

# **\*\*\* THE TMA NEWS \*\*\***



## **Fall / Winter Edition 2024 / 2025**

Hi fellow TMA members,

Here is the 2024 / 2025- Fall / Winter issue of the TMA newsletter. It has been a good season but maybe hotter then some like. It is soon 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 together s 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](mailto:lynnenns@yahoo.com) . Also check out our TMA web site at <http://www.touringmotorcycleassociation.com>

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

It seems like yesterday that we were just starting the riding season but I guess all good things come to an end eventually. I hope everyone had a great riding year as I know I sure did. Thanks to all the organization done by the ride committee (Bert, Gerald, Ivan, Ken, Rolly & Tom) and thanks to Gayel for always having a great spot to stop for supper. Thanks to Paul Jallow for organizing the MS ride it was great even though we did get wet. I wasn't able to attend the windup but I hear everyone that was there had an excellent time, big thanks to Ken & Nancy for doing such a great job of hosting it. Also I would like to thank Terry for doing such good job of keeping all the books in order, and to Lynn for looking after the web page and getting out all the emails to everyone. Also a big thank you to all the membership for there involvement and participation throughout the year, our club wouldn't be the same without each and everyone of you. The breakfasts will be starting in November, so I am hoping to see everyone at them

Your President  
Gerry Lowry

## **MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR**

Another riding season in the books! Huge “ Thank you” To all members for your kindness and cooperation and camaraderie throughout our 2024 riding season! Not a great start of the season weather wise, However, we have made up for it into the fall. There have been A few members who had slight mishaps and we are certainly looking forward to their speedy recovery and seeing them out at our breakfast and in 2025 riding season! myself I was unfortunate to have broken my ankle early August; Still Rode, travelled,carried on my day today busy life. Found out mid September when life settled down that I had in fact, fractured it.! hardest thing to do was park that baby!

Many thanks to Lynn for his continuous webpage, work design 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 our newest members.

We look forward to many safe riding seasons with you all. We do Encourage all members to come out and join us for our breakfast beginning early November. Please read messages and ensure you thoroughly understand as they could change!

Your membership coordinator  
Gayel Andrewshenko

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## TMA Event Photos



TMA WINDUP 2024

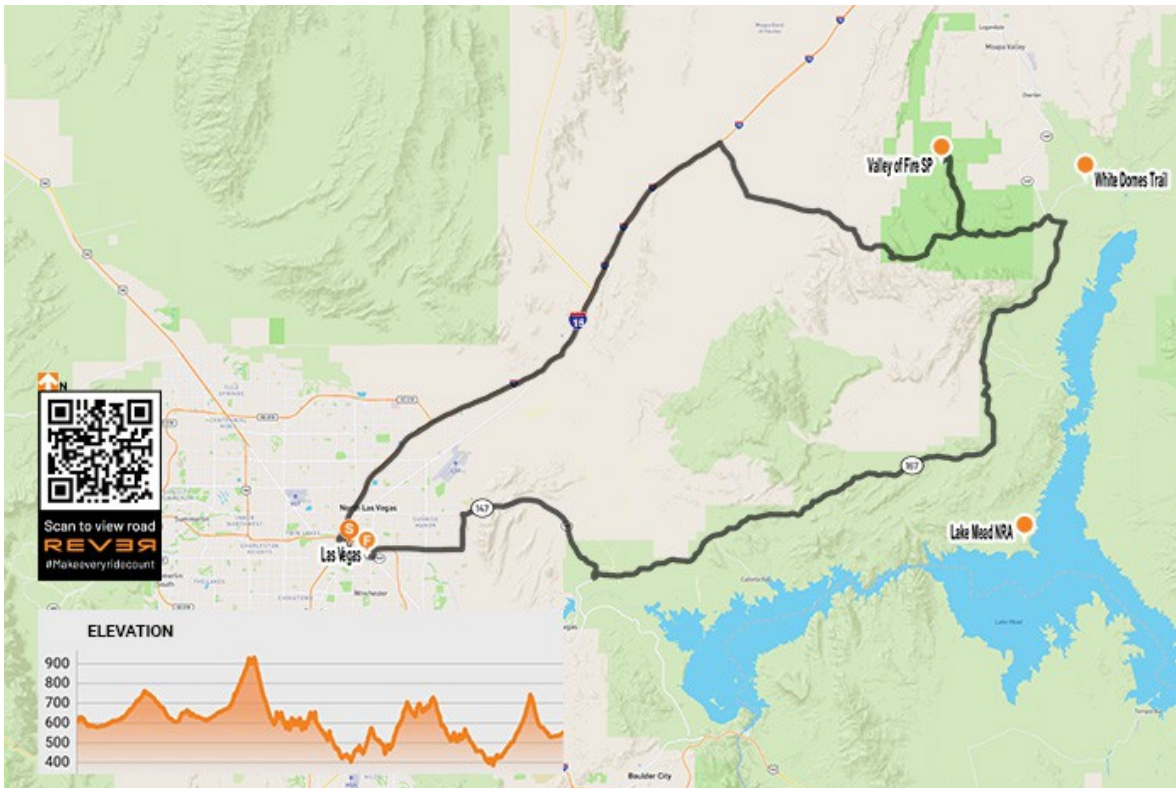


Old picture from the Archives.

