

Angel Riders

RC Message – March 2020



Brothers and Sister in Christ, good day to you all. In January, a graphic with “7 Motorcycle Safety Tips” was distributed. This month we’ll touch on the second tip: *Know Your Limits*

Riders are not all cut from the same cloth. Many factors impact an individual rider’s limits. Previous riding experience, for one, doesn’t equate across the board. How many years ridden does not automatically make an “Advanced Rider”. Commuting and leisure are two different factors that within them have their respective experiences that separate one rider from another. A Dual-Purpose rider will have different experience and limitations to a Standard or Touring rider. The examples can go on and on.

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The point is to trust your limitations, and don't push yourself to your individual limit nor beyond it. The MSF uses SEE [Search, Evaluate, Execute]

"A motorcycle rider must be a good decision-maker to minimize risk, and this includes choosing not to ride if circumstances or conditions such as storms, heavy rain, lightning, flash flooding, heavy fog, dust storms, etc., make it unsafe to ride. If conditions deteriorate while you are riding, stop in a safe place and wait it out."

–MSF Basic Rider Course handbook (Section 7 on pg 24)

If you don't want to ride in suspect weather conditions...then don't. There is nothing degrading in being a "Fair Weather Rider". If you don't want to keep up with the masses going 90-100MPH down the 15...then move to the 2 or 3 lane, claim your spot just right of center, and let all the cager maniacs Mario-Andretti their way down the freeway. (continued on next page)

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If you're splitting and another rider comes up behind you, move over to the next open spot, and let them ride ahead. Don't increase your speed (thereby decreasing your reaction time) on another rider's account. Your safety is paramount. There is a plethora of riders online that share their personal tips. A recommendation is to take time to research and gather information that may help you increase your expertise, and practice in a safe environment what you come across.



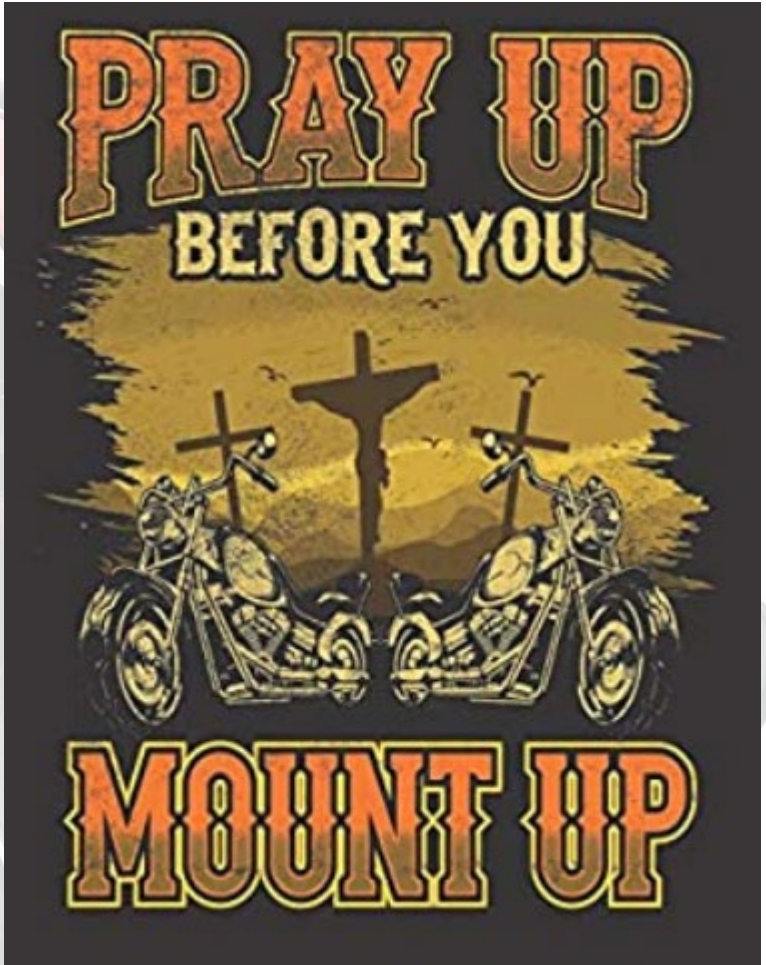
PRAY
EAT
SLEEP
RIDE
REPEAT

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1 Never leave your helmet	2 Use both of your brakes	3 Control your speed
		
4 Keep safe distance	5 SIGNAL!	6 Know your limits
		



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As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

Proverbs 27:17



BROTHERS

MAXIMIZE RIDER SAFETY



S

SEARCH

Riders should search and scan the road constantly, looking for anything that might affect their control or safety.

E

EVALUATE

Riders should be able to evaluate quickly, draw conclusions and anticipate actions based on their continual observations.

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EXECUTE

Once riders have identified risks and predicted potential outcomes, they should adjust accordingly.



May the Lord continue to bless you and protect you.
Ride Safe.