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July 19, 2021 · 🌐

Male 01 Social Cycling Austin Admin/14-Year Member, 5:30 CMATx Organizer-Rider/14-Year Member



Y'all, does anybody know if [redacted] and [redacted] are okay? I tried contacting [Ride Bikes Austin](#) about the upcoming guerrilla bike-in movie event (I sent notice to every bike club I could think of in town), and got this in response:

"Both [redacted] and I are asking you to stop contacting us via instant messenger, the Ride Bikes Austin page, in person, and any other type of communication avenue.

Your repeated communication towards us makes us feel harassed, uncomfortable, pushed into a corner, fearful, saddened, worried, confused, slandered, agitated, scared, and at times hopeless.

We recognize that past interactions with you have been positive, but interactions with you became negative for us after we created an alternative social group outside of the group you belong to.

We removed connections between our personal media accounts and yours to avoid continued contact. We declined your multiple attempts to have access to the Ride Bikes Austin community that we created. We have also removed your comments on our media posts that go against our community standards.

Our group, Ride Bikes Austin, has documented community norms which include the requirements to "always be civil" and "respect each other, our parks, and local organizations...don't harass." We also require that anyone attending come with mutual respect for others.

All online messages, public social media posts, and the number of attempts to join the Ride Bikes Austin Facebook group, have been documented to help authorities understand the content and persistence of your messaging.

We will continue to document any future attempts you make to communicate with or contact us and we will move forward with notifying the proper authorities if you do not stop immediately.

We understand that it's very possible that we may see you out at public biking events. We are requesting that you avoid approaching us or communicating with us and give us the same personal space we will provide you.

A copy of this correspondence is also being sent via certified mail for your records."

Not at all what I was expecting in response, but I wanted to give a heads up, in case anyone still in contact with them wants to check up and make sure they're not in a bad spot or anything.

Additionally, please take care inviting the RBA crew to any rides if the ride didn't originate from [redacted] herself, as apparently doing so comes at the price of being ostracized. Bless their hearts, but I guess if their goal is absolute control and event exclusivity this is certainly ONE way to attain it.

Regardless, all of my friends on [Ride Bikes Austin](#) are still invited to join the fun this Friday, and at any other event I host, lead, or am involved in! Just because you aren't seeing my invite on the RBA page doesn't mean I'm giving you the cold shoulder, only means that the folks running that page don't quite live up to practicing what they preach. If [redacted] and [redacted] get over whatever it is that's keeping them from showing a positive attitude or mutual respect, they're invited too!



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Hey man just write them off and forget about it. I just got in big trouble for sending my ex fiancée text messages. Completely forget about them and never ever speak to them again. They can pick you up for harrasment for anything taken out of context right now. I speak from experience. Block them and never message them again.

Like Reply 1y





You have been a voice for the cycling community for over a decade. You have sat on official cycling centric community boards. It's a shame that the conversation has devolved into vilanizing the dialogue you are having on the interwebs and inferring that these people's safety is somehow in jeopardy. I agree with many of the folks above. Block and move on.

Like Reply 1y



Dude I have a feeling that message has nothing to do with you. It is probably a result of something else. It very well might be a generic message they are sending anyone that even the knows the person they are referring too. Again just acknowledge it has zero to do with you and block them and move on. Sounds like a generic message.

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"I'm offended because people don't want to be my friend or give me the attention I feel I deserve from them, after repeated, unwanted attempts at getting their attention. So I'm going to put them on blast without proper context so that all my friends will join me in talking mad shit about them and to stroke my ego, while simultaneously feigning 'concern.'" - This post

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not talking shit. Just really think this is out of context. and I have been friends for 10 years. Never has there ever been an issue with him. He was always polite and friendly, kept to himself. This message is WAY over the top. doesn't need your friendship either. I say this with all respect and encourage you all to revisit this accusation. I don't think it is fair at all.

Like Reply 1y



It might seem out of context, but I've had my own personal experiences recently and can say that this letter is weird and unwarranted. Since you seem to have so much insight, any idea why they suddenly decided to cut ties with That's really where this whole mystery starts.

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if you have proper context please share. I've left this post open so anyone with a crumb of context can contribute.

