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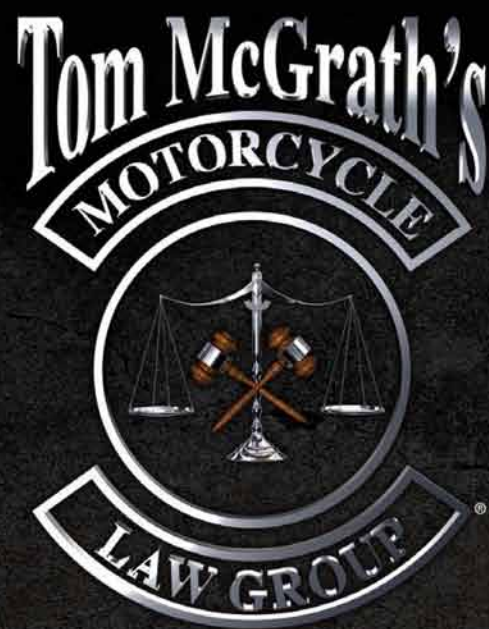


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from the editor's desk

Thanks so much for joining us for our Summer Special Edition of Virginia Rider. We had so much incredible information to bring to you just in time for the "heart of Summer," which makes this a truly "special" edition. The event calendar is growing every month with some of the most amazing events that are created to help so many wonderful causes. From this month's cover feature event, the "7th Annual Battlefield Bash and Music Festival", August 16th and 17th in Lanexa, Virginia, (dedicated to helping Veterans of Central Virginia) to the "11th Annual The Pink Ride", September 29th (supporting local individuals fighting Breast Cancer) and all the events after and in between, they all have an amazing common bond. These events all do something very magical....collectively, they bring together thousands of motorcyclists of all motorcycle types, social groups, ages, sizes, colors and genders, together to raise money to help individuals and organizations in need. It's truly a beautiful thing to realize how much we can impact the lives of others just by giving a little of our time and maybe doing without a little something for ourselves so that we can give that money to help someone else who really needs it. We strongly encourage you to participate in as many events as you can because one person CAN make a difference.

July is definitely my favorite month of the year and very special to me since I'm kind of a sappy patriot at heart. I love it that I was so blessed to share my birthday with the nation and together we get to enjoy patriotic music, fireworks and usually just a great "chill" day. July is also one of the hottest months for us here in Virginia. We've included some awesome articles for you to enjoy about summer riding and how to stay cool while you're out on the road. We know how important it is to your health for you to get good quality sleep so we've included info to help you sleep better and cooler during these brutally hot months of summer. Marc and Rose take you to more great places to ride as their adventures throughout Virginia continue. In our new Motorcycle Laws feature, I think many of you will be surprised to learn about some of Virginia's motorcycle laws that you may not even know exist! Also, the Motorcycle Law Group shares some very important information about what to do if you're in a motorcycle accident...be sure to check it! There's plenty more packed into this issue so we hope you enjoy it!

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Keep those pictures coming in for our SHOTZ pages! We appreciate you joining us this month and we look forward to seeing you again in August. Keep cool and be safe out on the road!

Stay Amazing,

Kelly

IN THIS ISSUE



Whether you consider it a car missing a wheel or a motorcycle with an extra one, the **SLING-SHOT** is a barrel of fun to drive. We have some suggestions to make it a summer bucket of fun.



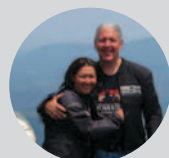
CHLOE, a ten-year-old Maltese, not only loves to ride, but apparently is a bit of an attention hound (sorry for the pun) as well. As Chloe says, "I especially love when a car goes by and you see brake lights and they slow down to take my picture."



It's **RIDING SEASON**, and you'll want to keep up with every rally, show and ride happening. We'll list the latest here and on the website to keep your wheels turning.



Besides ordering pizza (kidding) after you've had a motorcycle accident, what should you do (and not do)? Matt Danielson from **TOM MCGRATH'S MOTORCYCLE LAW GROUP** tells us.



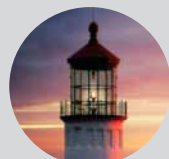
The fact that Marc used to be a pilot explains a lot about his love for riding, although we assume his planes all had windshields. In this month's **GREAT PLACES TO RIDE**, Marc and Rose are joined by photographer Adam Scott for Pecks (must be an Australian thing), Picnics and Passes.



In **SHOTZ**, our monthly pictorial, we'll feature your pics of rides, bikes, friends and anything else relating to bikes that you'd like to share with us. Send 'em in!



Pretend you are invisible, then be as visible and conspicuous as possible. That's the message from The **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FOUNDATION** this month on keeping safe out there.



GOOD FOR YOU

Sometimes the key to letting go of the bad things in your life comes in the form of a devastating accident, like the one that happened to Julie Mauck in this month's **LIGHTHOUSE**.

The moral of this month's **GOOD FOR YOU** is don't go to bed when you're hot under the collar, literally. Here are some tips to cool off before and while you sleep.

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ON OUR COVER:
The family friendly Battlefield Bash and Music Festival is set for August 16 & 17. With Live Music, Vendors and a \$1000 Best Hand Poker Run, there's something for everyone.



In 1946 Honda began selling pushbikes fitted with two-stroke 50cc generator engines originally designed for use with army field telephones. And 46 years later on it launched arguably the most technically complex production motorcycle ever made with the 1992 Honda NR750.



Great ride along the Back of the Dragon yesterday. 2nd time riding it and always as good as the time before. Heading over to the 421 today then who knows where from there! Enjoy your weekend riding everyone! — in Marion, Virginia. From Danny Bradley with Ron Lavenski at Back of the Dragon in Tazewell, VA

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First Tuesday of every month-May through September, 7pm to 9pm, 3912 Lenox Avenue · Charlottesville, VA Mission BBQ, BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, Qdoba Mexican Eats, Uncle Maddio's Pizza. This is a monthly meet up and will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. We hope to see you there to meet other riders and share some good times and find new friends and rides to go on. If you have any questions, please email thomasedolan@gmail.com

VIRGINIA BEACH:

Every Sunday, until Sep 1. Cycle Sundays. 1615 General Booth Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Live Music at 3 p.m. / Happy Hour 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. / Free no hassle parking for everyone. \$1.50 hot dog, 70 cent wings, \$1.00 off burgers. Free swag giveaway from Southside Harley-Davidson
Every Thursday. Big Woody's VB/Southside Harley Bike Night. 1615 General Booth Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. 7pm to 11pm.

