Advanced Rider Course

What is the Advanced Rider Course?
This one day course is designed for licensed, experienced riders to enhance their basic skills and help with personal risk assessment. Interactive classroom activities to improve perception and hazard awareness are combined with range exercises which enhance both basic skills and crash avoidance skills. You will learn to improve braking and corner finesse. This is the public version of the Military Sport Bike Rider Course.

Why was it developed?
A high number of military fatalities were recorded by service men riding sport bikes in the States.

What is the overall aim of the ARC?
The overall aim is to provide rider development in the areas of risk management, decision-making, riding strategies, and rider behavior and choices.

What are the range exercises for the ARC?
There are eight: basic control, quick stops, stopping demonstration, curve adjustments, cornering and swerving, multiple curves, decreasing radius curves, gap analysis and safety margins.

Where will courses be held in Michigan in 2011?
The course will be held in Warren, Livonia, and maybe Milford. Because of the design of the course and the higher speeds, a full size range must be used. The parking lot used for the range must have a good traction surface.

Does a rider use their own bike?
Yes. Each student must provide their own motorcycle. Sharing is not allowed. The cycle must be titled, properly registered, and display a valid license plate. Each student must provide proof of insurance and the bike must pass a safety inspection.

Can any bike be used in the ARC?
For the ARC any bike may be used. Coaching on the range will be tailored to each rider for their specific motorcycle.

Does the bike need to be a sport bike?
No. All kinds and sizes can be used. The student motorcycles will be safety inspected before the riding begins.
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What system is used to inspect the motorcycles?
T-CLOCS = Tires and Wheels, Controls, Light, Oil, Chassis, Stands

Is a cycle endorsement required?
Yes. Each rider must provide their motorcycle, cycle endorsement, insurance, and must be experienced with their motorcycle.

How much does it cost?
The cost of the course is $25.00.

Are passenger allowed?
No.

Why should anyone take this class?
It’s FUN, and it helps improve your riding skill and judgment.

Is the classroom boring?
The classroom size is limited to 12. This is done to keep the interaction at a maximum level.

Why is it offered only in southeast Michigan?
2011 is the 1st year this course will be offered in Michigan. The Detroit Metro Regional Consortium is running these courses as a pilot with potential for expansion in the future.

What happened to the Experienced Rider Course?
We have chosen to offer the ARC this year because we believe the Advanced Rider Course is superior to the ERC in the classroom, riding, and skill testing. For this year, we are piloting the ARC instead of offering the ERC.

How do I register?
Good Question. A limited number of scheduled classes are available. The Macomb Community College schedule is out and registration is available. Schoolcraft College’s schedule will be posted on their web site 2/1/2011.

www.macomb.edu/cce
www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd/motorcycle