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April Showers Bring May Flowers, but still want to ride?

Checkout this article from RoadCaptain posted on CYCLEFISH.COM

Tips on Riding a Motorcycle in the Rain

Posted by [RoadCaptain](#) October 14, 2009 - Filed in [General](#) - 82,028 views



Safe Motorcycle Riding in the Rain

For most motorcycle riders the first time riding in the rain is normally not intentional. They take off on an all day ride when the sun is shining and by afternoon they realize they're going to get their first taste of wet asphalt, like it or not.

Riding a motorcycle in the rain has a natural progression for some riders. Many never ride in the rain the first year they're up on two wheels. They're timid about it the second year, feeling more confident by the third, and by the fourth year they're asking the question - "What Rain?"

Whether you get caught in an unexpected rain or you are an experienced motorcycle rain rider going out in spite of the rain, there are a few things you should remember and watch out for. Of course you need to follow the common sense rules whenever you are **on a wet road; slow down, leave more space between you and the vehicle in front of you, allow yourself more time to stop, and take turns much slower. Relax, tensing up will cause your reflexes of slow down and also take you out of your normal riding rhythm. And most importantly stay focused... it is easy to loose focus on the road when there is water hitting you in the face and your clothing is getting soaked, but none of that is as important as staying focused on the road.**

Here's a list of critical rain hazards to watch for whether its your first time riding in the rain, or you ride your motorcycle in the rain often.

Painted Lines - Crosswalks can be slippery and unsafe for motorcyclists, particularly if you're turning and crossing the lines at an angle. Slow down more than usual and try to keep a constant speed - slowing or accelerating can cause the rear tire to break loose.

Lane Dividers can be dangerous in wet conditions. The biggest issue is when you are switching lanes to pass someone. Accelerating while crossing a lane divider can cause the rear tire to break loose, so cross the lane divider at a constant speed and then accelerate once in the new lane.

Diamonds in the HOV lanes. These can be very nasty when you lean into one. The diamond is shaped so you will just slide across it and continue to slide along it. However you should not be riding in the center of the lane anyway, especially if it is wet.

Any painted line or surface is a hazard, and until the DOT addresses the issue and comes up with a less slippery texture, you're the one in control of your destiny.

Surface Textures - Many commercial and residential parking areas are paved with very **slick concrete surfaces**. Your wet entry into the gas station, local mall or condo complex can put you on the ground in a second. Again, ride slow and straight up and don't let the concrete bite you. The area around gas pumps is notoriously slippery from people spilling gas and oil. Be sure to approach and leave the gas pumps very cautiously.

Rubber - How about that **rubber they use around railroad tracks** to decrease the sound as cars drive over them? Forget those little circles on the surface, these provide zero traction to you as you cross. Slow and straight up.

Steel - Manhole covers are enemy number one and **railroad tracks** rank a close second. Making a turn over the surface of them sets you up for trouble. Avoid them whenever possible, or keep the bike straight up and cross over them slowly.

Railroad tracks have a way of popping up on you just after a turn and you may still be into a lean when you reach them. Look for the crossing signs ahead of time, slow down and stay straight up when crossing.

Grated bridge crossings and metal plates are a nasty encounter in the rain. Look at where you want to ride, take it slow and don't try anything fancy, particularly a lane change.

Standing Water - Puddles/Pot Holes - It only takes one time to know how this one feels. You cruise through a puddle and after it's too late you realize you just went into a pot hole that wants to flip your bike. Or the puddle is deeper then you thought and hitting it at a fast speed can put enough resistance on your front tire to lift your back tire off the ground. Avoid puddles if you can, if you must ride through them...slow down and keep you bike straight up.

Oil - It's everywhere and very very hard to spot in advance. Try to ride in the car tire tracks on the left or right side of your lane. The center of the lane naturally has more oil and dirt. Those little red and blue rainbows on the ground mean danger. Ride slow and straight up. Remember the first rain after a dry spell is always the most dangerous. If you're caught in the first rain following a dry spell remember the roads are covered with lots of oil and dirt that will be lifted from the surface in the first 30-60 minutes of a new rain.

