

***** THE TMA NEWS *****



Fall / Winter Edition 2025 / 2026

Hi fellow TMA members,

Here is the 2025 / 2026- Fall / Winter issue of the TMA newsletter. It has been a good season, a dry summer made for some great riding. It is time to put the motorbike away for the season and go through MWS (Motorbike Withdrawal Symptom). But the good news is that our breakfast get togethers will be starting up soon.

If you have pictures to publish in the next issue of the new newsletter or on the new Web Page you can get them to me, for our next issue. Please forward me your comments, or news information that you may have. This can be emailed to me at lynnenns@yahoo.com . Also check out our TMA web site at <http://www.touringmotorcycleassociation.com>

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well the 2025 riding season is almost over for most of us.

2025 has been a good and safe year for riding with most Tuesdays having good weather and clear roads. Our rider numbers were down a little this year but we also saw a few new faces and some new bikes. I would like to thank Joyce for doing the books this year, and Gayle for organizing all the supper reservations ect and Lynn for all the notifications all season long.

Our season wind up was hosted by Paul and Janet in Sanford and we had a great turn out with lots of food and prizes. Thanks Paul and Janet and everyone who help with supplying food and gifts.

I hope everyone has a safe winter and hope to see some of you at the monthly breakfast .

Yours truly
Ken Langlois

MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Another riding season in the books! Big “ Thank you” To all members for your kindness and cooperation throughout our 2025 riding season!

Thanks to Ken for his efforts. Thanks to Lynn for his work and design of our webpage, and weekly messages and information sent out to all our members! Terri, thank you again for all your hard work! A huge thank you to all our ride captains for leading us on safe journeys and to some excellent restaurants safely! Many thanks to all for their contributions to the excellent windup!

We do Encourage all members to come out and join us for our breakfast beginning early November. Please read messages and ensure you understand as they could change!

Your membership coordinator
Gayel Andrewshenko

2025/2026 TMA EXECUTIVE

2025 2026 Executive:

President - Ken Langlois

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Events & Rides - Ride Committee (Gerald T., Rolly P., Bert J., Ken L.)

Webmaster & Administrative - Lynn Enns

Treasurer - Joyce Lee

Membership & Reservations - Gayel Andrewshenko

TMA Event Photos



TMA 2025 WINDUP





WINTER RIDE IN ARIZONA ANYONE?

The Best Motorcycle Rides in Arizona:

Explore the best motorcycle rides in Arizona! From scenic desert highways to winding mountain roads, Arizona is a rider's paradise, offering breathtaking landscapes, diverse terrain, and some of the most scenic motorcycle routes in the country. Whether you crave open desert highways, winding mountain roads, or historic scenic byways, the Grand Canyon State has something for every motorcyclist.

1. The Devil's Highway (US Route 191)

One of Arizona's most legendary motorcycle routes, **The Devil's Highway (formerly Route 666)**, offers an adrenaline-pumping experience with over **400 curves in 120 miles**. This ride takes you through the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, providing breathtaking mountain views, dense forests, and tight switchbacks that challenge even the most experienced riders.

Highlights:

- Over 400 twists and turns
- Stunning views of the Coronado Trail
- Elevation changes from desert valleys to alpine forests

2. The Coronado Trail Scenic Byway

For those who love elevation changes and breathtaking scenery, the **Coronado Trail Scenic Byway** is a must-ride. This route follows US-191 from Clifton to Eagar, delivering **one of the most remote and scenic rides in the Southwest**.

Highlights:

- Nearly 120 miles of curves and elevation shifts
- Beautiful forest landscapes
- Little to no traffic, making for a peaceful ride

3. State Route 89A: Sedona to Jerome

Arguably one of the most famous motorcycle rides in Arizona, **Highway 89A** takes you through the stunning **Red Rock Country of Sedona**, through **Oak Creek Canyon**, and into the historic mining town of **Jerome**.

Highlights:

- Dramatic red rock formations in Sedona
- Curvy mountain passes through Oak Creek Canyon
- Stop in Jerome, a historic ghost town with incredible views

4. The Apache Trail (State Route 88)

For a mix of paved and dirt roads, **The Apache Trail** delivers a thrilling adventure ride. This ride follows **State Route 88** from **Apache Junction to Roosevelt Lake**, offering incredible views of the **Superstition Mountains, Canyon Lake, and the Salt River**.

