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Motorcycles! Let's Ride!



Warmer weather, longer daylight means it's Time for Motorcycles!

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Warmer weather brings riders who have been cooped up indoors outside. Every driver - motorcycles and all other vehicles - needs to be aware and take extra cautions.

Safety Tips for Motorcycles

Wear a helmet! It is a law in NC. Even if it wasn't, wearing a helmet is your best defense against serious head injuries in case of an accident.

Other riding gear. Make sure you have the proper safety gear when riding. Any accident can cause serious bodily injury.

Become comfortable with your motorcycle. If you have a new motorcycle or if you've just been unable to ride since last summer, become familiar with its handling before you get out on the road.

Take a Safety Course. If you're a new rider, or if you haven't ridden in years, a safety course is a great idea!

Pre-check before you ride. Tires, signals, brakes, fluids, all those normal things you check on any vehicle.



How to have a GREAT Cookout

Keep it Simple! The whole point is to have fun and enjoy the outdoors, your friends and family, and eat good food.

though, your motorcycle is smaller and can easily be lost in driver's blind spot, especially if they are distracted.

Obey the rules of the road. You have to follow the same rules as other motor vehicles!

Know the weather. Not only can being caught in a rain storm be physically miserable for you, weather adds extra dangers to be aware of.

Don't Drink and Ride! That includes drugs.

Safety Tips for Other Drivers

Watch your blind spots. Motorcycles are out and they are smaller than other vehicles. Be extra aware of those blind spots when you change lanes or turn.

Don't tailgate. You don't like, and you're in a full size vehicle. Motorcyclists are at a greater risk because they don't have that extra room between themselves and your vehicle. And you can easily lose sight of them as they blend into a larger vehicle ahead.

Slow down behind motorcycles. Motorcycles react differently to road conditions. They maneuver quicker, faster and without as much visual notice to a driver behind them.

Use your turn signals. As with any other driver, let them know where you intend to go. Be especially careful with left turns.

Watch headlights. Motorcycles are at a different height than most vehicles, your high beams could be right in that rider's face.

eat and to manage in an outdoor environment. Yes, you can still have "special" items if you want to be adventurous.

Ask for help. Good guests love to help. Let them. You may even want to think ahead and have things in mind for them to help with.

Remember the kids. If you're having a family cookout and have small children, make sure they have plenty to keep them occupied. Also make sure you have things such as wet towels or wipes handy. This is also a time to have food easy for them to eat - or carry around.

Please Stay a While. After eating, make sure you have plenty of good places to sit and "visit". Or have other activities planned, such as making S'mores. Enjoy some quality time.

Have Fun! Cookouts are supposed to be fun. Make it easy to do and easy to clean up. Plan time to sit and talk with your guests, that's why you invited them.

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