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Gremlin Bell

The Legend of the Bell:

Have you noticed that small bell on some people's bikes and wondered why it was there? 1) It's more than just decoration - It has a specific function.

As we all know, life has many mysteries that have no apparent solutions.

One of these is Evil Road Spirits. They are the little gremlins that live on your bike. They love to ride.

They're also responsible for most of your bike's problems.

Sometimes your turn signals refuse to work, or the battery goes dead, the clutch needs adjustment, or any of several hundred other things go wrong.

These problems are caused by Evil Road Spirits.

Road Spirits can't live in the presence of a bell. They get trapped in the hollow of the bell.

Among other things, their bearing is supersensitive.

The constant ringing of the bell and the confined space drives them insane. They lose their grip and eventually fall to the roadway.

(Have you ever wondered how potholes are formed?) The bell has served its purpose.

If you have picked up a bell of your own, the magic will work.

But if your bell was given to you, the power has been doubled.

And you know that somewhere you have a special friend helping to look after you.

So, if you have a friend that doesn't have a bell, why not give them one?

It's a nice feeling for the recipient to know you personally cared.

The bell, plus a good preventive maintenance program by the bike's owner, will help eliminate the Evil Road Spirits.

Polishing the Guardian Bell;

It has been a tradition among some of us for a long time to attach a brass bell to our left swing arm, to remember our brothers and sisters who have gone down riding. ²⁾

It's a small thing, but the reason a brass bell is chosen is that, as we ride, it gets dirty and tarnished. Every time we get down to wash and polish it, we are reminded of friends lost, and our thoughts turn to the meaning of being in the wind.

As we ride and hear the bell ring, we know that our brothers and sisters are riding with us, and how easy it would be to join them with a single mistake.

And maybe, just maybe, the next time a situation comes up; they will be there to help us...as long as we remember them by polishing the bell.

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