Highlights:

- Rugged desert landscapes
- Twisting roads with steep drop-offs
- Historic Goldfield Ghost Town and Tortilla Flat stops

5. Route 66: Kingman to Oatman

Experience a piece of **American motorcycle history** by riding a segment of the legendary **Route 66**. The ride from **Kingman to Oatman** is full of nostalgia, offering **winding roads through Black Mountains and a chance to see wild burros roaming the streets of Oatman**.

Highlights:

- Historic Route 66 landmarks
- Winding mountain roads with hairpin turns
- Old West charm in Oatman

6. Mt. Lemmon Scenic Byway

For those looking to escape the desert heat, the **Mt. Lemmon Scenic Byway** near Tucson provides a high-altitude retreat. This ride offers a **5,000-foot elevation gain** from the desert floor to the pine-covered peaks of **Mt. Lemmon**.

Highlights:

- Sweeping mountain curves
- Dramatic temperature and scenery changes
- Incredible overlooks of the Sonoran Desert

7. Bagdad Loop (Wickenburg to Bagdad and Back)

A local favorite among Phoenix-area riders, the **Bagdad Loop** takes you through **rolling desert hills and remote mining towns**. This **160-mile loop** offers smooth, lightly trafficked roads perfect for cruising.

Highlights:

- Wide-open desert landscapes
- Smooth, well-paved roads
- Scenic small-town stops in Bagdad and Congress

The 7 Must-Have Gadgets for Motorcycle Riders

1. EarPeace Motorcycle Ear Plugs

Riding is a noisy business. In fact, an ICE motorcycle has a decibel level of between 65-115 dB. While this is lower on an electric motorcycle, the constant exposure to the roar of your bike's engine could lead to long-term hearing issues.



2. SomeWear Global Hotspot

How off the grid do you ride?

If you're a fan of touring, long road trips, or dirt biking, you'll be all too familiar with the dreaded 'no service' bar (or lack of bars). And while this level of disconnectivity is partly the reason you're straddling a two-wheeled beast in the middle of nowhere, it can throw up some difficulties.

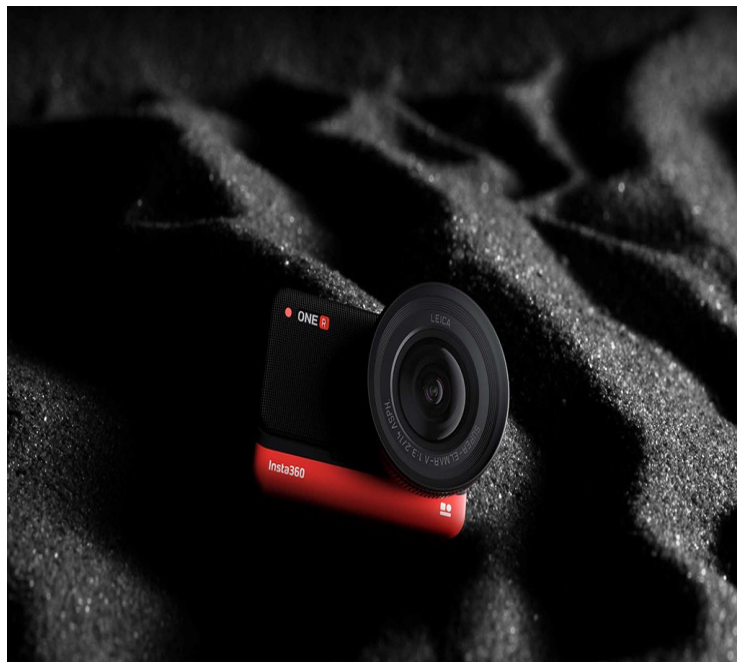
To make sure you've got a backup internet source, you should consider a WiFi hotspot. And, if you're after something small and well-suited to the outdoors, the SomeWear Global Hotspot is a good place to start. Unlike most satellite messengers, SomeWear's Global Hotspot attaches directly to your cell phone. Then, through their smartphone app, your phone is able to receive an internet connection, send SOS messages, and share or look up your GPS coordinates – even

when you're out of service. What's more, it's only 4 inches in size, 4 ounces in weight, and completely waterproof.



3. Insta360 Camera

According to the Damon team, one of the must-have gadgets for motorcycle riders is the Insta360. Whether you're looking to record footage from your first motorcycle track day, shoot some shots on an upcoming road trip, or start your own motorcycle YouTube channel – the Insta360 is the best camera for the job.



4. Quad Lock 360° Phone Mount (w/ Vibration Dampener)

Back in the days of playing Snake on a Nokia 3310, who could have envisioned that this device would eventually be your motorbike's record player, map, and weather forecast?

