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*Annual Christmas Dinner
Dec 02, 2017 and you will
see us there!*

*Wishing you all a Very Merry
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Baby, It's Cold Outside

Frank Loesser

Special thanks to David L. Hough: "
Proficient Motorcycling:
The Ultimate Guide To Riding Well",
Second Edition, 2008.

Not all of us are fair weather riders. Some ride all year long, regardless of the weather. Given unpredictable road conditions, a long trip can be challenging, especially in the cold. For those of you diehards, listen up!

Beware Hypothermia When your body starts to get cold, it will restrict the blood flow to the extremities in order to retain heat in the core. It starts with the fingers and toes in order to save the vital organs. Commonly referred to as "frostbite", prolonging this can result in amputations. At first your fingers will go numb and then it is painful when you warm them up, clutching your hot cup of coffee in the restaurant with both hands to bring them back to life.

A further problem arises as blood flow is also restricted to the brain and due to lack of oxygen this causes cognitive impairment. You may become emotionally labile and start engaging in silly and stupid behavior that can cause death. Depending on how far hypothermia (oxygen starvation to the brain) has progressed, you might forget to put your foot down when you stop, you might cross the centerline without being aware, you might go too wide on the curve and hit a power pole, or at the extreme you might even lean the bike up against a tree and go to sleep, freezing to death. Your mistakes will generally be "silly" mistakes (are there any other kind?).

Apparel The first item is clothing. Of course you

dress warm, but I found that what I thought I needed was not always so. I would ride out and inevitably find that I needed one more layer to be comfortable and not chilled. I developed a habit of figuring out what I thought I would need, and then add one more layer of clothing, maybe a sweater. If I got too hot, I could always take one layer off and store in the luggage. But if I was too cold, the ride would become miserable.


I am assuming that you have a decent helmet. You can get them with a partial neck muff that attaches to the liner which goes partly down your neck. You will find it very effective but not completely.

50 Percent

*The amount of heat lost
by the neck and head*

Probably the most important item of clothing, after proper gloves, is the neck muff. When you are riding on the highway, a 100 km/hr wind is attacking your neck coverage trying to find a way in. It is estimated that half of your heat loss comes from your neck and head. Large arteries on both sides of your neck radiate a powerful lot of heat and you will feel chilled quite quickly. The helmet keeps your head warm but you need something to cover your neck and a muff works wonders. Get one that goes up into your helmet and also goes down around your shoulders and chest. No air should be able to get down your neck. There should be no gap between your helmet and the neck muff.

Use thermal gloves suitable for cold riding. They should extend over your jacket sleeves to prevent air getting in to your wrists and arms. Be sure they are comfortable and not restrictive. Tight fingers can compress the capillaries (the tiny blood vessels that deliver to the skin) and restrict the flow. Ideally, buy gloves that have the finger curves built in. *Con't page 4*



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You will, of course, wear your usual layers of undershirt, shirt, vest, jacket. The more layers you wear, the more air pockets are created and act as insulation. A sweater over the vest is a good bet as the vest will not let heat past it and the sweater will help to keep it from leaking out at the openings.

2 degrees

*Reduction in body core temperature
that is life threatening*

You will want a good winter jacket which closes up completely and does not allow cold to get in anywhere. The standard Marlon Brando style black leather jacket does not always do a good job, especially as they generally do not cover your lower back. You want the back to be long enough to cover your kidneys and low back when you are sitting on the bike. Make sure the jacket has elastic cuffs at the wrists and neck opening and at the bottom. Wind loves to crawl up underneath otherwise.

Proper motorcycle boots will keep your feet and ankles warm and good warm socks (woollen) add to your comfort. Leather pants or chaps will keep the wind off your legs and knees which will get cold quickly otherwise.

Electric Heating Electrically heated gloves are a godsend and are a must for winter riding.

Another godsend is an electric vest or jacket. This will keep your core warm and your body will not be restricting the blood flow to your extremities, thus they stay warm also. You can either get an electrically heated jacket which is really expensive, or you can get an electrically heated vest which fits under your current jacket. You can even get electrically heated socks, but unless it is really cold, this usually is not necessary.

