ENGLISH VERSION E-Mail from July 18th, 2024: This mail goes to everyone on my mailing list of current customers - if you have passed the driving test, send me an e-mail and I will move you to the "former customers". In the cornering technique 1 course (advanced training course) can only be attended by those who have passed the driving test for Cat. A1, A restricted or unrestricted driving test. (Participants with me in training at the appropriate training level excluded) Translated with DeepL.com (free version)

Summer holidays - the best time in Zurich!

After almost 40 years without a "summer holiday" – if you're lazy in winter, you have to work in summer! – I am an expert in such matters: for many years I only knew the daily routine that started early in the morning at half past six with the journey to the shop and ended sometime in the evening between 8 and 9 pm, with the exception of Sunday. Even a little earlier on Saturdays ... The summer holidays were working hours, but somehow also "totally chilled", no stress on the road and occasionally a gap in the diary, so that I took the occasional trip to the Katzensee over lunchtime. Most of the time, the "Brätle" in Sitzberg or Sternenberg also took place during the summer holidays. So I can recommend everyone to enjoy Zurich, the lake and the nearby excursion destinations during the weekdays in the official school holidays - why go far away, because beauty is so close?

For those who stay at home, I can make the following offer: For a long time I have had some names on the waiting list for a KT1 course! (Continuing education course, no beginners) To organize a course, I need at least 4 paying participants, maximum 6! This course consists of an introductory theory, which would take place at a location to be defined (I no longer have a school) before the course. This theory will last about 2 hours. This means that on the day of the course we can ride, ride, ride from morning to evening (end: 5 pm) ... The best place to practice this is still our circular route, which starts in Fischingen TG, first leads towards Mühlrüti SG, then via Gähwil SG back to Fischingen. The car park at the monastery in Fischingen is a good place to practice banking, which is an important part of the advanced training course.

The cornering technique 1 course was approved and recommended by the Road Safety Council in 1993 as a training course eligible for reimbursement. In the course of various tightening of regulations, we as organizers were removed from the grid at some point, i.e. the VSR reimbursement was cancelled. While the other organizers were able to increase their prices, we have maintained the price of CHF 250 over the years, which can be considered very reasonable for a full-day course including theoretical preparation. Repeaters even pay only CHF 200 without the theory. There are also no more than 6 participants, an even number is advantageous for the program, as certain exercises are done in pairs.

The feedback at the end of the course was always good to excellent: for many, especially those who were in training with me and attended the course as part of their compulsory training, it was the first time they had spent a whole day on a motorbike. Accordingly, they were exhausted and dog-tired. But they were also all relaxed on the road, which was perhaps due to the fact that they were so tired they could no longer hold on to the handlebars. The feedback* after a rainy course was particularly striking: if it had been raining all day, they lost their fear of cornering at ever-increasing lean angles and accepted "that it might slip a bit": "Relaxed from the stool" is the most important thing when riding a motorbike, your eyes control the ride and you just have to let the bike "go". The less the handlebars consciously "steer", the faster you will experience the "rider/machine" unit. And the riding speed must always be "in the green zone", if you ride in the orange or even red zone (for the person), you are at risk of an accident. The course starts extremely slowly, i.e. everyone can be picked up at their own level, and you gradually improve in the group. The lean angle training helps to reduce the fear of lean angles. If you have serious problems with leaning, you should seek individual help beforehand: serious problems such as fear of bends, fear of speed, cramps caused by accidents or

falls cannot be resolved within a group. Anyone who has never completed a cornering training course in their life during training or as part of an advanced training course would do well to make an individual appointment before the KT1 course. The advanced cornering course can then take place under much better conditions and you can expect to make significantly more progress. Such preparatory lessons can also be completed on Saturdays.

How a cornering technique course works can be found on my website under "Jahresprogramm" (annual program) and select cornering technique course 1 (Kurventechnik 1) at the top left.

The next step is to find the dates on which we can bring together at least 4 participants. If there are significantly more than 4 participants, I would try to organize one course in German and one course in English. In recent years, many courses have been held exclusively in English because the majority of my clients were foreigners from all over the world and English was an option for everyone. Please send an E-mail to urs.tobler (at) datacomm.ch with all the information you need and your language preference (German or English): I can also speak German in standard language if required. In my first job I was once a school teacher (at senior school level), where high-German was also required!

