

July/August riding season of 2010 and several chapter rides including some long ones supporting other chapters and a weekend campout or two. My Wife & I are on vacation and I'm writing this early. Hopefully no one in the chapter has messed up any chrome and made sure only the rubber meets the road.

Remember that August and September are really HOT here in the Northwest so make sure you stop often and keep yourselves hydrated. Nothing is worse than the driver or passenger having heat stroke. If you have to travel make sure you have Cool Collars or make an Ice Collar (terry cloth towel sewn into a tube with Velcro closing the end and more Velcro on the ends to hold the ends together, so after you fill the towel with ice it can be placed around you neck loosely.) Either of these act like an air conditioner for bikers. They really do work well on the extremely hot days.

Also, make sure the coolant in the bike is up to snuff and that the fans are working properly. You don't want the bike to overheat in the hot weather. It will run a bit hotter than usual but should still be well below the red line on your temperature gauge.

Let's all continue to ride safe and have fun.

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