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Meet this month's Next Generation Rider Zachary. He can't wait to ride on Grandpa's 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

This editorial is going to be short and sweet. So let's get at it.

From the cover and a good chunk of the writing in this issue, I am thinking we will call this the "Zien & his Machine" issue. And what an honor it is for me to bring it to you. I will let you read the inside pages for more, but let me say that if this issue doesn't inspire you to be a better person and open your eyes to the bikers' lifestyle, you are brain dead. Plain, pure and simple! Pull the plug, throw in the towel, roll over and play dead because you don't care about riding.

This issue was a pleasure for me to put together for one reason. I was able to reminisce. It is almost like a whose who of the FRP world. A good majority of writers that you've enjoyed for the last seven years contributed at my request to help me get this issue out early. The people I have grown to respect and be able to call my friends. From Kenn in Chicago, Laura in Minnesota, Pastor Sam in Adams, Dave in Eau Claire, Gunner in Iola and Sky Pilot in Pennsylvania, they've all given us smiles and tears at one time or another. All of these folks enjoy the bikers' lifestyle, enjoy putting their thoughts down on paper and enjoy life period. Thank you to each of you and ALL the other Brothers and Sisters that go out of their way to make the world of riding just a little bit better for the rest of us.

Also with the incoming riding season comes May which is Motorcycle Awareness Month and Women Riders Month. Let's all do what we can to be seen. Make yourself bigger than life wherever possible. Put a flag on your bike (big or small) it doesn't matter, keep in mind while your riding it's flopping around in the wind. This is very visible to other drivers. Along with some extra lights so you're seen a bit easier and we can enjoy your company for many seasons to come. And lastly, please keep an eye on your drinking and riding. My prayer for all of my riding family this year is to not bury anybody from an accident that could have been prevented. I can think of a lot of cool patches to put on my vest rather than R.I.P. Get out there, ride the winds and be safe.

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Did you know?

If you are not wearing a reflector in the dark, you are hard to see from a distance of more than 72 feet which is about the distance a car pass in 1 sec. at a speed of 50 mph.

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have to pass a Kid & Everyone else...along the road safely. ...or as they say in the advertising world, if you are not visible you don't exist...





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