

## To the cyclist who casually blew through the red at a busy intersection in SJ New Year's Day-

We're riding from the San Jose train station to the base of Mt Hamilton on New Year's Day for our ride up the hill. We stop at a traffic light at a major intersection, and this guy on a retro road bike doesn't even slow down, he just goes on through, weaving through the traffic and across the road. And we wonder why cyclists have such a bad reputation with many. Similarly, when my son and I come to a near-stop (almost trackstand) at Canada & Glenwood (just north of Woodside) we have to fear that a cyclist is going to plow into us from behind, because so many go sailing through at full speed.

I'm not, ever, going to suggest that we be required to unclip and put a foot down for a legal stop. 45+ years of riding and a zillion intersections crossed, many monitored by "the man", and never ticketed or even stopped by a cop because I didn't put my foot down. But many of us could do a lot better than we do. Enjoy the story below. It doesn't take much to change "driver" to "cyclist." Comes from Mac at [Mac's Harpeth Bikes](#) in Franklin, TN.

A London lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by an Irish cop. He thinks that he is smarter than the cop because he is a lawyer from LONDON and is certain that he has a better education than any Jock cop. He decides to prove this to himself and have some fun at the Irish cops expense!!

Irish cop says, "License and registration, please."

London Lawyer says, "What for?"

Irish cop says, "Ye didnae come to a complete stop at the stop sign."

London Lawyer says, "I slowed down, and no one was coming."

Irish cop says, "Ye still didnae come to a complete stop. License and registration, please"

London Lawyer says, "What's the difference?"

Irish cop says, "The difference is, ye huvte come to complete stop, that's the law. License and registration, please!"

London Lawyer says, "If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my license and registration and you give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don't give me the ticket."

Irish cop says, "Sounds fair. Exit your vehicle, sir."

The London Lawyer exits his vehicle.

The Irish cop takes out his baton and starts beating the living snot out of the lawyer and says, "Daeye want me to stop, or just slow doon?"