

## Oh The Sacrifices We Make

By Big-T

As bikers we all make sacrifices in order to make riding an integral part of our lives. For instance, we all sacrifice a certain level of personal safety every time we enjoy the freedom of the road, but this is not were I want to go today. Instead I would like to talk about the little sacrifices we make everyday that sometimes end up making one hell of a story.

The morning was beautiful, the perfect combination of sun and cool air. I got out of the fart-sack early just so I could ride and at least get a taste of this day on my way to work. My bike was still parked in a buddy's garage from the previous night's shenanigans, and this is when things got interesting.

I arrived at my buds house which was all locked up since he was at work, and the world pissed in my cornflakes again as I realized I had no way in to my bike. I raced to a phone and called him at work only to be rewarded with a sarcastic laugh as he said jokingly, "The only way in is through the dog door." Well there was no way I was driving my cage to work on a day like this! Not to be defeated I eyed up the dog fence which contained his dog Fletcher whose friendliness is only surpassed by his size, (picture Winnie-the-Pooh trapped in the body of a grizzly bear). I climbed over the fence only to be knocked ass over heels on the ground while a tongue the size of a wet beach towel smacked me in the face. I wrestled the dog off me and looked at the dog door that Fletcher barely fit through, but figured I had to at least give it a shot. So I stuck my right arm through, then my head, and next came my left arm and chest. I soon realized that I had more belly than space, and although I wasn't exactly stuck I knew that the rest of the way was going to be a bitch. It was right at this moment that the dog decided he needed to get to know me better and proceeded to poke his nose around my ass. Let's now take a minute to assess the situation; I am late for work, covered in dog hair, half of my body is inside the garage staring at my bike, and the other half is outside being harassed by the dog. At this point I pictured a neighbor seeing this whole thing and calling the police to report a robbery.

To make a long story short I squeezed myself through that damn door, scooped what was left of my pride off the floor and got on my bike and rode it like I stole it all the way to work. The moral of this story is that we all make sacrifices to be bikers, but at the end of the day they are all worth it. I guess it still rings true that riding is either in your blood or it isn't, and you know damn well that if I had to explain they just wouldn't understand.

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