★ **Jul 6 America Open House – Yorktown, VA**
11am to 4pm. Hosted by Hampton Roads Harley-Davidson, 6450 George Washington Memorial Hwy, Yorktown, VA 23692. Join us for some Live music from “ the Outlaw kings”, fresh pizza from “Flame and pie”, and vendors as well. Everything will kick off around 11, and the band starts at 12!

★ **Jul 6 Ride 365 “Halfway There” Event – Virginia Beach, VA**
9am to 5pm. Hosted by Southside Harley-Davidson, 385 N Witchduck Rd, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462. 2019 is now half over. Come give your updated miles to your favorite salesman. In order for your 2019 miles to count, you must first be registered for the year. If you have not registered yet, now is the perfect time. Be sure to ride your bike so we can verify your mileage.

★ **Jul 12 Red, White, and BikeNight – Yorktown, VA**
· 5pm to 9pm. Hosted by Hampton Roads Harley-Davidson, 6450 George Washington Memorial Hwy, Yorktown, VA 23692. Friday July 12th the East Coast Rockers will be out rocking, we will have some So Cal style food from Frank's Monster Munchies, cold beers, and some vendors. Come on out and have a great time with us. This event supports the Boys and Girls Club. www.hamptonroadshd.com

★ **July 13 First Responders Appreciation Event – Virginia Beach, VA**
10am to 4pm. Hosted by Southside Harley-Davidson, 385 N Witchduck Rd, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462. First 100 professional law enforcement, fire fighters, and EMTs will receive 200 bonus Reward Points with any purchase. (Professional ID required).

Jul 19th – 21st Thunder in Kanawha's 10th Anniversary – Dugspur, VA Come for a day or for the entire weekend. We have lots of fun activities planned like our famous Wet T-Shirt Contest, our Best Bike Competition and Live Music performances. Be sure to visit our vendors who will be setup in our large modern barn. You are welcome to participate in the many Bike Games. Have your bike cleaned at our Bikinis Bike Wash. Enjoy some great food and your favorite beverages at our Arena Concession Stand or in our Carriage House Saloon. You are invited to our 10th Annual Rally for a great party with your friends. We look forward to seeing you. Bands performing: Confederate Railroad, Tim Elliott, Problem/Child, Bad Mountain Brew, Southern Thunder, Flat Blak Cadillac, Honky Tonk Outlaws. Get your 2019 THUNDER IN KANAWHA ticket today! Choose your ticket \$15 for Friday, \$25 for Saturday or \$35 for the weekend!!

★ **Jul 20th God Bless the Children Run 2019 – Staunton**
Sponsored by Staunton Moose Riders #1635. Ride to Marlinton, WV. After run activities: Food * Pool * Raffles * Entertainment * Dance * 50/50 * Cornhole * Bike Show with Prizes * Good People & Good Times! \$10 donation per bike for each ride. Registration is at 8:30am. Wheels roll at 9am from Staunton Moose parking lot at 139 Cedar Green Rd, Staunton, VA 24401. All proceeds go to Moose Heart Children's Fund. Summer of Fun Runs - Every 3rd Saturday through the summer.

★ **Jul 19-20-21 Virginia Legacy Run 2019 – Sandston, VA**
Hosted by Virginia Legacy Scholarship Run. American Legion Post 144 Battlefields, 1717 OLD HANOVER ROAD, Sandston, Virginia 23150, (804) 737-8922, post144adjutant@gmail.com. A 500 mile, 2 day adventure across Virginia. On the ride you can join in or get out anytime. We have 3 dinner stops and 2 lunch stops, several wreath laying at Veteran cemeteries along the way. All proceeds benefit the National American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

★ **Jul 20 Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Chapter 27-2's Bull Run III – Fredericksburg, VA**
All Riders welcome. All proceeds are donated to the Virginia Veterans & Family Support Program. Start Point: Old Dominion Harley Davidson 5224 Jefferson Davis Hwy Fredericksburg, VA 22408. End Point: VFW Post 8613, 1103 Varina Avenue, Shenandoah, VA 22849. Registration: 0900. Depart: 1100. Pre-register at: www.cvma27-2.org/events/bullruniii. \$25 donation for the rider/\$10 donation

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for a passenger. Lunch is included with the donation. Pre-registration includes one free patch. Coins, food, and patches available for purchase at start point. Food, raffle, and auction at the end of the ride. Virginia Veterans & Family Support Program - We see the need to refocus on the core services provided directly to veterans and their families. VVFS will continue serving as a healthcare safety net for all of our service members, veterans and their families.

★ **Jul 20 Beauty and Beasts Bike Wash - Yorktown, VA** Visit hamptonroadshd.com for more info

★ **Jul 27 Tattoo Contest, Bikini Bike Wash, & Sturgis Send-Off Event - Virginia Beach** Visit southside-hd.com for more info.

★ **Jul 27 Yorktown Cars and Coffee July 2019 – Yorktown, VA**
9am to 2pm. Yorktown Cars and Coffee for July will be Saturday the 27th. We will have Firehouse coffee out serving up some local brew, Modded performance Tuning and Hampton Roads Harley-Davidson sponsoring the event, 6450 George Washington Memorial Hwy, Yorktown, VA 23692. As always this event is open to all vehicles, people, and pets. Come out and show off your ride, and meet some like-minded people.

★ **Aug 3 SOWW Poker Run – Haymarket, VA**
Serve Our Willing Warriors is a publicly funded, community-supported, nonprofit providing encouragement and support for our Nation's Warriors through non-medical programs and services that positively affect their recovery. The exhausting routine of surgeries, procedures, and therapies takes a heavy toll on the Warriors as well as their family members. Our Motorcycle Poker Run will be run by the Nam Knights Motorcycle Club, Sons of Titans Chapter. This is an event where participants ride along a pre-determined route and stop at designated checkpoints to draw playing cards for their poker hand. The goal is to bring back the best hand to our scenic, 37-acre Warrior Retreat at Bull Run. The day at the Retreat is filled with food, beverages, music, prizes, and lots of good conversation and laughs. At some point during the festivities, the holders of the top three poker hands all receive some great prizes. Oh, and there is also a consolation “prize” for the person who returns with the worst hand in the group. Hopefully, this person has a good sense of humor! 0830 - 0930: Registration. 0945 - 1000: Safety Briefing. 1000 - 12:30: KSU/Ride. 1300 – TBD: Announcements, Door Prizes and Winners. Start point: Walmart (6530 Trading Sq, Haymarket VA 20169). End point: SOWW (Warrior Retreat at Bull Run / 16013 Waterfall Road Haymarket, VA 20169). Pre-registration will be set up through the SOWW website. <https://willingwarriors.org/motorcycle-poker-run/>. Preregistration Price: \$25.00 with passenger. Day of registration will be \$30.00 with passenger. Riders will receive a food ticket at registration that will include 1-hamburger or hot-dog, 1-snack bag of chips, 1-soda.

