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Ed Halkyard ... even the most experienced motorcyclist can learn something

Survival skills will be taught to motorcyclists

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A statewide motorcycle safety campaign approved by the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission will come to Roseburg Saturday in the form of an eight-hour class for experienced motorcyclists.

The Better Biking Program, taught by Ed Halkyard of Roseburg, is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of the Douglas County Justice Building.

Halkyard, certified as an instructor by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, says the safety class will focus on such motorcyclists' survival skills as braking, turning, countersteering and slow maneuvering.

The class also will cover such topics as a rider's mental preparation for riding in traffic and a rider's ability to detect and avoid road hazards.

The class is intended for motorcycle riders with at least six months experience, Halkyard says.

The Better Biking Program will be sponsored locally by the Douglas County chapter of ABATE of Oregon, Inc., a non-profit organization founded to represent motorcycle riders in issues involving motorcycle safety.

ABATE of Oregon received a grant from the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission to present the safety classes. The grant, funded by a portion of the state's motorcycle endorsement renewal fees, is

one of several recently approved by the safety commission as part of its "Team Oregon" motorcycle safety project.

Other grant recipients were Clackamas, Lane and Rogue community colleges, and Oregon State University.

The goal of "Team Oregon" is to promote motorcycle safety through a combination of rider skills training and a "Share the Road" campaign to improve car drivers' awareness of motorcycles.

Halkyard, who has been teaching the class around the state since July, says any motorcycle rider — even the most experienced — can learn something about motorcycle safety by taking the class. "Most of the riders who go through the course have anywhere from three to 30 years of experience on motorcycles," he says, "and I haven't had a person that's been dissatisfied yet."

The local class will be limited to 16 students, and pre-class registration is required. The cost of the class is \$10.

A student must provide a motorcycle and proof of ownership, motorcycle endorsement and insurance. Students must wear gloves, over-the-ankle boots, long pants and long-sleeved shirts. Helmets are required and will be provided.

For more information — or to register for the class — call Halkyard at 673-6120.

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