

## Motorcycle ONLY Noise Bylaw - An Election Issue in Edmonton

Edmonton Votes October 18, 2010

by Liane Langlois

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The City of Edmonton has a municipal election around the corner that to me is a very important and crucial to our future. We have an opportunity to restore democracy by standing up and vote for change. It is no secret that there are decisions lately that you may or may not agree with that will have long term effects on the viability of our city if allowed to be followed through.



**Above:** Liane Langlois with Mayoral Candidate Daryl Bonar

Regardless of the side you take with the Municipal Airport, the downtown arena, or the Expo bid, we all have a decision to make. Are you wondering about the rising crime rate or if anything in the infrastructure and transportation could be planned right the first time? We must consider all the issues when making a decision in voting.



**Above:** Daryl Bonar hanging out at the Edmonton Toy Run

Perhaps the most important issue facing our motorcycle community was City Council's blatant disregard for fairness and equality in the eyes of the law when they passed the motorcycle noise bylaw on June 9, 2010.

Do you remember getting wind of that before it happened, enough to organize and go down to share our thoughts? Seems that report came out and just a couple weeks later it was pushed through with all three readings done in one sitting. And even though the report clearly stated that passenger cars and light duty trucks with aftermarket exhaust were equally responsible for generating noise complaints, the only people being held accountable in the amendment bylaw were us.

I am sure those 8 officially filed noise complaints on the 10,000 registered motorcycles in the span of 2 years warranted this

show of discrimination pushed through while we weren't looking.

So what do we do? Who should we rally behind? Well, I can't tell you who to vote for; all I can do is share what I have learned in hopes to pass on some information. If you are as fed up as I am, do your research and vote for the person you feel is going to best represent you or read on and see what I have found.

I invited the top three mayoral candidates to share some thoughts on specific issues facing our city; incumbent Stephen Mandel and mayoral hopefuls David Dorward and Daryl Bonar. Here's what they had to say.

### Stephen Mandel:

Mr. Mandel chose not to participate and share his thoughts with our community. In my humble opinion, I was expecting this response from his office.

### David Dorward:

Mr. Dorward also chose not to participate. Please note that in all his comments about this issue in the paper, he never once has stood up to say it is discrimination and would push to have it repealed until it can include all forms of non-commercial vehicles. His stance is that he would consider taking another look, no guarantees that he would do anymore.

The simple fact he couldn't take time for us, well, that speaks for itself.

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### Daryl Bonar:

Mr. Bonar was more than happy to participate. Here is someone who wants to earn the votes of the people. Here's what he had to say in his words:

**The Motorcycle Noise Bylaw** - The noise bylaw targeting motorcycles is a fail on many levels. The by-law was completely unnecessary as several existing by-laws were already in place to tackle noise issues of irresponsible riders. Stunting, unlawful modifications, and various other noise by-laws existed prior to the incarnation of the "infamous" motorcycle noise by-law. It is also in my humble opinion discriminatory and borders harassment in its nature. I believe in fair by-law that is inclusive for all but this by-law puts us on a slippery slope as we are singling out a small easily identifiable group.

The most disconcerting part of this whole equation is that was very little consultation if any with the riding community prior to this by-law being passed by council. I have gone on record numerous times since I announced my candidacy for Mayor on May 17th that I will advocate reversing council's decision on this matter and use my voice as Mayor to lobby to have the by-law repealed.

**The Arena** - While community benefit accompanies many large scale building projects, I am opposed to using public money to fund these projects unless a clear case for the public good can be shown and/or overwhelming support is expressed by the community. In my first term I intend to oppose current proposals for public funding of the downtown arena, and Edmonton Indy. These are clearly projects that ought to be funded by the private sector.

These projects simply do not have significant public support nor a clear long term benefit to Edmonton and they would draw funds from many other projects where tax dollars can be invested for the public good.

**The Expo Bid** - This issue poses a dilemma for anyone in the political field because it is difficult to argue a point when you don't have firm numbers, a strong business case either way, or a clear vision of what the final impact may be to Edmonton.



In short this project may have merit if its sole mission is to be an infrastructure infusion for Edmonton. If the mission is to put Edmonton on the global map then my gut feeling is that this endeavor will fail miserably. The overall question we have to ask is "can we afford it?" The answer ranges from a strong NO to an unlikely maybe.

One thing out of this issue is that property taxes will go up sharply if we see this push forward. Lack of Planning/Development in our Infrastructure - I will shorten the timeframe for LRT expansion in Edmonton while at the same time reducing the cost to the city.

My plan for this involves engaging partners with existing infrastructure, such as the railway, in key locations around our city and working with them to re-jig infrastructure use for LRT functionality. Are you willing to give the citizens of Edmonton a voice, allowing our input, on big issues before a decision is made? - I will implement an effective system that will allow Edmontonians to have their thoughts and opinions heard in city hall with more ease.

This cost effective system will give every citizen a more direct line to city hall so that as Mayor, I can pursue more informed discussion with city councilors on issues that are important to Edmontonians.

This will take the form of monthly community town halls where councilors will be obligated to attend in order to hear their constituents' voices. I also commit to attending these sessions so that as Mayor, I am regularly connected to the great citizens of this city.  
Daryl Bonar

Given the responses above we need to throw our weight behind Daryl Bonar.

I have researched all three of them and frankly, his platform is the only one I deem realistic and achievable without being at the expense of the taxpayers.

