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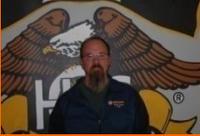
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## DIRECTORS MESSAGE

Wow,

What a way to start spring....

So how many of you have been able to venture out and get some good riding in? How many of you have been able to ride at all? Ok, so you can blame the lack of good riding weather on Kevin and me....we got our bikes out of storage and the weather went to heck. I think that a change is about to come though. Warm weather cant stay away forever, or can it?

We had our dinner ride to Ice House on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The weather was not cooperating. Really Cold and kinda rainy.... We did have a pretty good turn out. We had 12 brave the weather and come out.

Our next meeting is this coming Wednesday at 7pm. Remember that we are having hot dogs starting around 6:30ish. Please come ready to listen to a lot of things that Kevin and I learned at the HOT training sessions. There is a lot of info that needs to be shared and clarified. Our next ride is scheduled on April 30<sup>th</sup>. This is our breakout ride. Our destination is Alexandria to the "paint ball". We will be posting more information about this in the next couple of days.

In the meantime, keep the rubber down and the shiny side up.

Angie

# 5 Road Hazards Motorcyclists Face

- **This Article was submitted by Glen Arnold. Thanks Glen.**
- **5 Road Hazards Motorcyclists Face**
- March 29, 2016
- Wendy Kulpa
- Comments Off on 5 Road Hazards Motorcyclists Face
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- We feel it is important to present this list of road hazards to help bikers stay vigilant. Motorcycles give us a feeling of freedom and a rush of exhilaration, but bikers must stay cautious and aware of road hazards. Road hazards can lead to injuries or even accidents. Fortunately, most hazards can be avoided by exercising proper precautions.
- **Debris, gravel, and oil on the roadway.** Areas of sand, gravel, dirt, and oil in the roadway can cause you to lose traction. If possible, avoid these hazards completely, but if you must ride over them, do so slowly and cautiously. Brake gradually, as applying your brakes too hard will further hinder your stability.
- **Blind spots.** Remember that your profile is small and be cautious to avoid riding in driver's blind spots. As a biker, it is important to maintain a cushion around you, so speed up or slow down, as needed.
- **Potholes and uneven roads.** These dreaded road surfaces can cause you to lose stability. When possible, avoid uneven surfaces, even if this means moving to the far side of the lane. Be cautious and look ahead for potholes. Potholes and other areas of disrepair can easily lead to accidents.
- **Standing water and large puddles.** Areas of water in the roadway can lead to hydroplaning and a frightening loss of stability. Avoid these areas or ride through slowly to maintain control.
- **Slick roadways.** Especially after a long dry spell, rain can make roadways particularly slick. Cars leak oil which dries on the roadways. When the rain wets the roads, this oil creates a slick surface that can feel like driving on ice. Exercise extra caution or avoid going out during these times altogether.

- Editors Note:
- If there is something you would like to see in our newsletter let me know and I'll see if I can do it.
- If there is something you don't like, I'd like to hear about it.
- Kevin