

WEST VIRGINIA -

Announces enforcement of the Court Cost Rule, as per article in the Times WV (fairmont)

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Court cost fees are and have been supposed to be PER OFFENSE, not Per Ticket. The court costs in Marion county, are \$165.50. The rule has always been \$165.50 per offense. Magistrates have been only charging the fee per ticket, said Mr. Steve Canterbury, the supreme court administrator. he goes on to say the cost rule will be enforced or the magistrate will held for dereliction of duty. He eluded to payment plans and credit cards as the solution to reduce the hard ship on the poorer population.

he sites, a 1976 law Wv code - 50-3-2

Also stated that these fees are needed to maintain the jails in our state.

Revenue distribution is as follows- - MY COMMENTS -

- Magistrate court fund ----- \$10.00----- (this is the real court cost)
 - Court security fund ----- \$5.00 ----- (metal detectors?)
 - Regional jail authority ----- \$40.00 ----- (I could stay at the holiday inn)
 - Crime victim compensation fund - 10.00 ----- (Frcik and frack and fuss)
 - Law enforcement training ----- \$2.00 ----- (no wonder most need more training)
 - Regional jail paid to the sheriff --- \$48.50 ----- (look like some inside dealing)
 - Community correction fund ----- \$10.00 ----- (who knows)
 - Court house up keep ----- \$ 5.00 ----- (someone has to pay the rent)
 - Regional jail fund ----- \$30.00 ----- (sounds like a double dip here)
 - Teen court ----- \$5.00 ----- (sounds like another double dip)
- If you get 1 ticket with 3 offenses the costs will be \$165.50 per offense.

Example:

- All on one ticket-
 - no lid - \$165.50 plus the fine
 - Tail lite out - \$165.50 plus the fine
 - Loud pipes - \$165.50 plus the fine
- He also summed it up like a pro beaurocrat,
Canterbury said - " if you dont like this rule, dont break the law"

This is thought proking

While were at it i would like to express a rant, and then express a observation. My rant is, When did riding on two wheels become a sport? I see on TV and some ads where they (the company's) want you to come and join the SPORT of motorcycling. I do not and never have considered riding 20 miles or 200 miles to a brother or sisters last resting place a SPORT, or riding with the PGR to show my respect to our fallen brothers and sisters a SPORT. In the 44 years I have been riding I have seen our image go from every-one on two wheels as being outlaws to now we are sport riders. I know it's just a small issue, but to me it is an issue.

When I ride 2800 miles one way to my grandchild's first birthday party it is not a sport. I ride on two wheels because I not only enjoy riding but it is the most economical mode of travel for me. We need to clean up the wording again. I as well as others do not consider riding in the rain (it used to be snow) to get back and forth to work as a sport.

I was filling my tank the other day a guy in a SUV was filling his, and he ask how much it cost to fill mine as his was about \$60.00, mine was \$5.60. He says he was going to buy a bike to ride back and forth to work, and I took the opportunity to advise him to take a safety training course. Of course he knew nothing about any safety training. so I told him where and how to go about finding them. His words to me were I used to ride, and I guess I still could but he was going to take my advice. Then these words came out of his mouth.

For months now I have seen many riders some alone, some up too as many as 60-70 at a time going places, it looks like the SPORT of motorcycling is really growing. I almost got sick, so I got on my sport bike (road king) and went home to lie down until it passed. Oh bye the way, I have not only been through riders training I am a 22 year member of A.B.A.T.E. ride free , Ga Gypsy

I found this interesting

I just had a conversation a few days ago about bikers and motorcycle owners. Bikers ride a lot and they ride distances

MC owners blast around town and , in their minds " went for a ride" or had a thrill. The bikers get out and cover a lot of miles in a days time, and therefore we (they) learn the rules of the road and how to survive, on the other hand , the MC owners blast around , at best , a 50 mile radius and they learn little to nothing about real riding. (safety). So the newbies and the Non distance riders will grow in numbers while the real biker population will probably remain about the same. Guess who will get the most news coverage.....

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