



“A Hand for the Downed Rider”

The Helping Rider

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Gf Strong 19th Annual Show n Shine is cancelled, see article on page 4 and Thank you 's from Staff at GF on back page

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A little of what Visitation is about on the last page.

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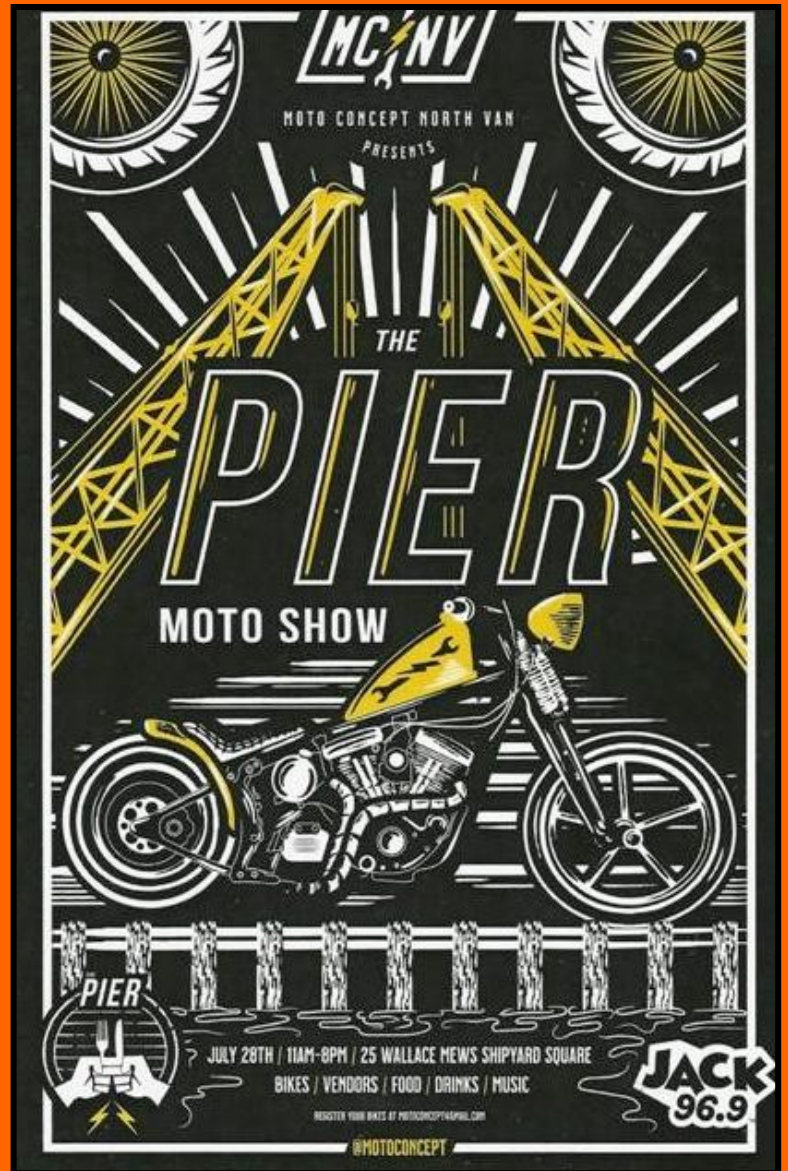
Not many articles at this time as everyone is pretty busy but there are several Event posters inside as well as the one on the right in North Van 's Pier

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Watch for Dave and the Crew driving a Van with the AIM logo on it. More about it will be in the next newsletter.

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Just a reminder of the Toy Runs in September and Vancouver 's in October



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Perception, Observation and those Noisy Motorcycles

"If a tree falls in a forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound? So then, if there be no ear drums to hear, there will be no sound but, the falling of the tree or any other disturbance will produce vibration of the air. But then, if there is no one there with sense of feeling, then no one will feel the vibration."

