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EXPLORING THE ROAD AHEAD: Are Electric Motorcycles a Worthy Investment?

As biker geeks ourselves, we're always eager to learn about the latest innovations that are reshaping our experience on the open road. At the forefront of discussion right now is the emergence of e-bikes. This month, we wanted to take a closer look at electric bikes, offering insights and some food for thought on their potential as a solid investment for avid bikers.

Undoubtedly, electric motorcycles present a revolutionary shift in the world of two-wheeled adventures. The torque-rich acceleration and near-silent operation of electric bikes provide an exhilarating ride like no other. However, just as with traditional internal combustion engines, opinions on electric bikes within the riding community are diverse.

Some riders praise electric motorcycles for their environmental benefits and low operating costs. With zero tailpipe emissions and reduced maintenance requirements, they offer a greener and more wallet-friendly alternative. On the other hand, some purists express reservations about the loss of the visceral engine roar and the limitations imposed by battery range.

When it comes to investing in an electric motorcycle, it's

essential to consider a few key factors. Firstly, the charging infrastructure in your area plays a pivotal role. If you have convenient access to charging stations, an electric bike could be a viable option for your daily commute and leisure rides. Additionally, advancements in battery technology are rapidly extending range capabilities, diminishing range anxiety concerns.

From a financial standpoint, while electric motorcycles may carry a higher upfront cost, the potential long-term savings on fuel and maintenance expenses can make them a wise investment over time. Factor in government incentives and tax rebates that often accompany electric vehicle purchases, and the initial investment becomes more enticing.

As biker enthusiasts, we encourage you to explore this emerging trend for yourself. Take a test ride, assess your riding needs, and weigh the environmental impact against the performance benefits. **Suffice it to say: electric motorcycles are definitely steering the industry toward a cleaner and quieter future—but whether they're the right investment for you depends on your priorities as a rider.**



SAFETY REVIEW

5 Most Common Causes of Motorcycle Accidents + How to Stay Safe on the Road

As a biker, you know firsthand that while riding is incredibly exhilarating and rewarding, it's also very dangerous. In fact, the chances of sustaining severe and/or disabling injuries are multiplied for motorcyclists and their passengers. While it's not the most fun to talk about, it's critical that we stay informed so that we can remain safe on the road. That's why we're taking time this month to review the 5 most common causes of motorcycle accidents + ways we can prioritize our safety.

The most common causes of motorcycle accidents fall into these 5 categories:

1. **Rider Error** (this refers to the motorcyclist's failure to control the motorcycle, speeding, poor maintenance, inadequate training, etc.)
2. **Driver Negligence** (this refers to the motorist's failure to see a motorcycle, failure to yield, etc.)
3. **Inclement Weather**
4. **Road Hazards/Poor Road Condition**
5. **Driving Under the Influence (DUI, DWI, drunk driving)**

More specifically, the #1 leading cause of motorcycle accidents falls under (1) Rider Error and is the failure of the motorcyclist to properly negotiate a turn.

The #1 leading cause of multi-vehicle collisions involving a motorcycle falls under (2) Driver Negligence and is the failure of the motorist to see the motorcyclist.

HAVE A LAUGH!

YOU MIGHT BE A BIKER IF ...

- Your best friends are named after animals.
- Your best shoes have steel toes.
- You have motorcycle parts in your dishwasher.
- Your idea of jewelry is chains and barbed wire.
- You can tell what kind of bugs they are by the taste.
- You're only ever sunburnt on the back of your hands and neck.



So, what can you do to stay safe?

- ▶ **Stand out:** Make yourself noticeable on the road. Wear colorful clothing, use signals and headlights, but most importantly, never drive in a car's blind spot.
- ▶ **Be even more cautious when operating your motorcycle during inclement weather, on slippery road surfaces or when encountering obstacles on the highway** – as inclement weather presents more of a hazard for bikers than drivers.
- ▶ **Protect yourself by being a defensive driver at all times and in all conditions.** Avoid risky behaviors such as weaving between cars and tailgating, as these behaviors increase the risk of multiple vehicle collisions and motorcycle ejections, especially when sudden stops or abrupt lane changes are involved.
- ▶ **Remember this: Minimal impairment IS maximum impairment when on a motorcycle.** Nearly half of all fatal single vehicle motorcycle crashes involve alcohol. Operating a motorcycle requires more skill and coordination than driving a car. Even the smallest amount of an intoxicating substance can decrease your ability to operate a motorcycle safely.

Don't forget: Even though we may feel invincible on our bikes, we have to remember that we're not. It's imperative that we take appropriate caution to protect ourselves – so that we can continue to enjoy the biker life for years to come.



Your Legal Guide To MOTORCYCLE INJURY COMPENSATION

This insider's guide explains how motorcyclists can maximize claims after an accident and avoid expensive mistakes that could devalue their case and cost them tens of thousands of dollars or more. Readers will learn the answers to 11 questions that injured bikers need to ask before they sign any settlement documents with an insurance company.

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5 Upcoming October/November Rallies to Fuel Your Ride

Fall is upon us! From the heartland to the coast, these 5 autumnal biker rallies are sure to rev your engines and create unforgettable memories:

- ▶ **Route 66 Fall Biker Rally & Halloween Bash 2023 (October 19-22 in Depew, Oklahoma)** Cruise down the iconic Route 66 and immerse yourself in the spirit of the season at this exhilarating rally. From scenic rides to live entertainment, this event offers a mix of biker camaraderie and Halloween fun that's perfect for riders and thrill-seekers alike.
- ▶ **Biketoberfest Daytona Beach 2023 (October 19-22 in Daytona Beach, Florida)** Embrace the sun-soaked shores of Daytona Beach as you join fellow bikers for a celebration of all things two-wheeled. With stunning coastal rides

and a vibrant atmosphere, Biketoberfest promises a perfect blend of relaxation and excitement.

- ▶ **Thunder Beach Autumn Motorcycle Rally 2023 (October 23-29 in Panama City Beach, Florida)** Feel the autumn breeze as you roll into Panama City Beach for a week-long rally by the ocean. With scenic routes, live music, and a welcoming community, this rally is a must-visit for those seeking coastal charm and motorcycle revelry.
- ▶ **Bama Bikefest Fall Biker Rally 2023 (October 26-29 in Forkland, Alabama)**

Nestled in the heart of Alabama, Bama Bikefest offers a unique Southern experience that combines live music, scenic rides, and down-home hospitality. Get ready to soak up the vibrant culture and connect with fellow riders.

- ▶ **Blowout's Lone Star Campground and Biker Bash 2023 (November 2-5 in Hitchcock, Texas)** Head to the Lone Star State for a biker bash like no other. Set against the rugged backdrop of Texas, this rally features everything from epic rides to camping camaraderie. Saddle up and make memories under the Texas sky.