Real Bikers Needed. Say No To Fake Dog Tags and Road Rash

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The "Pretend Biker"… you have all seen them; people who wear biker clothing. More and more, often these days that's a mix of leather, skullcaps and biker so-called brands. These tire kickers have often never even straddled a bike, and in general know squat about bikes past or present. This brings me to a site that turned my stomach recently. I saw one of these pretend bikers wearing, FAKE DOG TAGS. Nothing makes my blood boil more, and with all this role playing going on, I wonder who is real anymore.
The producers of fake dog tags, and new biker jackets that have had a belt sander taken to them so they look like you've crashed, need to rethink a few things. Seriously, dog tags and good worn in leathers with a bit of road rash are two things I own, and I did not get them in a store.
This reminds me of the saying "when sex was safe and motorcycles were dangerous" I guess those days are really gone, but that does not mean I have to like all these phony's parading around in "lifestyle gear".

Playtime is over! I'm calling on all real motorcyclists to call these guys out when you meet them.

I'm not one to incite violence, so let me be clear, what I mean by "call them out" is give these poor souls some guidance, before our sport and bike culture is diluted beyond recognition.
I have to wonder how any person with half a brain can't see that fake dog tags are an insult to those who have severed and a mockery of the rights and freedoms men have fought and died for. Maybe that's the only good thing about it they have the freedom to do it.

I have made it my mission to let everyone of these fake dog tag wearing, biker look a likes know

that fake road rash is for fools and that **fake dog tags are not acceptable under any circumstances**. The last guy I explained this too was clueless, and apologetic. He said he had never thought of it that way and promptly removed his fake tags and jammed them in his pocket. That got me to thinking maybe its our job as consumers and more seasoned riders to spead the word.
If you're new to the sport take this piece of advice, take your time pay your dues, learn to get your hands dirty once and a while, and where the gear that suits your riding not the latest fashion.
If you're a seasoned rider or a reentry rider, join me in the fight against the dilution of our sport by taking a younger rider under your wing.
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