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S.C.M.A. MONTHLY MEETINGS

The following meetings are open to all S.C.M.A. members and their guests:

MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m.
(Except in March, September and October, check date shown on calendar of events and annual calendar)

— CHECK CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ADDRESSES OF MEETING PLACES —

Jan Staws 310-387-3974

FROM THE CHAIR

Hello Everyone

For the first time in many years, the note from the chair is not coming from Jan Staws. I am Blake Anderson and I became Chair of SCMA when Jan submitted her resignation to the general membership at the April 17 meeting. It came as quite an unexpected surprise to most of us because Jan has been such a constant stalwart and long-term presence here at SCMA. She has been the face, spirit and go-to person for advice, action, follow-up and communication within SCMA for many years. If there is a category of old timer, she's it. She will always be known as the queen of SCMA in my book.

She's not going away, just changing emphasis. She's asked to continue as editor of the newsletter and she will be the person behind much of the follow through (including doing the flyers) for most of the one-day and two-day rides that populate SCMA's 2010 calendar. She's obviously going to be available for advice and support during 2010 and beyond. I will certainly depend on her for maintaining continuity of SCMA's mission. I invite you to do the same.

The SCMA leadership has undergone a number of changes that you need to know about. It impacts the upcoming election (more on the election below).

I move up to chair in accordance with the bylaws. Huey Ward was appointed vice chair to fill my remaining term of office that expires June 30. Huey has announced that he will stand for election as vice chair.

Phyllis Shaw-Hatke, has announced her resignation as recording secretary. Sally Bishop (a returning SCMA old-timer) has kindly stepped in to temporarily cover Phyllis' duties through June 30. The SCMA board decided to add Phyllis' unexpired term as a one-year special election that will be added to the regular election.

Kenn Hatke has announced that he will not stand for re-election as treasurer. His term expires June 30. David Johnson has announced he will stand for election for treasurer.

Vern Lucero has announced that he will not stand for re-election as correspondence secretary/membership chair. His term expires June 30. Sally Bishop has announced that she will stand for election for this position.

Joe Mandeville will remain as referee/risk manager. His term expires June 30, 2011.

Nomination of officers will remain open from now until the May 8 general membership meeting. Any dues paying member of SCMA can self-nominate. Three dues paying members of SCMA must support the nomination and with that you will be on the ballot. Ballots will appear in the newsletter and website immediately following the May 8 meeting. Download the ballot, print it, complete it (including your name and membership number) and mail it to SCMA's Norwalk PO Box. All ballots will be collected on the morning of June 12 and carried unopened to the general membership meeting where they will be opened, certified and counted in public. The results will be announced then and there and the successful candidates take office July 1.

I urge you to consider running for office. In particular, consider the recording secretary position. This is a great start for developing an understanding of how SCMA operates and beginning a leadership role. We need your voice. We need your help. We need your ideas.

Blake Anderson
SCMA Chairman (through June 30, 2011)

The 2010

BLAZING SADDLES

TOUR

May 29 & 30

Sign-In: 7am - 9am

Start: **Zingo's Cafe**
32301 Buck Owens Blvd.
Bakersfield, CA 93308
661-321-0627

— Saturday —

Motel 6

770 Ave. O • Ely, NV 89301
775-289-6671

— Sunday —

Motel 6

2749 S. Carson St.
Caron City, NV 89701
775-885-7710



Price
Includes all discounts
SCMA Members \$15
Non-SCMA Members \$20



Mail-In entry deadline: May 16, 2009

Make checks payable to: SCMA

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930 N. Parish Place
Burbank, CA 91506S



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LETTER FROM THE PAST CHAIRMAN

Well for those of you who have not heard, I resigned as Chairman on April 17, 2010, effective immediately. I felt it was in the best interest of the SCMA and its members.

I would like to thank the many people who helped make my terms of office easier by the time and support many of you gave freely and willingly. I am not quitting the SCMA; I am just stepping down from office. I will continue to support the association in many ways as before, supporting events, continue doing the newsletter (unless someone would like to do it) and helping out in whatever way I can.

I have three rides on the calendar that I am responsible for and will do all three. I am also meeting with Mitch Friedman, Bob Masuzumi (Zumer) and hopefully Logan Olds this coming Sunday to expand the California Parks Adventure; we are going to throw in some lighthouses, museums and missions. I will, of course, present the plans to the E Board and upon their approval make the formal announcements of expansion. You will have the choice of 24 adventures to complete the event but we are going to give you more choices of places to see. I will keep you informed of course.

