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For the past several years, a good friend of mine has been experimenting with the possibility of developing a lifetime 12 volt automotive battery. Somehow though, one of his experiments went haywire and he inadvertently developed a time machine. I am not at liberty to discuss how the time machine works. My friend does not want any unsolicited publicity and prefers to remain anonymous for now. Anyway, I just got back from spending a few days in the future and I want to share some of what I learned with you:

- In the year 2025, President Madonna and Vice President Britney Spears are promising to bring gasoline prices back down to the pre 2019 cost of \$23 a gallon.

- The South American war is dragging on into its sixth year of U.S. occupation.

- Scientists at the Arnold Swartzenegger Institute for Advanced Medical Research report that smoking immediately after eating aids digestion.

- In Super Bowl LXII, The World Bank "Tycoons" defeated the EXXON "Pumpers" by a score of 24 to 17.

- The Harley-Davidson Television Network is set to release its latest action film "Harry Potter and the Golden Sidecar"

- In 2025 the average price of a new car is \$100,000, a new home is \$2,500,000, and it will cost \$125.00 to get into a movie theater that sells popcorn for \$50 a box.

In the interest of humanity and good sense I'll keep most of what I've learned to myself. I certainly can't reveal anything that may change the yet to come.

Since our main concern now and in the future is riding our bikes, I'll reassure you that

motorcycling in the year 2025 will be similar to riding as it is in the present. You will still be able to straddle a two wheeled device that resembles a modern-day motorcycle. The price of gasoline, however, has forced all auto manufactures to produce hybrid vehicles similar to the ones presently available. Maybe you or someone you know has one of these cars. I'm sure you have seen high mileage cars advertised on TV.

These hybrid vehicles have small gasoline fueled internal combustion engines that come on when the electrical power reserve in the battery drops below a certain level. The gasoline powered engine acts as a generator in order to charge the batteries that power the electric motors used in cars and motorcycles. All of the 43 companies that build motorcycles in the United States in 2025 will use basically this same engine technology in the future.

Unfortunately though, the advent of high mileage vehicles will cause the World's three remaining oil conglomerates to raise their prices due to the lower volume of sales. Even the gas riots of 2012 did little to stabilize fuel prices in the U.S.

Chrysler Corporation entered the motorcycle market in 2009 with the release of the

300 hp turbo-charged Dodge Vixen. Not to be outdone, GM followed a year later with its own version of what a motor cycle should be. In 2010 GM launched the all aluminum 320 hp Nomad in two wheel form and Ford Motor Company introduced the super- charged Untouchable, which was available with several engine options.

In 2011 the newly revised Indian Motorcycle Company added a four cylinder diesel engine to their bikes.

This motor never really caught on. The people I talked to told me that it sounded like a truck coming down the street. So, with sluggish sales Indian went out of business again in 2014 (the fourth time in 111 years).

In 2013 the federal government mandated that all types of engines in all motor vehicles should be completely silent when running. This policy proved fine for automobiles and trucks. However, after the law was enacted, the collision rate of automobiles running into motorcycles immediately increased by over 500%. The National Safety Committee conducted a three-year government study, costing the taxpayers over \$50,000.00. The Committee concluded that most drivers were unable to hear the motorcycles in their vicinity of operation due to both advanced sound-proofing of automobiles and the lack of noise emissions from the motorcycles. The solution to this problem was to add the exhaust tone of a motorcycle that could be released through a speaker located under the seat of the motorcycle. Unfortunately though, legal issues, court-room battles and extended litigation and law-suits over who owned what specific motor noise kept these sound devices from being installed on motorcycles for several years.

A pleasant by-product of future technology is the invention in 2017 of the contained radiant heat perimeter or RAP. This heating device developed by GE for the government is being used in the oil fields in and around Hilary City, Antarctica. A much smaller device installed on a motorcycle, will surround the riders with a comfort heat-zone. This means that in the future, year round riding in virtually any frigid climate will be taken for granted.

The same RAP technology foreshadowed the development of Virtual Environment Control (VEC) by AT&T's Bell Laboratories. The use of the VEC equipment led to the

re-emergence of the outside drive-in movie theater. Practically ever major urban area has a Microsoft or Disney holographic drive-in and mini-theme park located nearby. Many of these parks feature motorcycle parking and lounge areas with special Sony Quadra® blaster surround sound speakers.

So, as the old saying goes, "The more things change; the more they will remain the same", rings true once again. Wars will go on, giant corporations will control the world, and technology will make our lives more comfortable.

Oh yes, one more thing. I never discuss politics or religion but I will make an exception here. Please register and vote because, "Those who refuse to learn by the mistakes of the past are condemned to repeat them.

Ride smart, ride safe, and ride for tomorrow for tomorrow will always come.

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