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May was a little on the wet side, did not get to do much riding. We visited Chapter D on May 5th, they had a good meeting. On May 15th, Chapter H attended the Ride for Kids. Barbara and I worked the registration table. We had Tim Smith, Don Eckstein, Jim O'Dowd, Sammy Duke, Steve Freeman, D. Brooks Hodges III all attending the ride. Chapter H raised \$1900.00 for the event. Thanks to all of the members and chapters for helping us with our donation.

We also visited Chapter K in May. Now in June we visited Chapter Q's fun day. It was a very hot day, the best place to be was riding the poker run. The wind made all the difference. I was leading so we only had to turn around 3 times for the signs I missed. We got back in time for lunch and to play a few games. Barbara won two Bath and Body gift packs. Chapter H won the middle Tennessee Traveling Plaque. Steve had the winning ticket. So it will be given away on June 25, 2011.

Our rides have increased in the number of members participating. We have had 8 to 15 people attending the rides. That's great!!! Chapter H has had a growth spurt, We now have 35 members.

Tim Smith and David Hill are working on some classes in motorcycle Safety and Motorist Awareness, for this summer. They are trying to get the right people involved in the training end of the program. I am trying to get some LTD classes going for our Chapter. I will be working on the information

Now for some good news, with the weather being hot, we could plan some rides for earlier in the morning and have some breakfast. Or later in the evening and do some dinner rides to a restaurant. That way we miss the hottest part of the day.

Come up with some rides for the weekends and lets get out there for some fun. Barbara and I rode to Chattanooga, TN June 11th to Chapter V. Had a great ride, good breakfast and rode into Georgia to see some sights. Got home and cooled off then rode to Columbia, TN to Chapter Z's meeting that night. It's not bad visiting Chapter meetings along your ride. You see so much country cruising along on your motorcycle.

Ride Safe!!!

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Motorcycle Tire Tips & Checks



Pressure

Keeping your motorcycle tires at the right pressure will ensure that they perform better and last longer. Always carry a pressure gauge in your motorcycle and check the air pressure at least every 2 weeks. Under-inflated or over-inflated tires will wear out faster and can jeopardize your safety.



Check Before You Ride

Before you hop on your bike, take a minute to look over your motorcycle tires. Once you're on the road, it'll be too late. And of course, be sure to avoid potholes, curbs and sharp objects on the road that can damage your motorcycle tires.



Mounting

Balancing the tire and rim is essential when mounting new motorcycle tire. Unbalanced tires or rims can cause vibration and untimely tire wear.



Alignment

Pay close attention to motorcycle wheel alignment. Shaft drive motorcycles don't adjust, but if you have a chain or belt you can check the position of your tires. Proper alignment enables better handling and longer use.



Balance

Check motorcycle wheel balancing every 600 - 1000 miles/km. Your motorcycle's handling and tire life depend on it.



Break-em-in

Be sure to "break-in" new motorcycle tires. Every new tire needs a good break-in period. This will extend your tires' lifetime. After mounting new motorcycle tires, take the bike out for a few light, easy rides just to break-in the new tires.



Grip

Your tires have the best grip only after the motorcycle tire's tread surface has been ridden on for 100 miles/km, so use caution when you're breaking in new tires.



Air Valve

The valve stem cap should be securely fastened on the stem. It's an important part of your motorcycle tire's sealing system. This will give you extra security at high speeds, when centrifugal force can open the valve inside the stem.



Shine

Motorcycle tire manufacturers recommend you clean your tires with nothing more than soap and water. A lot of so-called "protectants" actually advance premature cracking and finish deterioration. Wipe off any spilled lube, brake fluid or gas promptly, too.

Rider Education: Tim Smith

UV & Ozone

Do your best to keep new motorcycle tires out of direct sunlight. Whether they're on a motorcycle or not, the UV radiation from direct sunlight will dry the motorcycle tires and chemically change the tire compounds. This weakens bonds and makes them brittle. The ozone in the air can also react with the compounds in the tire too and cause additional damage.

Front & Rear

The front and rear tires of a motorcycle have completely different design profiles. Never mount the wrong tire on the wrong wheel.

Replacement

When you need to replace motorcycle tires, do both at the same time. A motorcycle with a worn tire on the back and a new tire on the front will be unstable and create a dangerous motorcycle driving situation.

Mixing

Motorcycle radials and motorcycle bias-ply tires each give a motorcycle a specific type of handling characteristic. Mixing them on one vehicle will create an unstable situation, a rougher ride, and it will diminish the bikes ability to corner well.

Deflating


Don't deflate your motorcycle's tires for winter or other long periods when you aren't riding. This will eventually make them brittle. Even if they're not being used, always keep your tires at the right pressure.

Overloading

Be careful not to overload your motorcycle. If you want to add a sidecar, saddlebags or other heavy accessories, ask your dealer about which tires would be most appropriate. Heavy add-ons can have a major impact on the lifetime, durability, and performance of motorcycle tires.

Anniversaries

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My Trip To Breckenridge, CO. : Herb Williams

I left Franklin, TN on April 28, 2011 and rode my Goldwing to Tallahassee FL to meet my friend Ivor for our motorcycle trip to Breckenridge CO. Ivor also rode his Goldwing. We plan to take the month of May for this trip. Since Ivor is a travel agent in Palm City FL, he planned the trip. I take my hat off to him, for doing a super job. We only rode interstate 10 to Baton Rouge LA and to Huston TX. The rest of our trip was on non-interstate roads. Our first stop was Baton Rouge, LA. The next day we rode to Huston, TX and stayed a couple days with a long time friend of Ivor, who he has not seen in 30 years. They both grew up together in South Africa. We left Huston and our next stop was San Antonio, TX. We did the river walk like most tourists. Our next stop was Uvade, TX, then Alpine TX, then El Paso, TX. Our next stop was Santa Fe, NM then to Taos, NM, Cortez CO, Show Low AZ, Prescott AZ, Flagstaff, AZ and finally to Las Vegas, where we spent a few days. Believe it or Not, we both left Las Vegas as winners. Our next stop was Bryce Canyon UT, then on to Moab UT. We then rode to Breckenridge CO. Ivor and his wife have a motor home at a Tiger Run campground between Breckenridge CO and Frisco CO.

While on this trip we visited Arches, Bryce, and Zion parks. I took several hundred pictures which need two CD,s to store them. The trip was perfect, we did not run in any rain. We had to wait until 11am before we left Tallahassee FL the first day, because of rain, however after that, we had dry weather until the 6 inches of snow in CO.

I stayed about a week at Ivor's Motor home. A six inch snow slowed our riding down for a couple of days. The weather was cold most of the week, we however dress warm and did some riding. I left Breckenridge for my 1,254 mile back to Franklin. I took three days to travel this distance via I-70, I-64, I-57 to I-24 arrived home May 30th.





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