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(Kudos to George Catt for the title!)

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First official Spring issue of the:

STuff Newsletter

I'm ahead of Grant Norman by a season! (See below)

In the spirit of March 32nd, I have an announcement to make: I traded my ST in on a brand new BMW R1100RS yesterday and I will no longer be 'publishing' this ST on-line newsletter or maintaining the ST FAQ. Hope this doesn't cause any inconvenience.

I have a for sale notice: Keith <rr900@aol.com> has a set of black ST1100 saddlebags for sale. Seems his ST got totaled while the bags weren't on the bike. You can contact him email for additional info/bidding.

TIRES:

While on spring break a few weeks back I got to push the Avon radial tires to their limits. And did I! If its cold out, these tires don't warm up. My father and I have both been commenting how easy the rear is to break lose in first gear from stops when its cold out, and I did that of course (<50'f). I also broke the rear tire lose riding the brakes into a curve. Very exhilarating ("yeah, and smart too, Derek!"). And I finally broke the rear lose in second gear too -- going in a strait line. It was wet & cold. Unlike the Metzlers, when the rear Avon finally gives it stays composed. The Metzlers were very uncomposed when the rear would "give." I have NO complaints about the front, and no complaints about the tires when its warm out.

SADDLEBAGS:

I keep forgetting to mention this! If you have a luggage rack (why don't you?) BMW shops sell a neat little gizmo called:

Bungee Buddies

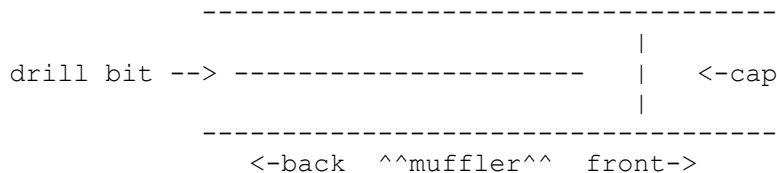
They mount on the saddle bags (I have one on each) to provide a place to hook bungee cords. Looks great on the ST and they're only 'bout \$16 for a pair. If you locate them on the bags correctly, it will help prevent loads from sliding forward into the passenger or their backrest.

GAS FILTER:

Replacing the gas filter seems to have fixed my dad's ST. Its painless and cheap insurance. Takes just a few minutes longer than removing the maintenance top cover. Did mine over spring

allow roll on wheelies in first gear without effort.

Exhaust mod: Purchase an 18" 1/4 drill bit at you local hardware store (about \$8).
Pushing the drill bit into the back of the muffler (straight in), you will hit the "cap" on the front of what I call the "holie" pipe. Simply drill out this cap in both mufflers.
NOTE: it will take a few times;



NOTE: there is a "bump" on the lower side of each muffler inside where you'll be sticking the drill bit, go carefully (I suggest a variable speed drill motor and slow speed).
The backpressure in both mufflers is reduced, a noticeable increase in low end torque is noticed, a little more exhaust note is noticed (still pretty quiet though).

I have not seen the need to re-jet the carbs usually indicated by a "lag" in throttle response.

Floppy Saddlebags on the ST1100

Have you ever noticed the bags seems to "bounce" around on uneven roads? Here is a cheap fix. There are 4 "feet" on the bottom of each bag, used as feet when the bags are removed and set on the ground. With the bags mounted on the bike, simply attach a 1 foot bungie cord between the inner rear "feet", and behind the plastic fender. This effectively keeps the bags from "flopping".

Bill's Plastic (214) 744-1170 (ask for Ed)
2107 Sylvan Ave.
Dallas, TX

These folks have been making custom windshields/ headlight protectors/ you name it, for bikers for years. . .

{I ordered their ST headlight rock guard, \$20 each including shipping. Very nice and faster than waiting on back order for some "name brand" [I'd waited >5 months]. Charlie's ST was the "mold". Charlie also has an oversized/foul-weather windshield for his ST from Bill's Plastic. Contact Charlie for info about his custom shield. --Derek}

I found a neat way to hang & lock my helmet..... I simply replaced the brake & clutch screws with the GoldWing Helmet Locks available at most places that handle GoldWing Access. They are great... and only cost about \$7 for the pair (the locks are extra, from most hardware stores).

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