Mobile phones are now a rider's best friend. However, if they aren't properly secured to your bike, they can quickly become roadkill. Therefore, you need an A+ phone mount.

The Quad Lock® Handlebar Mount is tailor-made for keeping your cell phone safe, even when you weave through traffic like that pixelated serpent. It has a patented dual-stage locking mount and, due to its 360° arm rotation, you can mount it in a number of different positions.



5. Klim A1 AirBag Vest

It is all about motorcycle safety. And, while the HyperSport is the safest electric motorcycle, the Klim A1 AirBag Vest might be the safest motorcycle clothing item out there. Old school riders will remember the days when you had to drop a grand on an airbag vest and then another two on a compatible riding jacket or suit. Now, airbag vests can be worn under any jacket and offer great protection. And the price? This vest goes for \$400 USD.

The high-tech vest uses a complex web of gyroscopes and accelerometers that feed data into a control unit over a thousand times per second. What does this look like in practice? Well, let's look at what happens in a crash scenario. If a crash is detected, a replaceable canister deploys a charge that fully inflates the vest in 60 milliseconds or less. To put that into context, it takes the human eye 100-150 milliseconds to blink.

The control unit is integrated into the vest's CE Level 2 back protector and the wireless, chargeable vest has a battery life of around 20 hours.

This is lightyears away from the protection that motorcycle clothing offered a couple of decades ago. The affordability and incredible technology make this nifty vest one of the must-have items of modern motorcycle gear.



6. Sena Spider RT1

While some of us like to be left with our thoughts when we're out riding, others like to crank up the volume and listen to their favourite tunes.

The Sena Spider RT1 allows you to do that and more. Besides streaming music, this headset allows you to hear GPS directions and take or make a phone call.



However, what sets the RT-1 apart from similar headsets, is its two different intercom modes:

- Group Mesh Intercom** – This allows users to create a private group that supports up to 24 riders over a range of up to 5 miles.
- Multi-Channel Open Mesh Intercom** – This lets you communicate with any number of participants in the Mesh network within a range of up to 5 miles.

As anyone who has been on a long-distance motorcycle trip will attest, communication is key for your group. This intercom function allows you to communicate with your fellow riders without having to pull over. Of course, this won't stop people talking over your favourite riding songs, so be sure to lay down some ground rules before setting up an intercom group!

7. No Drag Backpack

Carrying a backpack while riding can be a drag – not just on riding comfort and experience, but in aerodynamics, as well. If you're serious about riding, you need a backpack suited to riding. But don't worry, OGIO's got your back. OGIO has been making aerodynamic motorcycle backpacks since the 1980s. And, their latest model – the OGIO No Drag Mach 5 Backpack – stands up to even the most rigorous ride. The backpack's aerodynamic molded exterior design allows for significant airflow while forming a protective shell around your belongings. Furthermore, its U-shaped zippered gusset makes it easy to expand and, with a 22/24L capacity, you'll be able to pack a lot in.



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Funny Motorcycle And Biker Jokes



