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General Membership Meetings

1st Saturday of the Month at 10 a.m.

Clubhouse is located 2120 Broad Street, Lake Charles, LA next to Dealership

Next Meeting – November 5th

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Leaning Your Motorcycle into a Turn

Motorcycles stop faster and accelerate harder when they're straight up and down, because that's when the tires put the most footprint to the road surface. Suspension components also work best in the pure vertical plane—leaning the bike over puts side loads on them, encouraging binding and frame flex.

But we need to lean bikes over in order to turn. What can we do about it?

Hanging off on the inside of the turn reduces the amount we need to lean a bike for a given speed and turn radius.



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Pick the Perfect Line on Your Motorcycle

When motorcyclists talk about “line,” they don’t mean something you use for fishing. They’re talking about the exact path their bike travels over a road or track. Each line has three parts: the entry, the apex, and the exit, and a line is usually described as having an early or late apex. In addition to the illustration here, a great way to visualize line is to visit a racetrack and look at the darker area on the track surface, where the bikes have laid down rubber from their tires.

Most new riders begin their turns too soon and go into an early apex, which forces them to run wide on the exit. Entering the turn wider and waiting later to make the apex may seem counterintuitive, but it’s usually both safer and faster. You can see farther through the turn, and at the turn’s exit you’ll find you have much more road to work with.



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Perform a Pre-Ride Check on Your Motorcycle

Pilots perform a walk-around (a visual and mechanical inspection of the aircraft) every time they fly. You should as well—it's called a pre-ride check, it'll take just a minute, and it might save your life. Here's what to look for.

TIRES Check visually first, looking for excessive damage, wear, or nails in treads or sidewalls; check pressure with a gauge at least weekly.

RIMS Run a wrench or screwdriver over the spokes—this will emit a tone, and a loose spoke will sound different.

LEAKS Your bike shouldn't be leaking oil, coolant, fuel, or brake fluid.

THROTTLE It should operate smoothly, without binding, and fully close under its own power.

BRAKES Pull the brake lever and depress the pedal to check for normal operation.

LIGHTS Make sure the brake, taillight, headlight, and indicators work right.



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ENGINE OIL Check level and add if necessary.

FUEL LEVEL Obviously.

DRIVE CHAIN Check condition, tension, and lubrication.

CLUTCH Check for smooth operation.

CABLES Check for loose control cables.

NUTS AND BOLTS See if anything has vibrated loose or fallen off. Give a light tug with a wrench on any known problem nuts and bolts, especially the ones located in the exhaust system.



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PENDING ROAD TRIPS

Did you know that Roger has created a page on the website dedicated to 3 day or more trips?

You need to email him if you have one planned, but the more that we can share the more we can enjoy the road together.

There are already a couple of rides listed so go check it out.

FACEBOOK PAGE!

Most of you know we have a Facebook Page dedicated to LC HOG. Some of you may even have noticed there has been an increase in activities recently.

Let's make it more useful.

Going for a short run to DeRidder or Jennings or just planning to ride around town? Get on there and let everyone know that you are going and where you are leaving from and when.

The worst that can happen is you have some company!



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