★ **Aug 16 & 17 7th Annual Battlefield Bash & Music Festival – Lanexa, VA**
Dedicated to helping the Veterans of Central Virginia. Presented by CVMA 27-3. Location: Ed Allen's Campground, 13501 Campground Rd., Lanexa, VA 23089. This is an awesome family-oriented event. Come out to enjoy all the FUN! Camping, Live Music. **\$1000 POKER RUN (best hand) & \$250 (worst hand) through historical battlefields, People's Choice Bike Show, Door Prizes, Raffles, Cold Beverage Truck, Food Truck, Gear Vendors, Jewelry Vendors and more! Feel free to Pre-Register at <https://www.combatvet27-3.org/pre-registration>. We look forward to seeing you there!

★ **Aug 17th God Bless the Children Run 2019 – Staunton**
Sponsored by Staunton Moose Riders #1635. Ride to Moorefield, WV. After run activities: Food * Pool * Raffles * Entertainment * Dance * 50/50 * Cornhole * Bike Show with Prizes * Good People & Good Times! \$10 donation per bike for each ride. Registration is at 8:30am. Wheels roll at 9am from Staunton Moose parking lot at 139 Cedar Green Rd, Staunton, VA 24401. All proceeds go to Moose Heart Children's Fund. Summer of Fun Runs - Every 3rd Saturday through the summer.

★ **Sept 21 2nd Annual Elevate Church BIKE-A-THON – Windsor, VA**
Sept 21 - 10am to 2pm, 150+ Miles. Depart & Return location 23486 Deer Path Trail, Windsor, VA. There will be a “Meet & Greet” about the ride on July 27th at 3pm at Elevate Church Bldg. This ride benefits Hope Project, Brazilian Missions & the Youth Challenge. For more information contact Mike & Paula Apperson, 757-376-2453 or 757-636-1291. *See flyer in this issue to use QR Code to sign up!

★ **Sept 29th 11th Annual The Pink Ride - Chesapeake/Virginia Beach VA**
Supporting Local Individuals Fighting Breast Cancer! Hampton Roads Largest Charity Motorcycle Ride! Registration Begins at 9am at Big Woody's Great Bridge. Kickstands up at 11:30 to ride to AJ Gator's – Witchduck. Tickets: \$20 Rider, \$10 Passenger. \$20 Walk-ups and Non-Riders. Admission Includes: Hamburgers, Hotdogs, & Pig Pickin". Live Auctions, Silents Auctions, & Raffles. 100% of NET Proceeds Go to Support Local Breast Cancer Patients & Causes. For more info. Vendor & Sponsorship Opportunities contact: Buddy Cummings (757) 339-3156. or Email us at info@thepinkride.org



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It's amazing how many Motorcycle Laws are in effect here in Virginia that most motorcyclists have no idea that they even exist. You may be incredibly surprised as we bring you the full details each month on Virginia's Motorcycle Laws.

Do you know....

1. Motorcyclists can treat red lights as stop signs when the sensor fails to recognize the motorcycle after either two minutes or two cycles of the light, whichever is shortest.

VA Code 46.2-833 section (B) states: Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a driver of a motorcycle or moped or a bicycle rider approaches an intersection that is controlled by a traffic light, the driver or rider may proceed through the intersection on a steady red light only if the driver or rider (i) comes to a full and complete stop at the intersection for two complete cycles of the traffic light or for two minutes, whichever is shorter, (ii) exercises due care as provided by law, (iii) otherwise treats the traffic control device as a stop sign, (iv) determines that it is safe to proceed, and (v) yields the right of way to the driver of any vehicle approaching on such other highway from either direction. This is a Traffic Infraction with a fine of \$300.00.

2. You may know that Motorcyclists can use HOV lanes in Virginia; but did you know that they are not required to be equipped with a transponder in order to use Virginia's HOV/HOT Lanes.

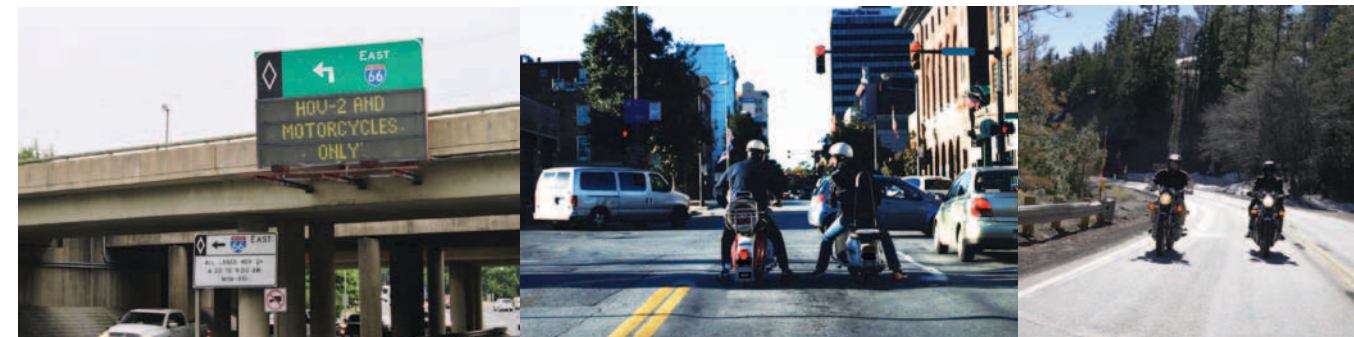
VA Code 33.2-501 Section A states: In order to facilitate the rapid and orderly movement of traffic to and from urban areas during peak traffic periods, the Commonwealth Transportation Board may designate one or more lanes of any highway in the interstate, primary, or secondary highway systems as high-occupancy vehicle lanes, hereinafter referred to in this section as HOV lanes. When lanes have been so designated and have been appropriately marked with such signs or other markers as the Board may prescribe, they shall be reserved during periods designated by the Board for the exclusive use of buses and high-occupancy vehicles. Any local