Lane Position - Avoid riding in the center of the lane, this is where most of the oil will be. Also avoid riding on the right side of the right-most lane, this is where you are most likely to encounter puddles and/or pot holes.

Tires - If you thought you might save some money by buying **long lasting tires**, think again. Such tires are typically not as tacky and have less traction when the rain comes out. If you find yourself riding in the rain often, look for more tacky tires with a tread pattern designed for wet roads.

Wearing proper gear is also very important. When you are dry and comfortable you will be a better more attentive rider. You also want to make sure you have the proper eyewear and or visor.

Rain Gear - If there is even the slightest possibility of rain, bring your rain gear. Rain gear not only keeps you and your clothes dry, it can actually make you a better rider in the rain. If you are riding cold and wet, you will naturally tense up lessening the control you have over your motorcycle. There are many types of motorcycle rain gear out there and it is recommend that if you will be doing a lot of motorcycle riding in the rain to buy quality rain gear.

Note from the writer: I find the more rain gear you carry, the less chance of encountering rain :-)

Eyewear/Face Protection - If you know you will be riding in heavy rain your best protection is a helmet with a face shield. This will not only keep your vision clear, it will also keep a good amount of rain off of you face. Again this goes to being comfortable and more focused on your riding than the rain hitting your face. If you do not have (or don't want to wear a helmet with a face shield you should wear either goggles or at least glasses that completely cover your eyes and preferably seal on your face. Either way with a a face shield or just goggles/glasses the best lenses for riding in the rain have a slight yellow tint. These will enhance your vision in the low light poor visibility conditions.

Remember when riding in the rain, or in the best of conditions, a near disaster (such as sliding in a turn, or hitting a major pot-hole) will throw you off your game. Even after you recover safely, your nerves are shaken and you are out of sync with your bike. A good idea is to find a safe place to pull over, take a deep breath, and calm yourself before going on.



Trent's Talk

On Saturday March 9th, we had 15 members attended the Fireman's Breakfast in Brooks. Attending Fireman's breakfasts are a great way to support these local fire departments. They are often going to be the ones responding if one of us experiences an incident while we are enjoying our rides on all of the back roads that lead us to FUN.

On March 16th, we headed to Oregon City for Chapter I's annual Blarney Ride. This wonderful event combined a great ride, some good food and a friendly rivalry between Chapters to see who would donate the most canned goods to the Oregon City HOPE program. While this is a friendly challenge between Chapters, the real winners of the challenge are the recipients of the HOPE program. This year, over 4600 pounds were donated to the Hope program. Thanks to everyone who were able to donate to this wonderful program.

Are you ready for the Right Turn Ride? We have been busy finalizing all of the details. If you haven't done it yet, mark your calendars for May 18th. Yes, May 18th, is when the Right Turn Ride is going to take place. We are starting at Cycle Country in Salem, Oregon. See flier for more details.

We have started collecting door prizes for the Right Turn Ride. If you have any new door prizes, you may drop them off with any of the Chapter team members at the planning meetings or at the Gatherings.

Check out the calendar and April Happenings for a full list of what's going on in April.

The Oregon District Rally will be held on June, 13-16th 2019, in Turner Oregon at the Oregon Christian Convention Center. The deadline to have your pre-registration forms in for the Oregon District Rally is fast approaching. Submitting your pre-registrations forms, helps the Rally Committee make appropriate plans knowing how many people are going to attend.

If you are planning on attending the Oregon District Rally, please try to have your registration post marked by May 1st. Not only does pre-registering helps the Rally Committee in making plans, it will save you some money. After May 1st, the registration fee will go up \$5.00 per person.

We are looking forward to seeing you at one or more of our upcoming activities.

Be safe out there, the only person truly looking out for you is yourself.

