

# Poser or Pro?

# Which are You?

**HEAD** – That beanie helmet *may* be legal and it may protect your head. *Maybe* not...you only have one brain so why take the chance?

**EYES, EARS AND FACE** – Watering eyes, deafened by wind blast and able to identify at least 25 different insects by their flavor...another mark of the poser.

## SHOULDERS AND ARMS

– Wish you hadn't gotten that "I Love..." tattoo just before the big break-up? No worries, getting personal with the pavement will remove that in no time.

**HANDS** – Think those half-finger gloves make you look cool? Real riders call those "Nose-pickers"—that's about all they're good for.

**KNEES** – Posers collect sunburn, windburn, flying debris and maybe road rash. Just remember, there's no such thing as a fenderbender when you're on a motorcycle.

**FEET** – Personal contact with the shift lever, brake pedal, hot engine or the asphalt will forever change your perspective on footwear...wind on the toes is not "cool!"

**HELMET** – Well fitted helmets are comfortable, quiet and protect you from impacts. They're a smart rider's first line of defense.

**FACE SHIELD** – Experienced riders know how many UFOs are out there and make sure they're prepared. Clear vision and saving face are a priority with pros.

**JACKET** – Armored, adjustable vents for changing weather conditions and highly visible to others. A good riding jacket is the pro's "home away from home."

**GLOVES** – provide a good grip on the bars as well as protecting those pinkies from flying objects, sun and cold. Pros have several pairs to adjust for changing conditions.

**PANTS** – Another important factor in preventing hypothermia, dehydration, sunburn and windburn. Also, most motorcycle injuries are to the lower extremities. Anyone who is "in the know", recognizes the value of comfort and protection from the road.

**BOOTS** – Provide comfort in hostile environments, protection from hot or sharp motorcycle parts and a good grip on the foot rests and the road. A pro knows the importance of all these.

## POSER

*Clearly hasn't ridden more than two blocks or she'd be smarter about riding gear and riding.*

## PRO

*A smart, knowledgeable rider who knows and has "all the right stuff."*

