



## Upset with police for cycle stop

When I picked up the April 10 newspaper and saw that the police had a stakeout to nab the motorcyclists, I could not believe my eyes.

Not all guys and gals who ride cycles are bad and looking for a speed run. If you have a cycle logo on your shirt or jacket, that does not make you a bad person.

I have been to functions where motorcyclists are present and they are very respectful and kind.

I can't believe the police stopped them. Maybe they were going to Penn State Hershey or another place for children. Or did the squealer let the police know they were just out riding?

It is OK if they are doing something good for someone. But don't turn your back on the police. They will find some reason to stop you.

Motorcyclists need to find the guy who reported your run and get him out of your club.

I have faith and respect for all of you.

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## Not surprised by factory farm allegations

It should come as no surprise to anyone outside the factory farming industry that conditions at Kreider Farms are described as deplorable by the Humane Society. A public relations scramble and a dog and pony show for

inspectors after the fact does not change anything.

Factory farms are deplorable places despite "industry best standards." The conditions for animals and people in those facilities are well documented as are the ramifications for allowing them to operate. Lancaster County is one of the biggest polluters of the Chesapeake Bay and factory farms are a huge part of that problem.

Housing that number of animals in such large numbers, be it cattle, hogs or chickens generates enormous, concentrated amounts of biological waste. The conditions make it impossible to rear animals without large amounts of antibiotics. The excess nitrogen from the waste, as well as the antibiotics, end up in the water. Additionally, the meat, milk and eggs from these factories taste terrible when compared with products raised in a more humane and natural way.

Proponents of factory farms argue that it is more efficient to "farm" in this way. How is it efficient to destroy the watershed, pollute the air with the smell of concentrated manure and to raise animals that ultimately are serving us in horrific conditions?

There is a better way to raise meat, milk and eggs that enhances rather than destroys the land that sustains us. It is called [permaculture](#).

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