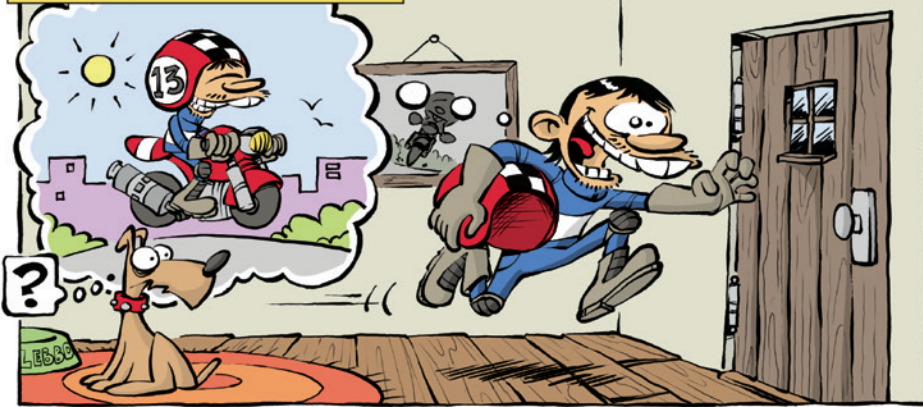




ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FOR RIDERS...



IS DEALING WITH THE COLDER WEATHERS...



LOCAL AUTHORITIES USE WINTER ROAD TREATMENTS TO PREVENT THE BUILD UP OF ICE...



UNFORTUNATELY THESE TREATMENTS SOMETIMES CAN BE JUST AS SLIPPERY AS THE ICE THEY TRY TO PREVENT...



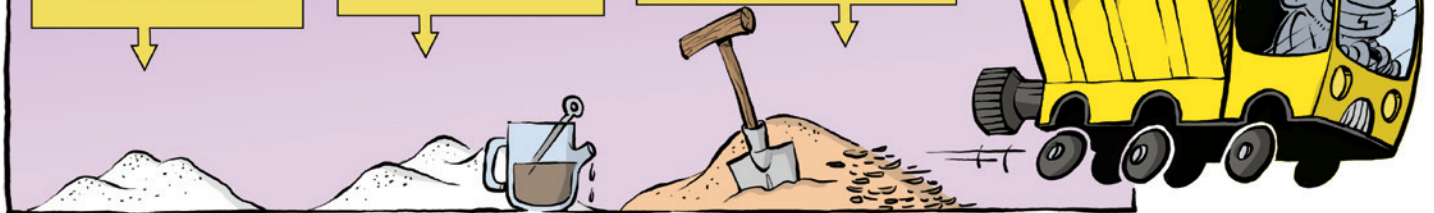
BESIDES THAT ONLY MAIN ROADS WILL BE TREATED, RURAL ROADS AND RESIDENTIAL STREETS OFTEN AREN'T...



FOR MANY YEARS ROCK SALT WAS USED. UNFORTUNATELY IT WON'T WORK WELL IF ICE HAS ALREADY FORMED AND RAIN WASHES IT AWAY... YOU SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR ICE PATCHES BECAUSE OF THE SALT ABSORBING MOISTURE TREATED ROADS ALSO STAY DAMP MUCH LONGER...

A RECENT ALTERNATIVE IS TO USE SALT MIXED WITH MOLASSES TO "GLUE" THE SALT TO THE ROAD... UNFORTUNATELY EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT THIS TREATMENT IS EXTREMELY SLIPPERY AND COATS THE VISOR WITH A BLACK STICKY MESS...

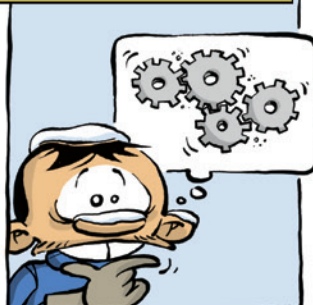
WHERE THE COLD IS EXTREME AND IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO CLEAR ICE AND SNOW, SAND AND CHIPPINGS ARE SOMETIMES SPREAD ON THE ICE TO PROVIDE SOME SORT OF GRIP... WATCH OUT THOUGH WHEN THE ICE MELTS IN SPRING, THE SAND AND GRAVEL WILL REMAIN ON THE ROAD SURFACE!



EVEN WHEN IT'S NOT SNOWING BEWARE OF ICE ON THE SURFACE, FOR EXAMPLE WHERE SOMEONE HAS WASHED THEIR CAR...



I THINK YOU GET THE POINT: ICY ROADS ARE TRICKY...SO ASK YOURSELF IF IT'S REALLY NECESSARY TO GO RIDING TODAY, AND IF SO...



...DON'T THINK ABOUT IT TOO LONG...