governing body may also, with respect to highways under its exclusive jurisdiction, designate HOV lanes and impose and enforce restrictions on the use of such HOV lanes. Any highway for which the local jurisdiction receives highway maintenance funds pursuant to § 33.1-41.1 shall be deemed to be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the local governing body for the purposes of this section. HOV lanes shall be reserved for high-occupancy vehicles of a specified number of occupants as determined by the Board or, for HOV lanes designated by a local governing body, by that local governing body. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, no designation of any lane or lanes of any highway as HOV lanes shall apply to the use of any such lanes by: Vehicles such as fire-fighting vehicles, ambulances, and rescue squad vehicles, Law-enforcement vehicles, and Motorcycles.

3. Two-wheeled vehicles can travel side by side in a lane designated for one vehicle.

VA Code 46.2-833 states: A person shall be guilty of reckless driving who drives any motor vehicle so as to be abreast of another vehicle in a lane designed for one vehicle, or drives any motor vehicle so as to travel abreast of any other vehicle traveling in a lane designed for one vehicle. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit two two-wheeled motorcycles from traveling abreast while traveling in a lane designated for one vehicle. In addition, this section shall not apply to (i) any validly authorized parade, motorcade, or motorcycle escort, (ii) a motorcycle traveling in the same lane of traffic as a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, or moped; nor shall it apply to (iii) any vehicle when lawfully overtaking and passing one or more vehicles traveling in the same direction in a separate lane.

If you have questions or comments concerning any of the laws affecting Virginia motorcyclists, contact Matt Danielson at McGrath, Danielson, Sorrell & Fuller, The Motorcycle Law Group. 1-800-321-8968 matt@motorcycleglawgroup.com Motorcycleglawgroup.com.



7th Annual BATTLEFIELD BASH & MUSIC FESTIVAL

We are excited to announce that the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, Virginia Chapter 27-3, will be hosting the **Seventh Annual Battlefield Bash and Music Festival, August 16 and 17, 2019, at Ed Allen's Campground in Lenexa, VA.** We are an Association of Combat Veterans from all branches of the United States Armed Forces (active, reserve and retired) who ride motorcycles as a hobby. Our mission is to support and defend those who have defended our country and our freedoms. Our focus is to provide assistance and to help individual veterans, veteran care facilities, other veteran organizations and registered charities. We sponsor and participate in many veteran-related motorcycle (and other) charity events each year, and as a non-profit organization, donate to various veteran causes. Our Mission Statement is **Veterans Helping Veterans.**

The **Seventh Annual Battlefield Bash and Music Festival** is dedicated to helping the veterans of Central Virginia. The Bash provides an opportunity for the Central Virginia community to come together to honor and remember these Warriors, and ensure they know that they are never forgotten. Our hope is that all participants come away from this event with a sense of renewal and an even deeper resolve to never forget those who protect our freedom.

This is an awesome family-oriented event. Come out to enjoy all the FUN! ...

Camping, Live Music, \$1000 Poker Run through historical battlefields, People's Choice Bike Show, Door Prizes, Raffles, Cold Beverage Truck, Food Truck, Gear Vendors, Jewelry Vendors and more!

This memorable event is open to everyone and we would be honored to have you attend. Your participation and support is greatly appreciated. Feel free to Pre-Register at <https://www.combatvet27-3.org/pre-registration>. We look forward to seeing you there!

FRIDAY - AUG 16TH

- 4:00 pm: Cold beverage truck and food vendors open with music and cornhole
- 7:00 pm: One Way Ryde Band takes the main stage

SATURDAY - AUG 17TH

- 8:00 am: Registration, raffles, food vendors open up
- 9:30 am: National Anthem and Blessing of the Bikes
- 10:00 am: First bike rolls for the \$1000 Poker Run
- 12:00 pm: Cold beverage truck opens back up with music and cornhole
- 1:00 pm: People's Choice Bike Show begins
- 2:30 pm: Last bike in and last 50/50 tickets sold
- 3:30 pm: Raffles, 50/50, \$1000 (best hand) & \$250 (worst hand)
Winner and Bike Show winners announced
- 4:00 pm: Soul Fuel Band takes the stage to open up the live music
- 8:00 pm: Red Light Romeo rocks us until the early morning

The CVMA is a 501(c) (19) non-profit organization. If you have any questions and/or are interested in supporting this memorable event, please email Louis Johnston at louis.johnston@icloud.com, Public Relations Officer (PRO)

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QUICK TIPS

PRETEND YOU ARE INVISIBLE

If you ride a motorcycle, you know that out on the road you might as well be transparent, because car drivers often look right past you. They might notice the car or truck behind you, but *you*, in all your "narrowness," may not register in the visual cortex of even the most alert drivers.

That's why an oncoming car driver might turn left in front of you at an intersection.



That's also why a driver in the next lane, even if they turn and look in your direction before changing lanes, might veer into your lane.



Sadly, drivers might behave this way even when they're not distracted by their cell phone, GPS, satellite radio, or other form of in-car infotainment. So how do you compensate for being "invisible" to drivers?

Be as conspicuous as possible. Wear bright clothing and a light-colored helmet. Always have your headlight on, and use your high beam or an aftermarket headlight modulator during the day (where allowed).

Take an approved rider training course. Learn how to maneuver your motorcycle in normal and emergency situations, and practice braking and swerving maneuvers often. Also understand that safe riding depends as much on the mental skills of awareness and judgment as it does on the physical skill of maneuvering the machine; respond early to possible hazards instead of having to react instantly to an emergency.

Pretend you're invisible. If you assume others on the road *can't* see you, and any car that *can* hit you *will* hit you, you will tend to ride in a hyper-aware mindset and learn to notice every detail in your surroundings. In other words, you will take extra responsibility for your safety and ride defensively. You will vary your speed and lane position to place yourself in the best spot on the road to avoid collisions, plan escape paths in case a driver violates your right-of-way, cover your brake controls to quicken your reactions, use your horn to alert a driver who doesn't notice you, and always ride within your limits.

