

**"Motorcycles & You" Safety Expo**

For those of you that know me I am 100% behind any kind of motorcycle training and safety. This is on reason why I attended a Safety Expo at North Central Technical College in Wausau, WI. On April 16th. The way I see it we can never have enough training for the obstacles we face on the road when we are out there with what seems like big bulls eyes on our backs for those inattentive drivers to aim at. Better safe than sorry, as they say.

The expo consisted of a dozen or so business's and groups that aim to inform about motorcycle safety in one way shape or form. Items from leathers, good mechanical equipment, high visibility clothing from Road Guardians and the Accident Scene Management (accidentscene.org), insurance agencies and law firms just to mention a few. Other displays to check out were the Gold Wing Riders, the latest bikes from Country Sports (www.countrysportsinc.com), information on the NTC Motorcycle Programs/classes with the impressive NTC driving simulator (the learner wagon) that teaches many forms of driving education (Motorcycle, car, semi and more) and the State Patrol "Zero in Wisconsin" program with The REF (Transportable High-End Rider Education Facility) <http://www.zeroinwisconsin.gov/TheREF/> that attends many motorcycle events to give riders another option to learn safety.

Bryce Kolpack a retired police officer and the main man for the schools public safety said, "This Expo was put on to educate the public on motorcycle issues."

For the few people that did attend there were seminars put on by Tony Sanfelippo regarding motorcycle insurance issues, Vicki Sanfelippo on Accident Scene. Also seminars on Impaired driving, Motorist blind spots, Beginner and Experienced Rider Courses presented by Sharon & Dean Hommel and a motorcycle maintenance exhibition.

All in all it was a very informative day. I would have liked to see more people attend, but considering it was snowing outside that day I will give folks a pass.



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