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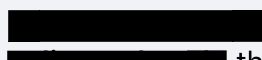
I am fully serious, if ANYONE has any context to put to this to explain why they're hellbent on ostracising so many friends lately, I would really love to hear it. The whole thing makes no sense to me and I worry about them with the way they're pushing so many people away who seem like they're only trying to help. Since last night I've heard from several other mutual friends (or are they now ex-friends?) who are now receiving the same treatment and as far as I know none of them are involved with any of this outside of being my friends, and riding bikes.



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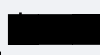
haha go back to California


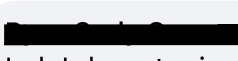
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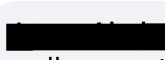
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  I completely agree. Why make attempt after attempt, which is a level of harassment and then post it openly. This is the same type of behavior a man gives when a woman tries to ignore their advances and then continues to make advances and then when the woman has a had enough she fires back and the guy blasts her public. If the response was no response the first time leave it alone.
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  Anyway, protocol was followed here, again just completely avoid them. Also keep this notice for documentation, so you can use it as proof that from this point forward so you can have witnesses to vouch for your wish to cease all contact with said individuals. Also the woman that commented before trying to call you out only looks bad to a court of law. Keep that comment as evidence of resentment against you. And again, finally, one more time, block them completely and avoid at all costs. Do not approach them, whatever game they are running will implode. Hang with the crew  These people are sly.
Like Reply 1y


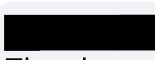
  Lol. I do not miss austin bike cry babies.
Like Reply 1y


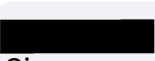
  well us austin bike crybabies miss you Surly!
Like Reply 1y


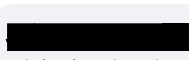


  aw. I am coming to austin in a month or two. Beers and bikes!
Like Reply 1y

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  They have actually ran away from bike cops at Republic Square last fall who weren't even approaching them or the homeless guy sleeping on the park bench, soooo maybe it's something you wouldn't have to worry about. Being terrified of 911 is serious.
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  Since you enjoyed it so much. Thanks for sharing.
http://reverendluther.org/pdfs/The_Ninety-Five_Theses.pdf...
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  This is the least helpful reshare if you actually cared about  or  well being and/or why they have an issue with the culture of SCA.
Like Reply 1y

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[redacted] you obviously don't have a clue on what's going on and when it happens to you we will laugh in yo face

Like Reply 1y



[redacted] I can't speak for you, but I'm not looking to laugh in anybody's faces man. This post was to shed light on some wild, undeserved, disrespectful behavior. Rather than just talk to me about a problem they had, someone tried to bully me with vague legal threats and accusations, with nothing to back them up.

I do want the friends they've not yet ostracized to treat them with added care and concern, because the above letter does not read like the words of someone at peace within their own mind. It reads like someone hurting and scared, and hurt people hurt other people.

Hopefully bringing their threatening words public will make them take pause and think before making the same threats and accusations against someone else. And if it doesn't, then it's on the public record so continued threats and disrespectful treatment from them will only prove out the pattern of this behavior that I've heard about from others, but had never yet seen in written proof. I've never in my life had a friend try to pull something like this before. It's shocking.

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[redacted] As your attorney I advise you to respond to the certified letter with a certified letter of your own, containing the lyrics to Scaper Bike.

Like Reply 1y



[redacted] I'll take this advice under advisement.

Like Reply 1y



[redacted] SCA is a haven for tech fucks who moved here in 2018 that googled "how to make friends in austin" lmao. Get over yourselves

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[redacted] I went on Bing so I'm different. 🤣🤣🤣

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[redacted] Big tech fuck vibes 🤣🤨 3

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[redacted] "All online messages, public social media posts, and the number of attempts to join the Ride Bikes Austin Facebook group, have been documented to help authorities understand the content and persistence of your messaging."

the authorities? sounds like a group of rats to avoid in my opinion. let them have their rat ride?

Like Reply 1y



[redacted] officer! He spoke to us ! Can you beat him with your flashlight or something?

Like Reply 1y





Lol imagine being so lame that not only did you take the time to type that out but also sent that thinking you wouldn't be laughed at hahah. you make me agitated, slandered and even hopeless lol

Hey yall wanna come to my party?

No you're making us feel hopeless. Lol I'm gonna laugh at this for a while

Like Reply 1y



I love your post. I thought the same thing. Who's so thin skinned that an invite makes them feel hopeless? There's medication for that ailment.

Like Reply 1y



Certified mail? Wow. 🤔👍 3

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right!?

Like Reply 1y



right? That's like \$9, and now he's gonna have to go to the post office to pick it up.

