



## From the Director's Chair



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Hello everyone. Hope all is well with you.

It's amazing how attached a person can get to an Inanimate object. It becomes a part of the family. Or dare I say apart of you. You put your heart and soul into the upkeep and add those special touches that make it your own.

I was having a conversation this past weekend with someone who had a harrowing experience and had a major incident with their bike. The bike was totaled. They are ok thanks to the Grace of God and to their adherence to "All the Geer All the Time", they walked away from the crash.

I was thinking to myself after the conversation with him about how much he loved the bike and how hard it was going to be finding another JUST LIKE IT. I could sense the pain in his voice when he talked about how the insurance wasn't going to pay what the bike was worth and that would probably leave him with thousands of dollars, he is going to have to put up himself to get another bike...if he can find one just like the one, he lost.

It seems so unfair that we pay all that insurance for many years without a claim and then when the bad happens it seems like you lose again. I know its business but that doesn't fix the emotional bond we all have with a machine. It's an escape for some, relaxation for others, and so many other reasons we ride.

So, I guess we first must be thankful that, in their case, they walked away from a very bad incident. Count our many other blessings that have come along the way. And hope that the next Inanimate object that replaces what we lost will satisfy all those reasons we ride the way our last bike did.

Stay healthy everyone. And remember to send those ending mileages to Scott Neurauter when you finally put your favorite in adamant object away for the winter. We will update the website as soon as we get a yearend total.

Until next month.

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