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Well what can I say? The weather isn't cooperating good enough for me, but I did see a bunch of bikes out this past month. I know some say, "I wait till after the first good rain to wash the salt off the roads", but then it snows again a few days later. Others don't really care and plug in their heated wear. I've always called Zien a sissy for his wired clothes but I think he's actually smarter than I am, by not holding on to the old days, when we rode cold and hard. So I will submit and say to the wired up folks that wanna ride in the cold weather, yee-haa. You're smarter than I am. Guess it's off to the bike shop for me for a new purchase.

On the same note, I haven't even looked at my bagger since October, and the time I am looking for to fix the shovel is scattered beyond my scope, but I will be out there with you all by the middle of May. Guaranteed!

As you can see by the cover, I have written a simple sentence that reads, "We will support Memorial Day activities May 27th, WILL YOU?" Every year I am let down by the turnout of people that show up to honor those that served and died, and show the families of same that we care and support them for their loss. Be it a gathering in the park or a parade, I think this should be one of the biggest events of the year. But why isn't it? Don't really have the answer, but I do believe that the ones that show up understand and the ones that take the day to party, picnic or relax have no clue. In short shame on the later group. For the hour of this one Monday morning that you lose attending, can and does fill you with the patriotic pride that we all used to have as kids. Let's get out there and support the families of those service members we lost just through a simple action of showing up.

Now some of you have heard about my new endeavor called **<u>Bikercoupons.com</u>**. I have been writing about it for the last few months, and I am a little let down at the response I have gotten. Very minimal website views and only a couple people purchased coupons, so I guess I better explain the gig again. Wouldn't you? <u>**Bikercoupons.com**</u> is a site that has gift certificates on it for biker friendly places at discounted prices for all to take advantage of. Gift certificates for lodging, food, attractions and I even got event passes on there for sale. I don't know what it takes to get people to take advantage of the savings, but then again in my 11 years of the Free Riders Press, I admit I still don't have the advertising angles figured out. In short, do me a favor and check out the site <u>**bikercoupons.com**</u> and see if there is



anything of interest to you for the upcoming riding seasons. If you like the places and buy I will add more to the site for purchase. It's up to you. Your call! (**bikercoupons.com** They say repetition is key. Did it work?)

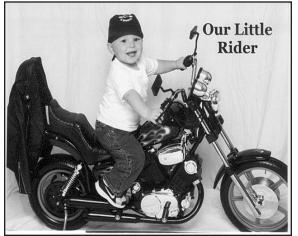
That leads to another item. Yes we have been around for 11 years. Starting in May 2002 we are heading into our 12th year hot and heavy. Check out the ads we have this month. With us are some new club events and some new places to check out, and all because we stand for one thing here. Repect! Lorie and I were talking the other day about why the FRP is so successful, and we concluded that we go out of our way to help and work with the "brothers and sisters of the open road" that want to further their business or event. We keep prices reasonable and in fact haven't had an increase in years. We are always upfront and try to support who and what we can. The nice thing is, for what we can't get to we have a fingerprint there in some way shape or form. And that usually means "You" the reader's support it for us. By just catching a few of the events advertised here, we hear back that almost always the advertiser is happy, and that makes us happy. We may not have the biggest and fanciest magazine, but you have my word that it is the most respected and read by you. And I will try my best to continue that tradition. And that you can take to the bank.

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**Cover picture** - If the warm riding weather won't come to me, I'm going to the warmer weather. I wish!!!



Meet This Month's Next Generation Rider. 20 month old Landon. Picture sent in by Great Uncle Ken.



If you have a picture of your Next Generation Rider, send it in to me.Send those pic's to preacher@freerid-erspress.us or by snail mail to PO Box 1126, Wautoma, WI 54982

