

**Chubby's Thinking**

Apathy; lack of feeling, want of passion or emotion. This word may not be exclusive to bikers, as I see a great amount of it hiding out in every corner of our society today. Personally, I will shout till I'm hoarse and write 'till my fingers bleed before I let anyone take my freedoms away. Now, does this mean that unless you're standing on a soapbox letting all bikers know what gross injustices are lurking in the shadows you're apathetic? I sure hope not. Maybe we should chalk up most bikers' apparent indifference to their freedoms and safety to today's society. A society that has made blame shifting an art form and taken away all individual responsibility away. A society that lets insurance companies and lawyers dictate legislation. Over two hundred years ago Ben Franklin wrote "those who are willing to give up freedom for security deserve neither freedom no security" but it seems today everyone is more than willing to give up their basic freedoms so they don't have "stress" about everything. Can't life just be simpler? Does anyone really know when to say enough is enough? How long should we wait for the constant infringements on our way of life to go away? I hope 2008 is the year you chose to rise up and take control of your destiny. Let's show everyone that bikers' are not apathetic, we were just waiting until we got really pissed off to start shouting "enough is enough". With a hat trick of punch in the face government indifference towards Wisconsin bikers in 2007, we need to start shouting.

Wisconsin bikers will be given the chance to let their legislators know how they feel about some of the recent issues facing them when ABATE of WI (A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments) hosts a lobby day on March 4th. Buses will descend upon our Capitol from all corners of the state filled with bikers that care about their rights. ABATE of WI will have position papers available to take to your legislators and will even accompany you on your journey if you'd like. Even though it looks like we are going to have a large number of bikers in attendance, this should not be confused with a rally. Rallies are designed to attract the masses, our lobby day is designed to meet your legislators' one on one and lobby for biker issues. That is why it is scheduled for a weekday when legislators will be there instead of a weekend when we could make a strong showing look easy.

We shouldn't have to use the word apathy when so many of our basic freedoms are being infringed upon. Bikers wrote the book on strength, spirit, and passion. The days of hoping things will go away are gone. Let 2008 be the year you decide to get involved. To find our more about the issues ABATE of WI will be lobbying about, or to join ABATE of WI, go to [www.abatewis.org](http://www.abatewis.org) or call 1-800-386-4442.

**Amazingly simple Home Remedies**

1. If you are choking on an ice cube, don't panic. Simply pour a cup of boiling water down your throat and, presto, the blockage will be removed.
2. Clumsy? Avoid cutting yourself while slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold them while you chop away.
3. Avoid arguments with your wife about lifting the toilet seat by simply using the sink.
4. For high-blood-pressure sufferers: simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure in your veins. Remember to use a timer.
5. A mousetrap, placed on top of your alarm clock, will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button
6. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives, then you will be afraid to cough.
7. Have a bad toothache? Smash your thumb with a hammer and you will forget all about the toothache.
8. Sometimes, we just need to remember what the rules of life really are: You only need two tools - WD-40 and Duct Tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40; if it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.
9. Remember: Everyone seems normal until you get to know them. So be brief with people.
10. Never pass up an opportunity to go to the bathroom.

**Thoughts for the day:**

Be really nice to your family and friends; you never know when you might need them to empty your bedpan. Some people are like 'slinkies'. They're not really good for anything; but they still bring a smile to your face when you push them down a flight of stairs.

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