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One More Mile

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An intensive January as usual dedicated to the sharing of A.R.A. theory for competent riding between Turkish riders. After the meeting in Trabzon and Bursa we shared time and passion with our friends in Istanbul and Izmir. Almost 100 riders attended the full day workshops in Istanbul on January 20 and in Izmir the following day. The participation of this year was more intense, attentive and competent than any previous occasion. Not a "lesson" but an open discussion with continuous questions and suggestions coming from the participants: probably the "show syndrome" of the previous years is finally gone and the riders attending these events are the one really interested in competent biking. Exceptional as well was the participation of women riders showing a promising trend in the future of biking in Turkey.

The mild January helped the "days on the road" with one RoadCraft Ride for Istanbul on Sunday 14 and several Observed Rides during the entire months.

Finally, January saw the beginning of CAT 2007 the "train the trainers" program organized under the supervision of I.A.M. The first two preparatory lessons for 15 riders took place on January 13 and 27 and new names are getting ready to take different levels of qualification for training in advanced techniques of biking.

The OMM website kept pace with this activity and you can find reports, articles and pictures just by clicking at [www.ommriders.com](http://www.ommriders.com) Further news on training are available by joining the ARA Yahoo Group clicking the bar below



Ride One More Mile

**View from the Cockpit**  
**Paolo Volpara**

Often, when talking about riding, Freedom, Independence, Adventure and Self sufficiency are listed among the reasons for using two wheels instead of (boxy) four.

*"Bike is ... freedom... absence of rules... wind on the skin... lonely rider toward the sunset... adventurous solitude..."*

Coming from the "lonely rider" of Texan memory, emphasized by tons of cigarette's advertising and millions of movies the myth of "me against the elements" is hard to die.

Still, it is difficult to find an animal more dedicated to the pack-life than biker. When you meet a biker on the road you can be sure that another (or a group) will follow; we love to move in group, to eat in group, to drink in group, to travel in group.

We form groups, we join groups, we created and join clubs, associations, federations, delegations, virtual or real congregations: search for "motorcycle groups" and Yahoo will offer 8.500.000 pages... type "Bikers Clubs" in Google and you will get 48.600.000 pages.

Why were we so keen in getting together?

The first answer is the most "natural" one. Our sport is so beautiful, the places we visit sometimes so splendid that it is a pleasure to share. The companion nature of the humans is enhanced by the presence of two wheels: we share good and bad moments, we support each others, we tell stories while we write them on the asphalt. A small group of friends riding in harmony is a unique experience.

The less obvious answer is that most bikers like "organization" and, under this label, one can find different wishes.

Organization for sharing is the most pleasant one: here we give back to the entire community of riders our experiences and our love for the sport. Look at [www.horizonsunlimited.com](http://www.horizonsunlimited.com) for a diamond-clear example of this "love for organization". The individual is still individual (thanks to the philosophy of Grant and Susan Johnson), the riders come with their own ideas, their own creation, their own creations and suggestions. For the others to share, to use, to reproduce in free interpretation.

The dark side of organization is "power and control". This happens when bikers try to reproduce the model of western democracies by delegation. In this model a small group works and a large group debates. The ideas, proposals, suggestions and initiatives are not taken for use but are taken for agree-disagree exercise and most of the participants to the group form a "political basis" without any contribution to riding.

And biking is then constricted to "what-I-think-is-right" debased by bourgeois (of car riders) rules, cautions and commandments: as Steve Clay (Yorkshire) wrote recently "As *motorcyclists we are attacked from all sides-but when we start attacking each other, we are all doomed. If this lot are listened to, within 20 years you won't be able to take a dump without wearing body armour*"

As seen in many cases this system does not induce participation but it creates frictions and detachment.

We work with all bikers to bring the "groups" to a level of total sharing and participation where the only way to dissent is to create new opportunities, new initiatives, new rides, new styles: in a free group everybody is free of choosing what he likes, reject what he dislikes and generate new alternative for all to share.

