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GOVERNMENT ACTS TO IMPROVE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

The Government are proposing to make changes for motorcyclists



Safety of motorcyclists on NZ roads has been a major focal point of late and one we have covered regularly in our issues, highlighting the importance of rider training, visibility and awareness.

In a recent news item it was revealed the government are proposing to make changes to motorcycle licensing in a bid to tackle the growing issue of motorcycle and moped safety.

Transport Minister Steven Joyce confirms the government is working towards changes with a number of actions being put in place to improve rider training and safety.

Cabinet has agreed to a package of measures to improve motorcycle and moped safety focusing on rider training and licensing. These complete the first actions of Safer Journeys: New Zealand's Road Safety Strategy to 2020. Actions in this package are:

- Strengthen motorcycle licence tests and make them more motorcycle specific
- Remove the option for motorcyclists to complete an approved driving course (Defensive Driving or Street Talk) to reduce their time on a restricted motorcycle licence and introduce an alternative competency based training and assessment option to the standard testing regime
- Require all novice motorcyclists, regardless of age, to be subject to the same minimum time requirements at the restricted licence stage
- Require all moped riders to complete a moped-specific basic handling skills test along with a motorcycle learner theory test to obtain a new Class 6M licence
- Introduce a power-to-weight restriction for novice motorcycle riders
- Develop appropriate refresher training for returning riders and encourage uptake
- Promote the benefits of high-visibility and protective clothing.

Actions for improving the safety of motorcycle and moped riders will be included in a Driver Licensing Amendment Rule. Consultation on this rule will commence shortly. The package for completing *Safer Journeys* first actions also contained changes to give way rules.

More information on these actions and on Safer Journeys: New Zealand's Road Safety Strategy 2010-2020 is available at: www.saferjourneys.govt.nz



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RIDE IT RIGHT

Damian Newell spends a day with the Ride Right crew

After 20 years of being out of the saddle, Damian enjoys a rider training day with Ride Right Otago

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Check out the Ride Right Otago webpage for upcoming dates to refresh your riding skills

I have been hosting motorbike rallies for twenty years without ever actually owning one. The reasons for the obvious oversight are many and varied and far too boring to go into now, but dear readers, you can imagine my excitement when asked if I would like to take part in the RIDE RIGHT course run by Ride Right Otago in association with ACC. I was stoked, aside from anything else, it would be a wonderful excuse to ride ...at least for a day. The course was run totally by volunteers and was both professional and informative and....above all else, fun!

Confession time...I had done a bit of motocross in my youth but hadn't actually ridden a bike for twenty years. Anyway, once I got my head round counter steering (must have missed that class at school), I loved every minute and learnt a lot. Thank you very much to Rick and Raquel from MCR for kitting me up from tip to toe with the latest gear and my mighty steed, the Yamaha 225 Scorpio. I'll be in soon for my own. OLD RUBBER ARM.

(words by Damian Newell)

The Ride Right Otago riding school is run in Dunedin by volunteer bike riders with backing from ACC.

It was originally developed by Ride Right Ride Safe in Auckland. A group of riders down in Dunedin thought it was so good, they decided to get the course started down here in Dunedin with the help of the Auckland group.



This course is at an intermediate level suitable for initial and refresher training.

The course is broken down into several parts encompassing both theory and practical exercises in riding.

<http://www.rro.org.nz/index.htm>

TRACK DAY VIRGIN

Local rider Matt Riddell shares his first track day experience

A crew of around 30 riders enjoy a day at Levels getting advice from one of the best, Brian Bernard