He is firm on his stances that range from working with the underprivileged, getting smart on crime, giving back to the students, using our tax dollars for the right reasons, giving the people of Edmonton a voice on the issues, holding City Council accountable and most importantly, will table the discriminatory bylaw to be repealed until it can be applied to everyone.

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He speaks bluntly, honestly and without any double-talk. Daryl Bonar is an actual contender holding a secure spot in the top three candidates with only a slim margin separating him, Mr. Dorward and Mr. Mandel in an online poll held back when the candidates were announced.



Don't count him out or think he would be a wasted vote. For more information on Mr. Bonar, please visit [www.darylformayor.ca](http://www.darylformayor.ca)

So what about the wards? We have 12 wards now and first you need to know where you are located.

Please see this link to find which ward you are in now. [http://www.edmonton.ca/city\\_government/documents/ward\\_nbhd\\_100k8color.pdf](http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/documents/ward_nbhd_100k8color.pdf)

Here's a list of candidates that carry the most realistic and well balanced platform who also could support us.

Do they all agree on the issues, not really but in the interest of fairness, they shouldn't. I don't necessarily agree with all their statements either but we are looking for the most well rounded, not just who supports us. I am missing some wards because I was not able to really get a concrete response from some people.

I would hate to throw support behind someone who isn't really going to stand up and do what is right regarding our issue who also didn't seem too solid on the big issues surrounding this election.

- Ward 1 – ???
- Ward 2 – Roxie Malone-Richards
- Ward 3 – John Oplanich
- Ward 4 – Dan Backs Ward
- Ward 5 – ???
- Ward 6 – Bryan Kapitza
- Ward 7 – Tony Caterina
- Ward 8 – Lori Jeffery-Heaney
- Ward 9 – Jennifer Watts
- 10 – Al Stemko
- Ward 11 – Kerry Diotte
- Ward 12 – ???

We elect these people to work for us and by that reasoning, the majority if the candidates sealed their own fate with decisions they have made.

As you may have noticed, my list contains one incumbent. It would have been two had Mr. Thiele not retired. Out of the 11 incumbents and the current mayor, only one single incumbent deserves our support based on his ability to exercise common sense.

The rest we need to get someone new in and hopefully we can get a team assembled in Council that will be full of common sense and not do what the deep pockets want. I certainly don't have deep pockets but feel I have just as much to add in thoughts as someone with money. Don't you?

On October 18, please get out and vote for change. If we don't speak up in this election, my fear is we will continue to go down the path we are on and that won't be good for anyone.

Restore democracy, stand for equality and fight back against dictatorship and discrimination. Liane Langlois

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# Spilli Biker Rally

Story & Photos  
Submitted by Susan Woodhouse



**Above:** Larry & his ride

We arrived on Thursday, to check out the site. awesome place lotsa room, bandstands for entertainment.

Set up the next day for bikers to register for the events and/ or stay for the weekend. Friday the bikers arrived, a few colors as well! Good to see! The festivities commenced with a few brews and a lot of good friends!



**Above:** Poker Run Mayhem Stop

Standing around the fire we exchanged stories and pasts that we'll never forget, and made a lot of new memories.

The Biker Rodeo was a hoot and a half... some fell off... some won the prize. lol.. it was all good!



**Above:** Poker Run Stop - Moberly Pub

Just a lot of good friends, old and new having a blast, like a big family, that all got along, with no animosity whatsoever.



**Above:** Poker Rin Stop - Parson Store

The way things should always be. I danced up a storm with Larry, people were callin us "Fred and Ginger" lol... Poor Larry was sore the next day... until he'd had a few beer lol...



**Above:** The Potato Hunt

The band rocked... and I mean ROCKED... they even covered Floyd! and did it well..... it was the coolest thing I ever saw or listened to... **Continued on Page 5...**



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As I sat by the fire, looking out at everyone, getting along, laughing and just having a great time, I somehow felt that, this is exactly where I belong and have always belonged here all my life.



Above: Jeff's Ride

It was the most incredible gathering of unique individuals and warmth of actually perfect strangers that I've ever felt. I felt like I was at home.

We drank a lotta beer and smoked...

Below: Me & Mel



Above: Kathy

well uh....stuff..... lol... but we had such a great time... the camaraderie of all was palpable. What a cool feeling. I hated to leave on Monday, after we cleaned up the site, it looked like no one had even been there. Made me sad in a way... but on the other hand left me with fond and treasured memories. I can't wait for the next one!!!!!! The Spilli Biker Rally is held in Spillimacheen B.C. about 40 kms from Golden. Great food courtesy of Kathy and Chubbs, great friendly crowd, great music, this year by the Rip-pin Rattlers! :) CD'd available online :) And Walter Simon, the Master of ceremonies, was just THE best!! Guided us through the Biker Rodeo, and many other events :) Sue



Above: The Leading Ladies

Below: The Staff



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### BMHS Bike Klub Visits Vancouver and Sturgis

Story & Photos by Stephanie Coffin  
BMHS Bike Klub

With the new school year upon us, I feel it fitting to update you on what Bike Klub has been up to. Even with the school not open during the summer months we have been very busy.

In July we participated in the King of Customs show during the West Coast Tattoo and Culture show in Langley, BC, where we displayed our current build 'Phyllis'.

This trip was like no other trip we have been on, it started with some of the members never being on a plane before. Tim and Rob from Trick Factory Customs are the promoters of this event and they filled the arena with some of the best tattoo artists in Canada, USA and the world.

