

ABATE Rider Training

The BOD voted to sponsor a full class for riders from ABATE this summer. I have received and forwarded bid from Cascade Motorcycle Safety for numerous different courses. They are all good, but have differing target benefits for returning riders.

The Offerings:

1. Cascade Street Strategies Drills: At \$2,000/10 riders, the course is a bit pricey, but there is a of bang for the buck for upgrading real world skills for accurate road riding.
2. Pro Rider Defensive Riding: At \$2,000/12 riders, it's a bit less pricey. The bang for the buck here is helping seasoned riders upgrade their skills for riding in traffic.
3. Cascade Gymkhana **(Recommended)** : At \$500/10 riders, this can possibly get 40 riders drilled over a weekend. The bang for the buck here is that there is no hard fast curriculum, but the drills can be tailored for the clientele. The bottom line, the rider improves their ability to put their front tire where that want it, and at the speed they want, with no drama.

I spoke with the owner of Cascade Motorcycle Safety on 13 May, and he and I agreed that the Cascade Gymkhana could be an excellent offering to get more of our people exposed to a program to brush up the skills. That being said, the final decision sits with either the Executive Committee or the BOD. IMHO, this is the best fit for us this year. My target dates are for a morning and an afternoon session on Saturday 23 August and a morning and afternoon session on Sunday 24 August.

We're looking towards the end of the summer this year, so there is some time to put the program together. Most likely the training will be in the Anacortes area, and while that may seem to be a bit remote, it looks to me like a good excuse for a weekend getaway. When we do pull the trigger on this it should fill up fast, so start thinking about why you wish to get some refresher training on the company dime. I will have had my new Tenere 700 for enough time that hopefully I can assist with the class. 😊

Until next time, ride safely and have fun.

Texas Larry