I would like to ask all the members to continue to support the association. Blake Anderson, your new Chairman, and I will be working together to make the transition as smooth as possible. There are other changes to the board which I am sure Blake has mentioned in his From the Chair column on page 4 in this month's newsletter.

Hope to see all of you at our events. Again, a very heart filled thanks for the support throughout the years.

Sincerely,

Jan Staws



TRAVELER'S AWARD REPORT

Sorry Jan, but I can't be at the meeting Saturday. It is commencement time at the college and I am putting in 12-14 hour days, 7 days a week. And yes I am tired.

It was a great ride Saturday. Not as many riders showed up as was expected. Joe Mandeville was the last person to enter. He thought the ride was Sunday and was almost late getting to the start. They had about 59 riders sign up. Wind was blowing and it was cold, but everyone seemed to have a good time.

We did have a new entry sign up. A Mr. Henry Nieske from Santa Clarita and he is entry # 25. I did send a check for \$10.00 to the SCMA to cover his entry for the travelers Award. I wish him well.

After May 15, 2010 I will be free again.

Dannie Fox

Southern California Motorcycling Association Proudly Presents the 5th Annual



Traveler's Award



Sunday • June 13

Sign-In: 8-10 a.m.

ENTRY FEE

(Price includes discounts)

SCMA:	\$10.00
All others:	\$15.00

Start: **Cycle Gear**
24508 Lyons Ave.
Newhall
661-255-6522

50/50 Raffle

Pre-registration Deadline - June 6, 2010

Make checks payable to: SCMA

Mail to: Jan Staws, 1959 Gale Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90810

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RIDE FOR KIDS

First, you will clearly see, I am not a writer nor am I a spokesman for this ride. I'm just the dad of a little girl in big trouble. Blake Anderson asked me to write this note explaining the ride.

In Nov. 2000 our 10 year old daughter Bayleigh, was bouncing a soccer ball on her head when she suddenly went blind. A day later she was diagnosed with a Superstellar Pilocystic Astrocytoma. This is a brain tumor behind and between her eyes. As you might imagine, this diagnosis changed our lives.

As brain tumors go, this was a rather slow growing cancer that left untreated would have eventually killer her. After unsuccessful brain surgery we were told that chemotherapy would not do much good but radiation could help. As with all brain pediatric brain tumors, the treatment can be as devastating as the tumor itself. At St Judes Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, they proposed to deliver the equivalent of 5000 chest x-rays to Bayleigh's brain everyday for five weeks. This would stop the tumor from growing but would leave her with many problems, including deafness, attention deficit syndrome, hormone and other side effects. But because of a breakthrough months before these problems would be greatly reduced. This was huge for us and the course we chose. Had Bayleigh been diagnosed a year or two earlier she would have suffered all of this...

Enter the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and the "Ride for Kids". A bunch of motorcyclists raising money for the research that helped my daughter and countless other kids, many in our area. Over 25 years, these riders have raised over 45 million dollars for this cause. Some going to the people who helped my daughter.

The Ride for Kids on May 2nd.

It starts in Torrance at Honda Headquarters and is about a 35 mile loop ride through Palos Verdes and PCH with a police escort. We get to run red lights right in front of cops! It costs a \$35 donation and afterward Subway is donating our lunch. During lunch you will get a chance to meet some of the kids you're helping and the doctors who help them. Their website is <http://www.pbtfus.org>

Today, I am very proud to say that Bayleigh has regained most of her sight and is a junior at the Marshall School of Business at USC and while this ride is during exam week she wouldn't miss this ride for the world.

Bayleigh's dad,
Chris

Please feel free to contact me with questions at christian.jones@sbcglobal.net or 661.288.1750



SCMA is proud to present the 3rd annual



Traveler's Award



Sunday • July 11

Sign-In: 8-10 a.m.

**Start: Cycle Giant
20902 Bake Parkway
Lake Forest, CA**

Ride Closes at 4 p.m.

Entry Fee

(Includes all discounts)

SCMA Members — \$10

Non-SCMA Members — \$15

Coffee and Doughnuts at the Start

50/50 Raffle

Mail-in Deadline: June 30, 2009

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NOMINEE'S STATEMENT

My name is David L. Johnson, and I am seeking the position of Treasurer for SCMA. In order to assist you in making the decision for whom to vote when you cast your ballot, I would like you to review the following information, which includes my qualifications for the position.

