

**Messin' With the Mess**

*"I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah." (Psalm 77:3)*

Taking a cue from our fearless publisher, I just can't help stirrin' up the pot now and again. I realize that I am a preacher, rather than an editor and publisher, but my "inspiration" is just about used up. Even bikin' preachers need to "vent" or "rant" from time to time, and here is my Spring offering, as of April 18th.



I am glad to hear how well this "global warming" thing is shaping up. Some time ago, I heard a bonafide science guy say that global warming was going to usher in the next ice age . . . in about 10,000 years. He was serious. The other day, it was told to me, through the lips of a very reliable person, that some scientists are calling for the voluntary elimination of the human race, since we are the cause of global warming, and are destroying our planet by . . . just being here on it. I've been eagerly anticipating Mid-March/April so I can get my scooter out and enjoy global warming before we all have to sip the Kool-Ade and save the planet, but my fondest hopes have been quashed by frigid temps, snow sleet and rain. Where is Spring? What is happening? The answer came the other day via the internet - after all, if it's on line it's gotta be e-true, right. Ready? Global warming is often measured by an over abundance of Carbon Dioxide in the atmosphere, which causes temps to rise, this is the accepted science behind global warming theories. But now, scientists are puzzling over the apparent fact that even though CO2 amounts are rising, there is now an apparent decrease in the atmospheric temperature. Science guys can't determine what they are missing. What's missing is MY ride time! I am calling for Al Gore to fess up to the whole GW scam, so things can get back to NORMAL, and I can get my creaky bones back on Ol' Blue.

*"On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness."*

*(Psalm 145:5,6)*

I can't ponder properly if I don't get my rumination riding done on a regular basis. It has been since last September that Blue, Pinky, and I were enjoying Wisconsin's scenic byways. Blue's been stored all winter and I know she's gettin' antsy. If

I don't get out there soon, I won't be able to think of anything to write in the Free Riders Press. You guys will have to put up with this kind of stuff all Summer. See what I mean? No sense in ALL of us sufferin'. And that's not even the worst of it.

Every week, the good folks at the White Creek Congregational Church, down in Adams County, Wisconsin count on me to come up with a sermon for Sunday morning. They would like to hear something from the Bible that is inspirational, intellectual, helpful, and maybe even a little humorous. In spite of that, they still show up on a regular basis to hear what this ol' preacher has to say.

My complaint is, if I don't have ride time, I don't have study time. Years back, I was told that if you didn't spend 30 hours a week in your study, preparing a sermon, it wasn't worth hearin'. Recently, a preaching "expert" said that if you didn't have six pages of type-written notes, you ought to be shamed out of the pulpit. Another claimed that if you weren't Reverend Doctor So'n' So from the Seminary, preaching from the Greek and Hebrew Bible, you weren't even qualified to approach the "Holy Desk." All these forty-six years, all I had was ride time, and I got up on Sundays with something God gave me while on the back of my motorcycle, or wranglin' an 18-wheeler down the highway. I have got to get out there again, soon! I want to show up in the White Creek Church this week, with a word from the Lord that came while riding the wide-open spaces of God's natural Sanctuary. I just can't handle that little man-made room, that little steel desk, those voluminous reference books, the glaring artificial light, when all the majesty of His Majesty's creation awaits to inspire and enthrall those who seek an audience with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. His awesome, open-air Cathedral of the Highway awaits me, and all those who will seek Him on it. (Isaiah 35:8)

How about some cooperation in the form of real, normal, Winter-to-Spring Wisconsin warming? Thank You, very much. Amen

Got your final ride plan figured out yet? Booked your last resort? You don't need reservations, you just need Jesus. Contact Pastor Sam for details.

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