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Dear Friends,

The last month bulletin has been received very well giving me moral for this second issue.

The web site of the One More Mile Academy has been revised and corrected: it is still at the initial stage but most of the errors of the beginning have been corrected. I am sure you will find the section Read and Ride of good quality and interest. Also the link page offers good starting points for surfing the bike universe. Still I was unable to incorporate in the new format the best of old trips: it is a long work and the time is never enough. The section Riding in Turkey needs updating and I will really appreciate your help in giving some suggestions or reference. Specifically

- What are, in your opinion, the best web-sites in Turkey for people interested in biking?
- What are your favorite roads around Istanbul for a day riding?
- Services Dealers and Usta you recommends with your experience.
- What is your experience in Long Distance Trips in Anatolia, on the South East?
- Do you know Bike Clubs or Groups to contact for common activities?
- What do you think of Turkish Bike Magazines? Any recommendation?

Many thanks to the all of you who sent new names for the distribution of this Bulletin: if you meet bikers on the road get the e-mail address and enlarge the friendship.

Finally, I will be in USA for 5 weeks coming back with a better view of the American Biking Scene and with goods ordered by friends on the Riderwear Catalogue. During these 5 weeks if you need to contact OMMRA you can call Sinan Sezer, Selim Karadag, Cemil Turker or Murat Acar at:

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The next issue will be mailed at the end of March: here my February notes.

- Speed and Speed traps. After my warning for the “trap” at the Istanbul entrance of the Edirne motorway, Kerem Unal informs us that there is exactly the same set up on the way to other tollgates on the Anatolian side. The metallic Grey Renault 19 waits facing the traffic about 1 km before the start of the highway the speed limit is 70 km. If they are not located there, check them out on the return trip; their favorite spots are under the bridge right after the Kartal exit or at the entrance to the truck parking place on the highway. Both spots are very close to each other and they are only 3 or 4 km. before the tollgates where they stop you.
- On the same subject I am testing at the moment the Bel radar detector with mixed results. First: when the detector is on the front pocket with the mirror inserted and protruding (as per instructions) it is difficult (better: impossible) to know if the detector is "on". The machine operates with batteries and if the power fails or if the machine goes in stand by mode police will get you. On the other hand when on the car the machine work OK and when positioned on the bike on top of the R1100BS brake fluid tank results are better. I am now connecting the Bel to battery and see if I can improve results. Even better I bought a Radarlite case to be placed on the handlebar. This case repeats with bright LED's the signal from the detector making easier to understand the status of it and the alarms. It replaces the earpiece completely. The builder of Radarlite John Cadwell at johnwell@home.com operates a company called Advantage Electronics (www.radarlite.com) from Canada. He is very knowledgeable in radar detector and he recommends Whistler: I will buy one during my trip to USA and let you know.
- The Advanced Riding Technique Course (Mick Wheeler) is confirmed and almost fully booked. The preliminary plan reads as follow:
 - ❖ April 27 full Day Theory for all participants : the day includes also slow riding and maneuvering
 - ❖ April 28/29 Group One Course. Leaving at 08:30 on day one and returning at 17:00 on day two. All day Observed Riding and Analysis. Night in Hotel outside Istanbul.
 - ❖ April 30/31 Group Two Course. As per above
 - ❖ May 2 Free ride for four hours for participants desiring additional tuition (optional)
 - ❖ May 3 at 20:00 in Restaurant in Istanbul: Course Dinner and Award Ceremony.
 - ❖ The cost will be around 250/300 dollars excluding Hotel accommodation. More details by end of March.
- I know that I am preaching to a lot of converted but I am also sure that out there somebody is looking for a new riding suit for Spring. The experience of 15 years of use I have to recommend Andy Goldfine Aerostich Roadcrafter and Darien suit. If you have not met these brands before go quickly to www.aerostich.com Several riders in Turkey are wearing these pieces for comfort and protection all day long. We use it in temperatures above 40 degrees and in rides of 10 hours under rain. Get one and do not buy any additional piece of wear.
- I bought from Tankmaster Lighting (www.tankmaster.com) one bulb Stanley Raybrig Hyper Halogen Metal White for the BMW 1100 GS and I can see the light! This bulb

is filled with Xenon gas rather than halogen Gas producing a much higher light temperature than a standard bulb still consuming the same amount of electricity (60 watt on high beam and 55 on low). On my way back to Durusu in the evening the difference is visible: better definition of sides, longer light.

- From the same company a nice item capable of transforming Rigs Helmets in quick release helmets. If you do not like messing up with rings when you are strapping the Helmet this is the item for you.
- I can provide all of you with Safety Identification Card: I designed these cards to be carried around the neck containing all the information needed in case of accident. If you want one send me your data (Name, address, Blood group, Allergies, Name and phone number of the doctor, Name and phone number of person to contact in case of accident) and a picture. I will e-mail back ready to be printed and laminated.
- Check the incoming rides: with spring coming we will be soon on the road.

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