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# Response

## Charged Up!

Mark Tuttle's buyers guide to batteries and chargers (*Carrying the Fire*) in your February issue was very informative. As the owner of seven motorcycles and a few cars, most of which don't get ridden/driven much, I learned a long time ago that I had to do something to maintain batteries or I would be replacing them far too often. I have used the BatteryMINDER desulfating chargers, and the results are incredible. My 2003 Harley V-Rod, which is known for weak batteries, is still on the original, and it continues to pass a load test annually. I have switched most of my vehicles over to AGM batteries. My 1996 Mazda Miata came with an OEM Panasonic AGM battery and, you guessed it, is still going strong. I attribute these results in large part to the BatteryMINDER since the car only sees 800-1,000 miles a year. The '03 V-Rod has 2,000 miles.

Keep up the useful articles like this!



PHOTO BY LANCE OLIVER

**JAMES MENDENHALL MAUMEE, OHIO**

## Pennsylvania's Amazing Roads

Thanks to Lance Oliver for giving your readers a heads' up to the amazing roads we have here in Pennsylvania (*Crossing Pennsylvania*, March issue). Perfect for my BMW R 1150 GSA!

While unfamiliar as of yet with the more eastern part of Lance's trip, I can attest to the scenic and enjoyable areas covered to the west and west central parts. Giving note to the more obvious sights in his travel, some places not mentioned and worth visiting are The Flying W Ranch and Cougar Bob's on 666, The Westline Inn and Kinzua Reservoir in the Allegheny National Forest (subject of a Johnny Cash song) and hundreds of miles of dual-sport-worthy dirt roads. There's also Kinzua Bridge State Park off U.S. Route 6 and Wykoff Run Road. Just north of us is beautiful country in the Finger Lakes region of New York with Letchworth State Park; Watkins Glen, New York; and The Glenn Curtiss Museum, to name a few. All are wonderful motorcycle destinations. Come and ride Pennsylvania. And don't be afraid to take that back road!

**JOE KREITZER LANTZ CORNERS, PENNSYLVANIA**

## About-Face

I am a first-time writer to your magazine, but I had to correct the caption on page 48 of the January 2012 issue in Don Mills' *The Great Divide Ride* article. The top picture is described as "Room for a view west of Yellowstone National Park—from Ashton, Idaho, looking eastward toward the back side of the Grand Tetons in Wyoming." However, the picture is actually looking westward from

the Willow Flats Overlook on the east side of the Grand Tetons. The lake in the background is Jackson Lake, which is in Wyoming, not Idaho. The mountain on the right is Mount Moran and the white spot on the mountain is the Skillet Glacier.

Having worked in the Tetons for seven years, I have to say it is a great motorcycling park, especially the Teton Parkway, with great views and interesting roads. Tell your readers to come up and see us sometime.

**HOWARD BRENCHELY VIA EMAIL**

*Is that you, Howard, just to the right of the spot by the lake near the flats on the backside of the mountain when you're looking east? I mean west? Ed.*

## Kudos to Guzzi

Recently, I wrote to Chris Sidah (*Tech Q&A*) concerning my Moto Guzzi Norge. The odometer had jumped from 23,000 to 167,772 miles and stuck there. The letter was printed in the December 2011 issue ("Hyper-Pessimistic Speedo") and answered, "The problem likely isn't fixable without dealer intervention and probably a new display/cluster."

Of course, Chris was correct, but there was one thing I didn't think of. And that was warranty! I am the second owner and it never occurred to me that a 2008 model would still be covered. The failure actually occurred a couple of weeks before the warranty expired, but a couple of months had passed before I discovered the warranty was still in effect and contacted them. Now, nearly six months after the warranty expired, they've replaced the cluster free of charge.

Thanks, Moto Guzzi, for being an upright company!

**MICHAEL PALMER VIA EMAIL**