CAR DRIVERS ONLY SEE WHAT THEY EXPECT TO SEE, AND MOST DON'T EXPECT YOU TO BE PART OF THE TRAFFIC MIX. RIDE WITH THE RIGHT SKILLS, STRATEGIES, AND ATTITUDE. BE SEEN - BE SAFE.



GREAT PLACES TO RIDE

with Marc Ritchie and Rose Grant

PECKS, PICNICS AND PASSES

Is it just me, or do other riders have a weather site as their homepage? Or is it even a bike thing?? Perhaps, in my case, it's just a spillover from my flying days when the internet was just taking off. No longer was I solely reliant on an outlook briefing from a call to the local flight service station. I now had everything I needed at the click of a button. And it was one of the "greatest things EVER!!", as Butt-Head used to say.

And it still is: as long as the forecast isn't just a copy and paste from another site, or using some glitchy algorithm of aggregated weather data, and an actual meteorologist is involved. Fortunately they got it right this time, but unfortunately, Rose was having back issues from a feeding incident. And judging from her walk to the kitchen, we were going to have to postpone the day's ride. Sensing I would be sleeping in, I closed my eyes, only to be awoken minutes later by my Pillion, all dressed, boots and ponytail donned, shaking my arm, "Are we going??"

We met our friend and former co-worker, Adam Scott, owner of Adam Scott Photography, and motorcycle enthusiast, at Wayne Cycle Shop in



Waynesboro, Virginia. It was a reunion of sorts with Zing, Susan, Adam, Rose and I (did I leave anyone out?), having all moved on to brighter futures. Jennifer and Mike had a gorgeous golden 2006 Gold Wing ready and waiting for us, fully fueled and tires checked. We were all just hanging out. Darrell, the parts manager, and I were having an interesting conversation about Montana and Idaho, while Rose and Susan were discussing something to do with feeding critters. You can't be in the motorcycle business for nearly 50 years without making

people feel at home, and staff passionate about bikes and powersports. These folks are getting it done and knocking it out of the park!! Stop by, or check out waynecycle.com to see all of their great machines and get hooked up!!

While we geared up, I re-familiarized myself with the GL's cockpit. "This had more buttons than a Cessna," I thought to myself, and we'd be sharing similar altitudes later. It was an Audio/Comfort/Navi model complete with a 3.5 mm audio jack in the glove box. My focus then turned towards the AUX button and volume knob, as 80 watts per channel boomed Aerosmith's "Gotta Love It", from my smartphone, prophetically foretelling my feelings towards this bike by the end of our ride.

The plan was to grab some fried chicken to go at Fast Break in Monterey (it's delicious!!) and find a spot to picnic before heading back on Rt. 33. We passed White's Wayside where we had a delicious breakfast earlier, listening to some good music, including a sweet melody about Tennessee Whiskey. I don't remember the title, but their extra crispy bacon is amongst the best I've ever had. We wouldn't be counting any calories on this ride.

The day was warming up nicely, just as forecast. We were going to stop at the Breastworks (hhhhuh huh,,, he said...), the overlook where Rt. 250 crosses over Shenandoah Mountain, and Civil War attraction, but a road crew had it closed off. Sadly, much of 250 has been resurfaced with chip seal, which is basically gravel glued to the road.



It's hard on tires and nothing I'd ever want to end up sliding on. I live on this road. I rely on it daily. And it breaks my heart how this scenic byway has been treated. Rant over, sort of...

Chicken safely stowed, we pushed further west, this time, on unmolested pavement, to one of our favorite detours on purpose. With stellar views of the Blue Grass Valley and Snowy Mountain, Maple Sugar Road always leaves an impression on us, along with the ride through the charming small town of Blue Grass. It's one of the region's best decompression chambers. Adam didn't seem to mind either. After all, how bad can things get when you have fried chicken on board?

We crossed into West Virginia. I know this is a Virginia Rider Magazine article, but this is one of the best loops ANYWHERE!! And the ride over Moyer's Gap to Sugar Grove and Brandywine is great airspace for anyone riding this way: no instrument rating, or clearance required. Using every gear in the transmission through the mountains, followed by seemingly endless sweepers at highway speeds, will leave even seasoned riders itching to return to pocket these apices.

We were done drooling and it was time for a break. Team "Chicken Run" found



a picnic table at Brandywine Lake. For those not transporting food across state lines, there's the Brandywine General Store, which has sandwiches and ice cream a couple of miles away. Rose, Adam and I had the entire place to ourselves on this fantastic day. That was a head scratcher. And I thought for sure, we'd bring the bears out with the wafting aroma of our deep fried feast in this empty park by the mountains. That had to have been torture for the critters. It was probably more so for Rose, because she had none to feed. Bellies full, we mingled around as Adam's unique eye for the camera, captured a butterfly by the lake.

We finally got to use the pod of all triness at the other end of Shenandoah Mountain on Rt. 33. The six pack of 1832 CCs of perfectly placed horizontally opposed power provided an impressive pull up the pass. There were, however, no signs of pecks of pickled peppers, but this was a place to get plenty of pictures. Although we found the butterflies elusive, the blue sky, and the clouds, and their shadows on the mountains, produced a great background for our bikes and happy shutter fingers.

I had grown very fond of this machine. Descending down Rawley Pike on proper pavement, the linked brakes stole the show. Trail braking down a mountain



was never this easy, on a bike this heavy. And rolling our wing from one side to the other, didn't feel like there was any wrenching on the yoke at all. It was simply effortless, even near maximum takeoff weight. And that stereo!! I can't count the number of times I turned it down and it was still loud. Adam said he also heard it a couple of times over his bike. I hope he liked Rush:)

I also couldn't count the number of squeezes Rose's leg encountered from my clutch hand. It had been another perfect day on a bike together: one which she cowboyed up big time!! Once back on the ground and our taxi clearance executed, it was hard to park the bike and walk away. I wanted to rewind to the very beginning and do it all over again. It had been a while, and as many times as we'd done this loop, this time seemed extra special. And I think one of the main reasons why, in addition to all of its epic moments; Rose and I with friends at cool places with great bikes, great weather and food,,, is that it almost didn't happen.

