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Winter 2011

of the North Shore Chapter

Ms Safety Says:

Submitted by Melissa Marshall

The purpose of the Safety Committee is to promote safe riding for all members of North Shore Women on Wheels through education, support, and review of riding practices. As it was mentioned at January's chapter meeting, all members are a part of the safety committee...we welcome any concerns surrounding the safety of rides, requests for information and education on motorcycle riding skills. In others words the Safety Committee is here for you...help us, help you!

The purpose of this column is to communicate safety tips and updates, as well as share member questions presented to the Safety Committee with the rest of the chapter.

With spring just around the corner, you may be starting to think about getting your bike ready for that first ride. Something to think about when picking up your bike from the dealership/mechanic: check that the bike is ready to go before you venture out on a ride with the group.

At March's chapter meeting the presentation will be on "Rules of the Road" being presented by Sara Tackson and me. Other topics are in the works, so please keep those suggestions coming! Again any thoughts/questions/concerns should be emailed to Safety@NSWOW.org.

Upcoming Events:

March 6th Chapter Meeting
March 12th/13th Wilmington bike Show
April 2nd First WOW Ride
April 3rd Chapter Meeting

* times and locations are posted on the calendar at www.nswow.org

Mid-Winter Motorcycle Tips:

Submitted by Sue Poublon

As Mother Nature continues to smack us around, we all wait patiently for the snow to melt, and the riding season to begin. Here are a few tips that will help make sure your bike is ready as soon as the temps rise:

Battery Check: Most of us have our batteries hooked up to a trickle charge. If your battery is plugged into a ground fault outlet, make sure it still has power, or that your circuit hasn't tripped. It's also a good idea to make sure your battery doesn't have acid leaking out of it. Some folks also suggest starting the bike up to make sure the battery is charged as it should be.

Lights: While you have the bike turned on, it's a great time to check all your lights and directionals, to make sure you haven't lost any bulbs. Replace them now and save yourself time in the Spring.

Tire Check: Verify that your tires still have air, so you don't end up with 700lbs sitting on your tire rim. Add air if necessary and monitor your tire closely if there was a significant loss.

Oil Leaks: Check for any oil leaks on the floor of the garage. Dried out seals can show themselves in the Winter. If you find oil, you'll want to schedule some time to have this fixed "before" the riding season arrives.

Rust Check: If you didn't give your bike a good bath before storing, check it over for rust or pit marks, to make sure something corrosive wasn't left behind at the end of last season.

Now that you've verified she's still in good shape, with all that Mother Nature has dished out to us, you can sleep better for the last few weeks of Winter.



2011 Holiday Party

*A great time was had
by All!*

