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Here I sit on a beautiful Friday morning, looking out my window at the glimmering sunlight filled morning and am wondering if I should hit the road after this editorial is done. I mean the looks of the day may be really relaxing, but we also know here in the upper Midwest that the warmth can be a deceiving character in the month of April. Yeah a short ride that could clean out the cobwebs in my skull that comes with a long winter. Yup that sounds like a plan! Cold or not I'm hitting the road. Anyone care to join me? I did get both the scoots out this year. The shovel for a short spin and the FLH got about 80 miles on her bringing it home from Rosholt Motorcycle where it was kept over the winter. The ride home was great and just when the spring is looking possible the snow hit again the next day. WTF! I do want to thank Chain and Dave for the TLC she needs due to her age. They do an outstanding job. But to be truthful, Chain keeps hinting I need to get a newer one which is the plan, but for now I will limp along on the old girl. One thing I can tell you is Lorie said I had the biggest grin when I went past them on the shovel. I think it's in my DNA that releases the "I feel good" impulses the first ride of the year. You too?

On a serious note, I do want to send a sincere thank You to all the families of fallen service members past and present. With Memorial Day coming up I do feel that this is the most important holiday we have (Besides Christmas and Easter). Even though the government made it a 3 day party weekend, I think we need to take a few minutes of the time off to reflect, thank God for these fallen heroes, and show support at an area gathering on this day. The way I look at it, I need to take the time to remember those that can't be with us and show the families that we remember, It's good for the soul. Wouldn't you want to see that if it was you? Heck what's 45 minutes in the realm of party time anyways when you got 3 days to do your thing. Think about it! Thank you family members of the fallen for your sacrifice. Your family member is remembered here at the Free Riders Press.

I know that Memorial Day is for the remembrance of fallen soldiers, but I was thinking about some of the other things and people that are no longer with us. We said goodbye to five brothers this long winter. *You are remembered.* A strong sense of brotherhood that used to be among riders, and not the cliques that have split the motorcycling community! *You are remembered.* The good times when we ran to no where special, just to say we went somewhere. *You are remembered.* The good health I was in when I was a young buck. *I remember.* A unified country that thought more about the U.S. as a whole, not just its own little piece of it. *You are remembered.* The many events that have disappeared due to the many factors that caused their demise. *You are remembered.* A God that was worshipped by the masses, not deserted by them. *I remember.* This is my thoughts. Thanks for listening.

Have a great May. Ride safe and remember to drink and ride responsibly. I don't need any more funerals to fill in my appointment book this year due to controllable actions.

Hello Preacher, While walking into a Perkins to eat lunch the other day and the "Free Riders Press" with the Veterans title caught my eye. Since I was alone, I figure it would make for some interesting reading, and it certainly did.

Although I am not one of your sister's so to speak, as I have never learned to ride, I thought I would put my two cents in. I was appalled at the fact that motorcycles cannot be sold on a Sunday in Wisconsin. ("News for Thought", page 4). Most folks work hard all week and find only time to shop on their weekends. So, if they want to purchase a bike, they have to do this only on Saturdays no matter the weather. It's ridiculous to think that we can go shopping for anything else on Thanksgiving Day, Easter, and if the retail world gets their wish, even on Christmas. I hope all of you riders are pushing to get that law off the books!!! Keep up the good work, especially for Camp American Legion!! Jennifer

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