



**Laura the Potter**

Hey everyone! It's been a while! Its odd – when I write I feel like I'm talking to friends that I haven't seen for a long time...and I miss them. I feel for all the farmers this year – but this has been an awesome riding season huh? Beautiful!!! I have moved from beautiful downtown Silver Creek and living in Buffalo, MN. I fell in love, and moved in with a Man! That's HUGE! Dave turned 2/3 of his garage into my studio until we can add onto the back of the house for permanent studio, and then he can have his garage back...poor guy. He says that's one way to have a really nice garage! We have been riding to a couple of sober bike rally's and camp outs. MMAAC in Pearl City, IL, and another one just outside of Watertown, South Dakota...very cool! There is a whole world of sober biker events out there. Dave just bought a motorcycle trailer today! That will be nice! We have room for pillows now!

I love leather! And I have a ton of it...everything from lined leather pants to halter tops, and I own 6 leather jackets! One of my jackets I bought from a guy right off his bar stool – it's true. It was still in the 90's, I had \$117.00 (tip money) in my pocket, and that is what it cost me. It is black with long brown fringe. Not good for riding though – it's like holding up a child clinging to my back.

Patches and pins!!! Love them...I think peoples vests and jackets tell a story about the person. Where they have been, friends they have lost, what the person is like in a lot of ways. Some people like nothing on their jackets and that's fine...but I do. I bought my main riding jacket over 20 years ago at a garage sale...it was brand new. In 2000 I bought my bike and started slowly putting things on it.

My boyfriend Dave had his jacket cut off him...you know...that's horrible! So, he took off his patches, and he wants them sewn back onto his vest. Its hard for guys to get a new jacket...there are some people out there that really do need a new one...somehow that jacket seems to "shrink" over time. Nothing worse than a jacket that is too small! Give it up man!

Back to patches...nowadays you can have patches made with your own words...I have one that says "I play with Clay" Another one... "I run with scissors". I do not like the typical patches that are available out there for woman..."Biker Bitch" ???!!! Not to mention...Lady Rider (gag me! You don't see men with patches that say "Man rider") or "Easy" (a double standard...funny if a man wears it – not if a woman does) let alone "Princess, Hottie, etc." Although I did like one I saw..."Take your hands off my ears...I know what I'm doing!" Ha-ha!!!!!! And "F!@# you...I have enough Friends!"

Anyway...it's fun to look at jackets/patches and pins on others. The photo of me and the gentlemen on the "trike" is taken from Camp Friendship. It is a camp for disabled adults. Talk about a group of people that love patches and pins and all the bling bling on motorcycles! That's always a fun thing to do! Please...don't put anything on your jacket that you haven't actually been to. Other patches I have on my jacket are in memory patches...from friends of mine. One that says "I wasn't there but I still care". A few others...

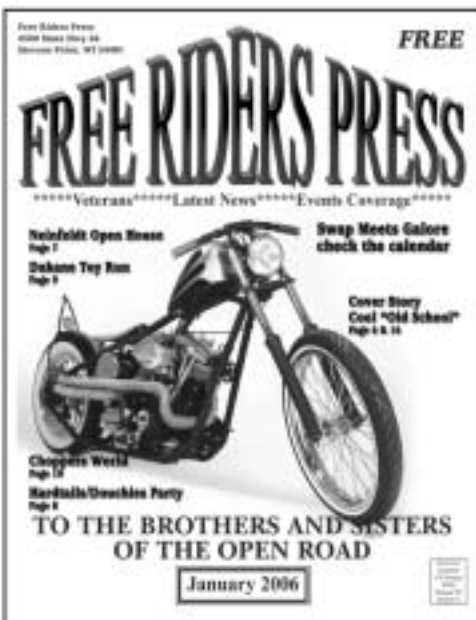
And...if you deserve it – wear those broken wings. Hope you never do have to purchase that patch. Broken wings means you have been in a crash and survived... Clubs that have a main patch in the center of their jacket and lower and upper rockers. It is very important to go thru the proper steps to become a MC...just in case you didn't know that. ABATE (American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education) is an organization, not a club. As well as SCVR – St. Croix Valley Riders.

Oh! Sober Camping Events...please E-mail me and let me know about them ok? I haven't been to a biker blessing yet...I'll be in Brainerd next year for sure! **laurathepotter@bwig.net** Check out my new logo! Original artwork by Christy Becker. From Beautiful Buffalo...Take Care Everyone! Laura the Potter



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