## WINTER RIDE ANYONE?

# Valley of Fire and Lake Mead in Nevada | Favorite Ride

*A 'Ring of Fire' Loop From Sin City to the Valley of Fire*



Northeast of Las Vegas is one of the most visually stunning state parks in the Southwest. The added bonus for motorcyclists is that the park's roads trace through the crimson landscape like slithering black mambas. A ride through Valley of Fire State Park and Lake Mead National Recreation Area makes for a fantastic motorized respite from the neon bustle of Vegas.



*The roads in Nevada's Valley of Fire State Park cut through some of the world's most stunning red rock formations.*



*The various hues of the desert landscape in the Valley of Fire make for a ride with an almost cinematic feel.*



*The Las Vegas Wash runs as a tributary to Lake Mead, adding yet another unique visual element to this great ride.*



*The Beehives are whimsical sentinels that add to the region's other-worldly feel.*



*The smooth and well-maintained winding roads through the Valley of Fire are tailor-made for motorcycling.*



*The mix of elevation changes and a smorgasbord of turns makes the ride through the Valley of Fire very entertaining.*



*A fellow biker gives the universal salute as he rolls through Lake Mead National Recreation Area.*



*The terrain within Lake Mead National Recreation Area is stark, barren, and beautiful.*

# **Top 10 Must-Have Motorcycle Gadgets in 2024**

## **1. Introduction to Motorcycle Gadgets**

Riding a motorcycle offers a sense of freedom and adventure, but it's crucial to prioritize safety and convenience on the road. Thanks to advancements in technology, riders now have access to a wide range of gadgets that can enhance their overall experience while ensuring a safer journey.

## **2. Safety Gadgets for Motorcyclists**

### **Helmets with Integrated Technology**

Modern helmets come equipped with integrated technology such as built-in cameras, communication systems, and heads-up displays, providing riders with real-time information without compromising safety. If you don't have a current motorcycle helmet this is a great option.

### **Smart Gloves for Enhanced Riding Experience**

Smart gloves offer features like touch-screen compatibility, integrated LED turn signals, and impact protection, allowing riders to stay connected and protected while on the road.

## **3. Communication Motorcycle Gadgets**

### **Bluetooth Intercom Systems**

Bluetooth intercom systems enable riders to communicate with fellow riders or passengers, listen to music, and receive GPS navigation instructions hands-free, enhancing safety and convenience. The Moto Headset is the ultimate low cost solution for riders looking to get a entry level intercom that does it all.

### **Motorcycle Phone Mounts**

Securely mount your smartphone to your motorcycle handlebars with a reliable phone mount, allowing easy access to navigation apps, music playlists, and incoming calls while keeping your hands on the handlebars and eyes on the road. This is one of the all time necessary motorcycle gadgets to improve your riding experience. We recommend the Quad Lock motorcycle phone mount. This is the most secure and easy to install solution.

## **4. Navigation Systems**

### **GPS motorcycle gadgets**

Dedicated GPS devices designed for motorcycles offer features like weatherproof construction, glove-friendly touchscreens, and motorcycle-specific routing, ensuring riders reach their destination safely and efficiently.

### **Head-Up Display motorcycle gadgets**

HUDs project navigation information onto the rider's field of view, eliminating the need to glance down at a GPS device or smartphone, thus improving safety and reducing distractions.

## **5. Maintenance Motorcycle Gadgets**

### **Portable Tire Inflator motorcycle gadgets**

Compact and portable tire inflators allow riders to quickly inflate tires on the go, preventing delays and ensuring optimal tire pressure for a smooth and safe ride. This is one of those great to have but not necessary motorcycle gadgets that every rider would find helpful if in the right situation. There are tons of great portable and affordable motorcycle tire inflator on Amazon.

### **Multi-Tool Kits for On-the-Go Repairs**

Compact multi-tool kits equipped with essential tools like wrenches, screwdrivers, and tire repair tools are invaluable for performing minor repairs and adjustments while on the road. Motorcycle multi tool kits are a great all around motorcycle gadget that can help with little tweaks while on the road. This is especially needed for long road trips where you may encounter issues.

## **6. Comfort Motorcycle Gadgets**

### **Heated Grip motorcycle gadgets**

Heated grips provide warmth and comfort during cold weather rides, allowing riders to maintain better control and dexterity, even in freezing temperatures. Heated grips are one of the motorcycle gadgets that everyone may not need but those who do can't ride without.

### **Airbag Vests for Added Protection**

Airbag vests deploy upon impact, providing additional protection to the rider's chest, back, and vital organs in the event of a collision, significantly reducing the risk of serious injuries.