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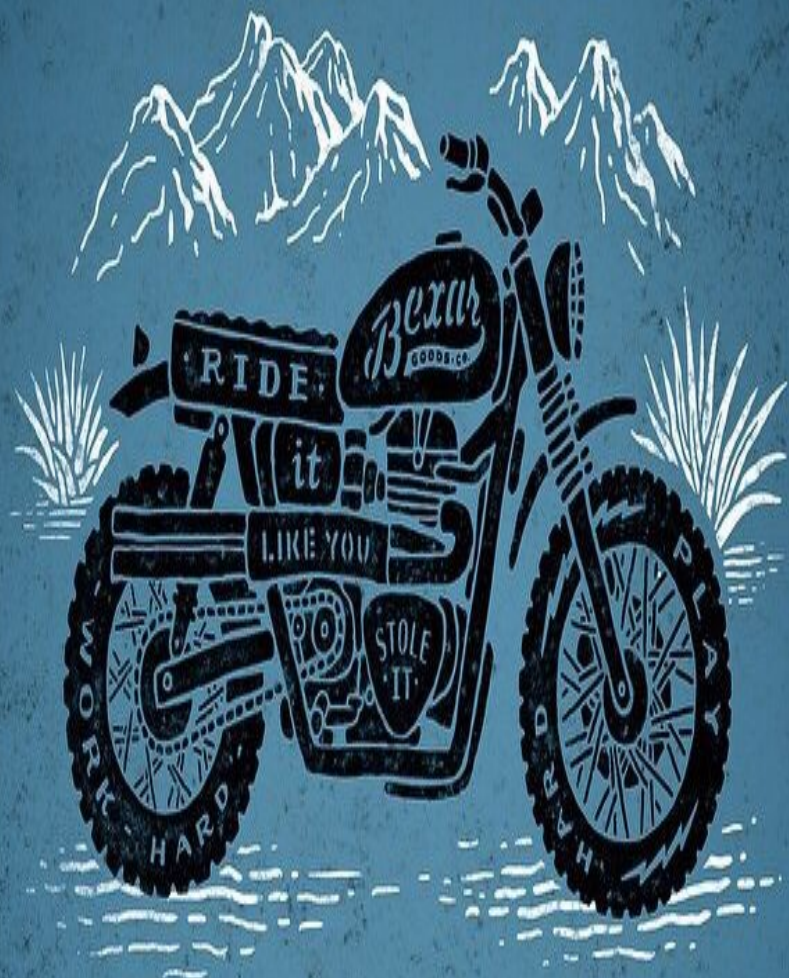
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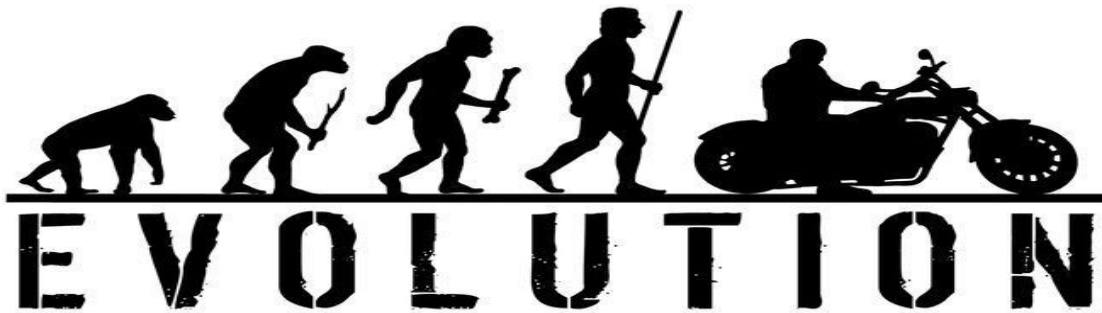
THREE DOES BOTH



IT'S
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SOMEWHERE







WITH CHRISTMAS IN OUR NEAR FUTURE

TOURING MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION BREAKFASTS 2025/2026

November 2 - Lee's Restaurant - 215 Maxwell King Drive (Legion North Henderson)
 November 16 - Headingley Grill - 166 Bridge Road, Headingley
 November 30 - Lee's Restaurant - 215 Maxwell King Drive (Legion North Henderson)

December 14 - Headingley Grill - 166 Bridge Road, Headingley
 December 28 - Lee's Restaurant - 215 Maxwell King Drive (Legion North Henderson)

January 11 - Headingley Grill - 166 Bridge Road, Headingley
 January 25 - Lee's Restaurant - 215 Maxwell King Drive (Legion North Henderson)

February 8 - Headingley Grill - 166 Bridge Road, Headingley
 February 22 - Lee's Restaurant - 215 Maxwell King Drive (Legion North Henderson)

March 8 - Headingley Grill - 166 Bridge Road, Headingley
 March 22 - Lee's Restaurant - 215 Maxwell King Drive (Legion North Henderson)

April 12 - Headingley Grill - 166 Bridge Road, Headingley
 April 26 - Lee's Restaurant - 215 Maxwell King Drive (Legion North Henderson)

TBD – Annual General Meeting / BBQ
 May 5 – First Tuesday Night Ride – yahoo !!

SCHEDULED TIME FOR ALL BREAKFASTS IS 10:00AM

Please note:-It is important to **check your emails** the day before a Sunday breakfast to ensure that the location has not changed. It is unlikely that this will happen but due to circumstances beyond our control, it is a possibility.

Show Schedule

Jan 9 - 11 2026	Toronto Motorcycle Show	International Center - Toronto
Jan 16-18 2026	Vancouver Bike Show	Tradex Exhibition Center, Abbotsford
Jan. 30 - Feb 1 2026	Calgary Bike show	BMO Center Stampede Park
Mar. 20 – 22 2026	Winnipeg World of Wheels	Convention Centre