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#### From the Editor:

How's it going this month? You all getting your miles rolled off? I know I'd like to have a few more under my belt, but as they say "you gotta take care of business first."

As you will see in this issue we are trying to get caught up on some of the events that got pushed back due to my lack of organizational skills. I do apologize for this. Lorie keeps trying to get me to write shit down. But like an old dog, it's hard to change the old habit of keeping it all in my head, (and you all thought I had minimal brain capacity).

I only have one thing to bitch about this month. With all the events I attended this year, I find it really absurd when there is an event in a certain area, that all the business's are biker friendly. With there biker signs and banners, and that's terrific. But the thing that irritates me is that after all the brothers and sisters have spent a ton of green in these establishments, the signs come down on some of them after the run is over. You walk into some places a month later and they seem really cold shouldered. Has anyone else noticed this or am I smoking some really bad shit? If I'm going off on a tangent, excuse me. The riding community supports way to many charity and other biker events to be used for some establishments quick way to make cash. All I'm saying is, if you support the bikers, do it year round!!!

And finally, you all must be stopping in at our advertisers. As you can see a good chunk of them decided to stay in for the winter even after riding season is winding down some. Keep up the good work.

Till next time  
Preacher

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PICTURES, IDEAS, JOKES, ETC.  
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FROM YOU

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#### 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.

#### "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.

Send to:  
"Bingo's Downed Biker Fund"  
P.O. Box 202  
Forest Junction, WI 54123

#### Brothers Lost

##### Indian Larry

I had the honor of meeting Indian Larry at the Porkers Show back in spring. Just by observing this brother you could tell his attitude towards his fans. I was having dinner in the same diner as Larry and his son, and I seen him take time out to autograph and pose for pictures with a family that were also in the diner. I thought that was way cool.

Larry Desmedt, a legendary custom motorcycle builder and stunt rider who went by the name Indian Larry, died on Aug. 30 of severe head injuries he sustained in an accident. He was 55. Indian Larry was performing one of his signature stunts August 28 during the Liquid Steel Classic and Custom Bike Series in Concord, N.C. He was standing on the seat when suddenly the motorcycle began to wobble. Unable to maintain his balance, Indian Larry fell off the bike before it crashed. He was not wearing a helmet. Born in Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y., Indian Larry was a teenager when he bought his first motorbike, a 1939 Harley Knucklehead, for \$200. He took it apart and spent the next nine months learning how to put it back together again. He later moved to California and apprenticed under hot rod builder Ed "Big Daddy" Roth.

The tattoo-covered metal-sculptor and motorcycle mechanic launched the Brooklyn-based Gasoline Alley motorcycle workshop in 1991 and devoted the rest of his life to creating and riding "old school bikes." Several of his custom-built motorcycles won awards, including the "Grease Monkey," which was named Easy Rider magazine's Chopper of the Year. Indian Larry also performed stunts in movies ("Quiz Show," "200 Cigarettes") and on television. He was a featured artist on the Discovery Channel's "Biker Build-Off" series, and once rode a motorcycle through a wall of fire on "The Late Show With David Letterman."

His autobiography, "Grease Monkey, The Life and Times of Motorcycle Artist Indian Larry," is scheduled for publication in 2006. Indian Larry is survived by his wife Bambi, the Mermaid of Coney Island.

##### Mickey Larson

On Aug. 12 our very good friend Mickey Larson passed away after a long 4 yr. battle with cancer. Mickey had often said to us (after learning that cancer would eventually take his life) that he has seen and done a lot of things that most people don't come close to in their life time, and he was alright with that. This is true-Mickey began a music career at the age of 16. He once told, that as a teen, he would sit at the piano during the middle of the night in the basement with a blanket over his head - smoking cigarettes and teaching himself to play that piano. Well, that was the start; it went a long way from there...the 60's, what a time to be a rock musician...WOW! As things turned out, the Blues was where his heart was at, (this might have been when he found that he had lost some of his hearing).

Mickey played with legends in the industry, some of the best - he rarely dropped names, I only know that he did play because of what others have wrote about the man. For our treasure of Wisconsin Blues artists, if you've heard of them, he probably played with them. I wouldn't begin to name all of the artist, for fear I might forget someone.

Occasionally Mickey mentioned his musical past - who he played with and where, BUT...if you were fortunate enough to have seen and heard him play...you would never forget - what performance! I knew Mickey best during the past 4 years, most of the time in which he knew he had cancer. During that time he amazingly never quit playing, and again, what a performance! What a professional! What a person!

But yet he was just Mickey to us. Some one that so many cared about, seeing that he and his wife - Linda (Little Guy) had a little extra to see them through such a difficult situation with benefits and donations (as most musicians and other self employed types do not have the luxury of health insurance).

As "Skin Tite" said, "we're musicians - this is what we do for each other". This is true in the biker community as well as they are some of the most generous people, raising money for such causes.

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