

# Cycles are king (and queen) of the road

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their motorcycle," said Stoutmire.

"The most popular motorcycles for this summer are the Honda CBR 900 RR (race replica) and the Suzuki GSX R 750," said George Massey, a veteran rider. Stoutmire said these bikes, unlike the American-made Harley-Davidson, are manufactured in Japan.

"These bikes are popular because they are lightweight, they have great maneuverability, and they are powerful in terms of speed," said Massey.

Like Stoutmire, Massey was smitten by cycles early. An employee of Duracell Corp., he's been a road warrior for years.

"I have been riding bikes for 20 years," he said. "I grew up on the west side of Charlotte and when I was 12 years old, I started riding mini bikes everywhere. This is when my fascination with motorcycles began."

Keith Jefferies, an account executive for CompuServe, believes motorcycles are a fine piece of machinery.

"They are beautiful to look at, but riding one is awesome," said the 27-year-old Cleveland, Ohio native. "This machine can outperform the individual operating it so it has to be respected."

Jefferies, who's single, says, "A motorcycle fits my whole lifestyle as a bachelor." He

said single men like having new, fast, and expensive toys like sports cars and motorcycles.

Before buying his Honda CBR 600 F2, Jefferies took a weekend beginners motorcycle safety class at Central Piedmont Community College. "I took this class to learn how to safely operate a motorcycle," he said.

Over a weekend, participants take a 16-hour course that includes riding in a controlled area.

"I also talked to experienced friends about safety tips and their experiences before I went out and purchased my bike," he said.

"The average cost of a 600 size bike is \$6,000 and \$9,000 for an 1100," Massey said. In terms of speed, he said these models can reach speeds of 170 mph and if they are modified like race bikes can even exceed 200 mph.

Because of the excessive speeds bikes can reach, Massey encourages people to always take safety precautions.

"I think that everyone should ride, but when you behave foolishly, you will pay the cost," said Massey. "There are only a handful of riders who act foolishly. Most experienced riders stay within their limits."

Massey says riders have to monitor their driving because they have to look out for automobile drivers who aren't looking out for them. Some riding tips given by Massey include wearing protective clothing like denim jeans or leather pants to cover exposed parts of the body, such as legs and arms. It is crucial and

required in some states to wear a helmet and protective eyewear. He also encourages riders to wear shoes that cover the entire foot.

"A person who is learning how to ride should take their time because if they don't a bike will make them learn to respect it," Massey said.

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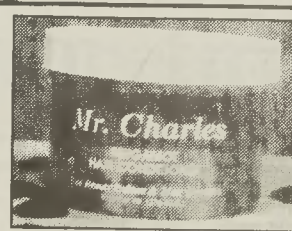
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will have CPR classes on July 15 and 17 from 6-10 p.m. for persons ages 16 and over. The class is \$42. Adult, child and infant CPR will be taught. For more information, call 643-3405.

•The West Charlotte High School Alumni Association will sponsor its end of the year "Fiesta" on Sunday at 5 p.m. at West Charlotte High School. Special guest include Charlotte Mecklenburg School board members Arthur Griffin, Samuel Reid and George Dunlap. Clinton L. Blake Scholarship recipients will be in attendance. For more information, call John Love at 392-1036.

•Joyce White, an award winning food editor, is writing a recipe book that includes dishes from around the country. If you have a favorite recipe and would like to try and become a part of the book, send your recipes before Monday to Joyce White, 355 Eight Avenue, 18D, New York, N.Y. 10001. Telephone and Fax number is 212-924-4139.

•SisterAct, a volunteer organization will sponsor an outdoor concert event on Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Fourth Ward Park in Uptown Charlotte. Proceeds will benefit the United Family Services for Battered Women. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the gate. Advance tickets can be bought at Rising Moon Books Beyond on 316 E. Boulevard. Children under 12 are admitted free. The event is a non-alcoholic event and it is open to the public. In the event of rain the location will be at the Tremont Music Hall on 400 W. Tremont Ave. For more information, call 376-6252.

