

Tech Tip

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With the Monsoon season over with, it is time to do a little preventative maintenance on your bike.

Water and dust have the ability to get into places that we don't even think about. If you do a lot of daily riding during Arizona's "wet" season, now is the time to do some checking on your bike. With the wheels being in or near the water, check and repack the front and rear wheel bearings on bikes that have tapered bearings. If you have sealed bearings, they should be checked as well for smoothness. Throttle and idle cables, and clutch cable, all need to be checked and lubed. Electrical connectors also present a problem as water can get into them and cause the charging system and other parts to malfunction. Now would be a good time to give your electrical system a once over to make sure it is working properly.

All of this can be done separately from your scheduled maintenance. If it is time to do a 10K or 20K service, all of this would be part of that service.

With all the rides and events that will be coming up in the next few months, now is the time to do the little things to keep us on the road safely.

Ride safe,
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