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General News-letter for the beginning
«Riding Season 2022: Many Events»
for my (ex-) students, fans & friends

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Kurzübersicht über die Themen

Ugly, ugly and no end in sight: What these crises are doing to us and what this will mean for our everyday lives in the future cannot be foreseen today.

What went so far: KT2 as well as the advanced rider training in Interlaken in good weather conditions, also the first three THU rides with good participation, regularly at 7 pm.

LOVERIDE 30 is just ahead: Already for the 14th time I will be there with my stand. The LR makes good advertising for the CH-motorcycle scene with a large broadcast, so also on Swiss television.

New for exhibitors is the possibility f. I will sell "I-♥-Töff"-articles as well as "motomania"-cups and T-shirts, of which I still have large stocks from the last SWISS-MOTO. Admission fee of 30 Fr. goes to different organisations for muscular patients.

LOVERIDE on Sunday 8th of May in Dübendorf

Dear Töff-riders,

Dear «Tramstrasse 100»-fans and friends

You could feel "in the wrong movie" at the beginning of April, when just before the weekend the winter came again: Motorcycle lessons were out of the question! This gave me the opportunity to see my relatives in Germany who had not been visited for more than 2 years because of the pandemic. You also feel "in the wrong movie" every day when you hear the news: from one crisis to the next, we are actually spared nothing. How long this will remain without consequences for our everyday life is questionable. We can only hope that this spook will be over as soon as possible.

The first training courses and the first three THU-evening rides are already over. The curve technique course 2 was fully booked within a very short time with 8 participants, in Interlaken there were 5 participants. Both courses took place in wonderful weather, the temperatures were still in the pleasant range, not too cold, not too hot. The three previous THU trips also left nothing to be desired in terms of weather. If I had had enough tour guides, earlier starts would also have been possible. With the exception of the Ascension (May 26), there will be a ride every Thursday at 7 pm. Additional start locations or times will be published on my homepage or via SMS-Group DOAUSFAHRT (send START DOAUSFAHRT to 939).

This coming Sunday is the LOVE RIDE 30, so the first one went over in 1993. In the attachment you will find the start of this success story. The LOVE RIDE has a reputation that extends beyond the Zurich region. In 1995 it took place for the first time at the military airfield in Dübendorf. Since 1996, the number of visitors has exceeded the 10-thousand mark, weather permitting! When I founded the "GoldWing-S" in 1978, which later became the GoldWing Club Switzerland, one of the reasons was to make positive publicity for the cause of the motorcyclists. The LOVERIDE has succeeded in this in an impressive way: Every year they have a big appearance on Swiss television and this contributes significantly to the better image of all motorcycle riders.

Since my 20th jubilee in 2007, I have been supporting the LOVERIDE with the presence with my own stand in the exhibitor zone. Probably thanks to this long-standing commitment, I may always occupy the same space in Box 2 for many years. Recently it is allowed to sell things as well, which I will take advantage of with the "I-♥-Töff" stickers and T-shirts, as well as with the many "motomania" items. Therefore, I am still looking for some helpers to help with the sale, even if it is only by the hour. The LOVERIDE opens at 08.00 o'clock and from 16.00 o'clock is dismantled. During the ride-out, start at 11.00 a.m. until their return, it is pretty quiet over the noon. The entrance fee for everybody is 30 francs, I get about 5 exhibitor tickets, which my helpers can use. The entrance fee goes entirely to various organizations for the handicapped, especially for muscular patients. Children up to 16 years of age are free of charge, as well as persons accompanying handicapped persons.

The LR Switzerland is the biggest charity event of the Swiss biker scene. The profit generated is used entirely for the benefit of people with muscle diseases and impairments.

1987-2022: 35 Jahre «Töff, Töff – nüt als Töff!»

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Motorcycles / scooters of all brands can participate in the LOVERIDE: In the organization are many from the Harley scene, but it is primarily about the ride for about 500 disabled people.

Calendar of events On Auffahrt we go to France, near Strassbourg. FR/SA May 27th/28th race-training. On Sunday return trip via Black Forest. In case of larger participation we will travel in a group, otherwise we will transport the bikes only by car. At the moment there are only two of us, so we can drive the car ourselves.

SUN, June 26th trip to Most/CZ, 27-29. 3 days of race training, THU, June 30. return journey.

Recommendable and supportable, much-appreciated action by and for us motorcyclists.

