
Stayin\' Safe Wisconsin Tour - ONE SPOT LEFT

Posted by Larry Scalzitti - 2010/03/11 15:35

Great News! One of the best training schools in the country - Stayin' Safe is bringing their "on road" course to southern Wisconsin. www.stayinsafe.com

I've arranged with Stayin' Safe to reserve a class for friends of LRN2RYD. The two day class will be offered on May 30 and 31. The tuition is \$975 and includes a night's lodging and a few meals. GOOD NEWS - SAVE \$100. When you sign up for this, you'll only have to pay \$875. Make sure you mention LRN2RYD in your comments.

The class will have 2 instructors and be limited to 6 students. We'll do all our training on the road and this will be a great way to improve every aspect of your riding.

Right now we have 3 seats sold and 3 seats open. I would like to have an answer by 3/25.

Below is a blurb I compiled about the program. It's a bit long, so . . .

Stayin' Safe Motorcycle Training pioneered on-street rider training in the U.S. and was developed to teach advanced "road reading" techniques in real-world environments. Refined over more than two decades, the Stayin' Safe method combines proven street strategies with real-time coaching techniques for an incomparable learning experience. Running continuously since 1993, Stayin' Safe has trained hundreds of riders, many of whom have described the Stayin' Safe experience as nothing short of revolutionary to their riding.

It all began with "Mr. Safety" - - - Larry Grodsky was widely recognized as the leading motorcycle safety expert in the country. A long-term MSF instructor and site coordinator, Larry had been involved in motorcycle safety instruction since 1980 and trained an estimated 5,000 riders. Much of his work was devoted to creating the Stayin' Safe Motorcycle Training program. Larry's unique program set the standard for on-street, real-world training and continues to be recognized as the premier on-street training program in the United States. His incisive column, "Stayin' Safe", was a mainstay in Rider Magazine since 1988. Unfortunately, the riding world lost Larry Grodsky in the Spring of 2006. His legacy survives in today's Stayin' Safe program and in a compilation of his select works from 18+ years with Rider Magazine. Entitled "Stayin' Safe: The Art and Science of Riding Really Well" this long-anticipated book was assembled and edited by our own Pete Tamblyn and released in 2007 by Whitehorse Press (available at www.whitehorsepress.com). Today, Stayin' Safe is owned by Eric Trow, veteran Stayin' Safe instructor and author of Rider Magazine's new "Riding Well" motorcycling proficiency column. The Stayin' Safe program is operated by Trow and long-time senior instructors Pete Tamblyn, Randy Kuklis--each having trained under Larry Grodsky--along with a growing number of other highly-qualified on-street instructors. Stayin' Safe's program, now running for 16 consecutive years, remains true to Grodsky's vision while also introducing expanded offerings designed to benefit even more riders in more locations around the country and around the world.

Training Tour length: 2 days

Begins: Delafield, WI (45 min. west of Milwaukee)

Ends: Madison, WI

Where we stay: Silver Star Country Inn www.silverstarinn.com

Price: \$875, incl. 1 night (usually single occ.), 1 dinner, 1 breakfast.

Just because the miles separate you from "famous" roads like Deal's Gap or the Pacific Coast Hwy, doesn't mean that your route map has to read like an empty sheet of graph paper. Within a few hours of Chicagoland and Milwaukee, we've put together a sport tour that's packed with plenty of curves and real world learning situations that you can put to work for you wherever you ride.

We'll start with our usual breakfast meeting and morning warm-up drills then head west across the rolling terrain of the state's southern corridor. Thanks to Wisconsin's famous dairy industry, the state possesses hundreds of little known, but well paved county roads--full of hills and turns to entertain the motorcyclist. You can expect relatively light traffic on these great little farm roads. We promise that you'll enjoy comfortable lodging, a great dinner and a stein or two of the famous local brew. Toward the western edge of the state, as we near the Mississippi Valley, you'll encounter some steeper terrain--not unlike that of our Appalachian training tours--before we round the bend and head for our final destination.

Re:Stayin\' Safe Wisconsin Backroads Tour - Spots Open

Posted by Larry Scalzitti - 2010/03/14 11:17

I have a deadline date on this, March 25.

If no one from the Chicago Region wants to take advantage of this limited time \$100 offer, I will have to give up my hold

on the three remaining slots available.

I hope to see some of you sign up for this terrific rider training opportunity. This is not a basic class. It's you on your bike doing a lot of riding and getting a chance to improve all aspects of your riding. I know I'm looking forward to becoming a better rider. I hope you'll join me. Larry

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Re:Stayin' Safe Wisconsin Backroads Tour - Spots Open

Posted by Jerry Sjostrom - 2010/03/17 17:04

Larry - Perhaps would get a response if on a different weekend than our very popular Annual (something like 35+ years)Excursion to LaCrosse on Memorial Day Weekend.

We've got local friends up there, Byron, and Kelly & Ed,who know the local roads (best in the Midwest!!) like the back of their hands-- a good time is had by all and you're welcome to join us sometime! see my posting above

Jerry

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Re:Stayin' Safe Wisconsin Backroads Tour - Spots Open

Posted by Larry Scalzitti - 2010/03/17 20:52

Jerry,

I didn't pick the date. The Stayin' Safe guys were running this event over Memorial Day weekend in Wisconsin, so I thought it might be an option for some folks who wanted to do some on road training.

The annual ride is a great one and I hope to attend one day. But given the choice between riding an annual club ride and learning something that will make me a better rider, I'll always choose the latter.

I hope at least three others out there feel the same way. No matter how good a rider we think we may be - there is always something to learn and find aspects of our riding to improve.

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Re:Stayin' Safe Wisconsin Backroads Tour - Spots O

Posted by Jerry Sjostrom - 2010/03/17 22:00

Larry Scalzitti wrote:
Jerry,

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No I understand that Staying Safe did-- so you have to go with their schedule. Just pointing out that if folks have a choice that weekend, there are a whole bunch that don't want to miss the ride to LaCrosse with our group-- it's the kind of event that, once you have been, you don't want to miss it the next time. So it can be hard to get people to switch, where it might be easier some other time.

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"Always" seems kind of strong-- there are so many good things to choose from--skills development, riding enjoyment-- I know you devote a lot of your time to training others to ride and do a darn good job of it too-- budget enters in to it also... so choices sometimes need to be made

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I am as big an advocate of training as anyone, I have done a whole bunch myself and can attest to the value of it. This kind of on-the-bike real road training is exceptionally good. Don't want to discourage anyone who might have an interest-- most everyone can benefit from this-- as with Total Control, Track Days, MSF, and so on. If you can afford it, go for it-- and if you want to do both, there are other dates that Stayin' Safe has available. So I don't see it as an absolute -- actually for me rides like LaCrosse are good opportunities to practice the techniques from the various instructional things I've participated in.

I think you organized something else last year-- a special session with Total Control?? and clued the club in at a late date-- Don't think you got much response--I agree it is great to bring it to people's attention--just that maybe we can get more participation if we try to coordinate on some event-- obviously as you point out, you didn't pick this date so you have to go with it. But maybe some other event? No question that we all could benefit from more exposure to this kind of thing. Also as you know our Forum is not always the best way to reach out-- people have to be proactive, go looking on the website-- it doesn't come to them-- as the newsletter does.

Jerry

Re:Stayin' Safe Wisconsin Backroads Tour - Spots O

Posted by Larry Scalzitti - 2010/03/23 21:39

Last day to save \$100 is almost here! Don't delay!
