

FIVE 10,000 FOOT HIGH PASSES IN ONE DAY, BIKE & BODY CHECKLIST

- REVIEW T-CLOCKS AND LOOK AT YOUR BIKE CLOSELY, FIX OR ADJUST BEFORE THE RIDE
 - The January 2014 T-Clocks checklist is available on the *PPHOG Website under Monthly Safety Tips*
- YOU WILL BE RIDING IN HIGH ALTITUDE. IF YOU ARE NOT ACCLIMATED, DRINK PLENTY OF WATER WELL BEFORE AND DURING THE RIDE, AND AVOID ALCOHOL BEFORE AND DURING THIS RIDE. ALCOHOL CAUSES YOU TO **LOOSE** HYDRATION. ASPIRIN AND/OR **ABUNDANT WATER** IS A REMEDY FOR ALTITUDE HEADACHES
- ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE PLENTY OF WATER AND SNACKS FOR THE TRIP, AS **SOME OF THE ROAD CAPTAINS MAY OPT NOT TO STOP FOR A LUNCH BREAK.** THERE WILL BE TIME TO HYDRATE AND SNACK AT THE FUEL/REST STOPS. WE HAVE A GREAT MEAL AT THE END STOP, SO YOU WON'T GO HUNGRY.
- TIRE TREAD DEPTH WILL BE CHECKED BEFORE DEPARTURE IF YOU ARE BEING LED BY A ROAD CAPTAIN. ENSURE YOUR TIRES ARE UP TO THE TASK OF TWISTING MOUNTAIN ROADS.
- THIS IS THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS...EXPECT ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS ON THIS RIDE. BE PREPARED WITH RAIN GEAR, HEATED GEAR (if you want) AND ANY OTHER CONDITIONS THAT MAY OCCUR. ROAD CAPTAINS WILL STOP THE GROUP IN A SAFE AREA TO DON OR DOFF EQUIPMENT IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER
- COLORADO LAWS TO BE AWARE OF:
 - Younger than 18, must wear helmet
 - Eye protection required
 - Must provide a minimum of 3 feet of clearance between vehicle and bicyclists on the side of the road
 - Must move to the left most portion of the road when emergency vehicles are on the side of the road.
 - Lane splitting is not allowed
 - Marijuana, although legal in the State of Colorado, the consumption of either Marijuana or Alcohol in conjunction with operating a motorcycle is a violation of State Law and HOG Rules, and will be **grounds for expulsion from the ride.**
- YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BEING READY TO GO AT THE STARTING POINT, FULL FUEL TANK, GEAR AND EQUIPMENT READY TO GO. FIRST FUEL STOP WILL ACCOMMODATE SMALLEST FUEL TANKS IF BEING LED.
- SOME OF THE PASSES WILL NOT ALLOW THE SAFE STOP OF THE ENTIRE GROUP FOR PHOTOGRAPHS. ON THOSE PASSES THAT ARE SAFE, AND HAVE SUFFICIENT SPACE, THE ROAD CAPTAINS **MAY** STOP THE GROUP.
- KEEP YOUR ROUTE MAP AVAILABLE IN THE EVENT YOU ARE SEPARATED FROM YOUR GROUP, SO YOU CAN COMPLETE THE PASSES ON YOUR OWN.
- PRE-RIDE BRIEFING (If being led by a Road Captain):
 - A Road Captain at the registration point will stage your bikes behind the next Road Captain that is scheduled to depart

- Be prepared to tell your Road Captain the **safe mileage range** of your motorcycle before you are out of fuel, as he/she needs to plan stops based on the smallest fuel tanks
- Your Road Captain will look at your tires for tread depth (have good tires) and general motorcycle condition
- The briefing will include route, stops, hand signals (MSF hand signals are used), CB Radio channel (if equipped), riding staggered and single file, downed rider protocols and the telephone number of the chase trailer in the event you need its services. It will conclude with any questions.
- Based on the riders' experience level, the Road Captain may stage riders differently than originally lined up.
- At the periodic stops, the Road Captain may provide additional briefings as to road or riding conditions on the next segment of the ride.
- THIS IS A GREAT RIDE; DON'T BE SIDELINED BY NOT BEING PREPARED IN EQUIPMENT OR ALTITUDE ACCLIMATION. ENJOY THE PRE PARTY, THE RIDE AND THE AFTER PARTY. PPHOG HAS GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO MAKE THIS A RIDER FRIENDLY EVENT. LET US KNOW IF YOU AGREE WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE PASSES AND WON SOME PRIZES!

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