From https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/If_a_tree_falls_in_a_forest

Philosopher [George Berkeley](#), in his work, [A Treatise Concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge](#) (1710), proposes, "But, say you, surely there is nothing easier than for me to imagine trees, for instance, in a park [...] and nobody by to perceive them. [...] The objects of sense exist only when they are perceived; the trees therefore are in the garden [...] no longer than while there is somebody by to perceive them."^[1] (It is worth noting that the quote from section 45 is arguably a statement of an objection to Berkeley's view, and not a proclamation of it.) Nevertheless, Berkeley never actually wrote about the question.

Some years later, a similar question is posed. It is unknown whether the source of this question is Berkeley or not. In June 1883 in the magazine *The Chautauquan*, the question was put, "If a tree were to fall on an island where there were no human beings would there be any sound?" They then went on to answer the query with, "No. Sound is the sensation excited in the ear when the air or other medium is set in motion."^[2] This seems to imply that the question is posed not from a philosophical viewpoint, but from a purely scientific one. Note that, from a scientific perspective, possible listeners would include animals (see earlier phrasing, mentioned below). The magazine [Scientific American](#) corroborated the technical aspect of this question, while leaving out the philosophic side, a year later when they asked the question slightly reworded, "If a tree were to fall on an uninhabited island, would there be any sound?" And gave a more technical answer, "Sound is vibration, transmitted to our senses through the mechanism of the ear, and recognized as sound only at our nerve centers. The falling of the tree or any other disturbance will produce vibration of the air. If there be no ears to hear, there will be no sound."^[3]

[Albert Einstein](#) is reported to have asked his fellow physicist and friend [Niels Bohr](#), one of the founding fathers of [quantum mechanics](#), whether he realistically believed that 'the moon does not exist if nobody is looking at it.' To this Bohr replied that however hard he (Einstein) may try, he would not be able to prove that it does, thus giving the entire riddle the status of a kind of infallible [conjecture](#)—one that cannot be either proved or disproved.

The current phrasing appears to have originated in the 1910 book *Physics* by [Charles Riborg Mann](#) and [George Ransom Twiss](#). The question "When a tree falls in a lonely forest, and no animal is near by to hear it, does it

make a sound? Why?" is posed along with many other questions to quiz readers on the contents of the chapter, and as such, is posed from a purely physical point of view.^[6]

So then, you are riding down the road, you have stock pipes, and the drivers in front of you are doing what drivers do paying attention to whatever, focusing ahead, listening to the news, talking to a passenger, or even deep in thought but rarely in the moment observing. Do the drivers who want to change lanes, hear you, or see you in their blind spot or even feel the vibration of your motorcycle??

A truck that is big, noisy and vibrating might get the drivers attention, but as a rule, not the little quiet motorcycle or even the silent bicycle. If the driver's senses are not triggered by sound, vibration or seeing then there is no observation of this motorcyclist or bicycle.

Every day all those who are observing with any or all of their 5 senses: heavy trucks on the roads or highways, garbage trucks in residential areas, the contractors tearing down houses, then building a new one taking up to six months from 7 am and even earlier making noise almost constantly depending on the equipment used. The schools, children having a great time playing, or outside the neighbors' bedroom window that is still sleeping as they are on the nightshift. Then the grass trimmer, lawnmower or blower from the neighbor while you are having a BBQ next door. Yes, lets not forget trains run at all hours and the ports make their own noises which we can hear up on the hills and well away from the hillside.


Do the complainers of loud pipes also complain of anything in the above paragraph? I read once that one of the loud pipe complainers was stated riders only have loud pipes because of their ego. To whoever thinks that, think again. Any tool that makes drivers aware and the biggest one is noise can save a life (this I personally know).

Yes reflectors help but not if the rider is behind and or blind spot. Will it help make extra noise while temporarily stuck in the blind spot to let the driver know you are there or make sure they can see your headlight in the passenger mirror so as not to cut you off or force you to either direction ? Or before entering the intersection of a driver wanting to turn left, flick on the high beam hoping they see you as drivers are used to 2 headlights (one of the many good things of riding abreast) I don't know about others, but I have always done this.

Just my 2 cents
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From The Prez

Sadly we have been informed that The Hospital Administration has cancelled AIM's 19 Annual Show n' Shine at GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre. For those unaware, and thanks to our Sponsors and Supporters, AIM supplied food, dessert, beverages, entertainment to the patients residing at the facility and out-patients.

