

Tips on Tire, Oil and Light Maintenance

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When was the last time you lubed your head...steering head bearings that is.

The old saying, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure” comes to mind when we start talking about manufacturer’s recommended services. I cannot tell you how many times we have seen a bike with major damage that could have been prevented by routine maintenance. Interval services inspect, adjust and repair wear points on your bike that, for the most part, are out of sight and, therefore, out of mind. When was the last time you torqued and lubed the steering head bearings, changed the fork oil, changed the brake fluid, inspected the brake and fuel lines, adjusted the primary chain, lubed the cables, cleaned electrical connections, lubed the swing arm, measured the rotor wear, or on your VROD, checked the coolant, valve lash or changed the fuel filter? Any one of these areas, left un-serviced, can leave you stranded on the side of the road or result in major damage to you and /or your bike.

The 10k and 20K services are much more than an oil change or a quick inspection of the bike. To complete these services properly it requires 4-6 hours, depending on the model of your bike. Your owners manual lists what should be done and when. A good shop will provide you with a list of the services that are required and documentation that the services were completed. Since many of the areas are out of sight, make sure you use a reputable shop.

At Bikers Bay we use a system that will generate a list of services required using the VIN of your bike. We review the service checklist with you and upon completion, provide a list of the work performed with the signature of the certified tech that completed the work. If you have a few hours to kill, you can watch as we do the work. I know interval services are expensive, but not completing these services will eventually catch up with you and could result in result in much higher repair or medical bills later.

See you soon,
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