

August/September riding season of 2010:

Well the vacation is over and it is back to getting the Safety Article ready. There are a couple of things I would like to bring up.

1. All riders should take 15 to 30 minutes a month, find an empty parking lot and practice turns and stopping while making a turn. (Straighten up, then brake).
2. If you have a trailer take a close look at the tires and make sure everything is greased properly.

There was an event that happened on our trip that scared me a lot. I was driving in heavy traffic going through Los Angeles, CA. and all of a sudden everyone was slamming on brakes. I was pulling a trailer and my wife was the passenger. There wasn't time to down shift, all I could do was stand on the Back Brake and grab front brake and release the front brake as the brake was locking up. I got us stopped without hitting anything and needless to say I tasted the Vinyl seat. As we learn in the various safety classes always be looking and thinking. If you are the Driver you can't be looking around at the scenery. Event number 2 was the right tire on the trailer blowing out at 65 MPH. The bike instantly got squirrely and the first thought is to brake, (WRONG), all I did was let off the gas and let it roll to a stop on the right shoulder of the road without any problem.

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

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