

Rider Education Report

Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a nice Holiday season. I do a lot of thinking and planning from inside this time of year, due to the less than favorable weather for going and doing things outside. One of my normal goals is to not make the same mistake twice. I believe those who do not learn about the past are doomed to repeat it. So, I think about what I have done during this past year and apply what I have learned while making plans for this year.

I also like to learn about the things others have done, especially in areas of interest to me, such as motorcycling and vehicle maintenance. Examining the thought processes that others use to solve problems helps me to solve my own problems. And the internet is full of “influencers” and “bloggers” who are perfectly willing to share their experiences, both good and bad, for all to read and see. Even professional sites like **Linked in** have people willing to share stories that teach lessons. The following is one such story I find very inciteful.

A little bird was flying South for the Winter. It was so cold the bird froze and fell to the ground into a large field. While he was lying there, a cow came and sh*t on him.

As the frozen bird lay there in the pile of cow dung, he began to realize how warm he was. The dung was beginning to thaw him out! He lay there all warm and happy and soon began to sing for joy.

A passing cat heard the bird singing and came to investigate. Following the sound, the cat discovered the bird under the pile of cow dung and promptly dug him out and ate him.

There are three things to take away from this story:

1. Not everyone who sh*ts on you is your enemy.
2. Not everyone who gets you out of sh*t is your friend.
3. And when you are in deep sh*t, you would be better served if you kept your mouth shut!

I am looking forward to another year filled with fun and discovery.

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