

Motorcycle Tech Tip

Winter Maintenance Tip

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Now that October is here, our Northern California riding season is coming to its end. With fewer opportunities to ride, it's time to think about getting your V-Twin winterized and preparing your dirt bikes and ATVs ready for serious wet and muddy riding.

V-Twins and other street bikes need good treads to safely ride in the rain. Smooth and worn out tires are extremely dangerous on wet winter roads. The Holiday season is an especially good time to get those new tires.

The colder weather also wreaks havoc on battery life. If your battery is more than a year old, get it checked out. The colder weather makes your battery less efficient, and since the bike is parked more often for longer periods, a quality battery will keep you up and running on your schedule. Battery tenders will help, and while relatively inexpensive, can extend battery life by fifty percent.

For riders breaking out the dirt bikes and ATVs for fun in the mud, it's time for winter service. Get the oil changed, service the air cleaner and don't forget to install the rain sock. It's also a good time to lower the air pressure in the tires so they grip in the mud better. ATV riders also benefit from battery tenders. Some attention to batteries and maintenance now will pay off when you are out riding.

Remember, whatever and wherever you ride this winter, slow down just a bit and be a lot safer!

Big Steve

Stop in and tell 'em Del Sent ya.