The King of Customs show was a great opportunity to see old friends and make new ones. The craftsmanship of the bikes build was world class and the builders involved are true artists. It was truly an honor to spend time talking to and spending time with the owners/builders of Suicidal Cycles, No. 9 Cycles, Azzkikr Customs, Freakshow Custom Choppers, Cole Foster of Salina's Boys and our sponsors Tim and Rob of Trick Factory Customs. Without them this trip would not have been possible for us. Thank you Tim

and Rob, we (Bike Klub) truly appreciate your friendship and support over the past 6 years Bike Klub has been in operation.

I would also like to thank a personal friend of mine, Darrin Pope, for taking time out of his busy schedule to some of the kids on tour of beautiful Vancouver. You Rock!



Above: Cole Foster & The KIDS!

Not long after our trip to British Columbia, we started gearing up to head to Sturgis, SD to participate in the Motorcycle Rally.

Ms. Chelsea Jonah, one of the Bike Klub members was chosen to build a bike in a day with Chickie of the Vagabond Chopper Company. (Below)



Chelsea was chosen after writing an essay and submitting it to the International Master Bike Building Association along with 2 other female students from the United States, Alex from Eden, NY and Amanda from Mitchell, SD.

This event was an IMBBA event and it was a pleasure to be part of it. Radical Randy started the build with introductions of Jeff Starke, president of the IMBBA, the participating girls and Chickie along with Ruben Brown, and Joe Distefano (Cadillac Joe).

What a great experience this was for all involved. It showed the girls the difficulties of building a motorcycle from start to finish, the problems **Continued on Page 7...**

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that you have to overcome, such as 100 degrees in direct sun, and then the thrill of hearing it start for the first time.

This experience was awesome in every sense of the word, Athena Ransom (Chickie) was an amazing mentor/partner for these girls, a true 'mother for a day', along with Sasha Mullins (Chrome Cowgirl) and the staff of the Broken Spoke Saloon these girls were well taken care of.



Above: Ron Finch, Chelsea and Marc Mazerolle



It was an unforgettable experience for all of us, from building a bike on stage, the hundreds of thousands of people, the amazing



Above: Chelsea working on the cables

motorcycles, the folks of the Dublin Inn, old and new friends, and the Motorcycle Museum.

We had the opportunity to quickly visit Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Monuments on our way home. Thank you to Jeff, Athena and everyone who made this trip unforgettable. Our first Sturgis experience.....PRICELESS! We will be back again.

Just before the start of the school year we had the pleasure of Belt Drive Betty herself come

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to the school to meet some of the Bike Klub kids and see the first motorcycle build by in the kids. Many of you may not know this but our first bike show was in Alberta hosted by Belt Drive Betty.

At that time we were only building bicycles and pull wagons but while at the show she had a motorcycle frame donated to the Bike Klub and challenged us to build a motorcycle, so we did.



It took us 21 months to build this beautiful





machine and we named it after the woman who inspired us to build it, and the Betty Bobber was born. It was awesome seeing Belt Drive Betty sitting on the bike we named after her.

Thank you Renee for everything you have done for the kids your support is greatly appreciated.



Now that school is back in full swing, we have hosted an Open House/Awareness day on October 2 in the rear compound of Bernice MacNaughton High School at 999 St George Street, Moncton, NB. A full report on that is coming soon!

We are also gearing up once again for our fundraising campaign. Anyone wanting to help out please contact Marc Mazerolle (marc.mazerolle@nbed.nb.ca) or myself, Stephanie Coffin (coffin\_steph@hotmail.com), all donations are welcome. And all sponsors are recognized for their support of these incredible kids.

Stephanie Coffin

**Wyzwmn@'s Words to the Wise**  
<http://wyzwmnswords.blogspot.com>

**English Literature Wisdom**  
 A ruffled mind makes a restless pillow.  
**Charlotte Bronte**

**Anonymous Wisdom**  
 Remember, we are all born with two buckets. An empty bucket of Experience, and a full bucket of Luck. The trick is to fill up the Experience bucket before the Luck bucket runs out ...via **Johnny Bongo, President, Ancient Riders**

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Patrick Surette doesn't just sell Pro Poly Cushions; he uses one. "I've been tied to a machine all my life," says the longtime trucker. "I'm passionate about my product."

Patrick Surette has spent 32 years driving truck and operating machinery and his backside knows it. "It came to the point where I couldn't sit any longer. Ten years ago it started with burning in my knees and lower back, all pressure from prolonged sitting. The pain was shooting down my legs."

His search for a pain solution has resulted in Surette, 51, starting a company called Pro Poly Cushioning Products that he and his wife, Donna, operate from their Yarmouth, Nova Scotia home. "I know there's a need for those who are sitting all day long," says Surette, "especially people in the trucking industry."

Four years ago Surette, who operates a grader, went to his doctor because of pinched nerves. "An occupational therapist worked with me for a month; we tried everything, we changed my seat and tried air, gel and foam. Nothing worked." Surette says a wheelchair seat cushion called a "ROHO seat" came close, but because of the way he needed to sit in his grader it bunched up and felt like a diaper. "It just wasn't comfortable."



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The occupational therapist told him about an ultra-soft, synthetic, rubber-like material called Akton® viscoelastic polymer. This unique, shock-absorbing polymer had been made since 1970 by a U.S. company based out of Maryland. The material was classified for use as a medical rehabilitation product for people who suffer from conditions such as hospital bedsores and for a myriad of uses such as wheelchair pads, protective knee pads and elbow pads. His therapist let him try it for a week and he was sold. But it took four months to get his own because his insurance company wouldn't cover the costs unless he was in a wheelchair. Eventually his company's human resources department agreed to pay. When the cushion arrived, Surette's popularity rose instantly. "Guys in my company had the same problem. I started passing it around."