Since 2006, I served as the Chairman and Treasurer of the USA Four Corners Tour. During my tenure as Chairman and Treasurer, I accomplished the following:

More than doubled the number of annual riders who participate in the Four Corners ride.

Implemented cost savings procedures which resulted in a 48% overall savings to the USA Four Corners Tour.

Reworked the Four Corners Tour website and expanded it so that it now contains complete information about the tour with finisher's information going back to 1983.

Added a section, which officially recognizes each tour's first finisher, and all riders completing the ride thereafter.

Other qualifications I hold include:

Familiarity with accounting procedures. This is based on my history of owning and operating my own businesses, as well as taking multiple college-level accounting courses.

ATTENTION RIDERS

The 64th Annual
Greenhorn ride has
been changed to
June 19th and 20th.

The ride will start at 7am.
Flanders Co. Motorcycle Access

340 S Fair Oaks Ave
Pasadena, CA 91105-2540

The over night location of the ride will be at:
Four Queens Hotel & Casino

202 Fremont Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101
call 800.634.6045 press 1
Promo Code: Greenhorn Group

Contact information for the Greenhorn Ride is:

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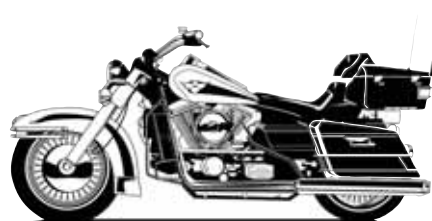
Computer literacy, with special attention to the QuickBooks program. This advanced program has the capability of producing all the reports necessary to successfully, and accurately provide the necessary financial reports. In addition, the program provides a function that allows the Treasurer and E-Board to oversee the financial operations of the SCMA at a glance.

The desire to modernize the SCMA accounting system. By so doing, the members and E-Board will have access to the most up-to-date programs available. This modern technology allows the inception of membership tracking. It also simplifies payment of annual dues and ride sign-up fees with the use of Credit Cards, which allow secure payment via credit cards by using Internet access.

I ask for your vote as Treasurer. I pledge to work to make our organization the best motor cycle tours available for the growing number of avid riders throughout the United States and Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Johnson



Offices up for Nomination

Vice- Chairman
Treasurer
Corresponding Secretary

Term of office is 2 years. Must be a member in good standing. If you wish to put someone's name up for an office, PLEASE be sure they will accept the nomination before doing so.

If you place your own name in nomination, you must have 3 seconds from members in good standing according to the current by-law.

Important Announcement

The SCMA General Membership Meeting is now being held at Angeles National Golf Club

The new meeting place is at 9401 Foothill Blvd. in Sunland.
Foothill runs along the north side of the 210 Freeway at this point.

If you are traveling westbound on the 210, exit at Sunland, continue straight through the light onto Fenwick, go a 1/4 mile and turn left on Foothill. The golf course is a 1/2 mile on your right.

If you are traveling east bound on the 210, exit at Wheatland, turn left. Turn right on Foothill. The golf course is a mile on your left.

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NOISE LAWS DEFEATED

The Massachusetts Motorcycle Association has announced that a proposed noise ordinance in North Reading, MA that would have required an EPA Stamp on motorcycle exhaust systems and stricter noise controls has been defeated.

Prior to a recent meeting of town Selectmen, MMA Chairman Dave Condon met with MMA Member Bill McGarry, a local resident, to review the warrant and the pertinent Massachusetts laws. During an earlier town meeting, the legality of the EPA stamp requirement was discussed in detail and ultimately dropped, but an alternative proposal was amended into the Warrant which would have made noise levels and testing requirements stricter than those currently in Massachusetts General Law (MGL).

With significant support from McGarry, who attended both public hearings and spoke on behalf of the MMA and motorcyclists across Massachusetts, the Selectmen and North Reading Chief of Police recognized that the town cannot impose laws stricter than the Commonwealth — instead, the town acknowledged that enforcement of the existing MGL coupled with appropriate education could be a far more effective tool, and by vote of the selectmen the warrant was removed from the town agenda.

Meanwhile, following much lobbying and testimony from local bikers, a hotly debated noise ordinance in Portland, Maine was unanimously rejected by the City Council and sent back to the Public Safety Committee for more work.

