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questions

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when you are riding.

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A year ago I had a crash

That ended my biking freedom in a flash
My leg was damaged
My nerves were smashed
Beyond repair below the knee
I lost the feeling down to the toes you see
No more will I feel the pain
I often wonder if it will return again
As it once had been
To feel the icy winter wind
And dampness of rain yet again
But I know with my heart and brain
Things will never be the same again
For my left leg may be again strong
To walk on the beach and have fun
However, I have had to once more
Seek out how to walk and run
I lie awake at night sometimes thinking
It isn't fair not knowing
If my leg is or isn't there
But I am luckier than most
I still have two even if one is all but a ghost

Written by Andy-John Catton

Change of Address or Info?

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With your new info so we may update the database.
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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Because AIM is active Helping the Injured Rider On an Event bases its going to be a slow summer for fund raising. Yes People will still be riding so your help would be greatly appreciated.
If you know anyone who wishes to sign up or donate

**Memberships are
\$25 for Singles, \$35 for Couples.**

And Donations are definitely appreciated.

You can go to the AIM website
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to sign up/renew memberships or see donate icon on same page or use the good old snail mail. Lol.
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NOR does one need to be a member or even ride a motorcycle to volunteer.

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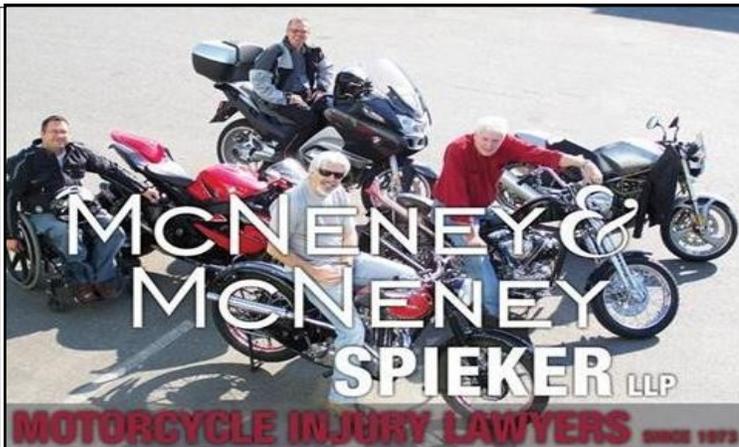
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 Did meet with life's strife & to the road, was hurled.

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 It seemed, nothing left. Except some cheeky, smile from nursing staff.

All my delight, of riding with the wind on my face long passed.

'Till upon a word from a pal, & leaflets, he waved in my face

Don't give up the battle or see it as a plight,
 A.I.M'S may yet hold the answer, they'll help you with this fight.

Don't be disheartened & sit in dismay,
 You'll be back in the saddle again someday

It only A question of time, & help from A.I.M's

Will be sooner Than You think
 They in the know who's to see
 To, return to the biking world.
 So you can ride free
 Happiness, as ever.

Written by Andy-John Catton

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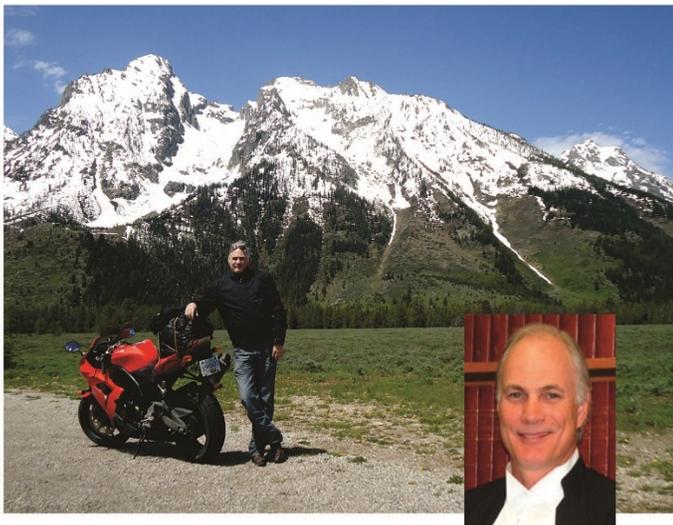
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Message from Secretary:

Recently I had the opportunity; actually the privilege of helping Chris and Dave go through Old AIM files and realized the history of some of AIM's Long time Directors.

