

Swap Meets:

What is a swap Meet? A place where people meet, a good source for parts, a reasonably cheap way to spend and afternoon? If you answered yes any of these, you're absolutely right. Swap meet season is winding down due to the nice weather (and the fact is hard to carry big items in your saddlebags).

The last couple months I've attended close to a dozen swaps with each one being as good as the next. But what makes for a good swap meet?

Well let's start with Location. Most swap meets are near areas with big populations of people, for obvious reasons but others are held in conjunction with other events, like bike shows or parties. (It's amazing what I've brought home for my bike after going to a party.)

Promoters: Some promoters go out of there way to let people know about a swap through mailings, newsprint advertisements and even radio, while others just sit back and hope word of mouth works ok for them.

Vendors: In the old days swaps were made up of mainly parts people were getting rid of one part or looking for another certain item. Now there are more biker associated items like jewelry, shirts, patches etc. With today's swaps if you can't find something cool you're not looking very hard. There is something for everybody.

Entertainment: Most of the swaps you go to have either a D.J who plays a wide variety of songs. Some give out door prizes, others do trivia for prizes. (Ever seen a dozen people shouting out the answer to a trivia at the same time) it's great. Or you can see a 1 or 2 piece usually acoustic band filling the air with settling rhythms. With all the mingling going on it just makes for an enjoyable atmosphere.

So for those of you that are stuck in a black hole somewhere and have never attended a swap meet, next chance you get GO will you, I guarantee you'll have a good time.

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