Over the years we have seen attitudes change for the better on several clients, families and especially the kids attending with having cake and getting air brush tattoos.

Many people have expressed disappointment that there isn't going to be an event this year and I know personally the AIM team will miss the happy faces and joy that came with this event. GF Strong Event will be seriously missed.

Dave



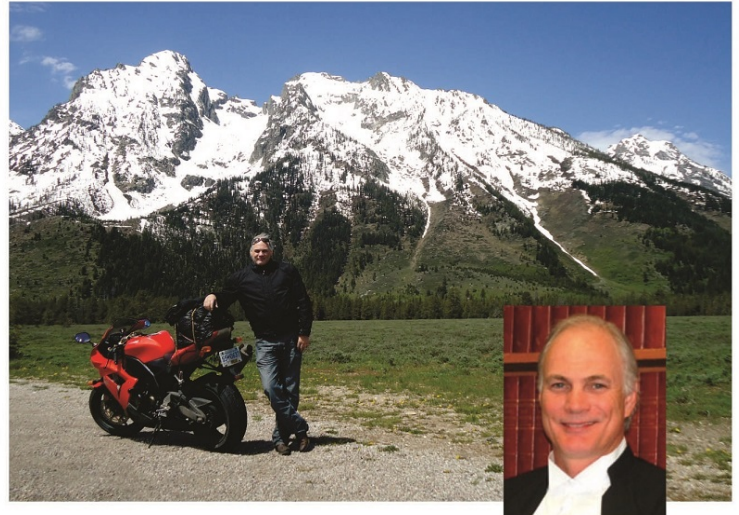
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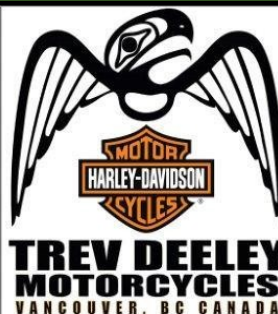
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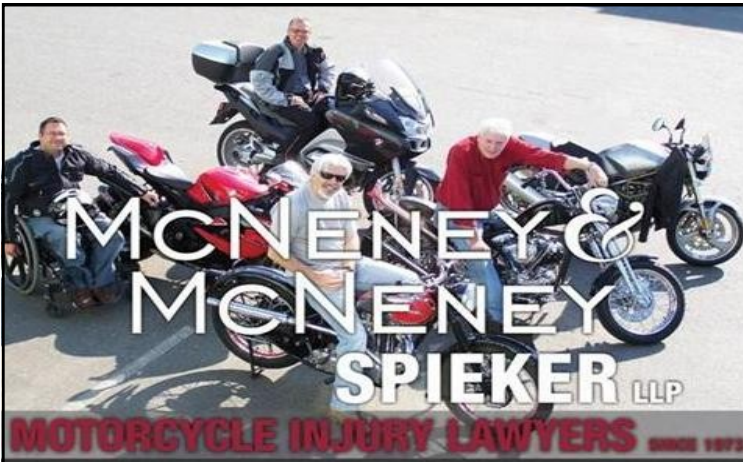
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Music was great thanks to Rhythm Street and the event ended early enough that you could still go for a ride.

Plus once your Bike was judged you had choice to stay for entire event or if the rider decided to leave, we had name and phone number and called if the rider won a trophy.

A special thanks to Jay, Onkar and the team for an amazing job on their second event. All around a very good Event.