The family-run U.S. company had been in business for 40 years and proved to be approachable. Surette learned they had a huge international medical market for their product, but no commercial sales of pads designed for truckers. With a desire for a new career in the back of his mind, he and his wife set up a booth and met a representative of the company at the Atlantic Truck Show in Moncton, New Brunswick, in the spring of 2009. "My booth was like a hornet's nest," says Surette. "They told me not to come to a trade fair with jeans on. I didn't listen, but I wore a nice pair," he explains with a chuckle. "These are my people, heavy equipment operators."

The company representative was impressed and Surette soon found himself with the rights to sell Polymer commercially in Canada. "It's their pads, but I wrap them in my covers and put my name on it." He and his wife have four industrial sewing machines. They purchase pads made of Akton® polymer and he puts on a thin cover with zipper, and his stamp. With a business loan and a few thousand dollars in sales since January – mostly from trade shows – Surette knows he's on the right track. "I'm excited. This has endless opportunity for me," he says. Although he loves operating his grader, he's soon going to stop and meet the challenge of running his company full time with his wife, who will eventually leave her assistant manager job at KFC.

"I've met such good people who give me suggestions and advice," he says. "We can go with most **Below: A Large Butt Buffer**

any innovative idea in non-medical markets." As an example he tells the story of a friend who buys a new bicycle gel seat every year. Surette now can provide him with a product that lasts a lifetime. He cuts the seats from his strips of polymer, sends them to the home company for finishing, and then adds the drawstring ties himself. The product doesn't freeze or burn and has proven perfect for motorcycle seats.

"The damage for me is done," says Surette, who uses his seat at work and on long drives. He urges truckers to consider his product. "Young truckers think they're indestructible, but they should take care of themselves."

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or visit Pro Poly Cushioning Products' website at [www.propolycushioning.com](http://www.propolycushioning.com)

I had a Pro Poly Cushion installed into the seat of my bike while I was in Digby.

As many of you know I wear braces on both feet and have compressed discs in my spine. My left arm sometimes goes numb on me if I ride too many hours and my left leg swells and the pinch in the behind doesn't feel the same as when hubby pinches it!

I am happy to report that the Pro Poly Cushion has really improved my comfort level and I am grateful for the relief it offers. Riding is that much sweeter when your pain is managed!

Belt Drive Betty



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**A quick word from the Editor...**

For those of you who think that Liane or myself are in anyway sounding a call to action for an unfounded reason - I HOPE and PRAY YOU READ THIS and pass it on to every rider of voting age.

If it can happen in the land of the brave and the home of the free - IT CAN HAPPEN HERE!

United we stand - DIVIDED we ride stock.

**The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) has issued the following Action Alert:**

[Start of AMA Action Alert]

<http://tinyurl.com/284lobb>

**CONGRESSIONAL LETTER AIMS TO SUSPEND NHTSA PROGRAM TO FUND DISCRIMINATORY MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS**

Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and some of his colleagues sent a letter to Sec. Ray LaHood urging him to suspend a grant program that would expand the highly criticized practice of creating motorcycle-only checkpoints by law enforcement agencies. The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) strongly supports this important letter.

Along with Sensenbrenner, Reps. Tom Petri (R-WI), Walter Jones (R-NC), Aaron Schock (R-IL), Doug Lamborn (R-CO), Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI), Paul Ryan (R-WI), Denny Rehberg (R-MT), Lee Terry (R-NE), Ron Paul (R-TX) and Joe Wilson (R-SC) signed the letter.

To see the letter, click here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2avnoe9>

The program is the Motorcycle Law Enforcement Demonstrations Grant (DTNH22-10-R-00386). Although the grant has been closed to new applicants as of August 13, 2010, you can view the grant notice here:

<http://tinyurl.com/27au37m> (synopsis only)

<http://tinyurl.com/2dod5xo>  
(full grant announcement)

The AMA has formally questioned the potential discriminatory and legal nature of this program, administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The AMA sent a letter to Administrator Strickland on August 9 urging him to suspend the grant program until questions have been addressed. To date, Administrator Strickland has not responded. To view AMA's letter, click here:

<http://tinyurl.com/252cxee>

While law enforcement officials may defend the program as a safety measure to decrease motorcycle crashes, injuries and fatalities, there is no proof of its effectiveness. The practice, first modeled in New York State, has drawn the ire of thousands of motorcyclists nationally.

NHTSA is now seeking up to five other law enforcement agencies, besides the state of New York, to participate in motorcycle-only checkpoints, and is offering \$350,000 in federal funding.

The AMA believes that the best way for NHTSA to reduce motorcycle crashes is to employ proven strategies, such as rider education and motorcycle awareness programs, that decrease the likelihood of crashes from ever occurring. These strategies must be research-based. Motorcyclists would be much better served by applying the funding to the national motorcycle crash causation study that is currently underway at Oklahoma State University. This is a sentiment supported by Sensenbrenner and many of his colleagues in Congress through recently introduced H. Res. 1498:

<http://tinyurl.com/27g68dt>

To urge your Representative to support this important resolution, click here:

<http://tinyurl.com/27c6yc9>

Please send a prewritten message to either thank or ask why your Representative did not sign onto this important letter that urges LaHood to suspend federal dollars from being used to expand programs that discriminate against motorcyclists.

