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On Sun, 19 Apr 2009 14:02:30 -0500, "Anthony Fremont" <nobody@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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On Sun, 19 Apr 2009 10:49:47 -0500, "Anthony Fremont" wrote:

I've found that simply presenting the undeniable proof to the powers that be (and anyone else for that matter) has a much deeper impact. I bitched to the police and city council for years about speeders on my street, of course it was all just a waste of time and breath. At least that's how it used to be.....

While tinkering with Linux, a video capture card, and some C coding experiments in motion detection and tracking, I came up with an idea. I discovered that I could actually estimate (on the fly) and then later prove exactly how fast any vehicle was moving. I sent a few captured images to the police chief proving the ridiculous nature of the problem (people doing 50 in a 25) and viola the political inertia evaporates and we're finally getting somewhere.

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The way to control speeding is to design the road for the speed desired. If the road is designed for 50, people will drive 50. Speed limits are properly set at the 85th percentile and roads adjusted to meet the desired ends.

Given that the road isn't even wide enough to have a center line or markings of any kind, I'm going to have to disagree with you on the feasibility of that actually working. The road in question is in no way designed to be /safely/ travel at 50MPH even without people parking along it.

Do you have statistics? The 85th percentile rule works amazingly well.

I'd say that 85% of the traffic travels at least 35MPH though it's posted at 25MPH. Less than 5% of vehicles travel >45MPH. I can almost live with 35MPH, though when you do the math on the reaction and stopping distances it's a little unsettling.

You learn interesting things when looking at surveillance recordings. Allot of stuff happens when no one is looking or at least when someone thinks that. I now know whose cats patrol my property and walk around on my vehicles at night. I know who the lame dog walkers are that let their mutts trample my front flower bed, and I also know who the good owners are. I know which a-holes speed the most and when they are likely to be doing it. I feel so informed and empowered now. ;-)

Sounds just like the Obama and the DHS.

So now that the DHS is run by Democrats, it's suddenly a bad thing? Whatever floats your boat I suppose. I tend not to modify my belief system based upon who's currently in charge of the regime.

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No, when the members of the opposition are targeted, instead of the ones who have declared war on us, it's a bad thing. Only a leftist weenie would confuse the two.

Only a weenie would approve of suspending civil liberties (for any reason whatsoever) I'll tell you one thing about the "war on terra"(sic), I don't feel a bit safer (or even less safe for that matter), but I'm woefully depressed about the national debt.

Are you going to shit on their lawn now?

Hardly, but it's nice knowing that I can return the "property" to the rightful owner should I desire to do so. People who let their dogs shit on other's lawns without cleaning it up are thoughtless asses, it's really just that simple. :-) The same goes for people that think driving 50 on wet residential roads is prudent.

If course they're thoughtless asses. The question is what you're going to use the information for? If nothing, then the information has equal value. The neighbor has four constantly yapping ankle biters (who run loose and dig under our common fence). I don't need a stupid camera to know who owns them but the information doesn't do me any good.

That's an easy one to solve. It involves pulsing high voltages at low currents. It's how I'm tempted to solve the pissing problem on my front bed.

Seen some really unusual stuff too. Saw a car hit a squirrel but not quite kill it, and then what appeared to be a red-tailed hawk snatch it up from the street within a couple of minutes.

Neat. Easy lunch for the hawk and saved the tax payer some money.
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I knew the town wasn't cleaning them up that fast, so I had wondered where they went anyway. Now I know.

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We have a bunch of red tails around here too. They tend to stay away from the residential areas though. There were some black vultures along the road the other day. Impressive birds too.