

Motorcycle Helmet- to wear or not to wear

Twenty two states have either no or restricted mandatory helmet laws. There are a dozen or more web sites that instruct riders how to contest in court tickets received in the 38 restricted states for not wearing a helmet. In the 22 states where there are no helmet laws for adults there are mandatory seat belt laws as well as mandatory child restraint systems. Statistics show that the use of seat belts and the use of child restraint systems save lives. In the same vain they show that motorcyclists who wear helmets and proper gear have a much greater survival rate when all of their skill, judgment and luck fail.

The following was on the internet last week:

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by Paul Carruthers

"Bruce Rossmeyer, the owner of what is billed as the largest Harley-Davidson dealership in the world, was killed today in Wyoming while riding with friends from the Harley dealer meetings in Colorado to Sturgis, South Dakota, the site of the Sturgis Rally, according to the Daytona News Journal. Rossmeyer was 66 years old." It went on to say:

"According to the Lt. Shawn Dickerson of the Wyoming Highway Patrol, Rossmeyer was traveling east on Wyoming Highway 28 between Farson and Lander about 11 a.m. with five other motorcyclists when they came up to a pickup pulling a camp trailer and tried to pass. "The pickup slowed and activated his left signal," Dickerson said. "Four of the motorcycles passed to the left... When Mr. Rossmeyer attempted to pass, the truck made its left turn and he hit the driver's side door. The sixth motorcycle swerved to the right and avoided collision."

Rossmeyer, who was not wearing a helmet, was ejected from his bike and came to rest under the camp trailer, Dickerson said."

The point being - law or no law why risk your life and not wear a DOT or Snell approved helmet. New designs are comfortable and protective. Whether you choose a half helmet, open face, full face, or Snell you are protected. For more information on helmets check out my article ANATOMY OF A MOTORCYCLE HELMET.

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Presently Jatex operates three successful websites. One of the sites, www.BikersBestGear.com is dedicated to offering deeply discounted top-quality safety equipment and apparel for the motorcyclist. The site offers only DOT and the Snell approved helmets as well as a full line of leathers.

Dan has written and published several articles on the subject of motorcycle safety and travel. Dan has also written articles regarding motorcycle helmet construction.

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