[End of AMA Action Alert]

With respect to the foregoing, I offer the following five observations:

1. To the extent that DOT/NHTSA Motorcycle Law Enforcement Demonstrations Grant DTNH22-10-R-00386 directly or indirectly discriminates against motorcyclists, it is unconstitutional.
2. To the extent that DOT/NHTSA Motorcycle Law Enforcement Demonstrations Grant DTNH22-10-R-00386 is a ploy to circumvent statutory restrictions on the lobbying of state governments by DOT/NHTSA, it is illegal.
3. U.S. Representative Sensenbrenner's House Resolution 1498 "supports", "encourages" and "recognizes" much that the AMA should and does endorse, but it is NOT legislation that if passed would actually resolve anything.
4. For those of you who are inclined to let lawyers decide your fate, points 1 and 2 emphasize that there is ample ammunition for the "attorneys who ride" lining up to line their pockets while they protect your rights.
5. For those of you who are sick of bending over for legislators, lobbyists and lawyers, there is another and better avenue of attack: Make the checkpoints more costly to the states than the grants, fees and fines they collect, and the checkpoints will soon go away. And don't ask me "how": If I have to explain, you wouldn't understand...

Bruce Arnold

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Bruce Arnold is ... a record-holding long distance motorcycle rider ... a bikers' rights activist, and proud member of The 100 ... a political agitator targeting social injustice and piercing the veil of our two-puppet system to expose the institutionalized greed of the Kleptocracy pulling all strings Left and Right ... like Thomas Jefferson, an aficionado of ethnic aesthetic and a philosophical anarchist who accepts the State as a necessary evil under which the best government is less government. Follow Bruce at <http://LdrLongDistanceRider.com>



**I have a confession to make.**

I have a mistress. She's sexy and seductive. This has been a ongoing affair for many years. I just can't seem to break away from the addiction I have to her, Nor do I want to.

The best part about my mistress is my bride of 21 years doesn't have a problem with her whatsoever. In fact she watches all the time ! What a understanding wife I have.

My Mistress's name is speed, I've been addicted since a very young age. Riding down the steepest hills I could find on my bicycle. Then at the age of 12 I started riding dirt bikes. At 16 I got my first street bike and have never looked back. This year is my 28th season of street riding. Unfortunately over the year I've had many friends who shared the same addiction and found out the hard way what a harsh mistress she can be and are no longer with us today. I have been lucky. I wouldn't say I'm any more skilled than the next guy but in my younger days I did do some things that in retrospective were pretty foolish. I've just been very lucky.

About 5 years ago I discovered I could enjoy what I love doing in a much safer environment and without the risk of losing my licence and having my insurance rates go up to astronomical levels. Yes there is still a risk, But it's greatly diminished compared to riding fast on the street and you are also not endangering the lives of others.

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There are dozens of track days across the province every year at Shannonville Motorsports Park, Toronto Motorsports Park in Cayuga, Mosport in Bowmanville and Calabogie Motorsports Park in Calabogie. There are also companies that specialize in running track days. Many such as Turn2 at Calabogie. Racer5 at Toronto Motorsports Park and FAST Riding school at Shannonville also offer full training programs. They also offer rental bikes if you don't want to take your bike on the track.

A first track day can be a bit of a intimidating experience. All the track day regulars there with their canopies, generators and tire warmers all look very serious with bikes that look to be straight off the MotoGP grid. But I have found that track riders are for the most part very approachable and more than willing to help new riders get started. Many track day organizers also offer the assistance of licenced racers at their days to help out new riders. Track days are normally run in three different groups. Green for new riders, Yellow for intermediate riders and Red for advanced riders. The rules of the green group are very strict when it comes to passing. Racers are accustomed to having another bike pass them inches away in a corner. This however can be a very scary experience for a new rider. So in the green group, Passing is only allowed on the straights and adequate space must be given. I know at the Racer5 track days where I help sometimes there are on track marshalls keeping a eye on everyone to make sure no one is causing a dangerous situation. Also we are keeping a eye open for riders who should be moved up a group or even may just need a few pointers. At all reputable trackdays there are also trained corner marshalls

on the track watching the bikes at all times. There is also a ambulance manned with trained EMTs on standby at trackside should a accident occur.

If you have the same mistress as I do, You owe it to yourself to try out a trackday. Even if you ride a cruiser there are trackdays a few times a year dedicated just to them.

Riding a modern motorcycle at even a fraction of its capabilities on the street is a very foolish practise and every year results in many senseless and preventable deaths. There is a alternative.

Ride Fast, Ride Hard, Ride Safe, Take it to the track.

About the Author

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## From the Depths of File 13

### (My 2 bits worth)

This has been a crazy week. I am no longer associated with F.I.R.R.E. - I wish the organization well in it's endeavours.

I myself am focusing for the next 6 months on the BDB Club for we riders and building up our network of businesses that your membership card is good at,

The RFBA and creating better marketing materials to help my partners understand the resources that are available to them to tell you about their specials and services...Round one of the 2011 Community Phone Book goes to print in 3 weeks.

I am excited as we have somewhere around 300 partners now and this phone book may not have the recommended businesses - but only our partners. We shall see what happens as we start laying it out.

On our web site we are in what we hope is the final round of beta testing of our new Face Book style communications components. They are working really slick! I am very pleased so far. We will finally have that closed "KNOCK ON WOOD" Spam free place to communicate and share that is just for riders. It has been a long time in the works and I am grateful we are almost done testing!

