

## SAFETY TIP 10/10

September/October riding season of 2010: Well the State Rally is over and Fall is upon us and I hear everyone made it home safely. There is something I learned on this trip.

It's time to look at your tires, especially if you've pulled a trailer very much. I found out that most rear tires the life expectancy is less than half if you pull a trailer for extended periods especially in the heat. (The Honda dealer in Baker, Oregon informed me that the tire manufacturers don't guarantee their tires to last more than twelve to thirteen thousand miles without towing anything. After that you are on your own, safety wise. For every 1000 miles you tow you can deduct 2000 miles off the tire life.

Also, the shelf life for a tire is about four years and if it hasn't been put on a bike by then DON'T. So if someone wants to sell or give you a brand new tire that's been sitting in their garage for more than two/three years you might want to graciously say no thanks.

This will be my last article as Safety Director. For those of you that haven't heard, on 5 September at the State Rally Closing Ceremonies Nancy & I were appointed the new Oregon State Directors. We have a big job ahead of us and will need the help of all the Oregon members.

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

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