Like Reply 1y



I seriously want to see it tho!

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Jesus. Show me on the doll where the bad touched you...



Like Reply 1y



but also this

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Am I being negative by saying that so much positive attitude makes me a bit nauseous?



Like Reply 1y



SPEAK POSITIVITY OR DIE!!!

Like Reply 1y



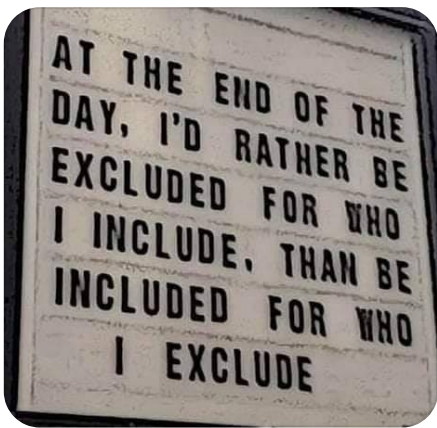
[Redacted]

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dude shits crazy

Like Reply 1y



Like Reply 1y

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Lmao. Okay gate keepers of austin bike scene They can eat a dick

Like Reply 1y

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"Go where you are wanted and stray from where you aren't. Surround yourself with positive people and environments." This is another quote that I have been repeating to myself over and over these past few months. If they don't want me around, f' em. There are plenty of others who do.

Like Reply 1y

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yeah you know haters gonna hate .

Like Reply 1y



I'll stick with my friends who known me and won't crap on me for bs rumors from haters

Like Reply 1y

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That response from them was wayyyy overboard, completely dramatic and well nasty. You should be the one feeling personally attacked, threatened and ostracized!

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It's not about that. Trust me they just want everyone to turn away from social cycling and into their controlled RBA by any means It ain't about you [Redacted] It's about their group and how they want to be bigger and to do that they have to bury the old

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That group and it's people been very divisive

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They got it out for me also now soo dont worry it ain't just you

Like Reply 1y



Aw shit, what now?

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So the dude that sucker punch me told [redacted] and a bunch that I sucker punch him prior Which never happen so that group including [redacted] basically are gaslighting me to the point of me removing myself from that environment completely. I did but the harassment won't stop in every way they are like hawking me. They won't let me be

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Put it this way i don't feel safe by myself

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I also heard from someone I was on hard drugs . Like man they go all out

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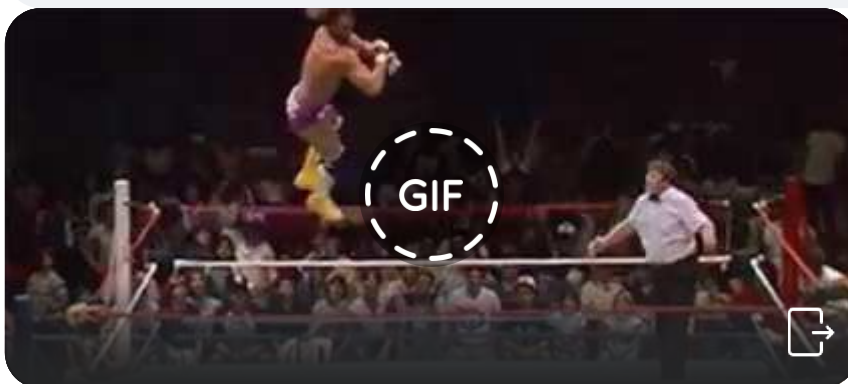
I mean, I'm legitimately afraid for my wellbeing around these guys. They sound like they're trying to incite riots and telling people to attack cyclists.



Jason Abels

[redacted] Dude. Elbow BUMP. Not Elbow DROP.

...though I would love to see a cyclist try to pull one of these off a bike.



Like Reply 1y



These people clearly don't know how to play Texas footdown.

Like Reply 1y



i find my elbows are far too hairy to share any bumps on it.

Like Reply 1y



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For the people still backing these people (R word) y'all are taking 2 people's opinions over like 150 people we are not the problem they are certainly the problem and should be kicked in from everything Sca for threatening another Sca member rules are rules

Like Reply 1y



I'm not trying to exclude anyone, which is why I sent them the invite to my guerrilla event in the first place! We have groups in this town that are designed from the ground up to be dictatorial and exclusive, but SCA isn't one of them and if I'm involved, never will be! I'm happy for them to ride with us whenever they feel comfortable doing so, and will look forward to that day where we can once again #RideAsOne.