The "Stella Alpina", legendary enduro meeting: Outward journey with street machines, 2 days of off-road excursions, visit at the meeting, one and a half days return journey through France partly gravel roads. Because of the hotel reservation it is absolutely necessary to REGISTER NOW!

Stella-Tour : Thu, July 7th to Mon, 11th. If you are interested in a tour with street machines in September without an accompanying vehicle, please also register.

Reserve already today the Schlussfahrt at the end of the THU rides! With a little weather luck, this will also be a highlight of the driving season'22. You can also bring your friends (with registration).

All guests are welcome, on foot, by car, by bike or scooter. There will be a huge social program, hundreds of volunteers and the organizations that run the food stands are among the sponsors. That means all the money you spend somehow goes to the various organizations that rely on the LOVERIDE contributions. So for the past two years, when the LR could not be held because of the pandemic, I have asked my customers to donate money directly to the LOVERIDE committee anyway, so that they can still fulfill their voluntarily chosen obligations.

Besides the THU-evening rides, I would like to draw your attention to my other events: Already in three and a half weeks, on Ascension Day, we will drive to Chenevières near Strasbourg to the race track. There are still places available for this 2-day training (theoretically you could also book only 1 day), "racing for fun" event. If desired, I will make myself available for my customers, and personally attend to them, especially if they are taking part for the first time. With a larger number of participants we drive with the machines over beautiful distances in the Schwarzwald, racing machines and their material as well as possible luggage can be transported with my HiAce bus. However, I am still looking for a driver: This bus can be driven with a normal car driver's license. At the moment I can offer a hotel room (already reserved). The registration is directly with the organizer tz-motorsport.ch. Mention to come with me. Journey planned on Ascension, return journey on the following Sunday. With the bus could theoretically also return on Saturday after work, the trip takes about 3.5 - 4 hours, depending on the route, whether you want to drive more highway or country road (in France very well developed).

We will also go to the race track at the end of June for the 3-day "Racing for fun" event on the Most/CZ race track. Same registration procedure as above, in the bus we can theoretically travel with up to 6 people, the motorcycles carried on the trailer. Cost sharing of trailer rental and fuel costs, plus pit rent. (several persons possible)

Blood donation campaign for motorcyclists on the Glaubenberg: This campaign, initiated by MotoSportSchweiz (since 2022 together with TÖFF magazine), takes place every year and is a fabulous event! Date: Saturday/Sunday, July 2/3. It is regularly reported in the press, radio & TV.

The 5-day enduro tour "Stella Alpina" on the second weekend in July can only be carried out if I have at least 6 paying participants. On the first day we drive over many CH and mainly Italian passes, touching also France. On the second and third day we will ride on Italian gravel roads, with real enduro bikes (can be rented), partly into "pretty nasty terrain", appropriate tires are a prerequisite. On 20.May I go with some to a 1-day Enduro training in Niederbipp as preparation. At the "Stella" also other people can come along, it is possible to ride an Alternativ program (2. & 3.day) for road riders. The 4th and 5th day are planned first to visit the "Stella Alpina" meeting on Sunday morning, then from Sunday noon the return via France with an additional overnight stay on the road. Because of the hotel reservations I need your registration NOW!

If there is enough interest, I could repeat this "Stella" tour in the month of September WITHOUT OFF-ROAD, as a tour for pure road riders. I have worked out the route over many years and have constantly perfected it. Without a car escort I could plan the tour with less than the 6 participants. Because of hotel reservations, I would need to know the interest early. There is a pent-up demand for travel: Simply being able to spontaneously go to a hotel with a group is not possible with the current situation.

You can find more than one travel report from the past tours, even in English. It is a fantastic journey, partially on very small country roads without any traffic. For the off-road tour it is required to do at least a one day-enduro training, light adventure bikes is theoretically possible, but only with special off-road tires.

The last event would be the traditional "final ride" on the second Sunday of October (with a postponement date of the 3rd Sunday of October). It is possible that this will be the very last final ride organized by me, since I will probably liquidate my driving school in 2023. Whether there will be THU rides again in 2023 depends on my business situation this year. If I still have many students who start their training with me in 2022 (I depend on your word-of-mouth!) and then graduate in 2023, then I will have a reason to get involved again.

For a great 2022 two-wheeler season!

Cordially yours

Urs Tobler

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