~Trent Axen, Senior Chapter Director – Chapter OR-G



April "HAPPENINGS"



April showers Chapter G with a bouquet of opportunities!

We have our planning meeting on Monday the 1st. at the home of Curt & Jan Frink. This is a potluck event with the planning of upcoming events & fellowship.

On Saturday the 13th. We will meet at Curt & Jan Frink's Home, 6372 Sunnyview Rd. NE Salem, with a 8:30 departure time to ride to Pratum Elementary School for Breakfast.

On Saturday the 20th. Is our Chapter Gathering at Almost Home Restaurant and a Lunch Ride to Clarks General Store and Eatery.

On April 24th. We have a Wednesday night dinner ride to the Jefferson Station Café at 298 2nd. St. in Jefferson , We will be leaving South Walmart at 6:00. Again please let Mike Gohman know if you plan attending, Mike will give the Restaurant a head count, to insure that we are provided the service that we would expect & that the restaurant would like to be know for.

On Saturday the 27th. is Movie Night at the Frink's, the fun Starts at 6:30pm.



We are always looking for pictures to add to Thee Grapevine or our Chapter G Web Page. Please send your pictures to darkforrest@comcast.net and you will receive credit for your contribution.



This months
Chapter G Planning Meeting
will be at
Frink's Shop
6372 Sunnyview Rd. N.E.
Salem. Oregon
See you on
Monday April 1st. See you there!
At 6:00pm

This months
Chapter G Gathering
will be at
The Almost Home Restaurant
3310 Market St. N.E. Salem, Oregon
Saturday April 20th.
Breakfast at 8:00am
Hope to see you there!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Steve Crowell	2nd.
Rick Budden	8th.
Terry Brown	14th.
Adam Poell	19th.

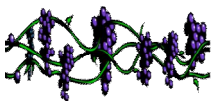
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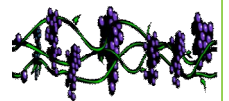
Dan & Marla Burgess	20th.
Karl & Ramona Perlich	22nd.

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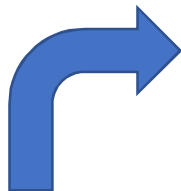
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Right Turn Ride



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WHEN?

Saturday, May 18th, 2018

Sign in starts at 8am

First Bike out at 9am

Last Bike out 10am

Complimentary donuts and coffee provided by Cycle Country at the start and BBQ picnic lunch provided by Chapter G at the end.

STARTS WHERE?



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ENDS WHERE?



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COST

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*Includes BBQ picnic lunch at the end.

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END OF THE RIDE

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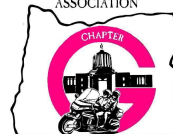
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For more info contact: Trent Axen, Chapter Director, 503-949-2699

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Post Mark after May 1, 2019

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Grand Total \$

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Any questions please call Mary Hunter (Oregon District Director) 541-912-3640

Agreement: I/We the undersigned agree to comply with the rules governing this event. I/We hold harmless GWRRA, its officers, representatives, and event sponsors and any property owners for the loss or injury to personal property by any reason by participating in this Rally. I/We have read and understand this form.