The proposal would have enforced the federal law that all motorcycles made after Dec. 31, 1982 must have mufflers with an EPA label certifying the exhaust system meets EPA standards. A biker riding a motorcycle within city limits without an EPA sticker on the muffler would have been fined \$50. The ordinance would have been the first of its kind in Maine, and supporters said its adoption would have made it easier to pass a similar state law.

Opponents, including the United Bikers of Maine (UBM), said the measure would discriminate against motorcyclists and could cost the city tourism dollars by discouraging motorcyclists from visiting Portland.

Motorcycle noise continues to be a contentious and controversial issue across the country, with places like Boston and New York contemplating stricter laws.

AUSTRALIAN BIKER GROUPS ANGRY OVER TOUGH LAW PROPOSALS

Biker organizations in Australia say that introducing a zero alcohol tolerance for motorcycle riders in Queensland would be discriminatory. The State Government is considering the option in an attempt to reduce the road toll.

Lindsay Granger from Motorcycling Queensland says riders should not be singled out. "The only other groups that have zero alcohol content are drivers who are responsible for the safety of others or drivers who are inexperienced," Granger said. "There doesn't appear to be any clear logic why experienced motorcyclists should be treated any differently from experienced motorists in any other type of vehicle."

The zero tolerance effort is also under critique by members of the United Motorcycle Council of Queensland, a newly formed organization comprised of 17 clubs ranging from outlaw patch holders to church groups united to fight efforts of law enforcement from enacting discriminatory legislation aimed at clubs.

BILLY LANE SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR FATAL CRASH

On August 14th, a Florida judge sentenced celebrity bike builder Billy Lane to six years in prison in connection with the Sept. 4, 2006 crash that killed scooter rider Gerald Morelock. Judge Robert Burger also ordered Lane's drivers license suspended for life and that he undergo random drug and alcohol testing upon his release from prison.

Lane, 39, faced up to nine years in prison after a judge in June OK'd a plea deal in which prosecutors agreed to drop a charge of DUI manslaughter in connection with the Labor Day 2006 accident.

Lane, who was led from the courtroom in handcuffs, choked back tears as he took full responsibility for the rider's death. "I was very careless. I was a less-responsible citizen," Lane told the court. "I'm not looking for pity on myself. I drive by the spot where I killed Jerry Morelock every day. I pray to God for his soul and for his family."

Police said Lane's blood-alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit when he crossed a double-yellow line to speed at 68 mph past three cars on State Road A1A south of Melbourne Beach. He crashed his Dodge pickup head on into 56-year-old Morelock's small Yamaha motorcycle.

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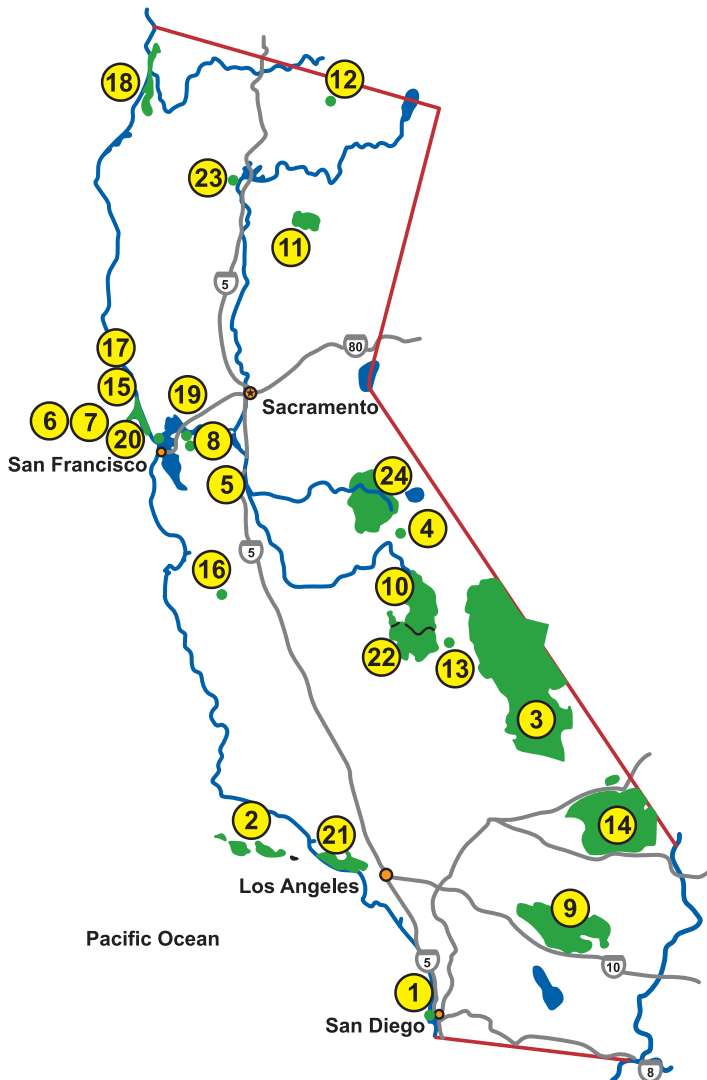
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- ◆ All 24 National Parks in California must be visited between Jan. 1st & Dec. 15th of the calendar year.
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WEIRD NEWS: BEWARE DRUNKARDS CROSSING

