

SAFETY CORNER

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SAFE RIDING

Greetings All !

The weather is getting better every day! I haven't had to use those heated grips in a week or two!

I'd like to talk to you all about the Smith System of Safe Driving. It was introduced to me back in 1971 when I was in drivers ed back in Uniondale HS, Long Island, NY. I remembered this all of these years! It easily pertains to motorcycle riding.

This system is built around 5 rules:

- Aim high in steering
- Stay alert to traffic and dangers
- Get the big picture
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Keep your eyes moving. Constant eye movement keeps you alert.

What's all this mean?

Don't look down on the pavement in front of you. Take advantage of the fact that you're sitting higher than most cage drivers and look over top of the vehicle ahead of you to see what's going on in front of them so you will be ready when they react.

Watch out for aggressive drivers that may not see you, especially in areas of exit or on ramps, or where a lane is dropped.

Watch for changing signals and that one who will squeek through a second after the light changes. Don't just lift the clutch when the light turns green, look both ways anyway!

Don't become hypnotized by the shiny bumper ahead of you, look all around you. Keep your head on a swivel!

Remember, so many drivers are distracted with electronics in their vehicles nowadays, they're not paying attention to the traffic around them and may not see you!

Stay safe, stay alive! I welcome your comments.

Safety is of the Lord
Proverbs 21:31

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