### The 2007 OMM Calendar

**OMM endorses [A.R.A. training system](#), is affiliated to the [Institute of Advanced Motoring](#), the group certifies Long Distance Rides in Turkey on behalf of [Iron Butt Association](#) and we support the [Horizonsunlimited communities](#). This is OMM calendar for the next months: join us on the road.**

Reference	2007	From	To	Subject	Location	Note
OMM	February	18-Feb-07	18-Feb-07	CAT Training	Istanbul	CAT 3 Theory
OMM	February	24-Feb-07	24-Feb-07	OMM legal Assembly	Istanbul	
OMM	March	11-Mar-07	11-Mar-07	CAT Training	Istanbul	CAT 4 Theory
OMM	March	17-Mar-07	17-Mar-07	RoadCraft Ride	Istanbul	
OMM	March	31-Mar-07	1-Apr-07	CAT Training	Izmir	CAT Practice
OMM	April	28-Apr-07	29-Apr-07	OMM-ARA Road	Istanbul	
OMM	April	30-Apr-07	4-May-07	CAT Examination	Istanbul	

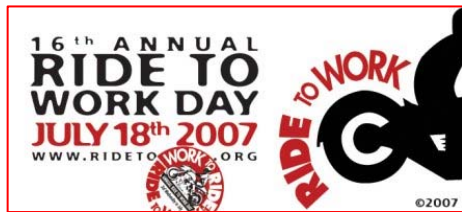
OMM	May	5-May-07	6-May-07	OMM-ARA Road	Izmir	
OMM	May	31-May-07	31-May-07	OMM-ARA Theory	Istanbul	
OMM	June	1-Jun-07	4-Jun-07	OMM Master Ride	Istanbul	

**OMM supports the activities of WWF in Turkey and abroad and you can join the current campaign for the protection of water by clicking the banner below**



**Ride with OMM: The Year that was as it was.**

**Alp Gocekli, international traveler on two wheels opened a KTM (and off-road) meeting and service point called 66-Bikeworks** in Fethiye (Mugla) Adnan Menderes Bulvarı, tel +90 252 612 0566. The set up looks quite impressive and, with Alp experience in riding and in catering we are sure it will become a centre of attraction for on and off road bikers. Check at [www.66bikeworks.com](http://www.66bikeworks.com)



**Andy Goldfine, the creator of [Aerostich](#) and of ["Ride to Work"](#) organization sent us a note on an anti-car youth conference that is coming on the 2 and 3 September to Istanbul.** Although none of us is anti-car, there are areas where the interests of motorcyclists and this group are similar. World Carfree Network is seeking 23 participants for the exchange. Each must be between the ages of 15

and 30 and a resident of one of the following countries: Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Russia, Serbia and Sweden. Contact [www.worldcarfree.net](http://www.worldcarfree.net) and, if some of our riders take part in this event we would like to know.

**Talking of Andy check a good OMM picture (from Mad Run 2006) on the catalog of [Riderwarehouse](#)**

**Anybody for Video? Murat Yerdekalmazer is posting (view from the helmet) his rides on video at [youtube](#).** This is great idea for revising and improving riding skills and we invite riders doing the same to share the results with us.

**PERFORMANCE RIDING TECHNIQUES is the new book from Andy Ibbott (Director of California Superbike School Europe and good friend of OMM) The book has been received extremely well by expert journalists:** *"Whether you're a track day rider, club racer or aspiring Rossi I guarantee you will benefit from this book. Each chapter is backed up with illustrations, images and quotes from the world's best riders, making a comprehensive guide to performance riding. Ten out of ten."* Niall Mackenzie - TWO Magazine  
*"For bike novices and die-hard bike racing fans alike, this is a stunning book, crammed with breathtaking, close up shots of bikes and riders."* Erin Baker - Daily Telegraph. Waiting to finish the just received volume we are sure that the passion and competence of Andy, which we tested in CSS, makes "Performance Riding Techniques" a real must. You can order on line at [WWW.SUPERBIKESCHOOL.CO.UK](http://WWW.SUPERBIKESCHOOL.CO.UK)

