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Patriotism, what's it mean.

Are we forgetting why this is the greatest country in the world. Who gave us the rights and liberties to do as much or as little as we want? A place where you don't have to be wealthy to enjoy the weekday camaraderie of a weekday league of horse shoes or volleyball. A place that stands and silently says," we are who we are because of the brave men and women that fought for the rights of all generations after them."

"The selfless individuals that empowered us with a standing will to keep the United States going as a wonderful place to raise a family." A heavy cost to some of those families that are being forgotten daily by our

Am I talking about our current situations around the world, absolutely not. I am talking about the memories of the many who sacrificed ultimately for every one of us, while today's kids are growing up not knowing why the U.S. is who she is.

Remember the parades as kids in the sixties and seventies. The long lines of kids waving flags, veterans saluting the flag as it goes by, and the rows deep of people hearing the marching band minutes before it rolls by with the instruments playing all the patriotic tunes.

Where has the Patriotism gone? Do we still have it in our hearts like we did back then, or are we all to self involved to remember. In a headline from the Sheboygan Press "Memorial Day Parade canceled as interest falls". Need I say more? One member of Rolling Thunder mentioned that while participating in a motorcycle parade in Neillesville on route to the High Ground, he saw very few flags and even fewer people lining the street. I personally find this terribly upsetting.

I stopped and asked A.V.W school in Arbor Vitae, WI what kind of activities they do to promote patriotism and Love of country. They said that they do have a section that studies wars like the Civil War, WWI and WWII. This program is for the 8th grade classes and brings in Veterans and re-enactment teams of the Civil war to help explain.

To wrap it up, we (as Americans) need to get involved in the heritage of this country as a whole. Patriotism has no business being included in political bull you know what. Attend a ceremony this Memorial Day somewhere, and let's continue to tell our Veterans, Thank You and we love you.

And that's the way I see it.

Trivia, Trivia, Trivia

This months answer to the trivia is Pearl Hoel. She was married to Clarence "Pappy" Hoel whom you may know as the founder of the Jackpine Gypsies MC and is considered to the founder of the present day Sturgis Bike event. While he was the founder, Pearl is widely praised for its success and continuity. Pearl will now be missed as this will be the only year of the rally 68 years without her. For more about Pearl visit the Jackpine Gypsies website www.jackpinegypsies.com

This month's trivia question is:

The Harley Davidson management joined together to buy the company from AMF. What year was it and what does AMF stand for?

(We are suspending the Trivia answer prizes until further notice)

The long winter is finally behind us and it is time for a summer full of activities. I am proud to bring back music to the Historic Indian Crossing Casino on the Chain of Lakes in Waupaca, WI.

The Casino was built in 1925 and it hosted such greats as Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Louis Amstrong, Les Brown, Gypsy Rose Lee, Tommy & Jimmy Dorsey, the Everly Brothers, The Beach Boys, Buffalo Springfield, Gene Pitney, Hermans Hermits, and a whole lot more. I have heard stories over the years of couples who had their first date or meeting for the first time there. This is truly a magical place.

See ad inside for upcoming show dates. For more information please call me @ 715-281-0097 or email me at dgreen@charter.net.

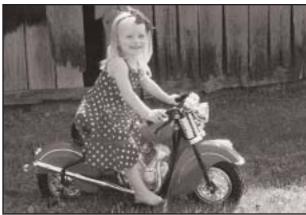
Mission Statement:

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

Meet this month's Next Generation Riders.



Ryan & Eric on Dad's Bike



Meet Kyra Leigh. Grand-Daughter of Deb & John Kruse

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 Send them. those pic's preacher@freeriderspress.us or by snail mail to 4500 Hwy 66, Stevens Point, WI 54481

SEND US YOUR STORIES, PICTURES, IDEAS, JOKES, ÉTC. WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

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" 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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