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### The way I see it:

What's happening all? I would like to start by saying that if the weather hasn't been to your pleasure something is wrong with your thinking. With the weather we have had (up until Tomahawk) the miles should have been tripping the mileage-o-meter big time. The best thing about it is you don't need any real special training except the willingness to get in the wind and put a big old smile on your face. Hell, anyone can do that, or can they.

I have been reading and hearing about some peoples experiences at this years Sturgis Rally. Did I go? No way. There's plenty to do in this area on any given weekend. Why travel 1000 miles to ride with 250,000 other riders, half of whom in my mind haven't a clue of how to ride in a group. My idea of fun is not watching some idiot walk his way around a corner, or get tanked up and think he's Evil Knievel. Would I like to go some day, I guess, but how about on the off time when it's only a few hundred others that feel the same way.

Speaking of Tomahawk, I did attend this year, but it wasn't exactly the riders' dream as far as the weather was concerned. I hope the campers that rough camped it were able to create enough biker heat. What's Biker heat you ask? It's basically the same as sleeping capacity in a single bed. One wide, two deep. Nothing like friction to raise the fahrenheit a little bit. But as Saturday rolled around, the temp rose and so did the visibility of how many riders were actually in the area. I only made it into town for a short while, so I hope those that made it had a good time. I did also hear that there were quite a few cancellations of rooms for Saturday. I can't really blame people for it though.

The only thing that bothers me is the fact of all the people that haul bikes to an event, unload them, go get something to eat once a day and call that a fun rally. The sad thing about this scenario is that there are more motor homes and campers than there's bikes. What's up with that? Next year I suggest someone come out with some bumper stickers that state, "I trailored mine to Tomahawk, Sturgis etc". Will someone please come up with an event that is ride in only? I don't have any problem with the big rigs except that the old (keep up with the Jones) is in play lately. At least a ride in only show puts everybody on a familiar plane. You all keep doing your thing and I will do mine thanks. I like being called a biker for a reason.

I have made a few decisions in the last month that will effect the way I do things. One thing is the name of this column. "From the Editor" seems to be a thing of the past. Everybody and their brother uses it now. As many of you know, I seem to have somewhat unique ideas that flow out of my bug splattered brain. So a section with a name like "The Way I See It" seems to fit the way I see and think about things lately.

Lastly, this past winter I slowed the pace of shows, swaps and rides I went on just to give Lorie and Myself a breather. You will start seeing me again the coming season more, which will also include more of my own writing. We here at FRP have an excellent contributing staff which includes Kenn and his smartly worded thoughts, Dan W and Terry Miller with there stories, Colleen and occasionally Laura the Potter with their female perspectives and now Leroy with his graphic ability bringing us the Blue Dogs Nation comic strip just to name a few. I hope you all allow me to spill myself into our paper like I used to back when. That's what made the F.R.P what it is today. That's the way I see it, Preacher

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**Idiot of the Month-** (Riders like this that make headlines through stupidity)  
When returning from our lake property on Lake Sherwood, Nekoosa WI on Monday September 2nd traveling on hwy 49 south we saw something that really disturbed us. traveling south on a two lane highway we were going down a hill and met this truck coming up the hill. Behind the truck was a biker who decided he needed to pass the truck on the "right" side of it between the truck and the shoulder. We couldn't believe what we were seeing and know it just gives more fuel to degrade all bikers as a whole. It was one of those times you wished there would have been a cop around. It gave my wife and I a sick feeling inside to know what could have happened. Send me your "idiot of the month" if you run into one. Preacher@freeriderspress.us

### Meet this month's: Next Generation Rider.

Meet Jenna on Dad's '05 H-D police bike.



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

### Trivia, Trivia, Trivia

This months winner was Lisa Williams with the answer of 1917 the sale of Harley-Davidson bicycles begins. Individual components are made by the Davis Sewing Machine Co. of Dayton, Ohio. The bicycles are sold through the H-D dealer network. She was pulled from the many right answers. Now wasn't that easy?

Here's how to play. I give you a question supplied to me by PIPEz. When you have the answer, e-mail it to trivia@gmaxpro.com and around the 10th we will post the answer on www.gmaxpro.com/FREE-RIDERS-TRIVIA web page. From the right answers we will draw a winner. These folks will win products and items that are donated from different advertisers and businesses. Sound easy enough? Lets get to it!!!

**What year did HD make its two cam engine available to the public on which series motorcycle?**

Remember: e-mail answer to e-mail it to trivia@gmaxpro.com



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