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Advanced RiderCourse (ARC)

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- I just took the workshops June 21-22 in Florence; it was well worth the time. Day 1, Saturday I attended the ARC course, it was an all-day course, in classroom we self-assessed ourselves, talked about Risk and skill levels, how to manage safety margins, and in what order to look for them. As well as difference body position techniques to take corners. Student had a lot of input in class. On the range I got a lot out of the Corning, it showed me how low I could or in my case shouldn't go before my pegged dragged and of course breaking, good information, and feedback. I would highly recommend take advantage of the whole weekend, you'll be glad you did.
- The ARC helped me learn how to lean my bike less- chin over wrists/elbow. I'd considered the position to be a racer position only and had never tried it on my own bike. I live in an area where even the intersections have unusual angles and elevation changes; it's a wonderful tool to have in your bag whenever you need it. Learned also to focus on "avoidance" as opposed to "identification" of road objects.
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- Overall was beneficial with the classroom challenging your visual acuity and instructional interns per say presenting the material in a professional but personal manner. As with most multi-teaching participants some presenters were more proficient in obtaining class participation than others however collectively the group my class had did a bang up job. The range exercises exposed participants to alternative ways to corner which in my case felt a bit odd initially however the rationale for maneuver very evident and with practice a more natural feeling for the new technique was obtained. I believe this would be a good course for all rider coaches to take.
- Taking the ARC was a great way to spend a day with fellow instructors while seeing the curriculum from both the student's and instructor's point of view. Bill and Lance make a good team and kept things moving and on subject, while still allowing us room to explore viewpoints and opinions in the classroom. The range exercises were fun and increased my confidence in handling my bike.

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All-Terrain Vehicle RiderCourse (ATVRC)

- I just took the workshops June 21-22 in Florence; it was well worth the time. Day 2 afternoon, the ATV course was straight out fun and I learned a lot, it was like taking an advance ATV course, we started the normal way, learning where the controls were, they are different then on a motorcycle,, then on to the field, we went from going straight and stopping to round and round, then it got fun and challenging, higher speeds ,sharper turns , then tighter turns, even a figure eight, someone asked, (are all of us going to be in the circle at the same time, the answer was yes.) I have to admit I got a little nervous when I saw the hill, we had to climb then turn, then stop at bottom of, it turned out to be fun, the last ex. Was my favorite, I don't want to spoil it for you so I won't tell you what it was, so if you've already operated an ATV, or new rider, you'll be glad you took this course. I would highly recommend take advantage of the whole weekend, you'll be glad you did.
- The ATV class was a different world for me completely. It was a treat to learn something so different. I had so much fun, I had no idea what to expect. I learned 90 degree turns- at speed, figure eights- at speed, changing patterns- at speed, and charging up berms to ride the face. A very nice Trooper encouraged me to go faster, and I did! In real life I am a total cupcake, I drive my truck like a cupcake, I drive my bike like a cupcake (it at least has a Lego Darth Vader topper), the wildest thing I ever do is cut my own hair. It was so exhilarating to feel my wheels dig and throw the dirt as I turned, to feel the rear of the vehicle actually drift snap back into alignment as I throttled into the turn. I don't know why anyone would pass up the chance to learn how to operate one safely.
- I really enjoyed the ATV training course this weekend. Having virtually NO experience on an ATV, I found the class to be highly informative and physical; interesting in the ways it was/was not like motorcycle riding and most of all, a FUN Professional Development Workshop!
- I am writing simply to let you know that the ATVRC I took last Saturday, August 2, was not only very enjoyable but also enlightening. I now have a better understanding of how the students in a BRC feel when they throw their leg over a motorcycle, potentially for the first time. Perhaps because I have been a motorcyclist and RiderCoach for quite a while I have lost touch with the perspective of the students in my class. I teach 20-30 classes a year but most of the students in my classes only take the BRC once in a lifetime. The ATVRC has brought about a valuable shift in the way I will approach classes moving forward. I realize the UBBRC and ARC would be taken on our own motorcycles, equipment with which we are much more familiar, but I feel as though there remains a valuable lesson to be learned from taking these courses as students. I believe this is true of all RiderCoaches but particularly those of us not familiar with these curricula.
- What a fun class to take who doesn't want to have fun in the dirt. makes you want to buy an ATV but seriously a very good class for basic mechanics of riding the ATV and range exercises expose you to proper cornering techniques body positioning but be aware you are an active participant on the ATV so expect to be a bit tired at the end of the class. ***You will be grinning wanting the class to go on and on and on and on oh well you get the point IT'S PLAIN FUN***
- I want to thank you and your team for the great time last Saturday. Both the UBBRC and ATVRC were challenging and fun. I could write a page or two point paper on all that I learned and/or was reminded of during the courses. I will say that for me, getting to be a student, trying to listen and follow directions and then ride appropriate speeds was a valuable reminder of how a student in today's class feels. Experiencing differing examples of how to and not to coach was refreshing as well. Over all I had most fun riding new exercises and paths of travel, experiencing new machines, meeting new people, reconnecting with familiar faces. I was pleasantly reminded of our shared passion for MotoSports and Motorcycle Safety! My fire is stoked up! Thanks again for a fun and memorable weekend and for all you guys do.