Now, if they continue to threaten and harass other riders with unfounded accusations, cheap, vague legalese, and attempts at ostracizing/blacklisting dedicated, volunteer-minded members of our community, then my opinion may change.

Like Reply 1y



Totally agreed. All this exclusionary business has got to stop. It's silly, and it's dividing entire groups of friends. There are folks who I used to hang out with a year ago that I never see anymore, and it's all because of this foolishness.

Like Reply 1y



Yea I don't get the tribalism with riding and having a good time.

Like Reply 1y



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Wow looks like the bike community is toxic af

Like Reply 1y



it's not the bike community just these 2 people that think they are somebody

Like Reply 1y



just one person causing a cascade of control. When she can't control then she ostracizes.

Like Reply 1y



Hey everyone! Just getting back into society feels like coming out of a coma...so, what's new?! Emoji emoji emoji and shit

Like Reply 1y



same ol same ol

Like Reply 1y



hi 🖐️

Like Reply 1y



hey! Hope you're doing well!

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I stopped riding before these chicks were running shit I guess. Who are they? I have no clue about this mess just that they've been mean to [redacted] or some shit. Do they run the Thursday night social ride? Because that was there before them and they can't boss daddy [redacted] around. I'm talking out of my ass because I don't know what's happening!!!! 🤔🤔🤔🤔

Like Reply 1y



Nah, they took their ball and went home to form their own ride crew called **Ride Bikes Austin**. Social Cycling has been pretty chill lately. I joined their volunteer group and I haven't seen one lick of the drama people kept warning me about. I think a lot of the issues kinda sorted themselves out once folks left to do their own thing.

Like Reply 1y



It's wild to see people being exclusive. Haven't seen this type of stuff happen since 2012

Like Reply 1y



Lol who?

Like Reply 1y



It's almost as if these women ran away from responsibility and corporate jobs to be Wendy's among a bunch of lost boys and didn't expect to have consequences

Like Reply 1y



[redacted] wendys...um wendys...uhhhh when uhh when these...um...when these nuh....uhhh when these um...my mom when uhhh. I mean your mom wendys...

Like Reply 1y



Wendy's? Man I'm from Columbus, but I never cottoned with those square patties. What's that even about?

Like Reply 1y



[redacted] that bourbon bacon though

Like Reply 1y



[redacted] Squagles. Not your dad's bagel!

Like Reply 1y



[redacted] its awful to me, too fucking sweet

Like Reply 1y



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Who wants to come to my ride?
Social Cycling Sheboygan!!!



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Haha! My dad is in cedarburg, I knocked out my fake tooth for the second time motocrossing!

Like Reply 1y

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yes

Like Reply 1y



are you seeing this? Maybe you're not interested in being dragged into this discussion. But I know you have your own experience and I think of you as fun bike ride organizer extraordinaire.

got me kicked out of SCA because I was planning after events. Which I did long before she arrived on the scene. She got Clarence Rivera kicked out because he was impervious to her control efforts. SCA is a better place without her. Rejoice that she has walled off from 100 amazing people. In fact, all my favorite people are on her blacklist. It's because you're not pushover-yes-men.

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lol... sounds like Sober Cycling Austin*

The thing that would have saved SCA from death by too many egos or boredom is an age limit or term limits on the "leaders". Lol

Like Reply 1y Edited

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Not many people rise to the challenge (young or old) that's why it was especially sad when was bullied out. Luckily her and s ride is still going strong.

Like Reply 1y



Hell yeah, send us olds off to Carousel! green is people!

Like Reply 1y

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Since no can have nice things anymore...

Remove all TNSR online invites. Everyone knows on Thursday it's going down at Festival beach. Identify the strong riders by giving them "SLVS" spoke cards. Anyone without visible cards showing are forbidden from yelling at others about helmets and stop signs and drinking. Anyone crashes or causes a crash, they will have their cards put on probation. All questions from outsiders will be only answered with "To Put Butts on Bikes" Anyone who answers with anything else will be put on probation.

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Bro, not... DOUBLE SECRET PROBATION!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4MkCJiDoNk>



YOUTUBE.COM
Double Secret Probation - Animal House

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triple probation if anyone is caught talking to coppers

Like Reply 1y



lol, oops. #itme
So fuckin' probated.



