

Hello!

My name is Eugene. I am motorcycle enthusiast, I own two motorcycles, I am a part of a non-profit motorcycle organization, I've been riding in groups, small and big, I've been riding solo, and I've been riding with passengers, for thousand miles, and sometimes thousand miles a day.

Motorcycles aren't cars in many respects. Motorcyclists, in contrast to car drivers, are more exposed to outside elements, road and traffic conditions. Motorcyclist do not have the luxury the cars provide, such as reclined seating or air conditioning, nor they can isolate themselves from the many elements of the road such as smog, road debris, dust and smell. On top of that bikes still have manual transition, and unlike cars, bikes have to be balanced when moving at low speed, such as in slow moving or stale traffic, besides the fact that even a slightest bump or pothole on the road can bring a bike down.

One may argue we chose this lifestyle ourselves. Yes, but we did this not for the love of traffic and congestion. We, in fact, chose this lifestyle for the love of open roads, for unmatched experiences and overwhelming feelings or riding in the wind. For friendships and bond we share within motorcyclist community.

Unfortunately, for some of us a bike is the only choice they got, and as all other commuters - we do use bikes to commute to work and back home, we do shopping, we go between cities, and states not for leisure, but sometimes for reasons not so exciting.

One of the things we can do to manage the dangers of the congestion and heavy traffic, and to make us safe, is to leave the congestion and heavy traffic as soon as possible. Doesn't mean as fast as possible, just as soon. The sooner we are out, the less exposure we have to all negative factors mentioned above.

Lane splitting increases safety for both, motorcyclist and car drivers, reduces congestion, and as side effect promotes better awareness for every driver on the road.

And as an additional point - did you know that many motorcyclist take back roads on their way home from work? This also reduces the traffic in the evening hours!

As a motorcycle enthusiast and as a car driver I fully support safe and regulated lane splitting!

With respect!