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All-Terrain Vehicle RiderCourse (ATVRC) cont.

- Do you ever go to a class or course with the attitude of “I’ve been doing this for years. They can’t teach me anything”. I have been riding ATVs for about 5 years. I got my first ride on one on Christmas day when my brother took a group of five us out trail riding. I rode as his passenger and this was the first time I had been on one. Countless times we got hung up on ruts and doing a lot of towing each other out of spots. When he flipped the one that we were on, I was hooked.

We have been done most of our riding around Pearland. This was a great area to learn in with all of the mud, small hills, ponds, and bayous to ride through. Housing developments have nearly put a complete halt to that... We are now mostly riding around the ATV parks in the Crosby area that are located on the San Jacinto River. There I have actually rolled my ATV twice and sunk it once.

So, I signed up for the course for two reasons. One, that it was a PDW and two, hoping that they could teach me some better riding skills/habits. I took the course on July 12th. An RC from Alpine and I were the two students. Terry Graham acted as a third student while he was evaluating our two instructors. We started out with a TCLOCS. This was very good for me because there are a lot of things that I do not check on my own ATV. The ATVs we were using did not have a right brake lever, which is something that my own does have. This is quite common with the CanAm and Polaris models. It took a little getting used to using a foot brake. Most of the other controls were very similar.

The course is set up very similar to the BRC. You progressively learn different skills. The hardest one that we, as RiderCoaches, have to adjust to is counterweighting! For making tight right hand turns, I learned a new method of counterweighting and throttle control. That will be very useful in my future rides. Body positioning for going up hills and turning on inclines was very good. So, YES! I did learn how to ride better.

Our two coaches were very good in their instructions and demos. Terry was a hoot out there, encouraging us to do more. One of his comments that I liked was, “If the students don’t come away dirty, they didn’t learn anything”. He had also wished that it had rained so that we could get muddy. I agree that the course would be more fun if it was wet.

But, I did come away learning better ways to ride an ATV. Especially posture! It is a fun and instructive course that I encourage all of the RiderCoaches and new ATVerS to participate in. Now that I have my certificate I will be legal to ride in the State Parks that allow ATVs. The course book and ‘goody package’ is very informative.

- The ATV course was a unique experience. I had never been on an ATV, thus taking the class was like that of a true novelist, although some of the skill sets mirrored that of a Trike. I thoroughly enjoyed "eating dirt" which was not something I had anticipated. The course did move one out of their comfort zone, but the instructional information allowed for the skill set to be performed and perfected. The course is great.
- A thought provoking, yet fun filled experience. Every ATV rider should take this course!

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Ultimate Bike Bonding RiderCourse (UBBRC)

