

Just My Point Of View

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For almost two years now I have written articles discussing batteries, tires, oil, interval services, pipes, etc, etc.... I thought I would change it up a little this time....

Each of us bought our bike to match our style, who we are and how we ride. Sport bikes are pure speed, performance and rocket quick accelerations. The big touring bikes integrate some wicked technology, performance and pure cruising luxury, metric cruisers have come a long way in styling and pack some kick ass engines and Harleys are not just about the great bikes, but the history and the Harley community. Each bike has its own ride, own style, good and bad characteristics, but in the end the common thread that binds us all is the passion of riding.

In talking with many of our customers it is clear that riding a bike has changed their lives. Whether it is the 30 year rider or the newbie; the experience of the ride and being a part of the biker community has made an impact. It creates new opportunities, develops new friendships and in some cases defines our lives. This common, often unspoken understanding is one of the factors that create the brotherhood of bikers. Like they say, "if you have to ask...you don't ride."

One of the goals of Bikers Bay was to be more than a shop. It was to become a destination with a community of diverse bikers. It seems to be working. We often watch and listen, as all types of bikers, sit and talk, discuss their rides, share stories and plan what comes next on their customizing list. Sure there are the rice burner jokes, the Harley oil leak jabs and "ole geezer's bike" shots from the sport bike crowd, but in the end it is all in good fun and a mutual respect is shown for each other.

In our busy lives, and with all the crap life seems to throw around, the one point of sanity seems to come from just getting on the bike and going for a ride. Whether it is a long solo ride for some serious head time, a ride with a few friends or a rally, it is a chance to leave it all behind and just enjoy life for awhile. So now we are in prime ride season it is time to get back out there, leave the cager at home and enjoy the ride..

Ride safe and we hope to see you soon.

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