Cheers and thanks for reading!!
Marc Ritchie

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LETTING GO

My first few days in the hospital were a blur. I was heavily medicated. I didn't have the ability to do anything for myself. My arms were almost pulled out of the shoulder sockets because I didn't let go of the handlebars when I flew over them. I was nearly paralyzed in body and in mind. I don't remember the details of the accident, only that the turn was too fast, and when I crossed the center line, I couldn't bring it back. Sort of how I felt about my life: I had gone over the line and I couldn't pull it back. I was drinking too much, partying too much, involved with the wrong people. Those were the only things that were important to me. I was living on the edge. My co-worker and good friend stepped into action. In the hospital, she filled out the paperwork for financial aid, as I had no insurance. She fed me, bathed me, and when I got out of the hospital, she and her husband let me stay at their home, where they helped me through the first three months. I knew at this point that my life needed to change. But it wasn't easy and I held on to my past the way I had held onto those handlebars. What would I do with my life if I wasn't partying? Who would I hang out with? Who would my friends be? I knew I couldn't go to the same places. I knew that the definition of insanity was doing the same things, but expecting different results. As I was scrolling through Facebook one day, I saw that a friend posted something about her church. Now I had attended church as a young girl, but it didn't take. So when I had a choice, I stopped going. But this church sounded different – or maybe it was just that I knew I needed to try something new. One Sunday, my friend picked me up and took me to church with her. When I walked in, I sensed something different. I didn't know what it was. During the service, I felt that the pastor was talking directly to me. And I cried.

After that, I wanted to go back every week. When I sat in the service, the pastor was talking about forgiveness and mercy and how it doesn't matter how bad we were, or what we have done, God forgives us and doesn't judge us. As time went on, I realized I needed to let go of the handlebars. I needed to release the things in my life that weren't pleasing to God. And it was surprisingly easy to do.



All the things I was worried about were taken away. He filled up my time with church, Sunday School, singing in the praise and worship team, going to Bible study, concerts with friends who were like minded and wanted to spend their time glorifying God. I even found friends who loved to ride motorcycles. I joined the Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA).

This tragedy, which at the time I thought was the worst thing that had ever happened to me ended up being the best thing. Without my motorcycle accident, I would have continued down the same path, gripping tightly to the handlebars, and I probably wouldn't be here today.

"Galatians 2:20" is the bible verse that meant the most to me right after my accident. Also, one of my other favorite scriptures is "Psalms 139: 23 & 24".

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STAY COOL WHEN THE HEAT IS ON!

Rides and road trips are among the most exhilarating pastimes for motorcycle enthusiasts during summer months. As temperature patterns rise, however, you need to take steps to maintain proper coolness for your own comfort and health as well as for the functionality of your motorcycle. It's important to know what to wear when riding a motorcycle in summer.

TIPS FOR STAYING COOL WHILE RIDING IN EXTREME HEAT

A lot of riders are at a loss regarding what to wear when riding a motorcycle in hot weather because the attire associated with the activity tends to be warm. Granted, the wind resistance of freeway rides provides a chill factor that counters the heat, but only for as long as you remain in motion and even then sometimes the wind can't overcome the sun's rays that are beating down.

For proper safety and comfort, you will want to keep these tips in mind when gearing up for your next hot summer ride:

WEAR JACKETS WITH VENTILATION

For motorcycle rides in hot weather, it is crucial to wear a jacket with proper ventilation. At times of intense humidity, the best jackets for heat protection are those with textile mesh panels. The mesh panels allow the jacket to breathe and this can make the riding experience cooler on hot days thanks to cooling effects of high-speed wind resistance on the open road. Another option is perforated leather with or without zip vents. However, the perforation must be extensive for the jacket to keep you cool in the summer heat. Otherwise, it's liable to trap heat and make the experience even muggier. When you select a jacket for summer riding, pay attention to the quality of the seam stitches. Jackets with single stitches between the sleeves, cuffs and front and back panel are often less expensive, but they also tend to be less durable than jackets with double stitching.

CHOOSE GLOVES WITH MESH BACKS

Despite being small items, gloves are just as important for safety as other articles of clothing. You never want to ride without gloves, not even when the outdoor temperatures are liable to make an encased pair of hands sweaty. In the event of a slide or a drop, you will need to have gloves to protect your hands. To avoid instances of palm perspiration as you grip the handles of your motorcycle, stock up on a pair of heat-friendly riding gloves. The best kinds of gloves for summer riding are those made of perforated leather. Gloves of this sort will have perforated backs with solid leather palms and inner-fingers. Alternately, gloves with back panels made of a textile mesh are also good for hand ventilation. Another crucial feature of any pair of motorcycle riding gloves is a wrist closure that will keep them on your hands when you most need them for protection. Some gloves have elastic wristbands for this very purpose, but features such as snaps, adjustable buckles and wrist straps offer greater retention.

WEAR PANTS WITH ENHANCED FABRIC

Even on summer road trips, the pants that you wear must offer sufficient protection. For years, solid leather pants were considered the safest option when it came to riding a motorcycle. However, such pants could lead to perspiration under intense heat. Thankfully, the options for motorcycle riding pants have expanded in recent years due to innovative fabric engineering.

Even jeans now offer greater protection with their newly enhanced varieties. For motorcycle riding, jeans lined with Kevlar offer maximum protection from abrasions. Kevlar-lined jeans often have impact protectors within the pocket region. Alternately, some jean manufacturers have enhanced their product with protective Armalith thread.

Many of today's jeans also have elastic material for enhanced comfort and fit. Non-denim pants that use hybrid material can also offer the necessary protection while still being breathable enough for summer wear. Whichever type of pants you choose, make sure that it is sufficient to protect your legs in the event of a slide or a fall. Never opt for anything less than full-length riding pants, no matter how tempting it may be.

WEAR BASE LAYERS TO ABSORB PERSPIRATION

When it comes to motorcycle attire, some riders favor head-to-toe leathers with the autumn/winter option of base layers. As far as hotter months are concerned, base layers are often seen as extraneous layers that intensify heat, perspiration and discomfort. Unfortunately, the leather, or other jacket material, itself can be uncomfortable when it touches your skin. Under humid conditions, such discomfort can take the joy out of riding. To prevent the heat-binding discomfort, wear lightweight, moisture-wicking base layers with sufficient ventilation. This way, the layers under your jacket and pants can serve the two-fold purpose of buffering the textures of your outer attire while also keeping you comfortable and dry.

