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Whoo Hoo! Riding season is about to begin! Now I would like to take the opportunity to point out some fashion do's and don'ts that I have seen out in biker world... This is my own opinion mind you - but a few things just HAVE to be said! For instance...we all know that hip huggers are in - and the old stand by Levi's for woman are - well, not as popular any longer. In fact, the more I have been wearing my hip huggers...the high waist is not as comfortable. But there is - at times - the thong showing in the back. Well, that can look ok or really bad depending on whose butt is showing...but for Crying Out Loud - please cut off the white tag in the back! That's not pretty. Men...baggier jeans are in...but - my opinion again now guys...you should wear tighter fitting jeans when you are wear-



ing chaps - that's sexy! But its not if your jeans are billowing out the tops of your chaps...not good! Do not go riding with shorts and sandals...you look like a Dork! You know what I do? If it's really hot outside, and you are going to be stopping here and there - probably standing outside - what you do during a run, I wear shorts and my chaps. I just whip off my chaps at the destination...I even pack sandals and take my boots and socks off if I know I'm going to be there for a while. I've had so many woman say - "now that's a good idea!" But you have to be very aware of timing - nobody wants to wait for you to get suited up again! That is huge biker etiquette. You are out with a group - and there is always one person you are waiting for every single stop! Even if you are just riding with a few bikes - it's a good idea for somebody to announce the five minute - bikes are leaving deal. It's funny to think about it. Everybody is having a good time, life is good - people are laughing, and all relaxed... but when its time to fire it up and go - people (men mostly) get all serious all of a sudden, LET'S GO!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It is true. Always have extra hair binders with you. Somebody will need one - or you. Hair! My biggest riding issue. I have very fine hair, and I don't get how some woman can ride with their hair just blowing in the wind - and look great at the stop! I've lost my binder in the wind - many times - had to ride for a while with my hair blowing - Good God what a rats nest! It takes 4 hours to comb it out! I have to wear 2 braids, and just absolutely plaster it down with hair spray so it's crunchy! And still! I manage to have a section from each side twist and wind around each other in the back of my head - forming a huge knot - and the only thing you can do is cut it out! Damn! My poor hair. Oh...Sporty riders - the shorts and chaps deal - your oil tank is very hot on your inner thigh - purchase a chrome cover for it - it looks better and insulates all that heat. Woman passengers - put your toes on the pegs. Heels melt on the pipes. Also - passenger - let your guy know when you are going to hop on the bike...When I'm riding behind I pat his shoulder and then swing my leg over. I've seen men just about tip over when they are caught off guard. Back to the hair - when you are out riding and make a stop, don't worry about how you look! Wipe the bugs off your face, go into wherever you stopped at, and call it good - you've been riding! No need to comb down your hair and look all pretty before you go in! There is something about that blown in the wind look as you walk into a place, you're hot and thirsty, and your face looks kind of dirty from the wind. I like it! I honestly get butterflies thinking about riding this spring! It's been raining here, the snow is really disappearing, and it will be soon folks! My bike will be a different animal this spring! More about that later. From Beautiful Downtown Silver Creek...Take Care, Laura the Potter

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