Warning Be sure and check with your motorcycle shop that you are not draining a higher wattage higher that will overload your alternator. This should include running with the high beam on. Electrically heated gloves, jacket or vest with sleeves create a large additional drain on the alternator. Draw too much and your alternator will burn out. Make sure you won't end up with an electrical failure on the road in the middle of nowhere.

Also, take extra clothing with you in case the electric heating fails. It happened to me once up near Whitehorse and Baby, It Was Cold Outside. I ended

up buying extra shirts and sweaters and put plastic bags around my gloves to cut down the wind (haven't you been there?).

Max Heat: 135°F @ 77W

Electrical draw of a

Gerbing 12 volt heated jacket liner

Riding Behaviour Pay attention. If you feel cold, pull in at a restaurant and have a bowl of hot soup which provides both nourishment and liquid. Coffee and tea are acceptable but avoid alcohol beverages. Get warmed up before you head back out on the road again. Stop at a laundromat and throw your gear in the dryer to warm it back up.

Shivering is an important warning sign. Definitely take a break in a warm place when you start shivering. Then you are in danger of not thinking properly and making silly, life threatening mistakes. You may appear confused, or show irritability, slurred speech, attention loss, lessening of pain, stiff muscles - symptoms similar to being drunk.

It is worse when you stop shivering; now you are in real trouble and need to seek assistance immediately as this is life threatening.

As recommended for hot weather riding, use the buddy system and agree beforehand that if either one of you feels the other is not riding properly, pull over and seek a warm place to recover.

Fair weather rider or hard ass, you can't beat mother nature, so suit-up properly when riding in the cold and maybe take a snuggle bunny with you to keep you warm.

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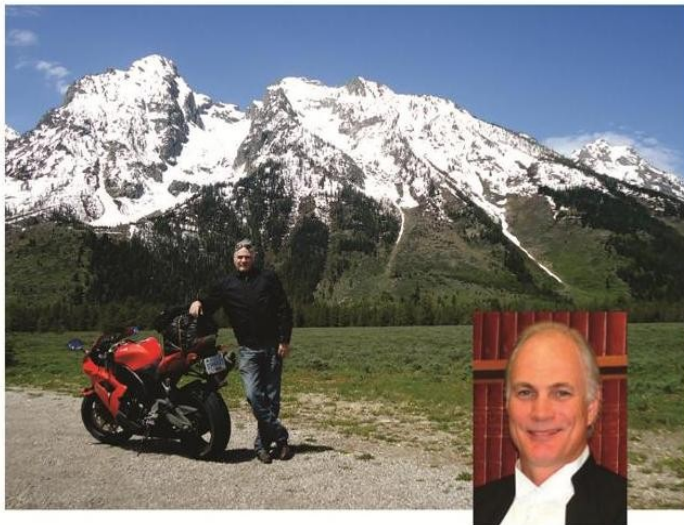
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Nor does one need to be a member or even ride a motorcycle to volunteer. Just be you, open heart and mind, willing to learn and share, and be around a great bunch of people.

Association for Injured Riders

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Nominations

October 19, 2017

Elections

November 16, 2017

**AIM is a Non-Profit -
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Anytime you see the AIM info table and those working it, are Volunteers and some of who you do not see at events that volunteer behind the scenes. Volunteers are a special breed, to donate their time, energy and talents.

Teamwork is required. Each Volunteer is both a teacher and student, sharing info and learning from each others talents, creativity knowledge and wisdom, applying where it is needed to the benefit of the Injured Riders and their Families.

Would like to say a BIG Thank you to all the Directors, Members, Non-Members who Volunteered with AIM through out all the years

Another BIG thanks to all the Businesses, Organizations, Supporters & Sponsors. Some again have been with AIM for years.

Its because of you all that AIM has been able to help Injured Riders and their families.

Our meetings are monthly (Third Thursday except December - no meeting) and open to all, member or non-member. Come check us out, laugh with us, say something or nothing at all. Wait, say hi at least! Other than saying hi, you are not obligated in any way.

All is welcome!

