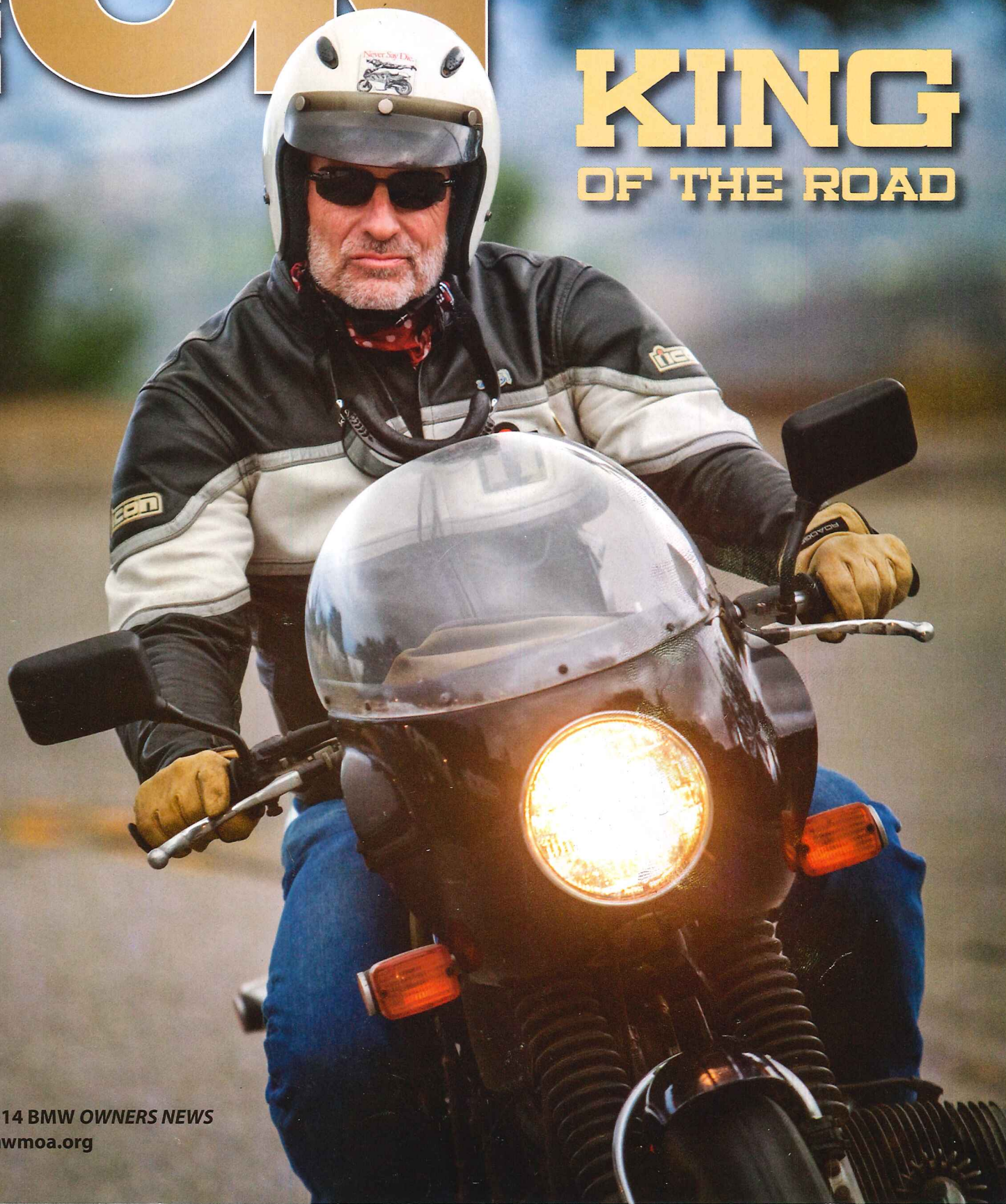


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Aerostich Compact Tire Repair Kit with Mini Compressor

By Don Burns

Pros

- Compact and complete, everything you need on the road, weighs just 1.6 pounds
- Rugged compressor motor built for long life with multiple uses
- Clips to footpeg during use, 26" long hose for easier connection to valve stem

Cons

- The switch is a little light in weight.
- The electric motor is not covered, and soldered wiring connections are exposed, so caution must be used during operation.

They say

- The ultimate tire repair kit: simple, compact and dependable; all major pump parts are metal
- Comes with our smallest, most efficient compressor and all the essential tools, patches and goo needed to fix nearly any roadside flat
- The smallest and most packable tire kit available

Discussion

The MSF says, "It's all about inflation, inflation, inflation. Proper air pressure is critical for tire performance and tire life." For adventure

riders, durability of the compressor pump is important, given they must frequently change tire pressures to transit different types of terrain. I have been using the Slime branded pumps, as they are easily available and economically priced. This was my opportunity to compare a generic air pump with a kit that is designed specifically for motorcyclists.

The simplicity of the mini compressor is what makes the kit so compact. The partial housing around the compressor, with the motor exposed, reduces bulk and keeps the unit cool. I was surprised by the exposed wiring connection to the motor, but I encountered no issues during testing.

A 26" inflator hose and the carabiner clip were two big positives. The Slime pump's short hose requires my bike to be in the "right position" to keep the pump from hanging off the valve stem. The Aerostich compressor hangs from a convenient point on the bike using the carabiner; the longer hose and 6' power cord allows tire inflation from just about any position. There's no stress on the hose or wiring and no vibrating across the floor.

The rest of the kit contains materials for repairing tube and tubeless tires: plugging tools, rope plugs, tire patches and glue. The kit comes with an SAE connector that wires to your battery, a pair of alligator clips and a BMW-to-SAE connector for powering from an accessory outlet. It will trip the CANbus, so a direct-to-battery connection is required. I agree



that this is the smallest and most packable tire kit available; it allowed me to consolidate my existing hodgepodge of tire repair gear into a single organized and small kit which fits in either my tank bag or pannier.

Aerostich also sells the mini compressor (#3500) separately for those who only need that. At \$47, it is very competitive with other air pumps on the market and provides all the great features listed above.

MSRP: \$85

Street Price: Available only from Aerostich Riderwearhouse

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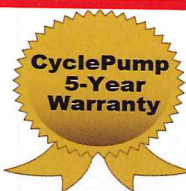
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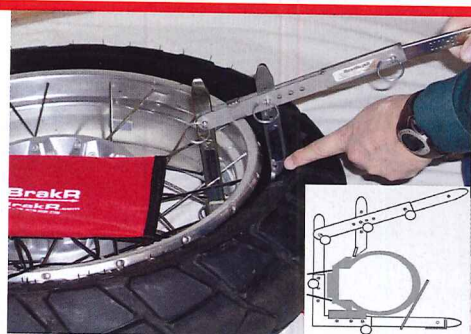
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