A German court ruled on September 14 that a motorcyclist who collided with a drunken pedestrian during a beer fest shared blame for the accident because she should have expected the road to be full of party-goers.

The female biker, who was driving at a legal speed of 25-31 mph hit a man who was crossing the road against a red light during the Munich beer festival which attracts millions of revelers every year.

The court held her "50 percent responsible" for the accident. "During the October (beer) festival there are, it is well known to the authorities, a large number of drunk people on the streets at night, who can not always be trusted to observe the rules of the road," the court said. "The motorcyclist should have adjusted her speed to be able to avoid these people," added the statement.

The woman was ordered to pay half of the damages, estimated at 2,500 euros (\$3,600 US), and her bid for 1,000 euros compensation for minor injuries sustained in the accident was refused.

MORE NOISE ABOUT NOISE

Across the country, more and more communities are exploring efforts to silence noisy motorcycles, but in Maine a bill that began as a broad measure to cut back on loud pipes has evolved into a proposal to force motorcycle riders to display vehicle inspection stickers on their bikes.

During hearings, the House Transportation Committee connected the noise problem to reports that nearly 40% of Maine motorcycles aren't inspected. Faulty and noisy mufflers would fail motorcycles in annual inspections, so the measure was amended to require an inspection sticker be visibly affixed to the rear of the bike either on a mounting plate or on a rear fender or frame.

The bill, which also calls for a study of motorcycle noise, has received initial House approval but still needs to be approved by the full House and Senate.

A Racine, Wisconsin city panel has voted 4-0 recommending a newly written ordinance that would create a \$100 fine plus court costs for "disorderly conduct with a motor vehicle." It would outlaw, in a motorized vehicle, "violent, dangerous, abusive, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct." That would include: squealing tires; revving an engine; unnecessarily blowing a horn; sudden veering or acceleration; and popping wheelies on a motorcycle.

The Culpeper Town Council Ordinance Committee has recommended that the Virginia municipality repeal its existing noise ordinance because it is legally unenforceable in light of recent court decisions. "The ordinance can't be enforced the way it is written," Mayor Pranas Rimeikis said of town noise regulations that rely on "a reasonable person" finding a sound too noisy.

The town's movement to repeal its ordinance, and possibly replace it with a decibel-based measurement, is based on a Virginia Supreme Court ruling from last April that found a similar ordinance in Virginia Beach was unconstitutionally vague. In January, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the state court's decision, denying a review of it as requested by the city.

PATCH HOLDERS DENIED ENTRY TO FLORIDA FAIR

About 50 bikers from an array of clubs rolled into the Florida State Fair looking for a good time, but because of the patches on their vests, they were refused entry and turned away. Fair rules, enforced by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, ban gang colors or signs.

But a lawyer representing the bikers says their First Amendment rights have been violated. "They're trying to stifle people's rights by using a blanket policy," said Florida Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Jerry Theophilopoulos. "It's suppressing their right to associate in public."

The banned bikers belong to a wide variety of clubs, from the Outlaws MC to Christian clubs such as the Spirit Riders, and the New Attitudes, a group of clean and sober riders. "The clubs that were with us, none of them have ever gotten into fights at the fair," Theophilopoulos told the St. Petersburg Times. "They're not street gangs, and they are being lumped together." The bikers' lawyer said he called the Sheriff's Office Sat to tell the agency the bikers were coming, and he was told that if they wore their colors, they wouldn't be let in. They tried to go, anyway. "Sometimes you have to make a statement, to stand up for what you believe in," said Jerry T, who also serves as legal counsel for the local Confederation of Clubs.

MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY ASKS CONGRESS TO AMEND LEAD RULES

The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) has delivered nearly 4,000 letters to Congress signed by motorcycle industry professionals who have had their livelihoods impacted by the lead provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA).

“We believe these letters along with the other communications will help add to the momentum encouraging Congress to amend the CPSIA’s lead content provisions to exclude youth vehicles,” said MIC chairman Larry Little.

The CPSC recently requested flexibility to grant exclusions from the lead content limit to address certain products including youth vehicles in a Jan. 15 report to Congress.

The MIC stressed three key reasons why youth ATVs and motorcycles should be excluded from the CPSIA’s lead content provisions: 1. The lead content poses no risk to kids. Experts estimate that the lead intake from kids’ interaction with metal parts is less than the lead intake from drinking a glass of water. 2. The key to keeping youth safe is having them ride the right size vehicle. Kids are now at risk because the availability of youth ATVs and motorcycles is limited due to the lead ban. 3. The lead ban hurts the economy for no good reason when everyone is trying to grow the economy and create jobs. MIC estimates that a complete ban on youth model vehicles would result in about \$1 billion in lost economic value in the retail marketplace every year.

WEIRD NEWS: HOG VS. HORSE ACCIDENTS

In a landmark 1985 study, Dr. J.L. Firth estimated that while “a serious incident can be expected at the rate of 1 per 7,000 hours of motorcycle riding, serious injury rates exceeding one per 350 horse riding hours have been described, making horseback riding 20 times more dangerous than motorcycling.” As far as injuries go, horseback riding leads to more spills on average than motorcycling.

According to www.bookofodds.com, the odds a person will visit an emergency department due to a horseback riding accident in a year are 1 in 3,837. Most of these accidents are caused when a horse bucks or bolts, throwing the rider, and female injury rates are typically higher.

The odds a motorcyclist will be injured in an accident in a year are 1 in 82.55. The odds a motorcyclist will be killed in an accident in a year are 1 in 1,488, about the same odds a person will be diagnosed with breast cancer in a year (1 in 1,506). And the odds a rider killed in a motorcycle accident in a year was not wearing a helmet are 1 in 2.39.

POLICE IN ENGLAND ISSUE RIDERS HI-VIS VESTS

Thousands of British motorcyclists are being stopped by police for not wearing high-visibility clothing. Beginning in March, riders will be stopped and given lectures on “being seen” as well as reflective vests to put on over their jackets or leathers.

The Motorcycle Action Group says the tactics are a step towards compulsory hi-vis clothing or reduced insurance pay-outs for riders in dark kit. “We’re advising all riders stopped without obvious cause in order to deliver these lectures to make a stand by lodging formal complaints. If police time is tied up too much they may soon drop this tactic.”

MISSOURI TO END SAFETY INSPECTIONS ON NEWER VEHICLES

New-ish car and bike owners can take that \$10-12 you’ve been setting aside to pay for a state safety inspection and go buy something nice for yourself or your vehicle. Under legislation that took effect on New Year’s Day in Missouri, vehicles five years old and newer will no longer need an inspection when renewing license plates.

That means in 2010, 2005 model year and newer autos, including cars, trucks and motorcycles, will be exempt. Models from 2006 won’t need their first inspection until 2012. Previously, vehicles are exempt from safety inspections for their model year and the year after that.

Inspections are performed at thousands of repair shops across the state and cost \$12 for cars and trucks and \$10 for motorcycles. The Missouri Department of Revenue, which manages vehicle registration, estimates that 650,000 vehicles will be affected by the exemption.

WEIRD NEWS: MAN ASSAULTED OVER PICTURES OF MOTORCYCLE

In a twisted version of “Dog the Bounty Hunter” meets “Repo Man”, Sioux Falls Police say a man hired to repossess a motorcycle ended up assaulting and kidnapping the bike owner’s dad instead.

A South Dakota father received a call from a man claiming he needed pictures of a motorcycle that his son owned. The father thought the person calling was from a dealership and needed evidence for a payment plan he had set up, but when the undercover repo guy arrived at his home, the bike owner’s dad became uneasy and told him he didn’t feel comfortable with the man taking pictures of the motorcycle.

The repossession agent refused to leave and when the father said he was going to call the police, he put the dad in hand-cuffs and threatened him with a taser. He was later arrested for aggravated assault and kidnapping.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “It is not the function of the government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the government from falling into error.”

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