CHOOSE A BREATHABLE HELMET

For motorcyclists, the single most

important piece of riding attire is the helmet. You need proper head-gear that protects the most vulnerable part of the body during open-air riding. Despite its importance, a lot of riders opt to skip the helmet during summer months. In earlier decades, it was understandable why the helmet was seen as an uncomfortable burden in humid climates. Older helmet designs were typically solid all around and lacked ventilation. When temperatures exceeded 85 degrees, the lack of breathing pores in a typical helmet could make the riding experience sweaty and uncomfortable.

Fortunately, contemporary helmet styles include an array of options designed to make the summer riding experience safe as well as comfortable. The best summer motorcycle helmet designs include those constructed of carbon fiber or hybrids of polycarbonate and fiberglass. In addition to meeting safety standards, helmets of this variety are lightweight, ventilated, sunray-equipped and often Bluetooth compatible.

A number of motorcycle helmet manufacturers also now offer transition visors that automatically adjust their tint based on the amount of light.

WEAR SUMMER-WEIGHT BOOTS

Out of all the essential articles of clothing for the motorcyclist, boots are among the less flexible when it comes to summer-friendly options. The majority of boots geared towards motorcyclists tend to consist of closed leather with no ventilation. Consequently, the lowest portion of the body often retains the heat. Some manufacturers have redressed this problem and introduced boots onto the market with tiny frontal holes and mesh side-paneling to help increase airflow. As you ride at high speeds, the wind penetrates the holes and mesh to ventilate the toes and ankles. This can cool your feet as you ride and prevent heat from being trapped in your lower extremities. Boots are one of the more crucial articles of the motorcycling wardrobe. In the event of an accident, boots offer protection in what could otherwise be a badly impacted part of the body. Even when you take short rides, a solid pair of motorcycling boots can minimize and in some cases prevent

injury of your ankles, shins and toes. As tempting as it may be in hot weather, never opt for open-toed shoes.

PACK SUMMER ROAD TRIP SUPPLIES

If you embark on a summer road trip by motorcycle, be sure to stock up on supplies and protective gear. For starters, keep an adequate supply of bottled water on hand. Schedule time to make pit stops for refreshments and cool drinks along your route, whether you're riding alone or with a group. Also, be prepared for sun exposure. While it's important to have sunscreen on hand for the times that you park your motorbikes and peel off the leather layers, remember to wear sunscreen on any areas that may not be covered during your ride as well. Thin, ventilated cover layers can also serve as an anti-humidity sunshield in hot, sunny environments.

If you or any of your road mates are allergic to stings, be sure to bring any necessary medication along to counter the effects of a stray bee, wasp or hornet sting. These incidents are not uncommon during summer months.

KEEP YOURSELF HYDRATED

To stay in peak riding condition along those long and humid summer routes, drink plenty of water at each stop. After all, when your body sweats, it is depleted of water at a more rapid pace. Consuming water will keep your body replenished. Again, always keep bottled water on hand and stick to routes with a frequency of rest stops or gas stations for times when you need to resupply.

Try to keep water as your primary drink when you're riding. Drinks that contain caffeine or alcohol can leave you dehydrated and cause you to urinate more frequently due to the diuretic properties of these beverages. Sugary drinks can also cause you to experience an energy "crash," especially in high heat.

For optimal hydration on humid days, consume roughly one liter of water per hour during rest stops.

Plan stops along your route

MAKE STOPS ALONG ROUTES

Along lengthy rides and road trips, be sure to make pit stops at reasonable intervals to keep yourself rested, fueled and energized. Ideally, you should take a small break at least once per hour on hot days to consume a cold beverage and tend to other possible necessities before you proceed on your route. It is best to avoid routes with anything less than two convenience stores within a 60-mile distance on days of intense humidity.

Whenever you pull up at a convenience store or gas station during a hot day's ride, consider placing your helmet in the outdoor cooler for a few minutes while you take a break and grab something to drink. After 10 minutes or so in the cooler, the helmet should be cooler and more comfortable to put back on.

BEWARE OF HEAT EXHAUSTION

During the course of a given ride, certain factors are not worth toughing out, especially if they involve physical symptoms. If you find yourself taken with feelings of nausea or dizziness while out on the road, pull aside and take some time to recuperate and rehydrate. If you start to experience headaches, cramps, fatigue or heavy sweating, these are signs of heat exhaustion and you should stop riding and seek help.

Any one of these symptoms should serve as a warning from your body that you need to stop, rehydrate and regain yourself. Failure to do so could make the problem worse and lead to heat stroke, which is when the body falls unconscious due to the ill-effects of intense heat. A heat stroke could put you in grave danger if you happen to be riding at the time of such an episode. Heat stroke can also cause permanent organ damage, brain damage or death.

If you are out on a road trip with one or more motorcycling mates, do not allow yourself to feel pressured into continuing along despite experiencing heat-exhaustion symptoms. As long as the symptoms persist, stay off the road. If your nausea does not subside or your temperature continues to rise, call for medical help.