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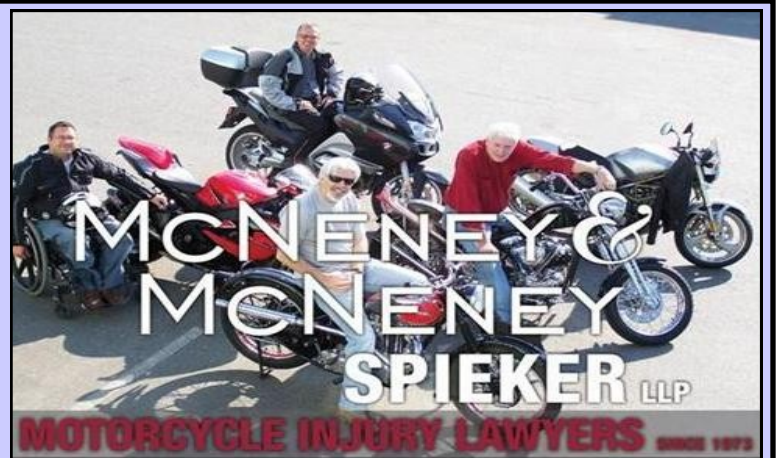
TATA NANO YANO

In an article in the Vancouver Province on Feb 7, David Booth, aka "Motor Mouth", reveals that the East Indian automobile manufacturer Tata has produced a car called the Nano for \$ 2,200 US. Powered by a 35 horsepower 624 cc two-cylinder engine, mated to a four-speed manual transmission and with 12 inch wheels, the Nano is ridiculously inexpensive. Mr. Booth advises not only is the Nano not fun to drive, but it accelerates like a rickshaw and handles with equal verve. He goes on to point out that it is not available here in Canada because it cannot meet the safety standards. In fact the Nano failed an impact safety test so badly that it received no stars out of a possible five. It is so bad that even fitting air bags would not help the risk of serious injury.

We now have information that Tata has produced a motorcycle, but it too, has been refused entry into Canada due to not meeting government safety standards. Leaning on the car's branding, Tata calls it the Nano Yano or, as some call it, the Yano Nano. The official company brochures refer to it as the Tata Nano Yano which some insist on calling it the Tata Yano Nano.

It comes in two sizes: a "beginner's" Tata Nano Yano Jr. (or as some call it the Tata Yano Nano Jr.), at 27.836 cc rated at 6.237 hp and 5.8 pound-feet of torque at maximum torque revolutions of 1,742 per minute., and an "expert's" Tata Nano Yano Sr. (or as some call it the Tata Yano Nano Sr.), of 1,678 cc with 14.287 hp and 10 pound-feet at maximum torque revolutions of 829 per minute. The engines have a compression ratio of 4:1 which, Tata brags, allows them to run on any form of organic fuel including waste oil, decomposed plastic, tallow, candle wax, cow dung of which there is an abundance, and even whale blubber. It is unclear how the latter would benefit those living in the interior plains and the mountainous highlands of the Himalayas since whales don't reside there, but Tata emphasizes it just the same. Perhaps they are attempting to boost the import industry. Both models are mostly made of plastic, have small eight-inch interchangeable wheels, and are extremely light, all these features allowing them both to attain a maximum speed of 38 mph or 61.155072 kph.

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the Tata Nano Yano Jr., also known as the Tata Yano Nano Jr., and of the Tata Nano Yano Sr., also known as the Tata Yano Nano Sr. due to failure to pass the following tests.

1. With regard to the impact safety test, Government Testers found that if the motorcycle runs into an immovable object, the rider can be thrown over the handlebars and sustain serious injury, possibly death.

2. Tata engineers have implemented a new "Wheel Technology". The wheels are square which the engineers claim makes turning corners more efficient and simpler. The Canadian Safety Gurus acknowledge that while this may be true, in straight line riding at higher speeds the square corners on the wheels create a severe vibration which can cause the motorcycle to go out of control.

3. Tata heralds their new concept: "Organic Brakes". In a further effort to reduce costs, they have provided a wider opening at the top of the forks. When the rider wishes to slow down or stop, they simply insert their foot into the opening between the fork and the tire and apply pressure against the revolving tire with the sole of their shoe. However, Government Testers found significantly increased stopping distances using this method which were not aligned with current acceptable norms.

4. The fourth and final rejection again concerns operation of the Organic Brake mechanism. With reference to "Political Correctness", the Government Testers noted that a girl wearing a short skirt would be revealing herself when actuating the braking mechanism and this would not be appropriate in today's society. They further pointed out that a male Scottish rider wearing a kilt would also be revealing what is underneath the kilt and they felt that some secrets are best kept just that.

