

Angel Riders

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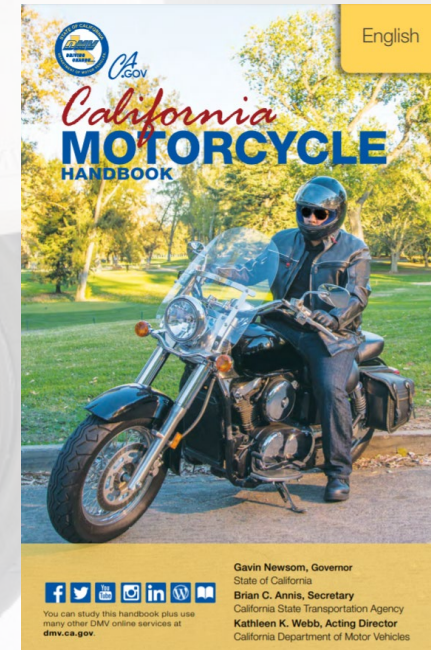


Brothers and Sisters in Christ, good day to you all. In January, a graphic with “7 Motorcycle Safety Tips” was distributed. This month we’ll touch on the third tip: *Watch Your Speed: Follow Posted Speed Limits*

Not to be confused with Godspeed: From England (some parts of Wales, south east Scotland and Scottish burghs, to some extent Ireland) phrase God spede 1250–1300; in the phrase God spede may God prosper (you). God (“God”) + spede, singular subjunctive of speden (“to prosper”), from Old English spēdan, from spēd (“success”)

Page 19 of the [California Motorcycle Handbook](#) states, “Remember, passing must be completed within posted speed limits, and only where permitted.” Page 22 states, “The point is to In high-risk areas, such as intersections, shopping areas, schools, or construction zones, reduce your speed, and cover the clutch and both brake levers to reduce your reaction time.”

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Page 29-30 regarding Riding at Night states, “Reduce your speed. Ride even slower than you would during the day, particularly on roads you do not know well. This increases your chances of avoiding a hazard.”

Each week that I ride up and down the I-15, I see riders in all forms of motorcycles whizzing by the already-fast traffic. While they may feel comfortable riding at near-triple-digit speeds zipping in and out between cars, it does not eliminate the fact that their reaction time is lessened the faster they go. The Speed Limits may seem to be kill-joys, but the purpose of them is...*safety*. The speed limits apply to all motor vehicles. There’s no exception. Only truckers have signs underneath the main sign, and that’s also for...*safety*.



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Yes, it's tempting to rock back the throttle, drop a gear, and disappear. The inherent danger lies in that increased speed plays a major factor in so many areas (e.g. inclement weather, turns, night riding, tar snakes, heavy traffic, overtaking, air turbulence from cars/trucks/semis, and handling of your bike.)

Beyond the safety hazards, riding erratically while donning the CMA patch will convey a message to everyone witnessing that CMA does not respect the law. The Goodie Store doesn't have 1% patches. If safety is not enough of a motivator to follow the rules of the road, perhaps being a reflection of Jesus will be motivation enough to desire to obey the posted speed limits. Would Jesus lane split at 80mph? Seriously.
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YOU
MAY BE THE ONLY
JESUS
SOME
PEOPLE
SEE.

I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

John 5:30



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It's necessary that we send the right message. That no matter how appealing or enticing something is (speeding), and "everybody else is doing it" (flow of traffic is 80mph), we need to refocus our attention on our actions are honoring, who we are representing, who we praise, who we give glory to. Nothing and nobody of this world is above our Lord. No thing, no body. It's important to seek God and ask that he gift us with true discernment so we can better determine what is of God (obeying the law), and what is of this world (speeding like everyone else). With the Lord's help, we can have better clarity to determine our responses to the thrills and enchantment of this world. Will we give a Godly response, or a worldly response? Will we reinforce our belief in God, or our worldly beliefs? It's a battle, and only Jesus can help us through it.

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Thine, O Lord is the greatness, and the power,
and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty:
for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine;
thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art
exalted as head above all.

1 Chronicles 29:11

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While our motorcycles are fun, and it is a thrill to be on the road, we need to remember that the desire to be on the road and be on our motorcycle should not be greater than the love for our Lord and Savior.

It all starts in the heart. Do we crave to be on the road more than we crave to open the Bible? Do we want to get out and ride more than we want to get out and share the love of Christ? Do we enjoy being on the motorcycle more than we enjoy the message from the service? Do we feel a satisfaction after being on the open road more than feel satisfaction from praying for someone?

Riding and our motorcycles are the tool to reach a community so that we may share the love of Christ.

No motorcycle, no ride, no burst of speed, no loud pipe, no winding road, no brand of bike should be more thrilling to us than the sacrifice our Lord and Savior made on the cross for all of us.

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**WHAT YOU ARE
SEARCHING FOR
AND CHASING AFTER**

REVEALS THE GOD

**THAT IS WINNING THE WAR
IN YOUR HEART.**

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We must be careful. The enemy is cunning. Without seeking our Lord, we can easily be fooled to adore and admire something or someone more than we do God.



MY EYES ARE EVER
ON THE LORD,
FOR ONLY HE WILL RELEASE
MY FEET FROM THE SNARE.

THE BIBLE, PSALM 25:15

May the Lord continue to bless you and protect you.
Ride Safe.