Rider (signature) _____ Date _____

E-Mail _____ Telephone # _____

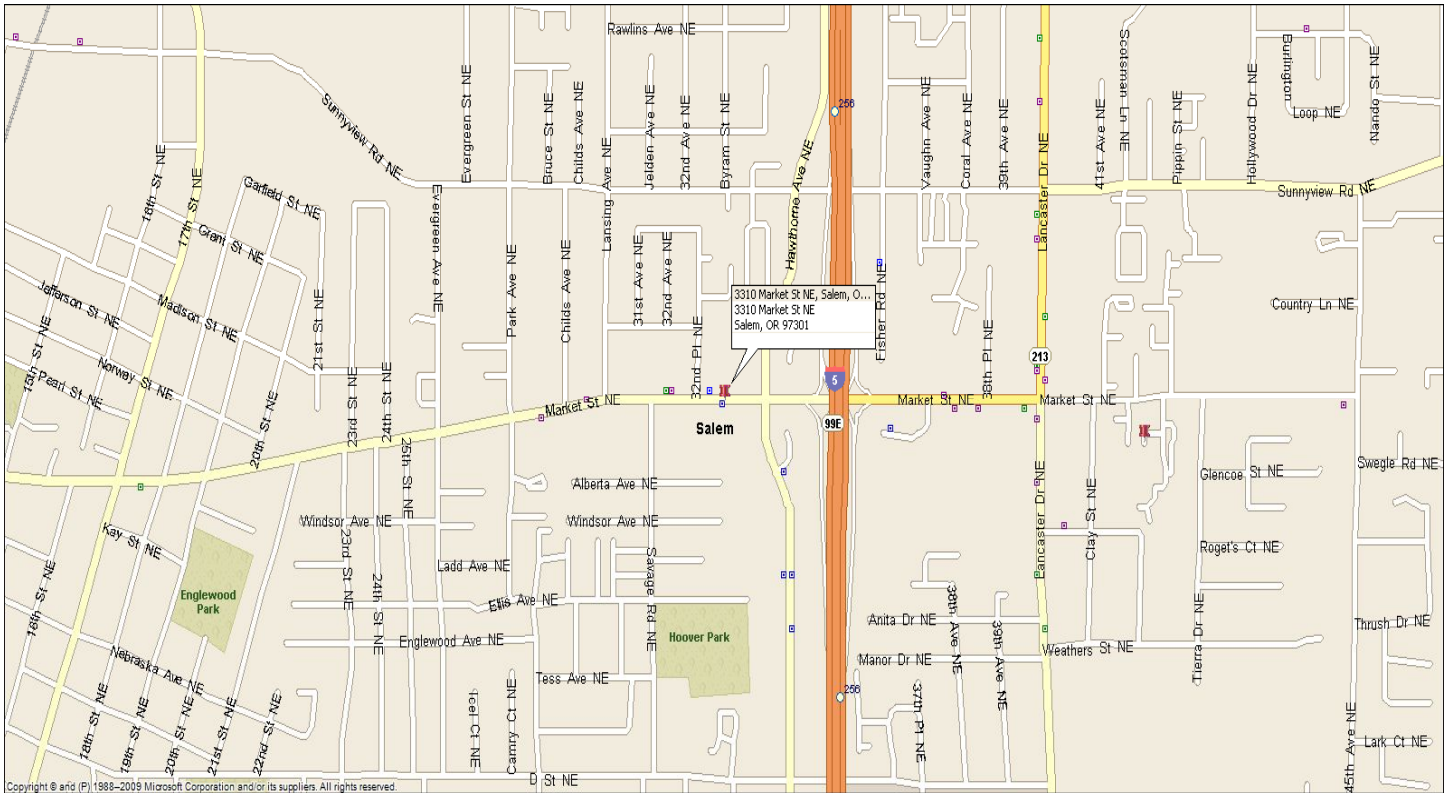
Co-rider (signature) _____ Date _____

E-Mail _____ Telephone # _____

Last Years Oregon District Rally At the Oregon Christian Convention Center in Turner, Oregon. The camping area was shady and quiet for those who wanted to sleep in or catch a quick nap, with a creek next to the campground that could almost lull you to sleep. Though close to Turner, it is just far enough way to give that county feel. The cabins for rent were clean and quaint . The kitchen area and gathering place great to work in and get together. This facility suited our needs to a T! Checkout the District Rally Flyer in this Month's Grapevine!



Chapter G Gathering Location
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7	8	9	10 Dinner Ride Café 22 Leave West Salem Safeway 6:00pm	11	12	13 Chapter I Gathering
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Chapter G Gathering Lunch Ride to Clarks General Store & Eatery
21 Easter	22	23	24 Dinner Ride to Jefferson Station Café Leave South Walmart at 6:00	25	26	27 Movie Night at The Frink's 6:30pm
28	29	30	31			