On the Road with Rick Sare and Google Glass

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Abstract

Rick Sare is an American long haul freight truck driver. When he is not at work, driving, he lives in Orlando, FL. He was interviewed by Alexander Hayes on March 26, 2014, via Google Hangouts. Hayes, the interviewer, is a Ph.D. scholar at the University of Wollongong, Faculty of Engineering and Information Sciences (EIS), School of Information Systems & Technology (SISAT), Wollongong, Australia.
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**Rick Sare:** I drive trucks so I use a CB radio. That state tried to outlaw CB radios because it is not hands free...arr...it didn't work...the way Google Glass works when you first come into these states, West Virginia, Illinois, Wyoming...the ones that are trying to ban it, there are little signs on the side of the road that say hands free only...and it really doesn't get anymore hands free than that (Google Glass) ...I get a text message in...ok Glass read aloud...it then reads it...OK reply...it sends it...I had a police officer pull me over in Kentucky about two weeks ago for safety checks and when I first started getting pulled over for safety checks I wouldn't have them on....I'd slip them onto the passenger seat...and as the officer walked up I would put them on again...now I am at the point where I just wear them....so, police are not really enforcing anything with them....I don't know....arrr...they are more curious about them and our Department of Transportation people they are more curious and they try it on and I have not had any problems....I've been reading (media) articles and I sure hope it doesn't become illegal because it has saved my life I can honestly say it has saved my life and kept me from being at the hospital this winter, in the same state that is trying to ban it....bt in saying that all in all I haven't had any problems with law enforcement....as a truck driver anyway. As a personal vehicle owner though.....like, every car owner that passes me...every car...it's like...they are on the cell phone, texting or changing their music...I see police officers passing me with their laptop computers on Google driving...and this is arr...so much safer....having it right there and I just think, well, I dont know...if it's the law being behind or if it's the congressmen not getting enough money I dont know why they are trying to do this.

**Alexander Hayes:** Well what is your view on what happened to Cecilia Abadie who has connected us here..I mean...with the police...are we likely to see laws perhaps universally that change because of the roll out of Google Glass or is this just yet another technology?

**Rick Sare:** It's another technology... I don't even find it as useful....there is a lot of people that say it's safe to drive with and a lot of people who say it's not safe to drive with...I don't even have my glasses on right now but I still reach for them because I think they are there....and I keep looking up even though they are not on...that's how unobtrusive they are as I don't even know if they are there or not there.What Caecilia got pulled over for from all the articles I've read....I've never talked to her about this specifically...we just track around Google Plus...the officer just noticed that she had Glass on and with that law that California has about no screens and the drivers view...he figured he would write her up for it...well I am glad she was the first person and not me...ah...because I wouldn't know what to do...maybe hire a lawyer...and I don't know how to....and me I would be out of state so I am glad it was her because she is our hero....like she's....what a great person...an app developer and everything else and.....I'm glad it got thrown out...I think the laws are going to change working on the old
GPS laws and stuff...the laws have not been updated for the technology that is getting ready to come...the technology changes everyday...I mean we are getting we will go from the Pebbles (Smart Watch) and NuMotos (look up this term), the LGs and watches coming out and the Sony glasses...it's going to change who knows where we are going to be and we are going to have to change the laws again..

Alexander Hayes: Speaking about laws and change...and things that are happening in your industry...if we focus on your industry side of things...what are the unions that you are part of saying about this technology...or....has it been mentioned anywhere within your key areas of contact?

Rick Sare: No….actually...they don't even….their focussed on things that dont…..I think I'm the only truck driver that has them that I can find…I've been searching and I've been searching the internet and all over Google Plus…..I don't think they are focussed on it because there is only one of us right now…I live in a non union state...a work to right state so we really don't have unions...but the rest of the United States….I go to truck stops…..they just look at me funny and don't know what it is….they think it is a bluetooth for your ear...they just think it is a new type of bluetooth...so nobody really knows what is...my employer knows...my boss he ah...he didn't know what it was at first but he has pretty much embraced it...and he is letting me go with it as I have over 75,000 safe miles right now and I'm trying to break the 100,000 safe mile mark driving with Glass and he supports me 100 percent.