•United Way Agency is offering "Effective Pain Management" classes from 12 noon until 1 p.m. for arthritis patients on June 25 on 801 Baxter St. Suite 404. This class is titled, "Understanding Your Pain". The fee is \$20 per class for United Way members and \$25 for non-members. Six continual classes will follow from July 2-July 30. For more information, call 331-4878.

•The Mecklenburg Center of the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service is offering food preservation classes to teach the basics of home canning on July 1 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. The cost is \$12.50. For more information, call 336-2692.

•The Global Education Camps at International House is having

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Recently, the President challenged the tobacco industry on the issue of underage use of tobacco products, saying, "Do not stay outside and apart from this debate... Join with us. Do the right thing."

Philip Morris USA has accepted the President's challenge. We are proposing comprehensive federal legislation on the issue of underage use of tobacco.

We believe this proposal offers common ground for all sides to come together and take action now.

**UNDERAGE  
USE OF  
TOBACCO:**

## A COMMON GROUND SOLUTION WE ALL CAN SUPPORT.

### A BLUEPRINT FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Our proposal is similar to the Food and Drug Administration's regulations; in some cases, it goes even further. However, our proposal is consistent with Congress's long-held view, and the view of courts, that the FDA does not have authority to regulate the tobacco industry.

Unlike the FDA regulatory approach, our proposal can be enacted without delay. And it incorporates ideas from many sources. Some ideas are ours, some came from the President, some from members of Congress, some from the Institute of Medicine, and some from anti-smoking groups.

But this is not about ownership of ideas. It's about solving a problem that concerns us all.

The government and the tobacco industry cannot do it alone. Families, educators, retailers and others can and must do their part, too.

We may not be able to completely solve the problem, but working together is our best chance for success.

### IT'S TIME TO MOVE FORWARD.

So, from the common ground we share, let's act now to make a real difference in underage use of tobacco.

We all agree that minors should not use tobacco products. And we all agree that more needs to be done to prevent kids from using and having access to tobacco products.

We urge everyone concerned about this issue—including our critics—to support this common ground solution. For all the right reasons, it's the right thing to do.



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The Philip Morris USA proposal for federal legislation to end underage use of tobacco includes the following:

- ▶ **NEW FEDERAL AGE RESTRICTION**
  - Establish a federal minimum age of 18 for the sale of tobacco products.
- ▶ **PROPOSED BANS**
  - Ban cigarette vending machines.
  - Ban all outdoor tobacco product advertising within 1,000 feet of schools or playgrounds.
  - Ban tobacco advertising on outward-facing retail window displays within 1,000 feet of schools or playgrounds.
  - Ban brand names, logos, characters or selling messages on nontobacco-related items, such as caps, T-shirts, jackets or gym bags.
  - Ban mass transit advertising.
  - Ban all sales and distribution of tobacco products to consumers through the mail.
  - Ban permanent tobacco product advertising in virtually all sports stadiums.
  - Ban the sale of individual cigarettes.
  - Ban packs of fewer than 20 cigarettes.
  - Ban sampling except in locations where minors are denied access.
  - Ban payments for product placements in movies and television.
  - Ban billboards of less than 225 square feet — the type typically used in urban neighborhoods.
  - Ban advertising in family amusement centers, video arcades and video games except those located in areas where minors are denied access.
- ▶ **PROPOSED LIMITATIONS**
  - Limit tobacco product sponsorship of events to motorsports and rodeo productions and other events where the promoter, arena or stadium manager certifies that at least 75% of those in attendance are expected to be 18 years or older. Ban all other tobacco product sponsorship of events.
  - Limit tobacco advertising in publications to those whose publisher certifies that adults account for 85% or more of the publication's subscribers.
- ▶ **PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS**
  - Require minimum-age signage at tobacco retail outlets.
  - Require tobacco products to be displayed only under the control or within the line of sight of the retailer.
  - Require picture ID for those appearing to be under 21.
  - Require retailers and their employees to certify that they understand and will comply with minimum-age laws.
  - Require a tobacco-industry-funded program of \$250 million over five years to fund retailer compliance and oversight by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Federal Trade Commission.
- ▶ **PROPOSED PENALTIES**
  - Provide a system of civil penalties against manufacturers, including fines of up to \$50,000 for violations, as well as a system of graduated civil penalties against retailers who sell tobacco products to minors.