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A Theoretical and Practical Course on Motorcycle Safety

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Introduction



- Rider assistance technologies are important, but nothing substitutes a well-trained rider when the subject is safety.
- Many motorcycle schools are mostly concerned with training the rider to pass the driver's license examination.
- Many people ride with minimum skills, being exposed to accidents.
- Even many advanced riding courses focus on practical skills and do not pay much attention to the theoretical part.
- My Way MS considers the theoretical part as important as the practical and has developed a method that focus on both theoretical concepts and practical exercises.

The Concept of the Course



- My Way MS offers basic to advanced training on preventive riding using its own methodology, in an exclusive area or in other adequate places.
- ✓ The concept "Preventive Riding" is important to avoid going into the "Defensive Riding".
- Prepares motorcyclists to ride in any real situation on the regularly paved streets or roads.
- The course held at the My Way MS Motorcycle Training Center can be individual or for up to five participants. Exercises can be adapted to the riders' ability and needs.
- The course is divided in a theoretical and a practical part. The theoretical part is important for the rider understand why he/she is doing each specific exercise, and so he/she will do it much better and without fear.

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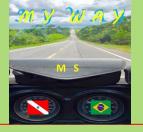
- The MTC consists of two parts designed to provide motorcycle training at low and medium speeds, both on- and off-road.
- The MTC also has other facilities for equipment storage, theoretical classes, feeding and hydration, resting room with shower, etc.
- Videos with examples: <u>https://youtu.be/0ewed65x001</u>
- ✓ <u>https://youtu.be/U9fgJ_IYeoA</u>
- ✓ <u>https://youtu.be/vdamI9IxzPs</u>
- ✓ https://youtu.be/9tXH5-TX7Yc
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- Other videos with tips and information about motorcycle safety can also be seen in the channel.

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The Theoretical Part



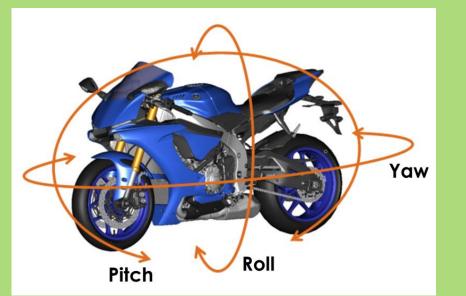
- 1. The Basics of Motorcycle Physics;
- 2. The Choice of the Adequate Motorcycle;
- 3. The Choice of Protective Riding Gear;
- 4. Motorcycle Controls Adjustments and Riding Posture;
- 5. Adequate Care with the Rider and the Passenger;
- 6. The Three A's Rule (Attention, Assessment, Action);

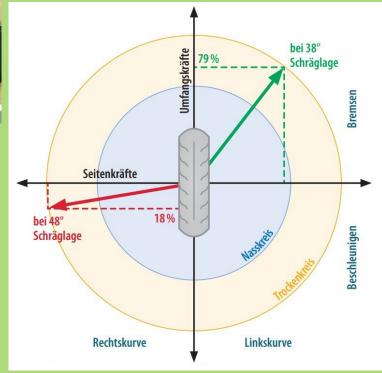
- 7. The Correct use of the Motorcycle and Rider Resources (COFRES);
- 8. Techniques of Slow Speed Maneuvers;
- 9. Braking Techniques;
- **10. Cornering Techniques;**
- 11. Riding in the Dark, Rain, Cold, and other Adverse Conditions;
- 12. Preventive Riding;
- 13. Riding with a Passenger and Load;
- 14. Group Riding.