**We would like to publish on the next issue the complete list of Ferry Boats on the Black Sea: we already have several pieces of information but we are asking our friends to share with us the latest experiences. From and to Turkey from Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Russia and Georgia.**

**Links**

This month silence from [Omer Buyukavsar](#) the OMM rider who has taken the task of offering a selection of finding in the Internet. Mail to him directly your findings to stimulate his fantasy. For now get some of the places I visited the necessary information.

<a href="http://www.allaboutturkey.com">http://www.allaboutturkey.com</a>	Burak Sansal is your guide to one of the best tourist websites
<a href="http://www.viamichelin.com">http://www.viamichelin.com</a>	Good maps and suggestions from the king of guides
<a href="http://www.sidecar.it/">http://www.sidecar.it/</a>	Only in Italian but good picture of sidecars from the museum
<a href="http://www.fim.ch">http://www.fim.ch</a>	The starting point for exploring the activities of the Federation
<a href="http://www.iwasinturkey.com">http://www.iwasinturkey.com</a>	Good place for information about Turkey
<a href="http://thepestilence.com/">http://thepestilence.com/</a>	Some of the best clips from the cockpit of fast bikes
<a href="http://www.adventuremotorcycle.org">http://www.adventuremotorcycle.org</a>	All you need for starting a two wheels adventure
<a href="http://users.rio.com/tynda/">http://users.rio.com/tynda/</a>	More adventures and good reports of rides
<a href="http://www.megarider.com/index.html">http://www.megarider.com/index.html</a>	Tips and articles on competent riding
<a href="http://www.motorsiklet.diyari.com">www.motorsiklet.diyari.com</a>	News about biking in Turkey and legislations.
<a href="http://www.moto-park.com/phpBB2/portal.php">http://www.moto-park.com/phpBB2/portal.php</a>	A portal for bikers in Turkey.
<a href="http://www.motosiklet.diyari.com">http://www.motosiklet.diyari.com</a>	The web site of Turkish motorcycle fans

### Ride and Think

I miss Joe Glydon and I miss his way of thinking. Since his death a breath of fresh, irreverent air disappeared from the biking community. Here some of his thoughts:

**“Like any other broad-based avocation, motorcycling has its share of irritating assholes. One group that never fails to give me the pip is the brotherhood of self-righteous safety mongers I like to call the boy scouts. They're easy to spot. They favor big touring-oriented bikes, BMWs, ST 1100s, and Gold Wings in particular. They waddle off these bikes, so swaddled in compound layers of synthetic armor that their movements conjure images of tragic birth defects lurking beneath the foam and Cordura. Their helmets are top quality, headset-equipped and often featuring flip-up chin guards. Their gloves are engineered to imprint plywood; their boots to stall chainsaws... As good foot soldiers of the establishment safety coalition, the boy scouts have had their impact on our sport. Advocating the more lucrative forms of dress and the more prudent modes of behavior, they have brought reformist motorcycling to the streets. Like pulpit-less fanatics of motorcycling religious right, they bellow from the phantom altars that they occupy on curbs and in parking lots. They call for the burning of white T-shirted pagans with dirty jeans and Lucky's rolled in their sleeves. They call for the redemption of misguided youth who ride in shorts and tank tops. They preach the gospel according to the AMA, Arai, and Aerostich... Boy scouts love attending, and discussing at length, riding classes conducted at racetracks. The racetrack aura seems to give them a sense of manly daring while the rigid rules and protocols provide a sense of security. The principals of these 'performance' riding schools tend to be, so far as I can tell, Eagle Scouts themselves. Conformity to 'the rules of responsible riding' is the order of the day. Boy scouts think that's fun.”**

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