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The migration is stopped, the ride temporarily postponed, but the season will again rise out of the white fluff for us to again feel the wind. For this is the time to set up the future ridin' we all long to have during these chilly nights and short times of daylight.

The trip I refer to is embedded in the back of my mind, with many parts of the journey being talked about in different times during the Free Riders Press run. No matter how small the detail seems to be, it always seems so large during these months of hibernation. The seclusion of myself from my ride makes these memories so alive and real. So real in fact you can almost feel the down pour of rain hitting your helmet in the summer months in Arkansas along the gulf coast highway. The cold routine of bundling up when the miles that need to be ridden chills your bones with an imminent sensation that can only be gotten rid of is by getting where your going. During this time of the year, these chills would be invited with open arms by myself. Ok my Mark Twain moment is over.

Some of you may remember the Free Riders Press bike nights that I had a few years ago. Some nights I had 1 person show up and others I had dozens. The latter is what I prefer. It is so much easier to enjoy the time knowing that you have people out there that are there for you and believe in what you are doing. The earlier is what I refuse to accept, so here are some thoughts on Free Riders Press events.

The brotherhood that is felt when the party you are at is also attended by true to heart riders that you can call friends. Over the past 8 years I have worked tirelessly to bring riders and business's together. Many times at my own expense causing me to rethink my strategy quite often.

I have started some get a way nights sponsored by the Free Riders Press again. These are places that advertise with us that I have come to call friends. The first was at Max's in Merrill, WI. I had some chili made up, threw out some free beer and asked that anyone that comes bring something to pass. I had 5 people show up. This included the Bad Luck Riders. The evening turned out to be a great time. We sat around a table and shot the shit for a couple of hours. Auto, Mama Tee, a couple other brothers and Corrina were great folks, and I look forward to spending more time with them this riding season. What's my point? As stated earlier, you don't need quantity of people but quality of the riders is what counts for me. The next Free Riders Press bike nights will be in Waupaca and Hortonville over the next couple months. Check out the ad on page 15 and also the calendar of events for dates and times.

Which leads me into some FRP business. I have mentioned this item in the past but I feel it is worth repeating. I have the best readers, writers and advertisers in the world. Why? I believe it's because all these people are real. They live the lifestyle to it's fullest and don't ever stop giving to their fellow riders. My brothers and sisters give willingly to better the lives of those around them, be it runs, benefits or what have you. My writers don't get paid, but most of them have been with me for years. Again, why? Because like the readers, they are real. They write from the heart. They are honest, up front and straight talking on whatever subject they feel like writing about. I have a pretty easy set of guidelines and I let them say what they want to say. No bull shit, no fancy covering. No pretending to be someone they are not. For this I am grateful. I Love you all... my friends. (A side note: Just about every writer I have had in the last 7 years is featured in this issue. Enjoy) Then you have the advertisers. I have

been finding over the last couple of years that a lot of them stick with me out of loyalty, friendship and respect. I give to them and all of you what I want in return, real, down to earth brothers and sisters that live the life to it's fullest. Do I need to be a fancy high quality glossy paper to be a success? I figure if I did go that route I am not being true to myself, which in turn would be given to you and I'm not going there. Every one says the Free Riders Press is a great little paper. I guess I would have to agree, but I prefer to think of the FRP as "the best little paper, with the big ass attitude." Be true to each other and yourself, for people do see you for what you really are!

Have a great month. See you back on our regular schedule April 1st. Peace...

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