

SAFETY CORNER

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SAFE RIDING

Greetings and Salutations friends!

June is busting out all over! In a few weeks we'll be riding into Summer! On the negative side, the days will begin to shorten already!

It's just not fair!

OK, I hope everyone is well and your bikes and trikes are road ready!

Not having a state inspection here, it's on us to keep watch on our rides condition. It's fairly easy to check your brake pads and tires for wear. There's several among our group that would be happy to show you how in case you don't know. Check the fork seals for moisture too while you're looking around. Muffler hardware all tight? A few weeks ago one of our members had the crossover pipe come loose on a new trike! It could've been a disaster had he not come into THD immediately to have it checked out by one of our expert technicians. So, it doesn't matter if your ride is new or well seasoned for something to go wrong.

Speaking of brakes, something to remember when you're in city traffic is to keep your foot over the brake pedal and your right finger or three on the brake lever. This could save valuable seconds if an emergency stop is needed. At 20mph, you're covering 30 feet per second. If you're covering your brakes, you've saved yourself at least 30 feet to avoid a collision! Imagine at 40, 50, 60 mph the footage you'd save! Just be careful not to activate the brake lights! I'm not encouraging you to ride like that all the time, just in cases of heavy traffic. More importantly, keep back a safe distance! Keeping back will also make you more visible to other drivers in lanes to the side of you. Don't pull right up to the vehicle ahead of you at stop lights either. Stay back far enough to maneuver out of the way should you notice a vehicle approaching from the rear at a high rate of speed. This may save your life!

I also want to mention stagger riding in a group as we so often do.

I'm seeing several riders seemingly riding on the center grease strip, not just if there's an obstacle left or right, but almost constantly. If you're uncomfortable in either track, take notice as we assemble and be sure that you'll be in your comfort zone as we travel.

I hope the above will be beneficial to you !
As always, I welcome your comments.

Safety is of the Lord
Proverbs 21:31

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