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> ----- Original Message -----
> Subject: Another Testimony to an Aerostich Jacket
> Date: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 09:48:10 -0500
> From: Burke, Michael
> To: <service@aerostich.com>
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> On Wednesday, January 24th , my brother Tym received a jacket he ordered (and I
also saw some Aerostich fleeces) from you. A couple of hours later he went riding and
then, I.. read the attached article. Not a scratch on the jacket despite the 6+ hours
crawling out of the woods. His leg was so badly broken he had to bunjee cord it to
the good one. The rider has broken bones and bruises but is safely at home. The New
London Day is the paper in New London, Connecticut.
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> Michael P. Burke, Deputy Director
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> DSNY Enforcement Division
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> Tym,
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> >I'm glad you are going ok, after you heal, and that the
> >consequences were not even more serious. Your courage is
> >inspiring. I hope you will enjoy a full and complete recovery,
> >with the least amount of pain, in the shortest possible time. I'm
> >glad your brand new aerostich gear helped you. I can hardly
> >believe the timing! First ride with your new gear. Incredible.
> > During your recovery, if I can do anything to help, please let
> >me know. - Andy
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Thank you very much for this note, I have received so many well wishes from those I've
never met it has made a bad experience a good experience.

I still can't believe I wasn't able to damage the Falstaff in any way, not even a stitch
came loose. The impact with the ground crushed my Arai XD. While at times I was
chilly I never got cold.
If I was wearing what I used to wear I don't think I would be here today typing.

This e-mail account doesn't function well, sorry I missed this note, I can't recommend
your products higher, feel free to use my travels anytime, thank you again, and
thanks for making me a Falstaff } without { the reflective chit, it's the coolest
looking jacket I now have!

Tym, broken butt not beaten!

Niantic, CT

Hurt Niantic man crawls out of Waterford woods after motorcycle accident

By **KAREN FLORIN**
Day Staff Writer

Badly injured after being thrown from his off-road motorcycle in a remote area near Waterford airport, Niantic resident Timothy O. Burke dragged his body through the woods for about seven hours this week before some good Samaritans spotted him and called for help.

Burke, who is 48, had broken a leg and a forearm in the accident, which occurred around noon on Wednesday. He was resting at home on Friday, and his brother, Kevin Burke, said he is lucky to be alive.

"It is a story of courage and not giving up," the brother said. "He could have died of the cold."

Burke likes to ride his KR 600 Kawasaki bike year-round, his brother said, and the safety equipment and clothing he was wearing — including a full-face helmet and a padded jacket — may have enabled him to survive the harrowing ordeal. Burke's vital signs were good, and he did not suffer from hypothermia because he was dressed appropriately, according to Waterford Police Sgt. Andre Parker.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2007

Biker survives crawl through woods

From **B1**

"He fell off his bike apparently around noon, and it took him seven hours to crawl to the road," Parker said.

The Burke family would like to thank the young men who found Timothy Burke on Parkway South, which is a dead end that is not heavily traveled. The young men said they had driven down the road by mistake, according to Kevin Burke. They said they were from the U.S. Coast Guard, but Timothy Burke did not get their names, and police could not provide them, either.

"We want to get the word out to these guys that they saved my brother's life," Kevin Burke said. "We're a military family ourselves."

Burke's family began to worry when the sun went down Wednesday and they had not heard from him. They called East Lyme police to report him missing. Burke told his relatives later that he had ridden into

an area where the ground looked firm but was not.

"He said it was like permafrost," his brother said. "The bike went out of control and threw him."

Unable to stand, Burke had to pull himself through the woods with his broken hand, the brother said. He was hospitalized for two days.

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