

CROSSROAD HOG

SAFETY MINUTE

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Here are a few things to think about when you get that rare opportunity to ride early in the Spring.

1. **NOBODY** expects motorcycles to be out there yet. And, the earlier in the Spring it is, the less likely other motorists are looking for motorcycles. **BE AS CONSPICUOUS AS YOU CAN BE AND BE AS ALERT AS POSSIBLE.**
2. The county road maintenance crews are out early working on the berm of the roads. They are trying to get this necessary work done as early as possible and, if you can get your bike out, that means they can access the berms (free of snow). When they do this work, it puts a light coating of dirt/sand on the road surface. It is slippery. **BE CAUTIOUS.**
3. **YOU ARE RUSTY!** Your riding skills, that is, are not so good as they were when you put that bike away for winter. Slow down a bit. Go to a parking lot and practice skills like tight turns and quick stops. It's a really good idea to sign up for an Experienced Rider Course.

Ride – have fun – be safe.

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