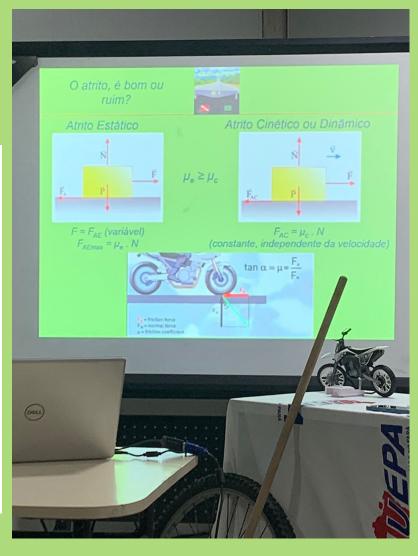
The Theoretical Part











The Practical Part



- 1. Adjustment of the motorcycle commands, use of the central stand, mounting and dismounting, correct riding position.
- 2. Learning the motorcycle static balance and how to lift a dropped motorcycle.
- 3. Throttle, clutch, and rear brake control.
- 4. Learning the motorcycle balance during motion.
- 5. Slow ride (Turtle Race).
- 6. One-hand control, with one hand at a time. (Interval for resting and hydration)
- 7. Slaloms: short (3 to 4 m), medium off-set (5 to 6 m), and long (8 to 9 m).
- 8. Controlled stop.
- 9. Circles with diameters of 15 m, 11 m, 8 m, 6 m, and 5.5 m.
- 10. Figure eight 20 x 10 m or smaller.
- **11. U-turn with 7 m width or smaller.**

The Practical Part



- 12. 90-degree pull-out.
- 13. 90-degree right and left turns.
- 14. Off-set cone weave (Snake Trail). (Interval for resting and hydration)
- 15. Group riding to a nearby restaurant. (Lunch and rest)
- 16. Start on a slope.
- 17. Group Riding back to the training center. (Interval for resting and hydration)
- 18. Emergency braking on dry and wet pavements.
- **19. Obstacle swerving with and without braking.**
- 20. Obstacle runover. (Interval for resting and hydration)
- 21. Intersection (Iron Cross) (7 m wide x 7 m long).
- 22. Cornering (on a 3.5-m lane and 7.5-m radius).

Closure, course evaluation, and certificates delivery. Return to Belém and observation of the participants' skills.

The Practical Part

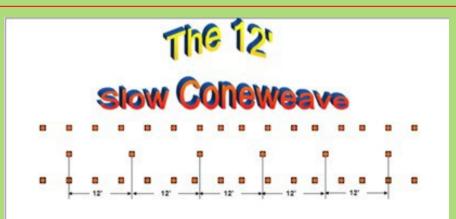


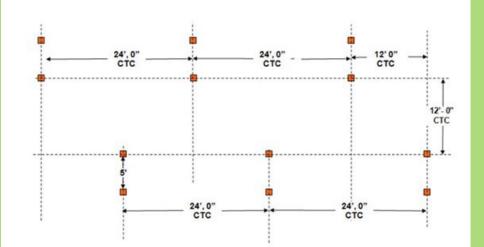




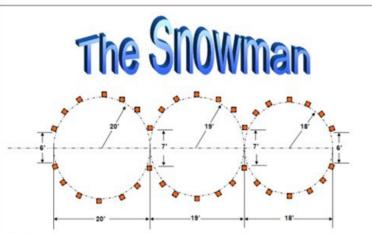
The Exercise Patterns

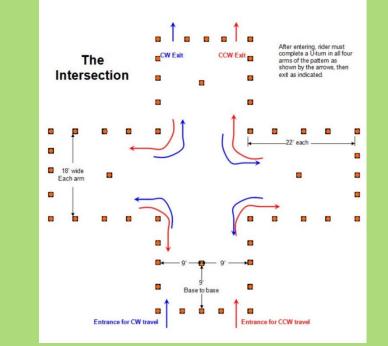


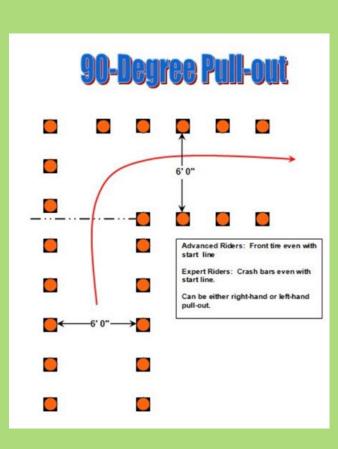




12' x 12' Coneweave







Example of the course held outside the MTC















Conclusion



- ✓ Preventive Riding Course based on the author's experience as a professor and researcher during more than forty years, and as a more committed motorcyclist for the last fourteen years.
- ✓ The importance of teaching the theory consistently before going to the practical training.
- \checkmark The participants make quicker progress when they understand why they are doing a specific exercise and the principles behind it.
- ✓ The exercises are adapted from the author's experience with other courses, training videos, and his experience practicing and instructing these drills.
- ✓ The course has been applied successfully to several groups of riders with different ages, riding experience, skills, and motorcycle types and sizes.
- The course has always been very well evaluated, and some small modifications have been implemented.



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