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Did I say wow? Bill And Gina you did a fantastic job of putting together a Chapter Conference that was not only great fun but was filled with tons and tons of learning information that was grasped and absorbed by all of our members from thirty seven of our forty chapters . Thank you for a wonderful fun filled weekend.

January has come and gone so quickly, it seems like just yesterday that it was new years eve and now we are looking at Valentine's day, and before you know it the good riding days will be here. We all know what a tough January we've had with very little if any ride time to be had. My bike has set on the center stand for the last ten or twelve days and probably won't move for another three or four days. So what can we do on these slow days when they arrive? Why not as an educator put together an all chapter bike work day, get your members together at some ones home and work as a team going over all the bikes. You could do some oil changes, tune ups, change some air filters even change all the fluids both brakes clutch and even the rear end lube and don't forget the engine coolant that needs to be changed on a regular bases as per the owners manuel . Once you get that all done then work together and do a real through T-Clock inspection on all the bikes. Repairing anything that may not be working. Pay particular attention to the tires for tread depth or any debris in the tread all the while checking the wheels for cracks or being bent. Be sure you check the tire pressure because tires will lose pressure if they just set around and you could lose as much as five pounds. Now your bikes all ready and you still have time left so why not clean out your trunk and saddlebags and get rid of the accumulated items that just seem to build up in them as you ride. Since your bags are empty why not check your first aid kit to refill any missing items and be sure that they are up to date and not expired. By having done all this now when good weather gets here you will be ready to ride and hopefully this will take you through most of the summer before you need to do it again. Now would also be a good time dig out those training DVD'S and watch them if you can't ride the next best thing is to watch riding on the DVD's

If this weather continues on into February and it just might why not start checking out your riding gear to be sure that it is ready for another summer of riding.

Last but far from least be sure to remember your loved ones for Valentine's day, let them know your thinking about them.

Till then Keep the Shiny Side Up and the Rubber on the Road

Don & Judy Danbury

Master Tour Riders

District Educators

