
Motorcyclists

Posted by Nicki - 2007/07/26 10:07

Is it really legal in this state for motorcyclists to go inbetween cars when they are stopped or slowed? And if it is legal, then WHY? I almost hit one this morning when I was changing lanes. A car had slowed and was letting me in but the motorcyclist decided he was in to much of a hurry.

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by ADeputy4U - 2007/07/26 23:02

In a nut shell, the answer is; Yes, motorcycles CAN share the same lane as another vehicle. The California Vehicle Code does not prevent two vehicles from sharing the same lanes. It is however against the law to "Straddle" lanes or move from lane to lane while driving. Vehicles, in this case a motorcycle, must stay in one lane or maintain a straight course of travel while driving.

Post edited by: ADeputy4U, at: 2007/07/27 00:03

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by dynagirl - 2007/07/27 03:38

It is legal in California to "split" lanes with a motorcycle. In fact, you'd better watch out because frequently in the commute to and from the Bay Area the motorcycles splitting lanes are California Highway Patrol, Alameda County Sheriff's Department and Oakland Police Department. You really need to turn and look behind you before you change lanes, especially in heavy traffic where motorcycles are more likely to split lanes. Thank you for your courtesy in doing so. :)

Post edited by: dynagirl, at: 2007/07/27 04:39

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by zx7miller - 2007/07/27 04:35

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by Nicki - 2007/07/27 09:43

Sounds very dangerous. It seems like a motorcycle would have to be "straddling" 2 lanes when passing inbetween cars. I just don't see how it is possible for them to maintain one lane going in the middle of 2 cars.

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by b0b - 2007/07/27 10:31

If you are in a car, don't worry about it too much. Sure, it's dangerous, but most of the danger is to the retard on the motorcycle, not to you in your car. If you crash into him because you couldn't see him, it is probably his fault, and he is the one who dies. Make sure your "underinsured motorist" coverage is high, because most of the losers on motorcycles

just carry the minimum (not an issue if the dead motorcyclist is a cop, since the government can afford to pay for your damage).

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by air42 - 2007/07/28 01:59

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you sound like the live 105 dj that got his a@@ in a ringer over those same comments. Don't be a hater just because you sit in your cage, surrounded by your four walls, kind of like your lifeless home, no one wishes you harm so why is it you wish harm to others (death to the police:ohmy:) especially those who are there to protect you. So I take it from your disregard for the lives of your fellow man, you must have a low self esteem, your momma didn't give you enough titty, or your siblings beat on you as a baby, next time you are in trouble, or get in a wreck or injured, call the Iraqi National Guard to come to your aid. BTW lane sharing in cal is legal.

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by b0b - 2007/07/29 10:12

air42 wrote:

So I take it from your disregard for the lives of your fellow man,

Is there a group of people in this world with greater "disregard for life" than people who ride motorcycles?

Post edited by: b0b, at: 2007/07/29 11:12

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by MST3K - 2007/07/29 17:33

Maybe the world would be better off without losers like you jerk. We're out there, and we're not going away. Watch out before you change lanes. Especially if you drive in the fast lane. Is it so hard to check your mirrors?

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by MST3K - 2007/07/29 17:41

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Motorcyclists do quite a bit of good things for people.

A local group the Henchmen hold a big Christmas get together and raise money and gifts which are all taken to

Sacramento and donated for needy kids. That's just one example. They do many more good things like this throughout the year as well. Don't get down on motorcyclists because of the poor riding habits of a few in the minority. Most of us are responsible riders and some of the nicest people I've known are motorcycle riders. Don't judge by the actions of a few.

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by T515050 - 2007/07/29 22:58

b0b wrote:Is there a group of people in this world with greater "disregard for life" than people who ride motorcycles?

Post edited by: b0b, at: 2007/07/29 11:12

Yes there is Bob. YOU, if you should ever decide to stop hiding behind the safety of your computer and open your mouth in a public place, especially around motorcyclist.

Post edited by: T515050, at: 2007/07/29 23:59

Post edited by: T515050, at: 2007/07/30 00:02

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by ADeputy4U - 2007/07/29 23:15

Isn't Bob the same bigot that made the statement; "Just looking around at all the losers riding motorcycles around this town, I can't help but think that the world would be better off without them."

