

## **Appreciate the warning I wasn't aware it was raining** (Excerpt from *On The Road With The Von BrainDeads*)

As I've probably mentioned, I've got a number of years behind the wheel of moving vehicles. Why do I continue to stress the "moving vehicles" thing? Oh, I don't know..... Why does it take some people 10 ass whoopins before they figure out they can't fight..... Segueing perfectly into why some people seem to think that they are the only ones aware of the fact that it's raining, and need to warn the rest of us by using their 4 way indicators. 4 way what? ... My daughter says they are not flashers, they are indicators. Yeah, they flash, or maybe they blink. Your turn signals are not called turn "flashers". So why aren't 4 ways called 4 way signals. They blink, like turn signals.... Besides you can only go one direction at any given time. Screw it, the whole thing is a conundrum, a mental death trap for even the most logical among us. Throw the discussion to a kindergarten class, and let them figure it out.

Anyway, this seems to be a phenomenon of recent making. One more example of the dumbing down of our society. Cooked up by the dumbest of the bunch and proves beyond all doubt that a stupid idea is infectious. IE; pet rocks, cabbage patch dolls, global warming. Let's take this one step by step.

- 1) It starts raining and,
- 2) Most of us realize it has started raining and have slowed it down a bit ( except for those who are still trying to experience the exhilaration of a couple of 360's and into the medial strip) (scientifically defined as hydroplaning)
- 3) And on the extreme other end, the above mentioned, whose senses are more highly attuned to what we the rest of the traveling public don't seem to see, and are here to show us their remedy for navigating in inclement weather driving

So... the sky darkens as the rain begins. Good time for those who realize what is going on to turn on your wipers, and.... HEADLIGHTS. Because...Class... right, you'll need these (the wipers) to see ahead of you. The headlights are for the rest of those around you, as you are not in this alone. In the rain you see, without your headlights on you become" invisible" in the spray coming off the road. I know, hard to believe. You invisible? Missed the point again. Try this if you are having trouble grasping the invisible thing. Look across the road at the traffic coming at you. Amazing how easy it is to see the vehicles with their lights on, as opposed to those without. Never noticed that before, did you. That in itself should be amazing. Not really when you consider every other good driving habit has slipped by you, and how even that seems to be beyond your capability to grasp. Yeah right, you invisible. Doubt it.

What we have here is the beginning of a visually challenging situation. Now, what some of your fellow "motorists" want to do is add into this mix is more visual impairment by making the rest of us try to drive thru a mass of headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and now "flashing" lights that are reflecting off of every drop of water on the windshield, off the wet roadway surface, and off of the surfaces of the cars around us. God help those wearing bifocals. I'm told none of this affects the rainex crowd...Yeah right

I guess my only question is... what the hell are you thinking about?!!! Nothing apparently. Has the thought occurred to you yet that you seem to be having a hard time seeing too? Ever stop to wonder why? Hey, while you're at it, why don't you slow down to about oh ... let's say ... 30 miles

**per hour, and get in the left lane of the interstate as well? Or, better yet, why don't you pull over onto the shoulder of the road, doesn't matter which one, the rest of us are already having the time of our lives trying to work our way around you. What's one more obstacle? And as long as you're being stupid, let's go all the way with this one. I mean, and I don't want to give you more to think about, but what sense would it make to maybe drive to an exit ramp (remember that sign?) and get off the highway. Then you can sit and utilize your 4 ways in the manner in which they were intended as long as you want. Personally I'd wait about an hour after it stops raining to get under way again. This will give me ample time to get far enough ahead of you I won't have to put up with that stupidity again. It will also afford you the opportunity to drive into that rain again, and practice what you maybe have learned here.**

**Look at this another way. LIGHTS ON WHEN RAINING, BE SEEN NOT HURT!!!**

**Let's look at this one more way. If your lights are on we see you. Now you're no longer "invisible". Hope I've realigned your delicate sensitivities BONEHEAD !!!**