

THE PEN

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On Facebook the other day, I saw a post by the Parry Sound OPP in Canada.

The Officer was holding a pen up and he was talking about what was behind the pen. He asked if you could hide a motorcycle behind the pen.

You could NOT see a motorcycle but as he was talking, a motorcycle rode by him from behind the pen! It was a GREAT video but it is something I have seen several times in real life.

Even though it wasn't a pen, it has been a telephone pole, a road sign, a mirror or the A post of vehicles. This town, especially with all the trees and bushes in the medians and along the highways have many "Pens" for hazards.

As many of you know, I drive a Semi truck to support my chrome addiction. I have been driving for over 3 dec-

ades and over 3 million miles with no "At Fault" accidents.

A guy ran in the back of the truck one time. That being said, there have been times that I didn't see someone because of one or more of the previous obstacles. Not looking one more time or not paying attention could have caused an accident but because the other person was on their game, it didn't happen and saved my good driving record!

As a motorcyclist, we must be AWARE and make sure we are seen. A good way to be seen is to move side to side in the lane when riding solo. Let the cars behind you SEE you and be aware that you are ahead of them. Just remember "THE PEN"

RIDE SAFE, RIDE OFTEN

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