- The class was enlightening and informative, and humbling.
- I've been a RiderCoach for many years, here in Texas and previously in California and Germany when I was stationed overseas. I thought I was pretty good rider but the UBBC course was an "eye-opener" to say the least. The course brought out my weak areas and really brought home the "technical" aspects of riding a bike. I HIGHLY recommend all riders take the Ultimate Bike Bonding and Advanced Rider Courses!!!! They're both fun and challenging!! I plan on taking the UBBC again! (As soon as I can!!). The MSU Trainers were very professional and happy to listen to all concerns that we had!
- Ultimate Bike Bonding Rider Course sounded like a touchy feely thing to me. That was before last Sunday morning. If you think your riding skills are well-honed and they should be, you need to try the UBBRC. Riding mostly at low speed, no problem, right? Doing some cone weaves, figure eights or riding in a circle. Big deal. We do this every time we demo a BRC. OK, how about riding a circle and cone weaving at the same time. Try riding a figure 8 inside a 36 foot circle. I know you can do it. Just trying to remember what you are supposed to be doing from one station to the next was challenging for me at times. I listened to the RCT read the instructions while looking at large cones strewn across the range like they fell off the back of a county maintenance truck. I began to empathize with my BRC students. Have you ever had your students look at you like a bull looking at a new gate? Take the UBBRC and become a learner again. This was a great experience and a real challenge. We all had fun and we all learned. After all, we ride because it is fun and challenging. So take advantage of this opportunity to improve your skills and step back into a learner's boots.
- I just took the workshops June 21-22 in Florence; it was well worth the time. Day 2 morning. Think you're a good rider & you know your bikes limits, I attended the UBBC, it was a BLAST, it was range only, very challenging, I was putting myself and my bike to the limits, I don't believe anyone made it through the day without hitting some cones or putting a foot down. I could see an improvement with each run, after being coached, the lollipops were fun,(Cindy gave me some good tips to help me make it with my Harley). The T was fun also, after each ex. We would talk among ourselves about what we learned, and how we accomplished it, (also kidding each other on their riding mistakes.) then we were debriefed. And after this course you will for sure know you and your bikes limits like the course says ultimate bike bonding. I would highly recommend take advantage or the whole weekend, you'll be glad you did.
- The UBBRC got me well out of my comfort zone; it's the most challenging thing I've ever done on 2 wheels! I discovered how easy it is to fall into patterns without realizing it. Scanning ahead, observing the law, and being courteous will get one home and back; but we don't live in a closed loop system. I learned better turning, speed control, and have a better grasp of what I need to do to remain in controlled motion.
- Firstly, thank you for making the classes available to us. You all drove so smoothly- it was like watching Roombas (minus the part where the little robot hits everything in its path). I was elated to be able to schedule all three classes for the same weekend. Through all of the classes I learned many new techniques and aspects: a variety of ways to get students more actively involved in class and on the range, better understanding of simulated practice and coaching points, and gained a new insight into my own habits, strengths, and weaknesses.
- Wow really liked this course I believe this should be mandatory for all MSF instructors to take and repeated ever two years or less. It will definitely teach the participant limitations of their machines and personal skill limits besides just being a blast. I plan to seek out certification for this instructional area. **TAKE THE CLASS *it's free*** you will not regret it and your take away will be informative.

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- I was very pleased with the way the exercises moved, versus waiting in line. The UBBRC was exciting, and also tested one's skill sets as it relates to maneuverability. I felt comfortable with all the exercises, except the next to the last, but believe continued practice would allow for component demonstration of all exercises. I will be reviewing available options to take this class again, as my interest is to become certified in the UBBRC and my current skill sets would not allow that to become reality.
- Just wanted to say thanks for the opportunity to take the Ultimate Bike Bonding Course. The course was challenging and educational. The sea of cones that defined the path of travel certainly gives perspective as to what our new students might experience as we explain the exercises to them.
- The UBBRC doesn't introduce new skills, although starting with the handlebars in a full-lock turn is a skill that most of us probably don't use regularly. Instead, this course presents challenging exercises that prompt students to sharpen and enhance the skills they already have. For example, while most of us can comfortably complete a relatively small-radius tight turn, some of the exercises in the UBBRC involved turns that were tighter than ones I could comfortably complete; to complete those exercises, I had to "push the envelope" by counterweighting more and moving forward on the seat. Overall, I enjoyed the class, and left it knowing not only that I had acquired knowledge to help me become a more-proficient motorcyclist, but also that I had improved my motorcycling skills by completing it. I won't hesitate to recommend the course to all experienced riders.
- I had a great time with the UBBRC, am glad it was offered. I would like to thank you for the opportunity for taking the time and patience for providing this. This course afforded me quite a challenge in low speed limited space maneuvers and more refined use of brake, clutch and throttle control. Although personally I feel that I did not do as well as I should have, I learned a lot. I definitely will be better prepared for when it is offered for certification in the fall. Only recommendation I can make to others is do this course before you do the ATV course-you'll be glad you did!
- I recently took the Ultimate Bike Bonding Rider Course, and thoroughly enjoyed it! I found it very helpful in developing slow speed handling skills. I think it is a great course for experienced riders who want to refine their skills, or for someone that has switched to a new style of bike and wants to get more familiar with it. But folks will want to be fairly comfortable on their bike before taking the course, as some of the slow technical maneuvers were challenging even for experienced riders. I liked the course enough that I will probably take it again on one of my other bikes. Great course!!!
- A great course that challenges the riding skills of even the most experienced rider! It is especially valuable for getting to know a new motorcycle.