

SAFETY CORNER

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SEE & BE SEEN

As we roll into spring, the number of bikes on the roads are increasing. So many drivers may not be used to seeing us so we need to be extra cautious.

- Remember, there's a high number of retirees here in Florida, HELLO!!
- So, you want to be sure to avoid blind spots! Loud pipes are great to get attention, but remember that nowadays drivers are talking on the phone, or have their sound systems turned up so that the drumbeats drown out your Rhinehearts! People are not paying attention!!

● Don't follow so close to the vehicle ahead of you, especially if it is anything larger than the average car. You may not be visible to a driver waiting to exit onto the street that you're traveling on.

● As you ride, there's nothing wrong with making yourself visible if you see a vehicle waiting to pull out by gently moving to their side from behind the vehicle you're following.

● Be sure you're visible in side view mirrors!

If you're traveling in the inside or left lane, stay in the right track. Your bike may not be visible to the driver on your right if you're on the left track. Remember, if you can't see their face in their side mirror, they can't see you! Vice versa when traveling to the right and behind vehicles to your left.

● Be especially careful when near trucks! Always be sure to be in their mirrors if you're not in front of them. I'd be extremely careful around local delivery trucks. Amazon and FedEx to name a few. These companies hire inexperienced drivers. The nature of their job causes them to hurry. They may not see your bike as they're looking for the street for their delivery.

● Please remember when group riding to keep in your track. Some of us drift over from time to time. Be careful when turning corners to stay in track also. Make a wide turn if your lane is on the outside, ie, if you're in the right track, make a wide left turn. If you're in the left track, then make a wide right turn. This will insure plenty of clearance if another rider is too close.

● If traveling with the setting or rising sun behind you, you may not be visible to oncoming drivers as the sun will be blinding them. You may want to use your high beam at these times.

There are many more on the list. The primary is to think as you ride. Expect the unexpected always.

In review, keep an eye on your Tires.

I welcome your comments.

Always Use Turn Signals, remembering that many drivers do not.

Safety is of the Lord
Proverbs 21:31

Dave "Cabbie"



Tin Butt Ride Saturday, MARCH 16

Ride through the back-back roads of FL, GA, & AL. See new roads and ride through Conecuh National Forest in Alabama before we turn back towards Tallahassee and complete 500 miles in 12 hours. RC-Charlie B., TG-Ronnie B.

Meet at the H-D Dealership at 7:30am. KSU at 8:00am Sharp!