190Kph down the main straight of Levels Raceway in Timaru with no brakes would normally be accompanied by both fear and a rather unpleasant smell from the lower half of your leathers. This past weekend it was nothing of the sort. In fact, we were doing it on purpose. And it wasn't just the main straight we used no brakes. Under instruction from Brian Bernard we were told we should go out onto the track and ride around without touching the brakes (except in case of

emergency). So we turn right out of the pits (not 'left' as Rick enjoyed recommending) and head out onto the track. At first you're thinking 'ok, no brakes, so lets do this at say 50kph and we'll be good'. As you're heading round the track you realize you're still accelerating through the turns and could go quite a bit faster. So, you add a little speed and notice that this too gets scrubbed off as you lean into the corners. After about 10 laps of this we've just about reached the same lap times we were making using the brakes and holding much better lines. There's the odd moment you dig your sliders into the asphalt hard out hoping they'll scrub off a bit more speed and drop an extra gear, but as long as you never add more than a couple of percent more each time it always works out. The "No braking drill" was actually nearing the end of 2 days on track at Levels

- the first day was the Otago Motorcycle Club's "Have a Go" day, and the second, was the Two Wheels Unlimited's "Road Rider Training Day". You may have seen me round on my Blue R6 with scuffed knee sliders generally terrorizing the streets of Otago, but until this past weekend I'd never made it to a track! What an experience! Imagine owning a race rep bike and never taking it on the track. The Yamaha R6 might not be the most comfortable bike for long journeys (although it hasn't ever bothered me personally), but it was born to be ridden on the track.

The new Metzler M5 Interact tires proved an awesome choice - they just kept providing more and more grip! Once I started approaching the limits of grip they just started sliding a little - 100% controllable and not in the least bit surprising. There's no reason to think you'd need a Yamaha R6 or R1 to do a track day either - though no doubt Rick and the boys will likely sell you one if you like - there was a huge range of bikes over the two days - Motards, 100cc trail bikes, a few R1's, a few Ducati's etc. There's no need to fear crashing your pride and joy either (most people would probably consider my attention to my bike to border on OCD). You're so much safer on a track than you are on the road. Just imagine if you went out for a ride around the peninsula and you knew (100% certain) what the other side of the next corner was like. If you knew there was no oil, no grit, no gravel, no cow standing in the middle of the road, no police officer standing there pointing a radar gun at you! On the track you just have to pay attention to the flag points - they'll warn you if the surface is dangerous, if there's something or someone lying in the track. The only thing you have to do to not crash is to drop your ego. I know it sucks when someone flies past you on an obviously inferior bike with crap lines and no body position. Just forget it, ride your own lines, your own

speed and focus on yourself. As you increase speed you'll be passing everyone else anyway.

If you are (like I was) a track day virgin, there's nothing better you can do than to get yourself down to your nearest track whenever you see there's a day running for bikes. I'd say essential even.

(words by Matt Riddell)



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Rider confidence improved as the day progressed at the Levels track day

Bikefest is an annual celebration of motorcycling

CELEBRATING MOTORCYCLING

Bikefest 2010 had a lot to offer local motorcyclists



The country's wet weather didn't dampen the Dunedin spirit as people turned out to support motorcycling at Bikefest on Saturday. Sponsored by Ride Right Otago and ACC with the help from their mc Damian Newell from More FM, Bikefest provided great exposure for local businesses. MCR was well represented with their 10 point check tent, dealer tent and entertainment provided by the trials riders. Emphasizing motorcycle safety, Ride Right Otago supplied free high visibility vests and rider training information to the motorcycling public. The great giveaways and prizes offered many riders protective riding gear including helmets, pants and boots, as well as free warrant of fitness checks. Thanks to all those involved this year and to all of you who attended and proved even in the rain motorcycling *is* worth celebrating!

SUPERSTARS OF SUPER X

MCR played host to some of the best Super X riders in the world

MCR hosted some of the best Yamaha riders in the Monster Energy Super X series at the shop on Friday night. As well as having bikes on display Jay Marmont, Jeff Aleesi, Ford Dale and Luke Stykes signed posters, T shirts, motorcycle guards and had their photos taken with Super X fans, young and old before preparing themselves for Saturday nights big event at Carisbrook.



