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Hey folks, this is Lois Chapman.

As a co-rider I have taken a class your two, and I am reminded of a few tips I would like to pass along from a co-rider's point of view.

1. One is checking the bike over too. The rider might have missed something from a small nail in tire to a light not working properly.
2. Next make sure you are riding well alert. Meaning, don't go riding if you feel under them weather, have a headache, or just not interested that day. In truth you are better not going than you becoming a liability to the driver and not an asset.
3. When you are riding you are the drivers second set of eyes. They need you to be alert on the job.
4. Wear the right gear for the trip. Remember ask yourself, 'if I hit the ground what do I want protected. And of course, that means a good helmet. It as important for you to have a good fitting helmet.
5. Also have your cell phone on you. You might have to look up directions, make a call or, in an accident, you might not be able to get to the drivers' phone to call for help. Having your phone on you can make a difference. That one is a tricky on for me, but my nephew is making a leather bag just for that purpose for the bike.

So, in the end just think of yourself as the drivers second set of eyes and help them along by doing your part for a better more enjoyable safe ride.

From time to time I will write a newsletter from the co-riders point of view.

So, until next time. Stay alert

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Happy 4th of July!! I hope to see some of you at the St. Peter's 4th of July parade!

June was a good month for Scott and me. Our first trip on the bikes netted 1,952 miles in just 6 days. We left on June 1 and headed to Branson for the Missouri District Rally and some great riding in Arkansas. Thanks to Paul & Susanne Lenzmeier for leading us up & down and around

some really nice roads. We rode through about 60 miles of light rain/mist in Missouri – just enough to really make the bikes look well ridden.....and filthy!!! From Branson, we headed northeast to Lincoln, IL then on to Aurora, IL to my Grand-nephew's graduation party. But before we left Lincoln, we enjoyed breakfast with good friends Sue Allhands and Kris Andre. Kris led us on a non-Interstate route to my Niece's house for the party then he rode back home to his place just a few miles away. Then it was home on Monday the 6th.

A few days after we got home, we left for the Wisconsin District Rally in Reedsburg, WI. That was a nice ride down and back including a detour to New Ulm for the Chapter C Fundraiser. The weather cooperated until we were on our way home from New Ulm. Temps climbed into the high 90's and my info on the bike registered a balmy 101 at one point before we made it home. We stopped about 25 miles from home. I went inside the Holiday store and splashed some cool water on my face then bought a bottle of Powerade Zero. After drinking ½ the bottle, I also purchased two bottles of water and, after walking outside, proceeded to pour one of the bottles on myself. I was good to go again and we headed the rest of the way home. Please be careful when riding in the heat. Stop as often as you need and remember to stay hydrated.

Till next time, ride safe and ride often!

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