As you can see on the front page Liane Langlois is working hard to make the Motorcycle ONLY Noise Bylaw a true election issue.

I hope you will all consider finding out where your politicians sit on the subject of the motorcycle bylaw in Edmonton because Caledon ON just passed the their bylaw which appears to be very close to Edmonton. This came in on October 6th from Cookie in Ontario:

The Caledon loud pipes by-law was passed tonight, October 5, 2010 with a vote of 8 to 2.

So what we are looking at is a road side test of 92db at idle 96 db at 2000rpm for all 1-2-5-6 cyl bikes and 92db at idle and 100db at 5000rpm for all 3 & 4 cyl. bikes.

Anything above these db numbers is a FAIL! As per the Caledon OPP the test is a two part test, fail at idle fail at RPM and you can get two by-law tickets. The fines are a two teared system, the by-law will cost \$150.00 out of court payment and if you choose to fight it in court it becomes a Provincial issue and can cost upward of \$1,000.00 and upward of \$5,000.00 for repeat offenders.

Only good thing is there is a grace period till Oct1 2011 for an education period, so I guess we'll be getting some warnings!

Now I still have a ton of pictures from my trip to Nova Scotia and a ton of stories that need to be told and we will get to them over the next few weeks but right now we have some big things to discuss that have to take the front seat - the following write up is from my blog and for those who either read my blog or follow on face book - sorry but this story and this message need to be shared....again.

Another HUGE black eye for the riding community... Let me set up the scene for you...Three bikes are heading down the highway, ones is traveling ahead of a car, the other two are riding hard to catch the first bike.

The driver of the car is paying attention to the two bikes that are coming up behind her, looks up and sees she is too close to the bike in front of her and steps on the brakes.

The two bikers behind her go ballistic -they were visibly frustrated and started to yell, tailgate and flash their high beams. They ride up on either side of her car and make her feel scared. At the lights they surround her vehicle, banging on it - telling her they are going to follow her home and teach her a lesson. After more aggressive behaviour she decides to pull over and talk to the riders.

After pinning her up against her car - one rider pulls the other away - another car is flagged down, the RCMP are called and after a discussion with the

officer all are let go.

BUT - this story is far from over. The car driver claims she panicked and made a mistake, the riders claim she was being aggressive and dangerous.

The car driver was 24 year old Paralympic skiing competitor Andrea Dziewior and she is NOT letting this incident go - she is frustrated with the police for letting the riders go and plans to press charges of harassment and assault - the riders intend to take the matter up with the police because they feel the police did not handle the situation right - the riders had been told by the attending officer that they were out of line for chasing and following Dziewior... The riders insist her behaviour was dangerous and aggressive.

(Here is the link to the article on [www.beltdrivebetty.com](http://www.beltdrivebetty.com): <http://www.beltdrivebetty.com/index.php/bc-news/293-motorcycle-television/7176-paralympic-skier-has-road-rage-confrontation-with-bikers-in-bc->)

Now - how old do you think the riders were in this sad but apparently true tale? Take a guess...20. Nope....30? Guess again ...40? Nope try between 50 and 65.

Now folks - I have been in situations where people have made huge errors in judgment and either cut me off or tried to run me into a curb or median because they didn't shoulder check or look at all. I have been put in harms way by those who are not paying attention in their vehicles...and although I have hollered and screamed and honked the pathetic thing I call a horn on my bike (I AM GETTING AND AIR HORN THIS WINTER!) I have usually pulled off to the side of the road and de-stressed because when I vibrate like that I am not a good rider.

I also do one other thing - if I truly feel the driver who messed up is unsafe and dangerous - I memorized the license plate and while I am on the side of the road I call 911 and ask to lay a citizens complaint. It generally involves a trip to the local detachment of whatever police department serves the community I am in and later it means court - but if I am truly that upset that I feel my life was endangered and I think the driver will endanger others - **Continued on Page 15...**

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it is worth the headache and inconvenience. At the end of the day vigilante justice might feel good for a moment but it in NO way resolves anything.

The bad driver is not ticketed hence not losing demerits that might see them have to take a course or lose their license for a while - they get NO real lasting message the way they do when their insurance premium has doubled....or they are walking, taking transit or riding a bicycle while the vehicle they own sits in a garage or driveway untouched.

What real purpose is served by scaring the crap out of someone that way? I know what I think the repercussions of this incident will probably be...this little gal who has an audience and the ear of the press because she is a "celebrity" and is handicapped will tell her tale - press charges - win a conviction in court and tell her tale OVER and OVER and OVER.

Our community will be yet again tarred as a bunch of hot heads and vigilantes... Do I think the riders had a valid point - probably. Do I think that they should have reacted the way they did - NOPE, yelling, hollering YAH - banging on her car, screaming profanities - NOT SO MUCH, surrounding her, pinning her up against her vehicle...really dumb in my humble opinion. There is an old saying that two wrongs don't make a right - that saying was conceived because of situations just like this one.

We all make mistakes when we drive.

There is NOT ONE human being alive who can say they have NEVER made a mistake or a misjudgment. Some lapses have far more serious consequences than others. In this case the young driver got lucky that she didn't injure someone. In this case the riders who were - in all probability riding too fast to catch their buddy were also, by the time she put her brakes on - riding too close or tailgating as it is called - and in my humble opinion were probably just as much at fault as the driver of the car was.

Road rage - vigilantism - very seldom do these behaviors do anything but make the person who exhibits them feel better for a moment or two and scare the crap out of the person on the receiving end - and forever the person on the receiving end ends up hating bikers - and in many, many cases the stories you hear about people who hate our community and will run bikers off the road when they see us - they stem from incidences just like this one...

