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#### From the Editor:

I'm going to start with a quick story of brotherhood. Back on Sept 3rd I was headed down to the Apparitions Party in New Glarus. Just as I was coming into town, I shut my bike down to take a picture and the old girl didn't start again. Thinking what I should do considering it was Saturday late morning, I called up Dirty Joe (a member of the Apparitions MC) who dropped what he was doing to come give me a hand. I thought that was cool considering he never met me before. That's what it's about isn't it. P.S. Thanks Trapper for the invite, sorry it took 2 years to respond to your letter. I had a great time!

Besides Apparitions, I attended the Tomahawk Fall Ride which was again gorgeous this year, the St. Croix Valley Riders Chili Feed, Krome Fest in Milwaukee and Fat Fest in Gurnee, IL. If I didn't meet you in the wind this round, I'm sure I will catch you in the near future. Hell, I have 18,000 miles on in the last 4 1/2 months, why stop now, right. More on these events in future issues. And for those of you that keep asking about when there events/runs are going to be in. Don't worry, they're on the way, sometime between now and May.

As for all the bike nights we had, some turned out better than others, but a big thanks to everyone that attended them throughout the summer. I met a lot of new people and gave the best advertisers in the world (our advertisers) a little extra recognition that they deserve. I even had one at FRP head quarters. The evening started off real slow. An hour in we had one bike show up but two others popped in, in the form of bicycles.(never said what form of bikes could attend) Two girls, one with a flat tire ended up here, until Lorie gave them a ride home Well it was a start. LOL!

And finally, we are going into the slow time, so we will be continuing our restructuring. Please bear with us. I am going back to the way this paper used to be run. In the form of being fun for Lorie and I. We have definitely got way to many piles on our desks that need to be gone through, so do me a favor and let me know what you think of the Free Riders Press in the next few months. Keep in mind, the Free Riders Press is staffed only by Lorie and I with a few people that do a great job contributing every month. We are as I said in the past, "The Biggest, Small, paper in the world" keeping it simple, personal and to the point with the all the Brothers and Sisters in mind.

So get them miles on now, we only got through December, when the days start getting really few and far between.

Until Next Time,  
Preacher

PS: Let's keep all the people on the Gulf Coast in our prayers.

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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"**  
2206 Jefferson  
Two Rivers, WI 54241

#### E-Mail

Hi there!!! I was hoping you could tell me if you issue this same paper for the Illinois area. I live near Chicago and am looking for more rides closer to home (or at least in my state) Any suggestions as to where I can go to find this information???

Hi. There is no issue for the Chicago area exclusively. We are a midwest paper. I am currently looking for some people to help cover your area with getting me event, stories. The info you are looking for is all over the place. On the web, on bikers business's bulletin boards etc. That's how I get most of mine. Do me a favor if you find something I don't have feel free to send it to me so I can post it for others like yourself to see.

TC and Ride Safe Preacher

**We here at Free Riders Press are doing what we can to help out the Brothers and Sisters that have been put out by Katrina. Let's all dig deep and see what kind of a difference we can make.**

#### ABATE of LA and Hurricane Katrina

These folks need help now... I would suggest that concerned individuals or groups send private donations to ABATE of LA at P.O. Box 541 St Amant, La. 70774.

You may want to pass a hat at your next meeting (ABATE or otherwise) and send the money raised ASAP.

If you want to know more or ask how you can help contact Poet:

**ABATEPOET@aol.com**

I sent a message to ABATE of LA's President, Poet, to make sure he is ok after Katrina ripped through. I heard back from him today and I asked him what we can do to help the bikers of Louisiana. Below is his response, followed by an address where funds can be sent.

I know there are many ways to help the people of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida in the wake of what Katrina has left or NOT left behind. I send this as an option for those who would like to specifically help the bikers of LA. I know it will be greatly appreciated.

On a personal note, I would add that when Virginia learned Col. Champagne of LA. was coming to our capitol to testify against our helmet bill, I contacted ABATE of LA. and talked with Poet, Laddie, and many others. Each of them went out of their way to provide information we could use during the testimony. When we needed help from ABATE of LA., all we had to do was ask.

They were all over it and stayed in touch every step of the way. Bikers counting on bikers and bikers helping bikers. That's what it's all about.

Penny - VFR, SoLR Member

Penny,

After assessing the situation and the logistics involved it would seem that cash donations are the easiest. If they are made they should be made to our Organization so they may be disbursed within the motorcycling community based on the greatest needs. There are many who are displaced, hungry, thirsty, and in dire need of financial assistance to meet these needs. Let me know what you plan to do and I'll coordinate the efforts here, anything is better than nothing especially to those who have nothing left. Thank you for showing you care.

Later, Poet

State Executive President Abate Of La., Inc