“Queens” of the Road

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 I believe it is long time overdue for Hollywood and the rest of society to close out the chapter and end the book on Men owning the hype when it comes to driving. The new book and chapter is Women. How do I know this you might ask? Well, let me tell you.

 For me, it all starts over a year ago when the Pandemic came to town and I, along with many others, quit driving to the corporate office. As such, I no longer have to drive on the roadways and highways as I once did Monday through Friday, fulfilling my 9 to 5 requirements at the airline I worked for and in the industry of almost 40 years. I no longer have to spend the hours commuting. So, on the occasions when I do need to get out to go to the doctor or go to the grocery store, I have begun to notice a unique phenomenon on the roads, women drive like a bat out of Hell!!!

 I say that because in the surrounding ‘soccer-mom’ neighborhoods near by where I live, I have become quite aware Men no longer are “The King of the Road” to borrow the title of the 1965 Roger Miller song. Women are now the omni-present force on the roads. Unlike the cicadas that come out once in 15 years, these women are the constant swarm on the roadways for recently, I had the opportunity to exit my humble home to make my way to the local store. On my travels, I was accosted by no less than two females driving SUV’s whose sole desire and purpose in life was to run anybody off the road or run over them if you were so unlucky enough to be in their way. As this was an ‘attention getter’, as Buford T. Justice said, this was not my end to this “Close Encounter”. For on my return home, I had to stop at a red light at a nearby intersection and with a casual observation I looked around at the vehicles that had encircled me while I waited for the green light.

 My casual observation brought out a surrealism that honesty I had never noticed. Of the 10 SUV’s that surrounded me, all had women drivers and when the light changed from red to green you would have thought that the announcer at the Atlanta Motor Speedway just shouted through the radio receivers in each of the SUV’s, “Gentlemen”, or in this case Ladies, “start your engines” and the proverbial “green flag” was dropped. As confirmation to this fact of driving prowess of women and knowing it to be true, my friend who lives in South Georgia, who I visit from time to time, his wife also drives a big honkin’ SUV, a Hummer H3. Lord Almighty don’t get in her way.

 So, Jason Statham, the late Paul Walker, The Rock, Nicolas Cage, and Vin Diesel can all showcase their driving abilities in movies like the “Transporter” series, “The Fast and the Furious” series, “Gone in Sixty Seconds”, and “XXX”, but women in reality are the true “Queens” of the roadways. At least around where I live.