## **7. Entertainment Motorcycle Gadgets**

### **Motorcycle Speakers**

Waterproof and durable motorcycle speakers allow riders to enjoy their favorite music or podcasts while on the road, enhancing the overall riding experience. If you don't love the idea of external speakers then a headset is always a great choice.

### **Action Cameras for Recording Adventures**

Capture breathtaking scenery and epic rides with action cameras mounted on your motorcycle helmet or handlebars, creating lasting memories and documenting your adventures. This is probably one of the most fun focused motorcycle gadgets in terms of being able to share your experience with others.

## **8. Security Gadgets**

### **GPS Tracking motorcycle gadgets**

GPS tracking devices offer peace of mind by allowing riders to track the location of their motorcycle in real-time, deterring theft and aiding in recovery in the event of theft.

### **Disc Lock motorcycle gadgets**

Disc lock alarms provide an additional layer of security by emitting a loud alarm when tampered with, alerting nearby individuals and deterring potential thieves. If you are interested in learning more about motorcycle locks we have a great resource to do so.

## **9. Convenience Gadgets**

### **USB motorcycle gadgets**

Stay connected on the go with USB chargers installed on your motorcycle, ensuring your devices remain powered up for navigation, communication, and entertainment.

### **Tank Bags with Built-In Chargers**

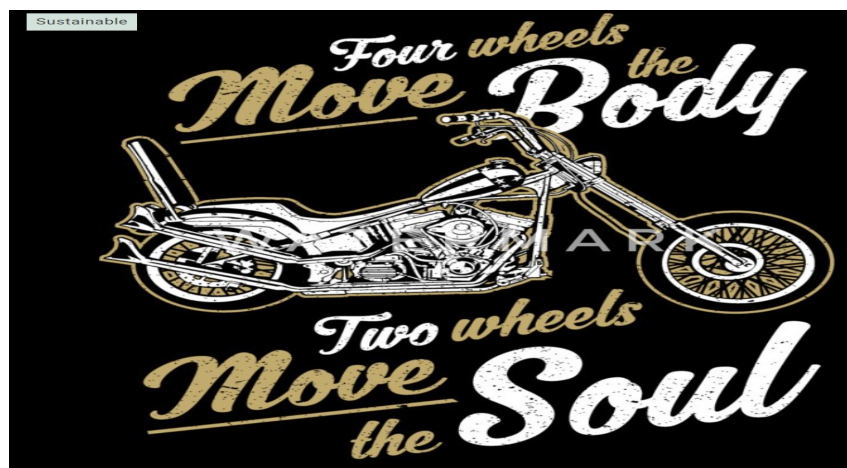
Tank bags with built-in chargers offer convenient storage for essentials like smartphones, wallets, and keys, while also keeping your devices charged during long rides. These are a great

way to keep your pockets empty and avoid losing anything on your rides. Also if it rains they are protected from the elements.

## 10. Conclusion

In conclusion, investing in the right motorcycle gadgets can significantly enhance your riding experience while prioritizing safety, convenience, and entertainment. Whether you're a seasoned rider or new to the world of motorcycling, consider adding these top 10 must-have gadgets to your gear arsenal for a more enjoyable and secure journey on the open road.

Really?





BURGER ANYONE



BIKER IN WOLVES CLOTHING

**I'M NOT ALWAYS  
GRUMPY**



**SOMETIMES I RIDE  
MY MOTORCYCLE**





\_WITH CHRISTMAS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

## Calendar of TMA Events 2024/2025

Nov. 3 - Lee's – 3600 Devries (Legion North Henderson)  
Nov. 17 – HUMPTY'S - 4900 McGillivray Blvd & #2, Oak Bluff, MB

Dec. 1- Lee's – 3600 Devries (Legion North Henderson)  
Dec. 15 – HUMPTY'S - 4900 McGillivray Blvd & #2, Oak Bluff, MB  
Dec. 29 - Lee's – 3600 Devries (Legion North Henderson)

Jan 12 – HUMPTY'S - 4900 McGillivray Blvd & #2, Oak Bluff, MB  
Jan. 26 - Lee's – 3600 Devries (Legion North Henderson)

Feb 9 – HUMPTY'S - 4900 McGillivray Blvd & #2, Oak Bluff, MB  
Feb 23 - Lee's – 3600 Devries (Legion North Henderson)

Mar 9 – HUMPTY'S - 4900 McGillivray Blvd & #2, Oak Bluff, MB  
Mar 23 - Lee's – 3600 Devries (Legion North Henderson)

Apr 6 - HUMPTY'S - 4900 McGillivray Blvd & #2, Oak Bluff, MB  
Apr 20 - Lee's – 3600 Devries (Legion North Henderson)

May 4 – Annual General Meeting / BBQ – TBA  
May 6 – 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 3 - 5 2025	Toronto Motorcycle Show	International Center - Toronto
Jan 17-19 2025	Vancouver Bike Show	Tradex Exhibition Center, Abbotsford
Jan. 31 - Feb 2 2025	Calgary Bike show	BMO Center Stampede Park
Mar. 21 – 23 2025	Winnipeg World of Wheels	Convention Centre