

RIDER-ED REPORT: *by Harold Francis*

This month I would like to talk about tire blowout. The most common cause of tire failure is under inflation. If a tire should puncture, keep a firm hold on the handle grips. Steer smoothly and ease off the throttle. Avoid downshifting and braking. If traffic permits, slow gradually and move off to the side of the road. If you must brake, use the brake on the wheel with the good tire. I hope every one has "t-clocked" their bikes before riding them. Your tires need to be checked at least once a week. From my experience the tires lose air every week. If not checked you will be losing mileage as well as a chance that you could have a blow out.

Riding Memos

Never use your cruise control on wet roads

Slow quicker than normal when approaching a slow moving vehicle sign or a vehicle you suspect is moving slow.

Do not use more than normal pain relief.

Keep your eyes up.

Expect the unusual to happen. Do not expect the highways to be as they are in your local area.

Don't concentrate on an object longer than a few seconds. This can create a "mental blind spot". You are no longer do-