Many still turned out in wet conditions to enjoy a world class event held at Carisbrook in the weekend

SUPER X 2010

Riders give the Carisbrook crowd a great show of skill



Dunedin public were thrilled to find out the wet conditions hadn't lead to the cancellation of the Super X on Saturday night. The track was extremely muddy and slippery for riders but to everyone's delight it didn't stop some of them making the big jumps. The muddy conditions did provide some carnage on the track for riders though, challenging even the best in the world and changes to the track were made during half time in an attempt to improve the conditions somewhat for the second half. Whether they were watching from the boxes or the stands, the crowd enjoyed a great nights racing. If you missed out, rumors are...Dunedin has signed up to host more Super X rounds over the next 2 years.

STAYING WITH M.A.T.E.S

Southern hospitality at its best

As well as the usual bike rally events, the M.A.T.E.S rally provided a few entertaining extras



MCR's end of month social ride headed south to the 9th Annual M.A.T.E.S rally which was held in Waimumu (near Gore) recently. On arrival we realized we were extremely overdressed for the days high of 28 but we looked forward to the promised entertainment the rally offered. As well as your usual motorcycle rally entertainment such as the bike show, the burn-out competition, live bands and the wet T-shirt competition, the well supported M.A.T.E.S rally provided helicopter rides,

a wet foam pit full of prizes and the popular choice for spectators, jelly wrestling. The beer was cold, the food was excellent and the weather was stunning. Southern hospitality at it's best, this 2-night rally is one not to be missed.

YOUR SAY

Share your views on motorcycle related topics

How effective was the holiday weekend speed blitz, is it saving lives or just revenue collecting? Here's what one Facebook friend had to say...

Holiday Weekend Road Toll: 8

Total Effectiveness of +4km Speed Limit Ticketing Regime: 0

Number of Dipshit cops I saw driving half on the gravel shoulder and half on the road at 100kmh between Pipiroa and Kopu in a line of traffic to try and avoid detection so they could give out tickets: 1

Number of completely unsafe driving incidents I witnessed whilst out riding: 50+

Number of these incidents that involved excessive speed: 0

Number of these that involved car drivers: 50+

Number of these that were poor driving ability, inattentive driving, complete lack of brain function, no regard for road safety, and a danger to my ACC levies going up after nearly being an accident victim because of them: f#@%n all of them!

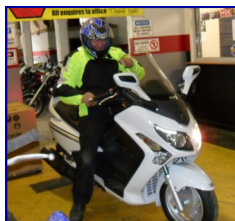
Number of Doughnuts the NZ Police will be eating this week courtesy of my pocket: f#@%n none.

RICK'S PICKS

A light hearted look at the humorous side of motorcycling

Email us your favorite 'You Tube' links or funny photos

Shot of the month...



Change of career maybe Don? Have you got your bag of chalk ready?

Video pick of the month...

Motorbikes you've never seen before

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6jYoXV3Shd8>

Men , thongs & motorcycles

<http://www.funnyordie.com/videos/ce7d1735e8/two-dudes-in-thongs-on-a-motorcycle?>

Quote of the Month...

Ride it like you stole it!



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TYRE DEALS

MCR HAVE A MASSIVE RANGE OF TYRES IN-STORE NOW

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Full range of **Michelin**

Full range of **Shinko** (Yokohama)

HOT DEALS

Set of road tyres...\$399

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OUR STAFF HAS EXPERIENCE IN TYRES NO OTHER SHOP IN TOWN CAN MATCH...SO COME IN AND SEE OUR KNOWLEDGABLE TYRE TECHNICIAN FOR THE TYRE THAT BEST SUITS YOUR NEEDS

BIKE DEALS

Triumph Street Triple R

2009 Model, fully optioned

Now **\$13999**

Yamaha YZ450F now **\$9995**

2009 4-stroke model (off-road)

Limited offer

UPCOMING EVENTS

MCR events

MCR social ride leaving 1pm from MCR

Saturday 27th November

MCR x Country Series, Rd 1

Sunday 28th November

Whare Flat

Signposted from the bottom of Three Mile Hill

BURT MUNRO EVENTS

In Invercargill from the 24th November

BRONZ Otago events

Toy Run 4th December

Xmas Doo 4th December

S.O.F.S 1/8 Mile sprints

December 11th in Princes St

Check out our webpage for more upcoming events