

Just a Biker by Dave Zien - January 11, 2011

Perhaps each of us has or had similar incidents happen to us. Please feel free to call or drop me a line for possible publication in the Free Rider Press and other major motorcycle magazines.

Ever since a July 8, 1991 surgery in which biopsies were taken from my face, I've faced the probability of skin cancer. Several times since then, private doctors and the Veteran's Administration have found numerous biopsies to be benign.

After lot'za miles on scooters, I just thought myself too tough to wear skin block, ear plugs, chap stick, sunglasses, goggles, helmets etc. Just recently, it seems we are not invincible, immortal and indestructible.

Then there's the Agent Orange, the most poisonous substance known to man. Our Vietnam search and destroy and recon missions, permeated heavily sprayed areas. We drank, ate, breathed and bathed in Agent Orange near the DMZ and in Laos.

On February 3, 2010, I had been referred by Urgent Care to immediately see a Dermatologist in Apache Junction, Arizona. Several areas on my face and forehead were often bleeding in the prior several months. Even I thought my soul is well; I was scared! The Dermatologist stepped into the doorway and said "this room stinks." She returned several minutes later and sprayed the doorway and perhaps 10-ft. into the room. She left quickly.

After about 5 minutes, she returned to look at my bleeding wounds. "It's not skin cancer", she said after looking at the wounds only on my left temple.

With plastic gloves she just barely touched me. Wow, there were several areas that were not even looked at, much less touched. She scurried out, giving me no eye contact, being in the room at the most - 1 1/2 minutes.

Yep, a \$180 visit for 1-1/2 minutes. It appeared the assistant was as shocked as I was. Obvious prejudice. Just for the record, I took a shower that morning, had on fresh/clean clothes, deodorant and cologne. My teeth were brushed on the way to her office, with breath mints as a backup. As a rookie, yuppie Biker Wannabee, I might have looked like I smelled. Now if I would'a been on the road for 1000 mile back-to-back days, it would be a different story!

None of us deserve to be treated this way. I'm sending a copy of this article to the A to Z Dermatology firm. An apology in writing and verbally has been demanded from several people who read this article, from her and the firm.

*It took me almost a year to challenge this inappropriate and unprofessional behavior. Now, it's your turn. Please let me know if I can help you in your specific incidents.*

Just a couple of ironies:

- I'm growing my whiskers and hair for several movies, Including a part where I'm asked to look, act and be like Moses. The movie revolves around the ironies and idiosyncrasies of the World's 8 major religions.
- I appeared in the final filming of 'Ride to Live, Live to Ride' produced by Wolf on the Moon Productions and Warner Brothers (soon to be released on DVD).
- A state Senator, Representative 18 years.
- A Campus Administrator, Job Service and Veterans Counselor 14 years. (I have been blessed by God to have remarkably successful careers to help people be happy, healthy and successful.)
- Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.
- President Pro-Temp of the Wisconsin State Senate.
- Just a Biker who cherishes the Biker Lifestyle. Who happens to be a member of ABATE, AMA, HOG, MRF, NRA, Rolling Thunder, American Legion and AM Vets Riders and Four motorcycle museums and Halls of Fame, etc.

Amazing Hmong Facts & Feats compiled by former State Senator Dave Zien

- Sociologists say that in their native Laos, the Hmong family structure was the strongest in the World.
- Since the Vietnam War, at least 5 new species of animals have been discovered in Laos. One is so amazingly unique that it defies logic.
- The world's only documented million mile motorcycle is at the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame in Sturgis S.D. The old Laotian flag flew from March 2007 to Million-mile completion on April 9, 2009. That 3x5 ft. flag is on the motorcycle in that museum.
- In March 2007, I started flying that flag in honor of General Van Pao's wife whose funeral as in Fresno, California. A total of 435,000 miles I have been logged with those flags since then on my Harley-Davidsons.
- General Vang Pao rode as a passenger with me on the Million Mile Motorcycle at the Wis. Veterans Tribute in Cadott and the High ground Veterans Park in Neillsville.
- Other museums considered to display similar motorcycle artifacts and old Laotian flags are in Iowa, North Carolina, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- The largest Veteran color guard to ever appear at the Wisconsin Veterans Tribute was the Hmong soldiers.
- Just 6 days after the meeting that I set up in Washington D.C. with Hmong leaders and Rolling Thunder, General Vang Pao and 10 of this officers were arrested. Apparently the BATF, FBI and CIA were confused because their obvious individual sting operations were uncoordinated and bogus. There never was any intention of raising money to overthrow the current Laotian government.
- Hmong people still "Hunted like Animals" need to be addressed.
- It is with great pride that I went to Sacramento, California for General Vang Pao's trial. That and visiting various Federal Buildings is unforgettable.
- Similar to our George Washington, General Vang Pao seemed to have a shield around him. He survived 8 airplane crashes and numerous wounds (20 plus). Once a U.S. Bomber by mistake dropped 4 large 500# bombs on his command post. None exploded.
- "The Shield at Work for the George Washington of the Hmong people!"
- God Bless You - Sincerely, Dave Zien



Local Government Humor

Courtesy of Gabe Gabrielsen

Weight Loss

Election time is here and most people are unaware that the vast majority of newly elected local public officials will experience significant weight loss during their first six months in office. Doctors say this substantial drop in weight natural and only temporary. It is brought about by the physical exertion they put themselves through while:

- Trying to get the ball rolling
- Jumping to conclusions
- Running around in circles
- Opening up numerous cans of worms
- Frequently putting their foot in their mouth
- Making mountains out of mole hills
- Adding fuel to almost extinguished fires
- Hopping on the band wagon
- Dragging their heels
- Beating around the bush
- Tooting their own horn

Do you have a Second.

A question by Gabe Gabrielsen, OEO

The following reflects an actual event that took place in a local community. Read the issue then discuss the options with a friend. Imagine you are a Local Public Official Your local school district, like many across the nation, is experiencing a financial crisis. Currently, your district offers two foreign languages in its curriculum: French and German. Most board members agree one must be cut. One School Board member makes a motion to eliminate French. Another makes a motion to eliminate German. While a third states that French and German are "old languages" and makes a motion to eliminate both and replace them with Spanish, a language that will benefit today's students.

*If you were a member on this school board which motion would you second.*

- A) Eliminate French?
- B) Eliminate German?
- C) Eliminate both and implement a Spanish language course?
- D) Eliminate all foreign language studies all together?

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