

A little extra news for ya:

Sheriff's deputies who halted a dual-sport ride in Vermont with threats of arrests and seizure of motorcycles were "overzealous" in their enforcement, "seriously lacking" in their knowledge of motor vehicle laws and trying to enforce a local ordinance not legally in effect at the time of the ride, the Vermont State Attorney General said.

In a letter dated December 1, 2004, Attorney General William H. Sorrell also praised the hundreds of would-be participants in the Red Fox Turkey Run, saying the motorcyclists "conducted themselves in an exemplary manner, without any disorderly behavior, and dispersed peacefully."

The dual-sport ride, scheduled for August 8, 2004, was halted by Windham County Sheriff's Department deputies as riders gathered that morning. The participants were told the event was illegal and were threatened with arrest and seizure of their motorcycles if they rode, said motorcyclists there that morning. At the request of the AMA, the New England Trail Riders Association, and others, the Vermont Attorney General's Office investigated the actions by the Sheriff's Department.

Despite finding that the Sheriff's Department made numerous mistakes, Sorrell said the actions of the officers and the Jamaica Town Select Board, which passed an ordinance to try to stop the run, stopped short of criminal wrongdoing. But he did recommend several steps the Sheriff's Department and Select Board should take to avoid further problems in the future.

Among Sorrell's findings: The Sheriff's deputies "acted improperly in their dealings with event participants..." and "...statements were made to some participants about possible violations and consequences that simply do not exist under Vermont law."

Sheriff's deputies sought a last-minute legal opinion from the State's Attorney about whether the dual-sport ride could legally be considered a "race" under Vermont law. But the opinion was "likely based on some incorrect factual assumptions." Sorrell wrote: "The event was not a 'race' and the WCSD (Windham County Sheriff's Department) was incorrect both in saying it was and in using that as a basis to threaten to 'arrest' the event organizers if it took place."

The ordinance passed two weeks before the dual-sport run by the Jamaica Town Select Board, prohibiting use of some town dirt roads, was not legally in effect at the time of the event and may have been voted on improperly. The actions of the Sheriff's Department and the Select Board "resulted in the improper cancellation of the Red Fox Turkey Run."

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." ~Dr. Seuss

A Florida car driver ran into a motorcycle in Broward County and kept on driving even though the motorcyclist was thrown onto the hood of the car and yelled at the driver to stop, according to local news reports. The motorcyclist eventually fell off the hood of the car and wrote down the driver's license plate number. Meanwhile, a witness in another vehicle chased the driver for 20 miles before the driver was stopped by police. The driver, Scott Eisenberg, allegedly said that he never saw motorcyclist Marlowe Buelvas on his hood, yelling for him to stop. He said if he saw the man he would have stopped immediately, but he just thought he had hit some debris in the road. Buelvas wasn't injured but his custom motorcycle was totaled. Eisenberg was charged with driving without insurance, leaving the scene of an accident involving damage, failure to report an accident immediately, failure to leave information, and careless driving.

Minnesota's second annual "Bikerday" at the capitol was January 20, 2005 and groups including ABATE of Minnesota, MN Motorcycle Riders Association, MN Motorcycle Club Coalition, and St Croix Valley Riders invited all motorcycling groups to participate in this event. The major agenda this year includes protecting rider education funding, legislation designed to protect motorcycles when they have been seized by law enforcement, and enhancing the penalties for right-of-way violations consistent with the AMA's Justice For All campaign.

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Chow Time:

Well folks, I think I found another good spot to stop while tooling around the Fox Valley. The place is Quenchers Food & Spirits in Kaukauna, WI. I stopped in with a friend to do some paper business and got overwhelmed by the smell of cooking burgers. After a very short time we decided to get a burger. After finding out it was burger buddy nite, where you buy one get one free every Tuesday. Let me tell you, it was worth it. Ron and I both got the "Quencher". A big ass burger & brat patty/cheese for \$4.00, can't beat that!!!!

Quencher's has been open since the end of September. After some extensive remodeling the owner Katie put together a really friendly atmosphere. With Abby serving drinks with a smile it was a relaxing meal. Check out the place if your hungry cause all the food smelled great.

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Downtown Kaukauna

Question of the month.

While talking to the Randy of Flying Eagle Cycle's, a debate started of how many miles the average biker in Wisconsin rides. Well the way I see it there's only one thing to do. ASK ALL OF YOU.

How many miles do you HONESTLY ride in a year?

Let me know preacher@freeriderspress.us

We will let you know the results in a future issue.

Brothers Lost

Preacher,

I am writing to let whoever knew Tom Kruckowski "aka Krusch", passed away Dec 22, 2004 at 58 yrs. old

He was a great uncle, father, brother and grandfather. He was more than an uncle to me, he was my friend. He was there for me not what, or anyone no matter when the time a day was. My father and my uncle weren't just brothers they were best of friends. They rode together, hunted together and fished.

My uncle hung out at the Holiday Bar in Butler, Headquarters in Milw., and Patty's R&R in West Allis. He knew people all over the state and elsewhere. My uncle will always be in our hearts, and will be missed. We are putting on our back fenders of the bikes "in memory of Krusch", so he will still be with us when we ride.

If anyone knows a good airbrusher please contact me or if anyone has any other ideas let me know. My father will ride his wide glide all summer in memory of Krusch.

Uncle Tommy you will be missed!

Love and respect
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