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Wind, Bugs, Death Defying Acts And Family

The Brotherhood Of Bikers Worldwide

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Rebel Miles Photography - Riding a motorcycle in many ways is like having an extended, worldwide family. Brothers, Sisters and everyone and everything else that goes with being in a family. Births, deaths, celebrations, disputes, fights, and likely the most important and relevant of all, camaraderie.

That's a powerful term, however, an accurate assessment of bikers. The brotherhood of biking runs deep and great distances. Around the world bikers are one. 1% riders and weekend warriors, they all have one thing in common. The fire inside pushing them to get on their bike and ride. A wind in the face, bugs in the teeth, push reality down ride. The phrase "if you've never ridden you wouldn't understand" is an accurate assessment in the eyes of riders everywhere. Sure it's dangerous to be rolling down the road sitting on a 700lb dragon that is inhaling air, drinking fuel and spitting fire. Additionally dodging motorists tooling around aimlessly in 4 wheel cages that are completely oblivious to bikers, however, perhaps that's the point.

Perhaps that is the common thread. The desire to ride brings with it the opportunity to escape reality even briefly. Ask any biker and they will tell you that it is nearly impossible to daydream about anything or anyone when riding and in fact it's often quite dangerous. One momentary lapse of concentration on the task at hand could literally mean the difference between life and death.

The rush of riding brings people from all walks of life together. State Senators, plumbers, teachers, tattoo artists and every profession in between. If you are attending a major rally such as The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota you are witnessing a melting pot of society. Everyone united in a common cause celebrating their love of the road. The ties and degrees and plungers of yesterday's mundane "life" have been replaced with the fuel, exhaust, leather, crowds and yes, confrontations of today when everyone is on the same page. Across the street and across the oceans the brotherhood of biking includes all races, all denominations both male and female and any one of those bikers would help a biker in need at a moments notice since that's what families do best.

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