Yes he is. In that case, I agree.

Bob, from me to you. If you decide to talk the talk in public, and especially around bikers. Be Careful.

Have a nice day :)

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by b0b - 2007/07/30 06:53

ADeputy4U wrote:
Be Careful.

I better be careful, Deputy Dog, or else you might whip out the Wii nunchuks and unleash some of that Far Cry Vengeance whupass on me ;)

But thanks for proving my point. I say motorcyclists have little regard for human life, and you and 5150 threaten me with a violent death. D'oh.

Post edited by: b0b, at: 2007/07/30 19:12

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by Nicki - 2007/07/30 09:40

Thanks to all for answering my question. I didn't mean to start a fight on the playground. I haven't lived in California long and I have never seen the lane sharing before in other states, so I was just asking. It is frightening knowing that they can sneak up without me knowing it.

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by avtkrmn - 2007/07/30 11:21

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jason farmer
USN - AVT
BMC MCAS Miramar

Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by b0b - 2007/07/30 18:39

avtkrmn wrote:

wow bob,
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What am I jealous of, Chief? The 4,000 people who committed suicide on motorbikes last year? That must be it. After all, as 5150 pointed out (in an amusing and witty post that you could learn from), I have a total disregard for my own safety. You see, I really want to commit suicide, but I just don't have the cojones to do it myself on a motorbike.

Post edited by: b0b, at: 2007/07/30 19:41

Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by crazybill2000 - 2007/07/31 01:31

I am the President of a Motorcycle Club, I have been the President for 6 out of 8 years. I have been riding motorcycles for 20 continuous years.

Our club promotes Safety, Family involvement, Respect for other riders. We meet every Tuesday night and while in session there is no foul language, or smoking. We don't allow drug use or unsafe driving.

We never stop at bars while on a ride and we associate with lots of clubs just like ours. We belong to American Motorcycle Association who has strict guidelines as to insure safe operation of motorcycles.

You call motorcycleists losers but how can this be?

Motorcyclists get up to 45+ miles to the gallon, you can put up to 4 bikes in one parking stall in a busy parking lot, they take up less room on the road, and create less smog, now compare this to your HUMMER, F250, MOTOR HOME, or any other SUV, or recreational vehicle out there. Now you tell me who the losers are.

I commute to work everyday on my motorcycle and I spend 10 dollars a week on gas, how much do you spend LOSER. You probably spend 100 dollars a week to commute, and create much more smog and traffic congestion. I agree there are some riders out there that give Motorcycling a bad rap such as the ones who split lanes at 80+ mph but watch how you classify the rest. I bet if you said what you drive we could certainly put you in a category not very becoming. Just by the ignorant letter I am responding too puts you in a not so good category already. I dare you to go to your doctor and give him your viewpoint on motorcyclists being losers because most riders are doctors, Lawyers, congressman and women. My final comment is this you are the Loser and you are just trying to make people look worse than yourself, good luck.

Post edited by: crazybill2000, at: 2007/07/31 04:25

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Posted by b0b - 2007/07/31 06:39

crazybill2000 wrote:

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Nice try, Crazy Bill. Everyone on my block with a bike also has an F250, a HUMMER, a MOTOR HOME and an SUV. Well, not all of them have all five things, but most of them have three or four of those. So are you saying all those bikers are losers because they all own big trucks, too? Man, you are pretty harsh. You and I would probably agree that commuting in a Hummer 70 miles each way, each day is dumb.

I don't know anyone who commutes to work in a MOTOR HOME. But I'd agree with you there too; that would be sort of weird.

Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by crazybill2000 - 2007/07/31 06:58

No they are not dumb because they offset having the big toys by riding a motorcycle when they can. The money they save riding a motorcycle allows them to play with the big toys.

Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by davycroc - 2007/08/01 08:56

I commute to Mountain View everyday...a car is not feasible for a 62 mile commute. Motorcycle takes an hour, car takes 1.5 to 2 hours. Each way.

Yes, I get 42 mpg.

I've been rear-ended on the interstate because I wasn't splitting lanes by an inattentive driver.

But the attitude of "motorcyclists are suicidal and deserve to die" is short-sighted. I have 2 daughters and am not suicidal. I do it because of economy, speed, carpool lane, and the sheer fun of riding. I think you need to find something to be passionate about.

btw, Should a semi-driver have the same callous attitude towards you in a car if he decides to run over you?

Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by Gary - 2007/08/01 09:23

To Bob, and everyone else in here. On September 15th, at Dr. Powers Park, there will be a benefit Memorial Poker Run. A Day of Remembrance honoring two fallen Tracy Police Officers, Sgt. Mike Cox and Ofc. David Waite. Proceeds benefits their children's education. Both Mike and David were motorcyclists and cherished the common bond with other motorcyclists; backgrounds, race, religion, associates, or gender didn't matter, they loved to ride and have a good time.

The Tracy Police Officer's Association is sponsoring this event. Bob, your welcome to come out and socialize with local bikers and feel free to share your opinions as I'm sure they will share theirs with you. No confrontations, just to see their perspective.

I've attached an ad for the event, hope it come through.

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by crazybill2000 - 2007/08/02 01:28

Hi Gary, can you please send me a flyer for this event?
Please send it to

Port Stockton M/C
728 S. Laurel st.
Stockton Ca. 95205

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by Gary - 2007/08/02 02:58

I'll put in the mail today Bill. I'll send it to your club's web site as well. Thanks.

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by air42 - 2007/08/02 09:46

Hooligansmc could use one also.....

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by Gary - 2007/08/03 00:29

Thanks Air42, done. I sent this info to the Tracy Press several days ago, but they haven't posted it on their events page yet.....

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Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by JeffR - 2007/08/09 09:46

zx7miller wrote:

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Your statement is incorrect. This whole idea stemmed from the early V-twin motorcycles that were air cooled. The idea and design was such that the bike, instead of using a radiator and fan design with coolant, utilized air fins which required the bike to be constantly moving. Hence the need for such a measure allowing the bikes to move in traffic conditions. That being said most of the motorcycles that you see "splitting lanes" don't have the need to do it because their coolant systems are designed like a cars and use a fan and radiator design. It's one of those non-specific laws that has remained and in all fairness really cut down on congestion. I ride as well and to be honest most drivers in the #'s 1 and 2 lanes are used to looking for bikes. Anyways hope this helps.

Oh and to Bob, the gene pool is already to diverse to allow a bigot like you to stir things up, so I'm sorry but your'e going to have to take yourself and your speedo and exit sir!

Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by ShooterRob - 2007/12/27 10:24

I don't have a bike.I see bikes cutting lanes all the time. If you can get to where your going a little faster and not get hurt,,, do it!

When I see a bike cutting lanes,, I'll move over to give them some more room. Just being courteous.
And we all have seen many more people being stupid in cars than bikes. So who's going to bitch about that???

Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2007/12/27 19:01

MST3K, I didn't know the Henckmen also took toys to Sacramento. I know they take toys to Tracy Interfaith Ministries. I've driven by their place while they have had ther gatherings. Everyone seems respectable and drives carefully. Where I go to the mountains it is a popular road trip for bikers and they never rush us and we don't rush them.

It takes a few to give a bad impression, to bad.

Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by richard7285 - 2008/05/21 07:36

B0B you have got to be one of the most ignorant and uninformed people on this board. who are you to cheapen the life of another? i guess you probably get a kick out of watching peoples reactions to you thoughtless words? hopefully you'll grow up and get yourself some common sense.

my roommate rides and so do several of my friends for the same reasons someone posted above. commuting is easier and it saves on gas. bad people are everywhere and will always ruin the reputation of the group. you just happen to be ours i guess.

Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by shooterrob - 2008/07/10 16:08

Ok I don't have a motorcycle.

But I do move over to let bikes pass. I slow down if they want to get in front of me. I'm not pissed off because bikes get there faster than me.

Some bike riders are stupid! Some car drivers are just as stupid!!

So whats the big deal about giving them a break?

Re:Motorcyclists

Posted by kjboopy - 2008/12/09 16:39

Yes it is legal for several reasons. You should always be watching and looking for motor cycles and cars any time you change lanes. I think that all motorists should know all road rules when taking their driving test. If you knew the rules for motorcycles this may not have happened.

We all share the same road and should know what rules everyone have. There would be less problems on the road.

You can go to DMV and get the Motorcylce booklet then you would be familiar with our rules.

Thanks for being concerned enough to ask!:)