Think about it the next time you are about to lose it on someone who screws up while driving...are you perfect when you drive? Have you ever screwed up? Do you know the potential consequences of your anger? Is it worth getting charged for

harassment or assault? Is it not far, far better to press charges of your own and go to court and have the person have to look at you as a human being - I mean seriously if you were that scared for your life - is it not worth the inconvenience of going to court and perhaps seeing a dangerous person being taken off the road? I know from personal experience that there are those who will drive anyway - license or not, but at least if they get caught they WILL eventually go to jail...

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Until next week, I am your editor, Belt Drive Betty

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Above: Mike Haufe

Born Deep River, Ontario, now live in Ottawa My first repair was when I was 7... Dad's muffler on his car...wrapped it in cardboard and yellow rope...can yah say FIRE!!...LOL!!

Then moved on to bigger things like taking the muffler off the lawnmower when I cut the grass because I wanted to everyone to think I had the most powerful monster grass cutter on the block...I still laugh about that now.

After school worked in automotive shops... started sweep'n up in a muffler shop then went on to work in a snowmobile, truck, a.t.v., welding and body shops...liked bodywork so much I opened my own shop in 1986 - to present. ->>>SELF TAUGHT EVERYTHING<<<with a little help from the jobs I had...mostly read up on all my interests then tried doing them myself...failed a few

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times learning but that's how I taught myself...painted my first car when I was 17...aced it! Never looked back...raced snowmobiles & motocross growing up in my teens & early 20's...I'd skip school to go play on my toys...alllllll the time...didn't have good grades...go figure...my brain was on a way different page than BORING



school...haha...Built my first complete motorcycle in 1994...still have it.....sincethen I've worked on and customized just over about 100 bikes from paint, accessories ,add ons to complete builds. My current shop does auto mechanics, bodywork, metal fabrication, custom paint and custom motorcycles with all services related to them I love designing and building one of a kind motorcycles...that's my passion!! I have two awesome airbrush artists that help me with my custom painting.



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## Writing & Riding

I've switches gears recently and I am very happy to be working with the Saskatchewan Film pool.

The ambitious goal is for the group of ten writers is to hammer out ten feature length scripts in four weeks. For builders out there it is the equivalent of building ten bikes in a month.

Even the team at OCC would be hitting the walls. Being the biker of the group there is the pang to write the next "Easyrider" movie.

For those of us that write it has been the loft goal to put pen to paper to produce a movie, or at least a book that captures the freedom, the frustrations, the nuances of being a biker. It is a difficult task and a look at our DVD collections shows that few have accomplished.

Biker movies have long been the redheaded stepchild of the film industry. Even in its hey-day of the late sixties and early seventies they were quick, low budget films, most often focused on a famous motorcycle club.

Recent offerings such as "Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man" and "Hell Ride" continue in that fashion. Loose story plots, plot holes big enough to ride a whole chapter through, and ridiculous motorcycle stunts, I'm looking at you "Torque".

Most stories center around some sort of criminal element. It can't be blamed. Guns, drugs and violence is only an arms length away even for the other 99% of us who ride.

The problem with writing the great biker movie is that the best part about being a biker is the ride. The countless hours on lonely stretches of highway with the wind, with our shadows that only thing able to keep up with us.

Right now images are dancing through your head about your favorite stretch of road. Even your best friend riding next to you cannot describe how you are feeling, the thoughts, emotions, smells, the vibrations that go into making that single moment.

It is in those moments that made "Easyrider" such a great movie. The moments showing Wyatt and Billy riding across American.

We feel the squirm in the handlebars; hear the whirl of rubber on the steel grating of the bridge. We've all been there, all experienced it. It is such an important aspect of riding, and yet two miles down the road we will have forgotten about it, moving onto the next.

I'm not writing the next great biker movie, not right now at least, instead taking the easy route of writing a romantic comedy.

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### Sick Leave

I urgently needed a few days off work, But I knew the boss would not allow me to take leave. I thought that maybe if I acted 'CRAZY' then he would tell me to take a few days off.

So I hung upside down on the ceiling and made funny noises. My co-worker (who's blonde) asked me what I was doing. I told her that I was pretending to be a light bulb, So that the Boss would think I was 'CRAZY' And give me a few days off.

A few minutes later the Boss came into the office And asked 'What are you doing?' I told him I was a light bulb.

He said, 'You are clearly stressed out. Go home and recuperate for a couple of days.' I jumped down and walked out of the office.

When my co-worker (the blonde) followed me, The Boss asked her ..And where do you think you're going?'

(You're gonna love this.....)

She said, 'I'm going home too, I can't work in the dark!'

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### THE KOHL's SHOPPING TRIP

Clutching their Kohl's shopping bags, Ellen and Kay woefully gazed down at a dead cat in the mall parking lot. Obviously a recent hit..no flies, no smell.. What business could that poor kitty have had here?' murmured Ellen..'

'Come on, Ellen, let's just go, but Ellen had already grabbed her shopping bag explaining, 'I'll just put my things in your bag, and then I'll use this tissue....'

She dumped her purchases into Kay's bag and then used the tissue paper to cradle and lower the former feline into her own Kohl's bag and cover it.

