

Tech Talk

Welcome!

Introducing a new forum for Brandywine HOG members and guests with simple reminders and suggestions for this upcoming riding season. The goal is to limit riding issues you may meet this year either with your bike or your personal well-being. This is not a "Fix Your Bike Problems Forum"; we leave that up to the professionals at Brandywine H-D Service Dept to handle.

As we are a riding chapter with members who log a lot of miles, it's easy to forget or take for granted the little things that could be an issue for our bikes and ourselves. Below is checklist of things to remember and suggestions:

- 1) **Winter months and bike battery:** For those of you who are not riding, you should have a battery tender on your bike to keep your battery up and charged. Cold weather drastically affects the life of your battery and if left unattended will either leave you stranded on the road or will not start at all when you're ready to start riding this season.
- 2) **Tire pressure:** During the winter months, not riding and cold temperatures, your bike's tire pressure will decrease, sometimes 3-7 pounds or more. For every degree below 35 degrees, tire pressures will drop around 1 pound of pressure. Always do a pre-ride check of your bike and this is an area that should not be overlooked.
- 3) **Winter riding gear:** Make sure you layer up with thermals, jackets, leather chaps as well as helmet liners. For some riders, heated gear is a game changer, certainly something to think about. As for products, there are multiple manufacturers, which are all good. Talk to people and members who are riding in comfort for their suggestions. As for footwear, wear whatever keeps your feet warm. Would hate to come to a stop, put your foot down only to find you cannot feel it!
- 4) **Winter bike maintenance:** Now is time to get all your maintenance needs taken care of before our season begins! New tires, oil changes, brakes, flushes, whatever is needed, get it taken care of now in the cold weather. Once the weather breaks, we want to see everyone on our Chapter Rides and not be bogged down with bike issues. Brandywine H-D will take care of all our needs. Call them today to schedule an appointment, before the springtime rush.
- 5) **Hand signals:** As we kickoff this year with Chapter rides, please refresh your memory with the hand signals that we need to use. They keep all of us safe as individuals and as a group!

The goal is to have this as a monthly Tech Talk with new items each month. Visit our website, Facebook group and Chapter newsletter for the latest updates to this forum.

Looking forward to seeing everyone out on our Chapter Rides, BE SAFE!