

# PREPARE FOR KILLER CURVES: RIDE SMART

**The Spring Flood Run offers a great time and amazing route to ride, and riders and motorists can keep it that way by riding smart, driving smart and looking out for each other.**

It's one of the oldest and largest motorcycle runs in the country, and it will take place on Saturday, April 15th when thousands of motorcycles head down the Mississippi River on Highway 61 in Minnesota or on Highway 35 in Wisconsin.

**Ride sober. Watch your speed. Wear the gear.** Drivers, always look twice for motorcyclists and check your blind spot before switching lanes. Traveling down the road is not a competition with other riders and motorists. It's about safely sharing the road. Share these safety tips to keep all road users safe during this exciting spring event.

## RIDERS

- Be prepared for inattentive drivers by staying focused
- Keep your speed in check
- Maintain a three-second following distance
- Wear the gear (DOT-approved helmet and brightly colored protective gear for visibility and protection)
- Don't drink and ride

## MOTORISTS

- Watch for motorcycles
- Always look twice before entering a roadway, turning left, or changing lanes
- Give riders room by maintaining a three-second following distance
- Check mirrors and blind spots
- Pay attention and drive
- Drive for conditions at safe speeds

### ▶ MAKE SURE YOUR RIDE IS IN TOP CONDITION.

After spending most of the past few months sitting around, your bike will need some attention. From tires and brakes to the battery and fluids, take time to make sure your motorcycle is road ready.

### ▶ KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD.

Winter months are hard on the pavement, so keep your eyes peeled for hazards. Spring rain or lingering patches of melting snow and ice can make roads slick. Be on the lookout for potholes, heaving pavement, loose stones or gravel and road debris.