

THE SAFETY CORNER

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Hello everyone,

Well it's October and time for another safety article and there are a few things we'd like to cover. As we mentioned in last month's newsletter is finally here, and it brings some changes to our riding...

Shorter daylight hours, quicker temperature changes, difficult road conditions and so on.

Lights: With the shorter daylight hours it more important to (as we said in February)...SEE and BE SEEN. Upgrading your bikes lighting or adding lights is a great start! Lighting has become cheaper and more available in the past few years and are of a lot better quality.

Clothing: Reflective clothing has also become more prevalent and inexpensive. Vests, Jackets, Pants, Boots and even Gloves with a reflective strip in them are just a few ways to go. Not your cup of tea? They are also patches that are reflective and can be SEWN on to your clothing.

Helmets: Helmets come in all shapes and colors...sometimes black helmets are not your best friend. If you like to ride at night, like I do sometimes, a black helmet is all but invisible or at the very least ***extremely hard*** to see! If you like your ***Dark Helmet***

😁 (Can anyone cite that movie reference?) and don't want to change it, there are reflective decals or stickers that will help out greatly. If you don't mind spending a little money, there is now lighting for helmets you might like. It's at least worth a look right?

Gloves: Gloves with the reflective strip can be an easy and affordable way to help for visibility, I have a few pair myself and love them. I also noticed the other day at the "Home Store" that begins with an "L" in its name and is across the street from the dealer has a bunch of ***High Color*** gloves in stock.

Quick Temperature Changes: We are no longer in the dog days of summer...very cool mornings and evenings are already beginning. Temperatures start dropping almost as soon as the sun starts to set, and are very slow to warm up the next morning. As most of you know warm clothing is a must...Leather beats all! Leather is a good barrier against the wind, and it loves the sun, meaning it warms you up as the sun hits it.

Road Conditions: Florida and Georgia have some of the best roads to ride on and we enjoy them a lot but...there are some that are in need of repair. Be ready for such things as pot holes, branches, leaves (especially wet ones), and yes, even car or truck parts like shredded tires. All of these are dangerous and can hurt you.

Remember, highway safety depends on you! Whether you are a driver, passenger, or pedestrian, be observant and be adaptable to be safe! Enjoy the cooler weather and we'll see you at the chapter meeting.

RIDE SAFE!!!

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