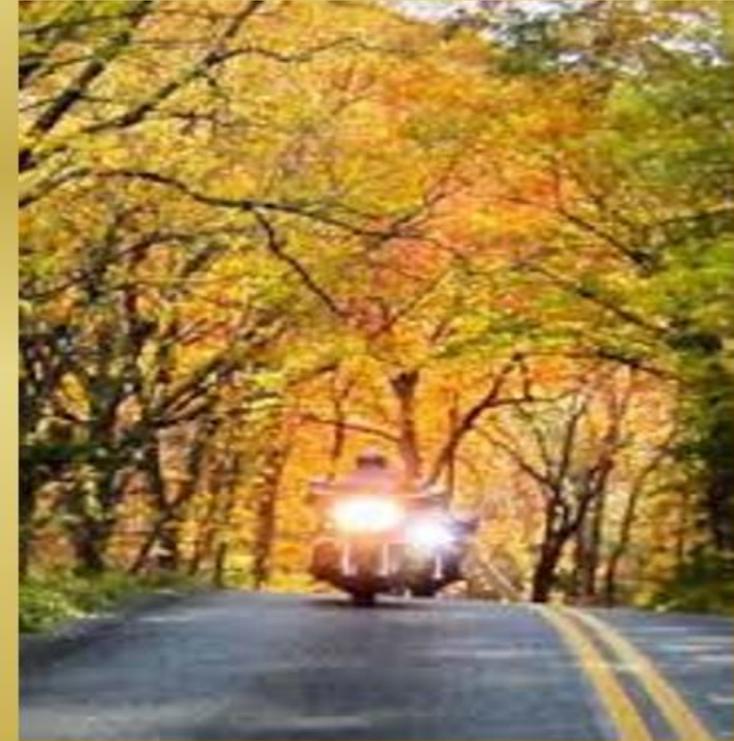
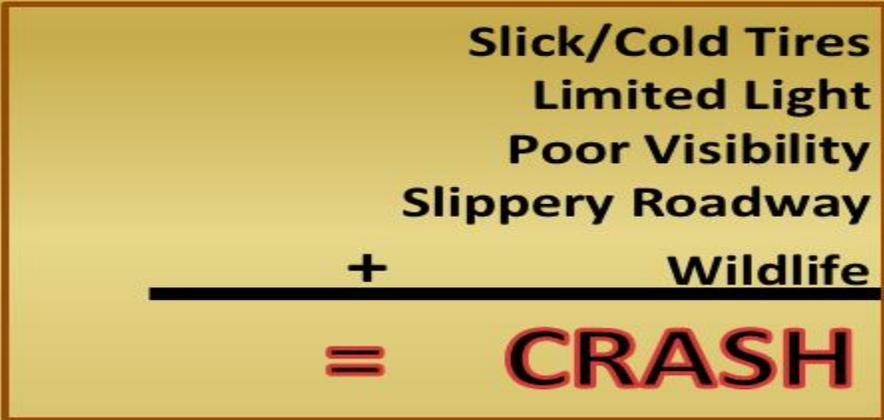


Does it get any better than riding this time of year?



Combination of Factors

It's always a combination of factors that leads to a crash.
This time of year is especially risky due to the all the potential hazardous



**By all means, get out and enjoy the ride.
But, remain vigilant and manage the risks.**

The Wild Life



Seasonal Movements. Wildlife are more mobile in cooler temperatures and will migrate to populated areas to avoid hunting pressure.

Herds & Flocks. Deer, turkeys, and other animals form groups to help survive the winter. When you see one, another will be close by.



- **Slow Down.** Keep speed down to allow time and space to identify wildlife on/near the road.

-- Do not override your headlights!

Limited Daylight



- **Seasonal Change.** Autumn reduces available sunlight for commuting and weekend rides.

- **Low Sun.** Low angle sun affects your vision and reduces car drivers' ability to see you.



- Dark visors will limit your vision in early morning/early evening low light conditions.

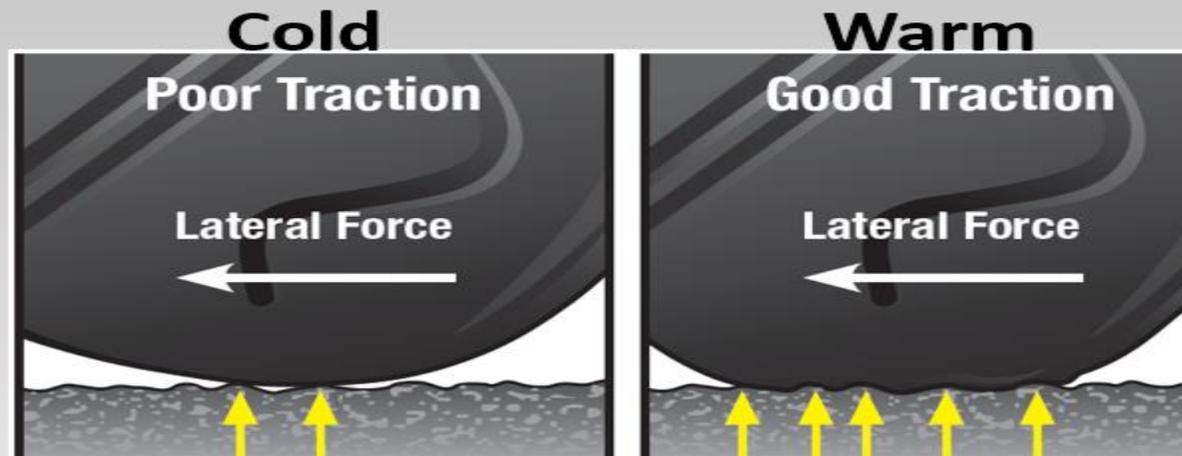
-- Select the right tint for your visor or eyewear that protects from glare but does not reduce vision.

-- Helmets with integrated sun visor are an excellent choice

Cold Tires

Cold tires lack traction and can be very slippery in lower temperatures.

- **Avoid extreme handling.** Be gentle on controls and braking until tires warm up
- **Use both brakes.** Apply 50/50 front and rear to maximize traction and contact patch
- **Check tire pressure more often.** Ensures best possible traction and reduces wear
- **Know your tires.** Some compounds perform better in cold weather.
 - Sport tires do poorly in cold temperatures (never heat up)
 - Tires with high silica compound do well.



Winter PPE



Use Visor Defogging Solutions/Lens



Dress in layers



Find rain gear that works

Have good gloves & boots



* Wind chill is no joke this time of year *

Winter Preventive Maint



Get your tires off the ground to reduce dry rot and flat spots

A trickle charger will save your battery



Protect your fuel lines and engine with quality additives

