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10 years ago this month I was unemployed, near homeless and living somewhere I didn't want to be. No future in sight but I sure thought I knew what the average biker wanted to read. So in May of 2002 I cut and pasted my way to what turned out to be a long journey. With a picture of my shovelhead buried in the sand all weekend while I partied on the cover and a few start up advertisers to fill the pages we were off. As they say, the rest is history.

Over the years we have strived to be the best read out there for whomever picked it up. Be it at an event, run, show or sitting in a bar somewhere, the Free Riders Press has always been around for your enjoyment. We have watched magazines come and seen them go, but we have always held true to what we are. Simple, easy and down to earth. We have some really faithful advertisers that have been with us for years, and have attracted many major events from the Midwest that pertained to bikers. Some ads were for family events while others strived for let's say the really adult minded scooter tramps. We have met some great people from around the world at the Harley homecomings/rallies and while on the road, while at the same time met some individuals that I wouldn't trust as far as I could throw. As far as I am concerned, scooter folks are the same as any other group of individuals out there, only we are what some would call the Free Riders, with a passion for the open road and an insatiable appetite for good, loyal brotherhood. At least that's all I am lookin' for. How about you?

A couple of shout outs to some great folks doing good things for bikers. Good job to all the ABATE of WI regions that had Motorcycle Awareness Rallies. I personally thank you all for getting the word out. It's a tough job at the office holding a sign and waving at people, but someone's got to do it. And to Tailored Hide in Neenah. They have been taking care of riders leather needs for 26 years. Good job to Leann and Scott.

Meet This Month's Next Generation Rider 10 months old Rylan. Someone is really happy.



Lastly I want to bring some attention to a couple of big events happening in Wisconsin. First up is Midwestfest (www.midwestfest2012.com) at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds and will be attended by yours truly for both days. I am letting people know that if anyone would like to attend the ride as a group over, I will be glad to host the gathering point in Wautoma to the ride around the lake and to the fairgrounds for some great entertainment. Check out the website for more details on the event. And secondly the Wisco Biker Guide www.wiscoguides.com party June 2nd at the Log Cabin in Rush Lake will be one of my destinations, along with the www.mc-rag.com party at the Road Guardians Compound in Big Bend July 7th. And finally my birthday bash June 28th -July 1st. I am asking anyone that wants to attend to let me know they are coming so I can plan accordingly. Let's call it a play it by ear event. Other than that till next time.

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

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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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