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With a cold day here in the Quad Cities I can't but help to think that winter is coming on fast. The number of riders out on the roads will start to lessen and so will the number of pages I would have to search for news & information for my radio program, The Free Road Radio Show, which will be back in April 09 for 20 weeks. Now I bring up my program because of the safety issue I feel so strongly about. I hope that some of you took to heart my point in lasts month QCS regarding safety and are going to work on improving your riding skills. So how about motorcycle awareness training for those who drive cars? I can remember back to my riding days and being unsure if the person driving the car ahead was aware of me, if they felt comfortable as they approached or passed me. Wishing there was some way to tell if they "motorcycle aware". The old pick-up with a bike strapped in the bed was an easy one to tell. Seeing a bumper stick, window decal or some other sign telling me they were a motorcycle enthusiast was always welcomed. But that mostly only happened when I was behind them or they already passed me. The move to put my hand out when passing a rider is still there, even though I haven't felt safe riding for some years now & YES I do miss riding, but now it is wanting them know I'm motorcycle aware and that I see them. Reducing the number of accidents is the responsibility of everyone regardless of what they drive or ride. Part of having freedoms is being aware of others and how our actions, both positive & negative, affect those of your fellow Americans.

This past month has been very busy from the Harleys & Hotrods in Historic Downtown Savanna, IL, the Iron Horse Rally in Sabula, IA, The Chief Blackhawk swap meet in Davenport, IA, Rock the River in Cleveland, IL. I ran into Joe of Smoking Joe's Lazy Dog Barbeque at the Rock the River when I asked about getting some of his awesome beans he told me he wasn't serving them but he had a some, which turned out to be a huge one container, he would give me.



Lucky me as I think his beans made with huge chunks of his A#1 pork bark are the best hands down. Be sure to look for the stories on the events I was invited to Hosted or just attended in the coming months. The once a month monster huge "Bike Down to I Town" in Indianola, IA and the other Bike Nites most every night of the week. Some of the Bike Nites will be or have already had the their final Bike Nite for this year; Ducky's Lagoon won't have their final until November 1st which is a Saturday, giving away tens of thousands of dollars in cold hard cash & prizes from key fobs to keys to a new bike. With the still growing interest in motorcycles you can sure the Bike Nites next year will be even big & better.

As I made my way around this month I found a few more place to drop off a few copies of The Free Riders Press when I went from Muscatine IA up and around Continued on page

