

**THE ROAD WE RIDE IN LIFE**

I don't have a story for you this month. Over the years I have subtly tried to interest you all in the gospel of Jesus Christ through stories and observations, thinking that over time, someone might begin to see things in a new way. The events of the past week have caused me to think that there may be some who need reminding that our time on this earth may be shortly over. If you have been affected by anything I have written over the past five years, don't think you have forever to think or act upon it. Today would be the BEST day to get things right with God! Think about this:

"He is my Road Captain,  
I don't need anything else.

We ride for Wendy's chili.  
We stop often for a refreshing 'Dew.

True to His reputation,  
He leads me down the right road and  
He lets me rest when I am whipped.

Though I ride through the gauntlet of Death, Your  
Presence gives me courage.

You protect me from my own mistakes,  
And rescue me when get in trouble.

I get all the pizza I can eat,  
And I stay full and refreshed.

I am chased down life's road by Your goodness,  
And Your kindness shows me where to go.

I will find rest and peace in Your house forever."

This is a personal rendition (paraphrase) of Psalm 23 written in memory of Ray Lund, a friend who passed away unexpectedly=2 0on June 12, 2009.

At least a couple of times in the past few years, we broke down and had to call and ask if Ray could come and tow us home, and he was always willing to help.

Ray's sudden passing emphasizes the preciousness of life, and just how fragile our human frame is. None of us can be assured that we will have another day of life here on this planet, but we know that sooner or later we have an appointment to stand before the Creator. You may reply that you don't believe in God, but what if you are wrong? If I am wrong and there is no God, then we'll all die and go off into nothingness. If you are wrong, and there is a God, what then? Are you ready to meet Him face to face? The Bible says that you can only be ready if you know Jesus Christ, and have received Eternal Life through Him. He died for your sin debt on the cross, and rose from the grave to give you life.

The Bible says, "Believe ON the Lord, Jesus Christ, and you will be saved." Acts 16:31  
Pastor Sam



**New stationary on-highway motorcycle sound test standard released by SAE**

PICKERINGTON, Ohio -- The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) International has produced a simple, consistent and economical sound test standard that can be used to determine whether a streetbike (on-highway motorcycle) exhaust system emits excessive sound, the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) reports.

The J2825 "Measurement of Exhaust Sound Pressure Levels of Stationary On-Highway Motorcycles," issued by the SAE in May, establishes instrumentation, test site, test conditions, procedures, measurements and sound level limits. According to the SAE, the J2825 standard is based on a comprehensive study of a wide variety of on-highway motorcycles.

"The motorcycling community and law enforcement have long sought a practical field test for measuring street motorcycle exhaust sound," said Ed Moreland, AMA vice president for government relations. "Thanks to the hard work of the Motorcycle Industry Council, and the SAE engineers involved in the project, for the first time a simple field test is now available.

"The AMA maintains that few factors contribute more to misunderstanding and prejudice against street riders than excessively noisy motorcycles," Moreland continued. "With the new SAE J2825 standard, street motorcyclists can now determine how quiet, or loud, their bikes really are."

Moreland added that the new standard follows a template established years ago with the SAE J1287 off-highway motorcycle sound test, a standard recommended by the AMA wherever off-highway motorcycles are operated.

The SAE J2825 on-highway motorcycle sound test procedure is similar to the one used for the SAE J1287 off-highway motorcycle test. The streetbike measurement requires holding a calibrated sound meter at a 45-degree angle 20 inches from the exhaust pipe of a running engine. The procedure spells out how to do the test with the bike at idle, at a predetermined engine speed ("Set RPM Test"), or by slowly increasing the engine speed of the bike, known as the "Swept RPM Test."

The SAE J2825 standard, prepared by the SAE Motorcycle Technical Steering Committee, recommends a decibel limit of 92 dBA at idle for all machines or -- using the Set RPM or Swept RPM Test -- 100 dBA for three- or four-cylinder machines, and 96 dBA for bikes with fewer than three or more than four cylinders.

The creation of a new street motorcycle sound measurement procedure was a top recommendation of the 2003 National Summit on Motorcycle Sound, expressed by its Motorcycle Sound Working Group. The AMA organized the National Summit on Motorcycle Sound to pull together riders and user organizations, representatives of the motorcycle manufacturers, the aftermarket industry, racing promoters, government agencies, and others to develop proposals regarding the increasingly controversial issue of excessive motorcycle sound.

"The J2825 test allows jurisdictions around the nation, struggling with complaints about excessive motorcycle sound, to set reasonable limits in accordance with the SAE standard," said Moreland. "While the AMA supports the establishment of the SAE J2825 standard in America's cities, towns and communities, we will continue to fight efforts that single out motorcycles while still permitting excessive sound from other sources, such as loud cars and trucks, booming car stereos, poorly maintained generators, whining leaf blowers, and the like."

The SAE J2825 standard can be downloaded on the SAE website for a fee at [http://www.sae.org/technical/standards/J2825\\_200905](http://www.sae.org/technical/standards/J2825_200905).

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