Supposedly, Ernest Hemingway was asked one time to write a story in six words. He is credited with the poignant memoir “For sale: baby shoes, never worn;” the truth is Hemingway never wrote that, but perhaps it befitted him because of his legendary terse prose. Nonetheless, it’s just that: legend only. But the idea of the challenge was so intriguing to Larry Smith that he initiated, in November, 2006, the six-word memoir project. He asked readers to submit their tiny stories to his online magazine. They answered in droves!

Since the book selection Greasy Rider is about a unique “ride” and a remarkable “journey of discovery,” the One Book One College committee would like to piggyback on Smith’s idea and extend the six-word memoir challenge to the college community; submit a six-word memoir around the theme of rides or journeys. Can you tell the story of your most memorable journey or ride in six words?

Feet: use them to commute more.
Solar powered remote control lawn mower.
Someday we’ll Skype off to work.

Kool Kanary-Kolored Kayak Kareening through Alaska

So, submit your six word memoir by going to the One Book Six-Word Memoir site and clicking on the comments section and publish your own “Green Life” short story.