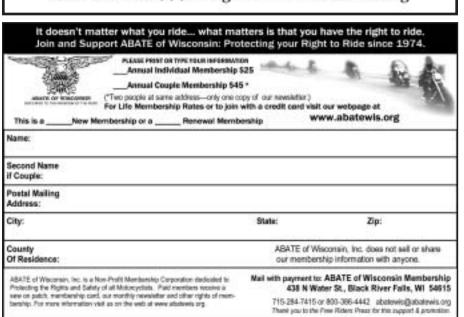
The MIC reports monthly sales of most major motorcycle manufacturers, including: BMW, Harley-Davidson, Buell, Honda, Kawasaki, KTM, Triumph, Yamaha, Suzuki, Victory, and the Piaggio Group. The MIC also creates estimates on all non-reporting manufacturers

With non-reporting sales included, the total sales for 2008 was 1.1 million according to the MIC, and though last year's total hasn't been tabulated yet, it is expected that 2009 will break a six-year streak of sales above the 1 million mark.

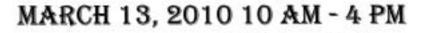
The biggest drop in sales occurred in the scooter category. Scooters boomed in 2008 as gas prices reached record highs.

As the economy begins to stabilize again, the MIC predicts that motorcycle sales will begin to increase. www.ON-A-BIKE.com









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