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With the springtime comes a hazardous weather riding condition, one even more dangerous when on a bike. Fog, like a cloud at ground level, reduces visibility. Statistically, it is the most dangerous driving hazard in existence. The safest thing to do is to avoid driving in the fog by postponing a start or getting off the road. But this is not always a realistic solution. So when driving in the fog, here are some tips to follow:

- ***Drive with lights on low beam.***
- ***Slow down – and watch your speedometer. Fogs creates an illusion of slow movement when you actually may be speeding.***
- ***Increase following distance.***
- ***Use the right edge of the road or painted markings as a guide.***
- ***When pulling into traffic from a stop with reduced visibility, roll on the throttle hard enough to safely accelerate the bike up to the speed of traffic. Cars sometimes do not put their lights on in fog because the driver feels he can see well enough. What he doesn't consider is that his lights make HIM more visible.***

***Ride safe,
Burch and Kathy***