Like Reply 1y



these rules start " RBA"

Like Reply 1y



Whew. You can tell by the amount of hair I have and gut I don't that this is a very old pic.

Like Reply 1y



I could tell by seeing two cops bored as fuck on the ped bridge. That must be pre 2013

Like Reply 1y



2009. I recognize it from s collection of photos from what was my first TNSR.

Like Reply 1y Edited



yo gentrifier a title you so happily joke about being. It was me who got you kicked out. The way we did end spots changed. The ride leaders got to start picking where they ended not someone getting a place and then telling us to end their like a dictator. Damn, you didn't even live here anymore and you was tryin to tell people where to go. It is hard to let go of power but have some grace and quit crying, besides there were others that were ready to see you go trust me conversations were had.

Like Reply 1y



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I really enjoyed the parts of the 3 white people making fun of being gentrifiers, it must be funny and feel good to push black and Mexican people out of a neighborhood they built and created. I wish I could have that same privilege of sitting back and enjoying the taking of what belonged to people of color, I bet y'all even have BLM Signs, but I definitely don't want to be part of a cycling community that laughs at I would say equals, but y'all don't recognize myself or the people that have my skin tone as equals. I am also sure all the white people who read this are about to defend you guys, damn history always repeating itself, white defenders begin...

Like Reply 1y



that's intense but did you know the mcrib is back for a limited time only?!

Like Reply 1y



did you see them laughing at calling themselves original gentrifiers, that shit is intense, privilege is amazing

Like Reply 1y



wasn't even there haven't been out on a ride in awhile

Like Reply 1y



it is in this fake thread of being concerned about two people they claim to care for.

Like Reply 1y



what neighborhood are you talking about? Until 1960 my house was a field on the north side of town. I bought it from two fellers, who were white, when houses were affordable. I've certainly recognized my privilege at being able to do so when I did.

I'm not laughing at anyone, I'm hoping some folks can find peace and stop ostracizing their fellow community members. I never really considered color to come into play with regards to the actions mentioned above, as they seem to be just as quick to ostracize folks of color as well. I still love all my friends, even if they choose to treat others this way, and look forward to happier times when this shit is in the rear view.

Like Reply 1y



you and [redacted] and some guy name [redacted] literally joking call your guys original gentrifiers on this thread, so if the need to back peddle is your attempt to some how not take ownership of your words then so be it. As far ostracizing people, y'all aren't the only people who make up the bike community, yet someone you think so check your arrogance. Lastly, people are allowed to not be friends anymore with anyone they want. Why are you so desperate for this friendship? Have you been close friends all there years? It seems that all of a sudden you care about two people to my knowledge you have not really associated with. I mean if you really cared about these close friends and your relationship with them, you would not have gone to social media to show "concern" you would have talked to them or your other close friends in y'all's circle which what real friends do. So like [redacted] said and you liked quit being sensitive and ride your bike.

Like Reply 1y



I'm not back-peddalling, I own those words as well, but you seem to want to pin some set of circumstances on me that don't exist, over me joking with some folks about when we got here. I agree with you, we're ALL bike community here. Not just me. Not just you. Not just them. If you think it's arrogant to consider myself a part of a community I've been a part of for decades, I don't know what to tell ya, but I consider you, and [redacted], and [redacted], and [redacted], and [redacted], and [redacted], and all the myriad folk who've now gotten the big boot by one particular community member a part of it as well. Anyone who bikes with us is bike community.

Yeah, I would have preferred talking to them. I feel like all of this could have gotten resolved with a simple conversation, but to have a conversation, everyone needs to be at the table. That was my first choice, one they shut down. I was checking in a week or so before the big scary certified letter, where they asked me not to talk to them or reach out to them, so at that point doing so got a bit harder. To respect their wishes, I couldn't check in and make sure they were okay. I did ask mutual friends, at which point I started hearing other similar stories of ostracizing, and, well, all the other stuff that is in the hundred plus replies above.

Again, agreed. Solution is to ride bikes and have thicker skin.

Like Reply 1y



Y'all need Jesus

Like Reply 1y



[redacted] Jesus helped me out with a spare tube one time.

Like Reply 1y



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Y'all to sensitize
Just ride your bike till you die or die till you ride

Like Reply 1y Edited



[redacted] truth. When I got a couple certified letters over inviting folks to a bike event, I took it personal. Probably should have brushed it off and went on a ride instead.

Good to see you out the other night.

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Good ride yall.
Apparently I got my "first warning" today.