Let's start with Dave M who has been a Member/Volunteer since the mid 80's doing Events and promoting AIM. On a unselfish aspect, since his Retirement has been available 24/7. Those of you who know Dave know spending all day at events with him is always an adventure, so could be good thing or bad you decide. Haha.. But all in all Thank you Dave.

Then there's Rocky W and Gary R both have been Directors /Members since the 90's you will see them at some of the events judging the Show and Shines. Gary also does much of the PR , Journal which you can find on AIMS website. Many of the Directors I have not mentioned have limited time to Volunteer but they are all very special and appreciated for the time they put into AIM. Their input, ideas , attendance their networking, support etc. in every aspect is so appreciated.

On Visitation, Gary Richardson and Co-Directors Craig Heale and Bob Hamilton and the rest of the Visitation team deserves A big thank you for donating their time and the work that they do with the families and the Downed Rider, which is invaluable.

Several Injured Riders who were in accidents and a Family member have mentioned to me personally that the Visitation Team, their kindness and presence comforts them during their difficult situations they are facing. Our volunteer work makes such a difference to the lives of the client and their families.

It's a Super Big Thank you to those mentioned and the long list I don't have room for, for your dedication and hard work.

Again looking at the last 35 + years I just thought it would be nice and appropriate to say a BIG Thank you to everyone.

Nancy

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From an Injured Rider

Subject: Like to Thank A.I.M. and there Volunteers

I was hit by a car and will skip details, you just need for your readers to here a story of hope and one bikers journey with A.I.M. The respect I have for you people are one I may never be able to give back. I never thought that the news letter on my coffee table was going to maybe one day help me when no one ells was there. because the day I got home from the hospital I hadn't ever been in this place I was f-ckd my legs crushed what the heck I'm going to do who do I call, That when I looked over to see on the coffee table The A.I.M. News letter. I thought I die on this couch I'm a single biker that well rides alone ended up living alone just me my bike and some distended relatives that give me a good excuse to ride cross country every summer.

So I read the headline Association Injured Motorcyclists and on this issue 105-winter=2010/11 Was this lady riding a Harley and she was missing her left leg, I look down with pain and seed My legs F-ckd well here legs f-ckd I got to talk to this Lady . I called #er in the news Letter from A.I.M. and was a guy that showed up at my house two hours after I called by this time I made it to my bed and started to cry in pain and the leg is bad for crushed legs I didn't know what I was going to do this couldn't have come at a worse time, outta work just barely making rent, doing everything in the world legal to not sell the thing closet to me my bike, The last thing I needed was this I was thinking, there was a knock at the door. Hallow you in there, Wow I thought as I tossed the crumpled smoke pack No smokes I'm thinking as this person entered my house. This big guy with this big smile came in and I knew it was going to be O.K not that I had a choice but something about this persons dispassion told me I could trust him. I at once was relaxed I think as I started to pass out a bit that I didn't have to worry and everything was going to be o.k..

As I came to, the big guy was still there and he leaned forward introduced himself to me and gave me two packs of smokes I fumbled wondering what's up with this I'm not us to first people been in my house and second being so nice so I asked and this man sat and listened to my story he didn't interrupt he let me say my concerns he let me cry and have my dignity. See I left the hospital because I've never been much for showing pain so decided to come home right after surgery and had no idea weir or what I was doing the meds were hard to really focus . He pulled out this journal for me and showed me how and what to do step by step, It was as though an Angele had come This part still makes me cry with gratitude {thank u forever} This was the first time I ended up like this and really never thought myself would end up all alone with a crushed leg and no one.

Since that day I have a Layer I've got home care and My new friend just came bye withal pizza man I swear has tapped in First thing I ate all day things are tight but always when ever its gotten hard I get a call from this gee and he shows up with that smile once again allowing me to be a human , The suggestions and references that were shared are invaluable information that has been put together so well as well as the questions and steps are layed out clearly. A.I.M. really knows their stuff I have never seen such an upstanding group that give this freely, I look forward to meeting more of you If this man that has come to my house is any example of A.I.M. then I'd like to say as I sit here on my bed Thank you so very much for this Love and respect that A.I.M. Has shown me.