They continued the short trek to the car in silence, stashing their goods in he trunk, but it occurred to both of them that if they left Ellen's burial bag in the trunk, warmed by the Texas sunshine while they ate, Kay's Lumina would soon lose that new-car smell. They decided to leave the bag on top of the trunk, and they headed over to K & W Cafeteria. They went through the serving line and sat down at a window table. They had a view of Kay's Chevy with the Kohl's bag still on the trunk.

BUT not for long! As they ate, they noticed a big woman in a red gingham shirt stroll by their car.. She looked quickly this way and that, and then took the Kohl's bag without breaking stride. She quickly walked out of their line of vision. Kay and Ellen shot each other a wide-eyed look of amazement.

It all happened so fast that neither of them could think how to respond. 'Can you imagine?' finally sputtered Ellen.. 'The nerve of that woman!' Kay sympathized with Ellen, but inwardly a laugh was building as she thought about the grand surprise awaiting the female thief.

Just when she thought she'd have to giggle into her napkin, she noticed Ellen's eyes freeze in the direction of the serving line. Following her gaze, Kay recognized the big woman in the red

gingham shirt with the Kohl's bag hanging from her arm. She was brazenly pushing her tray toward the cashier. Helplessly they watched the scene unfold:  
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After leaving the register, the woman settled at a table across from theirs, put the bag on an empty chair and began to eat. After a few bites of baked whitefish and green beans, she casually lifted the bag into her lap to survey her treasure. Looking from side to side, but not far enough to notice her rapt audience three tables over, she pulled out the tissue paper and peered into the bag.

Her eyes widened, and she began to make a sort of gasping noise. The noise grew. The bag slid from her lap as she sank to the floor, wheezing and clutching her upper chest. The beverage cart attendant quickly recognized a customer in trouble and sent the busboy to call 911, while she

administered the Heimlich maneuver.

A crowd quickly gathered that did not include Ellen and Kay, who remained riveted to their chairs for seven whole minutes until the ambulance arrived. In a matter of minutes, the big woman with the red gingham shirt emerged, still gasping, and securely strapped on a gurney.

Two well-trained EMT volunteers steered her to the waiting ambulance, while a third scooped up her belongings.

The last they saw of the distressed cat-burglar was as she disappeared behind the ambulance doors.....the Kohl's Bag perched on her stomach!!

God does take care of those who do bad things! AND once in a while...He allows us to witness Submitted by Rick Young, Kamloops BC

The Clock

A man died and went to Heaven. As he stood n front of St Peter at the Pearly Gates, he saw a huge wall of clocks behind him. He asked "what are all the clocks?"

St Peter answered, "Those are the Lie-clocks. Every time you lie the hands on your clock will move". "oh" said the man. "Whoses clock is that?"

"That's Mother Teresa's. The hands have never moved, indicating she never told a lie. "Incredible" said the man. "And whose is that clock?"

St Peter replied "that's Abraham Lincoln's clock. The hands have only moved twice, telling us Abe told only 2 lies his entire life.

"Where's Gordon Campbell's clock?" the man asked.

Gordon's clock is in my office-I'm using it as a ceiling fan. Bonnie Dickson, Langley BC

Queen Elizabeth & Dolly Parton go to Heaven.

Queen Elizabeth and Dolly Parton die on the same day and they both go before an Angel to find out if they'll be admitted to Heaven.

Unfortunately, there's only one space left that day, so the Angel must decide which of them gets in.

The Angel asks Dolly if there's some particular reason why she should go to Heaven.

Dolly takes off her top and says, 'Look at these, they're the most perfect breasts God ever created, and I'm sure it will please God to be able to see them every day, for eternity.'

The Angel thanks Dolly, and asks Her Majesty the same question.

The Queen takes a bottle of Perrier out of her purse, drinks it down. Then, pees into a toilet and pulls the lever.

The Angel says, 'OK, your Majesty, you may go in.'

Dolly is outraged and asks, 'What was that all about?'

I show you two of God's own perfect creations and you turn me down. She pees into a toilet and she gets in! Would you explain that to me?'

'Sorry, Dolly,' says the Angel, 'but even in Heaven,

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**“ You are never gonna believe what I saw....”**



Yep, just when you thought you had seen your share of stupid things your faith in humanity is restored secure in the knowledge that the life guard at the shallow end of the gene pool missed another shift.... But I rant and I digress...

On the way to the cruise ship terminals in Halifax there is a particularly

interesting intersection where 2 lanes become on at a 3 way intersection with 2 stop signs right down Hollis turning by the Old Westin Hotel.... This intersection is a mess on a good day and a real free for all on the others since the rules of the road seem to apply intermittently and inconsistently.

On the day in question I needed gas and a coffee and navigated my way uneventfully thru aforesaid mess. 10 Minutes later, gas topped up and coffee in holder, I am off and the intersection is now gridlocked, with a transport wedged in the intersection with his 4 ways

on... Now this particular fleet of transports is well marked with the “Caution wide right turns signs... and I guess it would probably imply that strange left turns might be in order...

Seeing as how the gridlock wasn't gonna move and I believe it is my civic duty to alleviate such situations, I did my part by extricating my self up the sidewalk and when I hopped out the intersection, there, wedged firmly under the transport was a Highend, silver SUV. Yep the SUV haddriver tried to short side the transport and box him out in the intersection.

Friggin Bozo was lucky he wasn't killed.... And the poor driver gets his whole schedule messed up... Now just imagine yourself travelling at speed when this unfolds....

Situational Awareness can go along way to putting more off the driving odds in your favour.... Some times it is great to practice “What would I do ifs...”

They may save your life.  
Sea Dawg - Medic Cousineau

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