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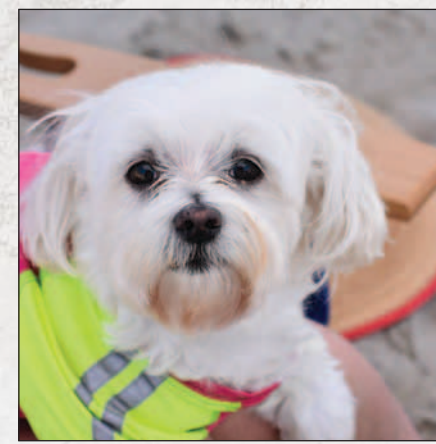
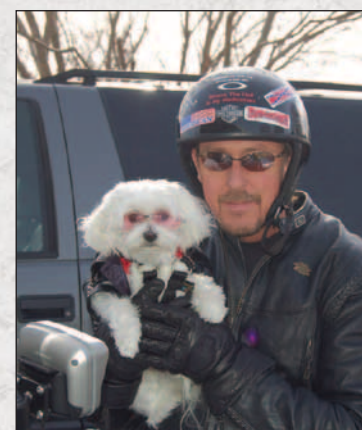
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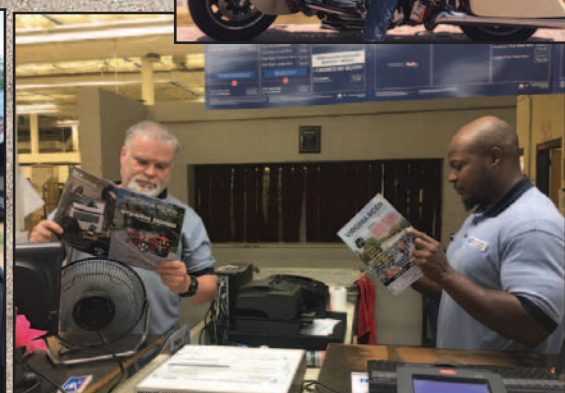
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Hi, my name is Chloe Harley Angel Carr. I go by Chloe and am a 10 year old Maltese who loves to ride, ride, ride. I have been riding with my mom and dad since I was about 8 months old and was a natural. I loved it from day one. I love day rides and my longest day was a 12 hour ride through Williamsburg and Jamestown and back to my home in North Carolina. I also rode to Rolling Thunder last year. That was a fun trip. So many people want to take my picture and pet me. I always get so much attention. I especially love when a car goes by and you see brake lights and they slow down to take my picture. I have some favorite watering holes. Some even make chicken breasts just for me. I hope to be riding for many years to come. There are so many more things I want to see.

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If you have trouble sleeping in the heat, here's some simple and effective tips from The Sleep Council to help you stay cool and comfortable in bed this summer;

Tips to stay cool and sleep

- Open windows and doors to create a cool draft through your bedroom.
- Keep curtains or blinds drawn during the day to keep the sun out and your room cooler at night.
- Get rid of the comforter and heavy blankets and sleep with just a cotton sheet. If you need a little more, choose a lightweight blanket that doesn't hold in heat.
- Sleep naked – in addition to being more comfortable with no clothes on your skin, you'll have improved blood circulation which is good for your heart & muscles. It also reduces stress.
- If sleeping naked is just too much to "bare", wear light cotton nightwear – this may feel better than wearing nothing at all as natural fabric (cotton) will absorb any perspiration.
- If you've got long hair, tie it back. Hair around your neck can make you feel warmer in bed.
- Have a cool shower or bath before bedtime to lower your core body temperature.
- Drink plenty of cold water during the evening and keep a glass by the bed. * Try not to drink a lot within 2 hours of bedtime or you'll be awakened by a trip to the bathroom
- Avoid too much caffeine, alcohol or a big meal before bedtime as this can make you feel hot in the middle of the night because of dehydration and over-active digestion.
- Cool a pillow case in the fridge before bedtime or try one of the new cooling pillows that are available to buy – both will help you keep a cool head!
- Also, try putting socks in the fridge and wear them in bed – cooling your feet lowers the overall temperature of your skin and body, ideal during a hot summer's night.
- Use an electric fan to cool you down at night. If it's really hot, put a tray of ice and a little water in front of the fan which will cool the air even more.
- If you share a bed, make sure it's big enough for two people so you can sleep without disturbing each other – a 5ft wide bed should be your minimum.



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Drive to a fireworks display
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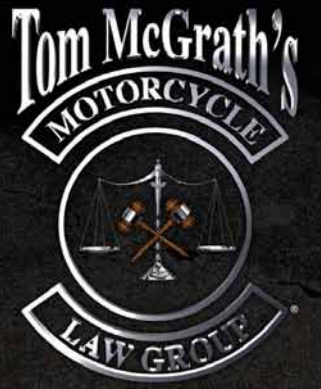
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WHAT TO DO AFTER A MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT



You never want to think about getting in a crash, but like any possible emergency, it's important to know what to do in the event the unexpected strikes – like knowing how to put out a grease fire, perform CPR, or administer minor burn relief. It is similarly important to know what to do to protect yourself legally in the event you are in a car, motorcycle, or truck crash. Most importantly:

- Get out of harm's way (if you are able) and call 911 to get responders to the scene. If you are able, check on others and ensure they are getting medical attention.
- Make no statements at the scene of the accident. This is your right under the Fifth Amendment! You can give your name, phone number, and other identifying information, but say nothing regarding how the accident unfolded to the police or others at the scene. We understand that "saying nothing" is easier said than done; you may be under pressure to describe how the events unfolded, particularly if you believe you are not at fault or if the other party in the accident is a chatterbox.

Saying the wrong thing, even by mistake, can reduce your right to recover damages, or worse, eliminate your right to collect an award altogether. Simply tell the officers and others that you are not in a condition to make a statement at that time (due to stress or injury). Assure those on site that you will be happy to make a statement at a later time after you have received medical attention or spoken to an attorney. Once medical help is en route:

- Look around and find witnesses. Record the names and contact information of all witnesses. If you are physically unable to collect others' names but have someone with you who can, have them do it. Do not assume that the police will collect names for you. Many times, the investigating officer assumes the case against the defendant is clear and, therefore, does not record the names of witnesses. This can complicate your

case if the defendant's insurance company determines that you are either solely or partially at fault.

- If you are involved in a tractor-trailer crash, be sure to get photos of the license plates and USDOT numbers – these are usually found on the driver-side door. Take multiple pictures of the tractor trailer and the driver.
- Take photographs of the accident scene to include the location of the vehicles involved and any debris in the road. Make sure to take both close-up photos and photos at a distance (wide shots) for various perspectives.
- Do not give a statement to any insurance company (the defendant's or yours) without first consulting with an attorney. Do not call your insurance company until you have spoken to an attorney.
- Seek medical attention and make the medical professionals treating you aware of all pain that you are experiencing regardless of how minor.
- Do not share photos or discuss any aspect of the accident on social media (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, etc) and do not text about your injury or the accident unless absolutely necessary. Insurance companies routinely surf social media and mobile devices in order to find information that they can use to attack your credibility.

Knowing how to react in a crash is critical to ensuring everyone receives the medical attention they require and that you protect yourself, both medically and legally, in the event the unexpected strikes.

If you have been involved in a motorcycle, car, or tractor-trailer crash, call us at 1-800-321-8968 and speak with an attorney who practices in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and West Virginia. We will come to you, wherever you are.





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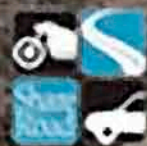
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