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December 2, 2017

@ 5:30 pm

Eagle Ridge Gymnasium

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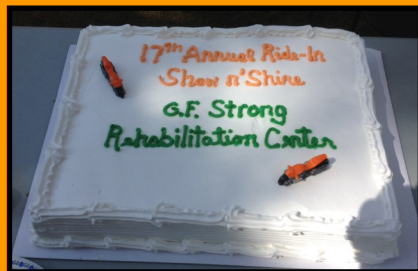
GF Strong Show n Shine 2017

As always, a great turn out, weather was awesome, and this year seemed exceptional. Food was delicious thanks to the Gospel Riders who volunteer their expertise every year and Ruth Harder cooked a huge pot of chilli (oh so Delicious) of which you could add to your hotdog, hamburger or have just a bowl. Then sit back listening to great music as always from Rhythm Street or walk around and socialize.

Show n Shine was fully attended by some great bikes and the competition for the trophies was fierce.

As some of you know AIM is one of several organizations

invited to attend meetings with ICBC relating to Part 7. They ask a lot of questions on what we do and how we help. This year they donated towards the food, attended and set up a booth, available for general Q&A's.



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which we asked the Staff at the ICBC table to cut and serve to all. Thank you!!

Another Big thanks to Roberta Milne who has been baking the cakes for this event and this year totally out did herself. She saw the stuffed Bear that Dave had at other events and made two bodacious Bear Cakes and I want the recipe lol.



For the last several years we would hire someone setup a booth and give out free tattoos to those that wish it and thanks to Jim at McNe-ney & McNeney for support in this. This year Char-maine of Nails by Charmaine attended with her Staff and the amazing choices of tattoos, large and small as well as the face painted tattoos They had a lineup the whole time, working quickly and efficiently. Plus they donated back their fee to AIM. Thanks you all for your fantastic work.

And Always a Super Big thanks to the Sponsors Daryl Brown, Rose Keith, Carp's Cycle, Barber Prosthetics, Iver's Custom, Up Your Leather, Clark Hill Motors, Trev Deeley, Russell Prosthetics, Super Save Group and Sure Copy Centre (who gives us amazing service and prices) who donate towards Trophys, donations of Merchandise, Fuel cards, etc.

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And another year of a Big Thanks to the Amazing Mark Houlden (above pic on Right) and his Staff at G.F. Strong who inform all the patients and their families, bring out the table, chairs, normally the stage (not this year as it was in use elsewhere) spending the whole day monitoring making sure everyone's needs are taken care of.

We always ask, what they need for the patients, equipment etc and this year they had a fund setup for a speciality wheelchair so AIM donated \$1000.00 towards it.

At this event, we try and setup around 9 am, take in bike registration (by donation) till noon. BBQ is usually ready after 11 am. Food and beverages are free to the Patients and the price is right for the rest of us, Burger or Hotdog and beverage is normally \$5.00. The event usually ends between 2-3 pm. Hope to see many new faces next year!

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October 2017

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November 2017

November 16, 2017 - **A.I.M. MONTHLY MEETING** - Every third Thursday @ 7:00 pm at the ABC Restaurant, 101 - 15373 Fraser Highway, Surrey, BC. 604-580-0112; info@aimvancouver.com; <http://www.aimvancouver.com>

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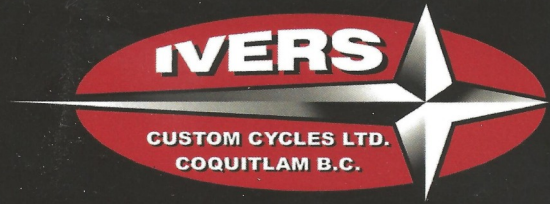
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December 2, 2017 - Gospel Riders Christmas Dinner - Info Dan 604-377-8769

December 21, 2017 - **A.I.M. MONTHLY MEETING** - THERE IS NO MEETING THIS MONTH.

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Relocation of the AIM Meetings??

We were informed at the last meeting that ABC Country Restaurant on 153/ Fraser Hwy has been bought by another company. We will still have the next 2 meetings at the above location but for January 2018 meeting, please refer to www.aimvancouver.com and click on Calendar to see if there is a address change or call us at 604-580-0112



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LET'S SEE.....WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO:

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