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Dear Friends,

In the last month I have been trying to re-organize the OMM web site under the new concept of an Academy for riders in Turkey. Being alone in this work, not fully literate in computer programs and isolated in Durusu I have to admit that the progress has not been as fast as planned. If you have a look at the site the structure is possibly there but the content of many parts is still missing.

The most infuriating thing of all is the impossibility to maintain an updated flow of information while trying to place in the web all the articles collected in two years of activity. For this need I decided that it would be better to go back to an old media: the normal letter although travelling on electronic system.

This is the OMMRA bulletin that you are reading now and that you will receive periodically (unless you send me a note stating that you want to be excluded from the e-mail list). The bulletin will report all the news that I consider interesting related to the Art of Motorcycling. News that I get from my friends in Turkey and abroad, news that I read in magazines or books, news that I found on the web. With your help this bulletin can become a good vehicle for sharing information, experiences and ideas. With time (and more experience on my side) I will be able to incorporate this bulletin on the web site. For the time being let me know if you are interested in receiving it, if you have any news you want to include in the next one, if you have any friend who would like to include in the e-mail list and, finally, if you do not want to be disturbed anymore. Thanks for the attention and...here we go with the first batch.

1. Some of you took part last year in the Mick Wheeler **Advanced Riding Techniques Course** I organized in Istanbul. Mick is teaching Genuine Police Pursuit Riding Style and the riders attending his course were highly satisfied for the improvement registered. You can read about the course in [One More Mile Riders Academy web side](#). This year I plan to invite again Mick from the 26 of April to the 4 of May to conduct two courses: one for the riders with advanced skills and one for the riders wanting to improve basic technique. Last year I had to refuse requests of participation due to the high number of riders (we cannot take more than 6/8 riders per course) and

this year I decided to inform you well in advance to offer the opportunity to join the program. If you want to participate in one of the courses or if you want to enroll some of your friends, please send your request by e-mail to my attention. Last year we managed to keep the price quite low and this year too, we will divide the costs among participants. On reception of your mail I will come back to you with a final program (including two sessions prior the course) and the final cost. At the moment I have only four places available.

2. I will take part in August in the 2000 NÜRBURGRING ‘**PERFECTIONS TRAINING**’ COURSE organized by the UK Nürburgring Riders Club. One of the great riding experiences, the Nürburgring historic racetrack is 13 miles long and is regarded as the world’s most technically challenging track. The aim of the course is to teach riders ‘the Perfect Line’ through the 73 bends. This Course provides 2 full days of intensive on-track instruction in small groups, followed by a half day of free riding. Riders are streamed into groups suitable for their experience. All instruction is in English and every rider does an individual assessment lap. Only 4-stroke bikes are accepted. The Course is lasts from the 9th to 12th July (exclusive NCR Course) or from the 27 to 30 August (International Course) and includes 3 days full board at the Dorint Hotel, overlooking the GP Track. Provisional cost is £535. I booked for two friends already having received confirmation only from Kerem Unal. We can add maybe two more riders if we act promptly (answer to me by Feb.2nd).
3. <http://www.whitehorsepress.com> is one of the best sources for books on biking. Go there to see also their suggestions for Camping gear and Biker gift. While there buy “Motorcycling Excellence: Skills, Knowledge, and Strategies for Riding Right” a splendid book by *The Motorcycle Safety Foundation*. Recommended by Cemil Turker here is a book for the motorcyclist who wants to do it right--the most complete, authoritative book ever published on safe riding techniques and strategies
4. Why not joining Transatlantic Bike Share a member supported organization dedicated to motorcycle touring. By becoming a member you can share bikes across continents with fellow riders. More details at www.cyberset.com/bikeshare. We can also join as “Turkish Group”. I am holding my subscription waiting for some of you to join me.
5. Dave Gorham writes good articles on motorcycle safety. Some of them are in OMMRA web-site. You can read all at www.ridehsta.com web-site under "Safety".
6. Erin and Chris Ratay continue their trip on bike around the world after being our guest in Turkey. They are now in India and you can read their impression about Turkish OMM hospitality and all other travelling experiences at <http://www.ultimatejourney.com/chg.html>
7. I have received from USA 10 Sundowner Strips. These are transparent strips you place on the top of your visor to reduce sun glare. Due to confusion in ordering I have a surplus of items I can share. Including shipment each one costs 10US\$. The strip is virtually indestructible and it can be moved from one visor to the other. Let me know if you want one for the incoming spring.
8. Another item I am experimenting now will interest the one of you prone to get speed ticket in the abundant speed traps of Turkey. (Be careful one is often in action before the toll gate of the motorway to Edirne. The radar is parked after the exit for the Airport. Police will stop you after the gate). From Advantage Electronics I received Radarlite: it is an aluminum housing 4" long 1" high and 1" wide, it contains 7 super

bright LED's for daytime viewing. It has been designed to be seen in the bright sunlight, and for night time use it uses an auto dimmer to turn the light brightness down. This is to prevent the red reflection from being seen by the police; it also helps to eliminate the shock of a red light at night. The Radarlite has been designed with numerous filters to prevent false triggering from your ABS, fuel injection and onboard computers. The housing is mounted on the handlebar and connected to the radar detector (they recommend Whistler model 1490 but any good model will work). With Radarlite mounted you can place the detector inside the fairing out of sight. Any message from it will flash on the housing. I will report on the results (the price is a little steep) and I would be interested to know if some of you is using speed radar detectors.

9. No women among this list! I have been contacted by WOW (Women on Wheel) the most professional association of female bikers to see the possibility to open a chapter in Turkey. Serap declined the honor (although she rides quite well the Kawa 125 Eliminator). Do you know any lady who may be interested?
10. The 1999 OMM course of Safety on Bike is now a CD. If you want a copy just let me know: it is on Power Point format quite easy to follow.
11. Sites I liked this month are: The New York Motorcyclist at <http://www.magpie.com/nycmoto/> , BMW Club South Africa – they have good previews of GS and 650 at <http://www.bmweb.co.za/> , the Speedvision section for bikers at <http://www.speedvision.com/motorcycles/index.html> , the Ural site – why don't we import some of these bikes into Turkey? <http://www.ural.com/> , everything you want to know on radar detectors at <http://www.radar-guys.com/index.htm> , Carla King back on the road with Enfield in India at <http://www.carlaking.com/> or get regular report on her travels by subscribing at carlaking-subscribe@listbot.com
12. The international bike magazines of this month focus on the introduction of Kawasaki ZX-9R (It is not R! but close enough to fry your head!), Triumph Sprint RS (Firestorm beater), Yamaha R1 (it is still the Best) and Aprilia SL1000 (Groovy Grunt).
13. The IBOTY 2000 Award (International Bike of the Year) assigned by a panel of 14 Bike Magazines around the world is gone to Suzuki Hayabusa, followed by Yamaha R6 (2), Yamaha R1 (3) , Aprilia RS 1000 (4), MV Augusta F4 (4 equal). The first BMW is a R1100RT in 8th position.
14. Going on bike around the world? The indispensable book is Adventure Motorcycling Handbook by Chris Scott (Cem give me back my copy!): buy it at whitehorseexpress (see above) or go on line www.horizonsunlimited.com and www.adventure-motorcycling.com. If you refuse electronic speak with Cem Kitapci: he his preparing some good adventure on bike from Turkey.

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