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For me, the loudest thing on a motorcycle ride is the wind noise at high speed. The turbulence makes a sound that is deafening, so much that I can barely hear someone riding right beside me even when yelling.

I always expect drivers to not see me, and so I ride as though I were invisible. I try to anticipate their moves, and pretty much just stay away. They'll stop, turn, lose debris, whatever. So I expect the unexpected at all times.

But where road dangers are concerned, wildlife trumps traffic, especially in the country. Even the most unexpected traffic is way more predictable than deer are, especially in the fall. Critters seem to love jumping up out of a ravine right in my path. So that's the one thing I fear the most.

A night ride out away from the city is the most fun and peaceful, but it's also where the wildlife is. I scan the countryside as I ride, but there are lots of blind spots, like ravines at the side of the road and dense trees, bushes or crops.