

I jumped the gun a bit. Joshua has not decided to take over as Regional Coordinator for Region 9. I will be here doing the RC bit till somebody wants to step up to take a shot at it.

In a phone meeting with RCs and BoD the issue of grass on the roads was much talked about and after doing some research I found these facts, there is no Michigan state law that prohibits blowing grass onto the road. Some townships (Sumpter) or cities have ordinances against it. In my township it is prohibited to interfere, obstruct, or render any street, highway, or in any way renders the public insecure in life or property is a nuisance and can be fined \$50 to \$500. I would think this would cover grass blown onto the road. Few of us are going to ride around in our own city or township for very long, so these ordinances and laws aren't of much use to us.

Other issues were discussed, such as lane filtering, and antique license plates for motorcycles and self-driving vehicles. Also, Jim would like to know if there are any changes in the house and senate legislators.

The ethanol industry has pressured the EPA to relax warning labels on gas pumps about the dangers of using E-15 in some engines, saying it would discourage buyers. The RPM act will be dead at the end of the year. The AMA asks you to call your representative to pass HR 5434 and S 2602.

MRF is asking for public comment on autonomous vehicles.

Our support membership for the MRF will be coming up soon. I will renew that membership as long as there is money in the treasury to do it.

Stay safe, hope to see you at the seminar. (if it happens)

Nick

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(Till somebody tells me different)