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I Couldn't Love Riding 'That Much'

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It's a cold and windy November afternoon. The work day is done and I gear up and saddle up for my journey home from the office. I go about my normal routine of joining the cages on the interstate, knowing most won't even notice me. No one expects a motorcycle on a cold Colorado day. It's 5 o'clock and everyone wants to be somewhere other than here – and they are all in a big rush to get there.

Two different cars cut me off in traffic, a lady on her cell phone and a teenager who has probably seen 2 Fast 2 Furious one 2 many times. I try not to get upset and go about my merry way, sharing the road with those around me. I begin to wonder why I am crazy enough to ride my bike on this chilly fall day, and why I put myself out on this busy highway after sunset – I couldn't possibly love riding 'that much'. Wouldn't I be safer and warmer in my truck?

Again my patience is tested by a man who feels the need to race his SUV up beside the "girl on the motorcycle." I get a bit irritated but try to focus on the traffic ahead of me instead of the guy beside me. I see him over there and as long as he stays in his lane – all is good.

Then, just as the guy in the SUV decides to race past me, maybe to prove that he is 'the bigger vehicle' and is capable of accelerating faster than I choose to go at that moment, I glance over at the passenger sitting behind the driver. There sits the cutest brown haired little girl, no more than 10 years old – her face plastered to the window - grinning from ear to ear. Her eyes wide with excitement – she is staring right at me. So I wave real big and shoot her a quick smile.... Her face lights up and she frantically waves back...

At that very instant, the ride didn't seem so cold and windy anymore..... And I realized yes, I do love riding 'that much' – and someday that little girl will love riding 'that much' too. :-)

Happy Thanksgiving and Ride Safe Everyone!!

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