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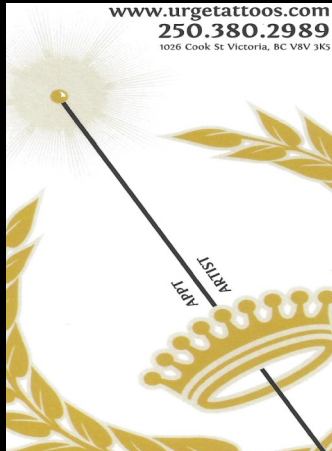
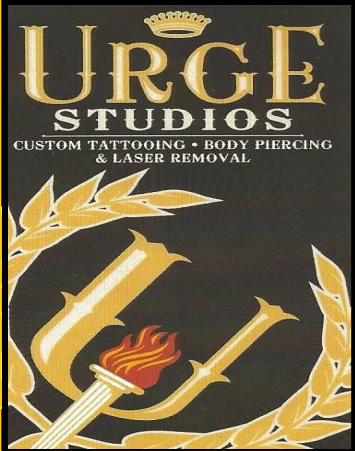
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Information regarding their rights, various benefits & resources possibly available, that they can tap into.
Provision of a daily Journal in which they can record their recovery and which contains other important information.

In Hospital:

Pay for, deliver or order outside food in, subject to dietary allowances.
Repeat successive Visitations as needed.
Help the rider fill out any forms that are needed.
Provide transportation for the partner to visit if required.
Provide them with motorcycle magazines which are donated to us by the publishers.
Support them by attending their Team Meetings at the rehab clinic.
Help guide them through the insurance maze, explain the basics of how Part 7 benefits apply.
Provide information about various modifications that can be made to their bike to accommodate their disability.
Help them arrange the purchase of a modified van if needed.
Take them out for supper. - In the past, we were able to have transported to a restaurant out in Surrey which caters to motorcyclists. Many directors on our Board will attend and the downed riders get to meet and socialize with other motorcyclists as well.
Take the downed rider on an outing: perhaps to the motorcycle dealership or to the bike shop where their bike was taken so they can take pictures of it and discuss the ICBC estimate and repairs with the shop foreman.
Taken them just for a ride (eg.: Stanley Park) to get out of the hospital or rehab clinic for a few hours. This is especially important to someone from upcountry who has no friends or relatives living down here in the Lower Mainland and thus has no one visiting them.

At Home:

When the downed rider is released from hospital, they are especially vulnerable and dependent. They may be in a cast, using crutches and essentially bed-ridden for a few days. They may not have transportation, or if they do, are unable to drive and if family and friends are not available to help, we have found that our services are especially important at this time in their recovery.

Help with errands like rider's union office to get some forms that they needed to fill out to apply for their medical coverage and wage indemnity while they were off work.
Or grocery shopping, to drugstore for medical prescriptions, to the bank, renewing their insurance. Without a car they would not have been able to get around after further recovery.
One occasion to his doctor's appointment when his cast was removed to take pictures of it at his request.
To the towing yard at a downed rider's request, with his camera to take pictures of the damage to his bike.

Note: The above information was taken from a report from 2011 by Gary, edited and condensed to put here.

Directly after an accident, stress levels are very high and this is where AIM focuses on, helping alleviate some of the stress.

Again, this is only some of what AIM does. If you want to know more, one can attend a meeting or chat with some of the AIM directors who go to Frescos restaurant for coffee, second Thursday of the month. Do not hesitate to ask questions as we have a lot of info to share if one is interested, and as always everyone is welcome, member or not.

At the end of the day, AIM has no idea of how they will help as every individual has different needs and is done on a case by case basis. But we have to be notified by you that the rider is injured and where they are to visit.

Would like to thank Gary Richardson, the Visitation Teams, all of the Directors, Members, Volunteers, Supporters, Sponsors of AIM throughout the many years to be able to be there for the Injured Riders and their Families.

Bunnii

To the Staff from G.F. Strong for the Thank You card received. And We would like to say Thank You to the Staff at G.F. for all the years of support in so many ways.

AIM Members
Your caring + support of clients over the years has been outstanding. Thanks for all your great music/BBQ + show + shines. Know lots of work + support through the years we appreciate it + look forward to continued support for clients
Cheers
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Thank you so much for the years of support! Clients really have enjoyed the event. ~ Kim

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Thank you, Michelle.
Thanks so much clients really have enjoyed and appreciated this event.
Ardea

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thank you for all of your hard work over the years!
-Amy

Thank you so much for your years of partnership in the BBQ and show + shine for our clients. I know it was appreciated by many clients over the years. Lea

We appreciate your service + partnership for the past years with the AIM. BBQ. Many thanks
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