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Ok all, where going to have a little review of something I wrote about last year. Get your thinking caps on, ready, let's start. Look at this month's calender or go to the website www.freeriderspress.us, go to the calender and tell me what you see! Look closely! Need a hint go to the weekend of June 14th. What do you see? Yes, I think you all are fast learners. I will tell you what I see, I see a ton of events on the same day. Rallies, runs, parties and etc.

So what am I getting at? I am trying to say that we have a whole bunch of things to choose from on June 14th as riders and not enough participants to have any major successful events to really speak of. Everyone has a good turnout, raising a fair amount of coin for their charity, but not an astounding amount. Nothing to write home for as they say. Would you like to know "The Way I See It"? Ok, here goes.

First off, I don't want anyone to think they are being singled out here. I am all for everyone having a fair shot at "the money", but I think we need some ground rules in "Preacher's View".

Let's start with history. The way I look at it, the event that has been on the same weekend for years has 1st dibs. Now if there is something in another area or different state so be it. The problem rolls in when you get a bunch a brain dead thinkers saying, "Hey, Let's do something on this weekend. Why bother looking to see what is going on that weekend, because we do what we want, when we want and how we want." This mentality drives me nuts. It usually is a bar that is having a benefit for an ill patron, a shop having a run just because, an open house at a dealership or a new rally. Let me explain where the problem lies with me and this thinking. To me, all involved from the planners to the recipients lose out.

A- A poker run that goes from bar to bar promoting drinking and riding, Shame on you. I am tired of burying fellow riders because the great day of bar hopping caused a missed turn into a

tree. If your going to have a run like this, at least have a food stop. Maybe a gas stop as a stamp helping out our community while riding a tad safer. How about maybe having your event on Sunday. This is my favorite because I don't need a lot of brain cells to decide where I am going to. The big reason I hear for having a Saturday event is so people can drink more and not have to wake up for work. This theory is great for 3 day parties, but for a single day event it's a stupid way to look at it.

B- A big \$ entity that goes out of it's way to take away from an established smaller event. This I find happening with some dealerships out there. I will not mention which ones, but I can say that it is really terrible etiquette and causes a real divide in the riding community. Many Dealerships and shops do look on past calenders so as not to step on toes and I commend you for it. We have internet now-a days, use it, research on it, please.

C- Bike Blessing: Why would anyone of sound mind have a blessing on a Saturday?

This makes even less sense to me than sticking my tongue on a frozen flag-pole. Blessing=Sunday. Again Blessing=Sunday. Minimal drinking, but a good time can be had by all. Example- Renegade Classics and Road Runners Blessings.

D- Rides: A nice weekday RIDE would be a great way to have a good time. Many shops, dealerships have dinner rides to break up the week. This is a fabulous idea to me. But like stated earlier, check out your area as not to step on toes. Work together, alternate locations like the Free Riders Press nights used to be. Sassy's in Appleton has a great way of having a bike night.(See her ad)

One great suggestion goes like this:

A group of people get together in a region . You organize a couple of meeting during the Winter, they pick out their weekends and everyone gets a good turnout. With using their heads as business people and looking at things from a consumers view...

I know things overlap, but why not have that ride end at the fund-raiser, or have a planned stop at the open house in route for a stamp on the poker run. Wow we just combined 3 events into one. Work together Brothers & Sisters of the lifestyle.

And that's the way I see it.



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