Mögliche Kursdaten/possible dates: Woche/week 30:

Freitag / FRI	26.Juli	Start: 08.00	Dussnang TG	Ende: ca. 17h	Bauma
Samstag /SAT	27.Juli	Start: 08.00	Dussnang TG	Ende: ca. 17h	Bauma
Sonntag /SUN	28.Juli	Start: 08.00	Dussnang TG	Ende: ca. 17h	Bauma
Montag/MON	29.Juli	Start: 08.00	Dussnang TG	Ende: ca. 17h	Bauma
Theorie	18.30-21.45	22.Juli	23.Juli	24.Juli	25.Juli

^{*)} die Theorie muss spätestens am Vorabend stattfinden (theory latest on evening before course)

Woche/week 31:

Freitag / FRI	2.Aug.	Start: 08.00	Dussnang TG	Ende: ca. 17h	Bauma
Samstag /SAT	3.Aug.	Start: 08.00	Dussnang TG	Ende: ca. 17h	Bauma
Sonntag /SUN	4.Aug.	Start: 08.00	Dussnang TG	Ende: ca. 17h	Bauma
Montag/MON	5.Aug.	Start: 08.00	Dussnang TG	Ende: ca. 17h	Bauma
Theorie	18.30-21.45	29.Juli	30.Juli	31.Juli	2.Aug.

^{*)} die Theorie muss spätestens am Vorabend stattfinden (theory latest on evening before course)

Woche/week 32:

Freitag / FRI	9.Aug.	Start: 08.00	Dussnang TG	Ende: ca. 17h	Bauma
Samstag /SAT	10.Aug.	Start: 08.00	Dussnang TG	Ende: ca. 17h	Bauma
Sonntag /SUN	11.Aug.	Start: 08.00	Dussnang TG	Ende: ca. 17h	Bauma
Montag/MON	12.Aug.	Start: 08.00	Dussnang TG	Ende: ca. 17h	Bauma
Theorie	18.30-21.45	5.Aug.	6.Aug.	7.Aug.	8.Aug.

^{*)} die Theorie muss spätestens am Vorabend stattfinden (theory latest on evening before course)

Woche/week 33:

Freitag / FRI	16.Aug.	Start: 08.00	Dussnang TG	Ende: ca. 17h	Bauma
Samstag /SAT	17.Aug.	Start: 08.00	Dussnang TG	Ende: ca. 17h	Bauma
Sonntag /SUN	18.Aug.	Start: 08.00	Dussnang TG	Ende: ca. 17h	Bauma
Montag/MON	19.Aug.	Start: 08.00	Dussnang TG	Ende: ca. 17h	Bauma
Theorie	18.30-21.45	12.Aug.	13.Aug.	14.Aug.	15.Aug.

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Location and time of the theory: to be agreed, suggestions welcome

Location to meet for the course: Starting point Rest. Brückenwaage, Kurhausstr. 38, 8374 Dussnang TG ("Brückenwaage" is closed until 7th August, I still have to find a replacement location)

End of course location: Juckern near Saland ZH or Bauma ZH

Price: CHF 250 including the theory, which is mandatory (for repeaters without theory Fr. 200.-)

Requirements: Driving test for motorbike category A (restricted or unrestricted), riding experience of several thousand kilometers, preferably on the machine with which the course is completed

Course instructor: Urs Tobler, Albisstrasse 11 in 8800 Thalwil (private address)

Telephone: Business mobile phone (only SMS possible) 079 333 23 77, WhatsApp-compatible private mobile phone 079 433 10 62.

*) Note on the topic of feedback: A learner driver persuaded her boyfriend, who had already had the "big motorbike license" for years, to attend the KT1 course with her. He was actually a fair-weather rider, but because of his girlfriend, who would otherwise have fallen out of love with him, he had to go along for better or worse: It only rained once that day, early in the morning and then non-stop until the evening! We probably started a little slower than usual, taking her boyfriend "along for the ride" (his speed) – but in the evening he set off in the opposite direction (St. Gallen area), while we returned home to Zurich together. He called me the same evening and said that he had never in his life ridden at such an angle as we had done on the course, and that he had also dared to do so on the way back – in the wet, of course!

It should be noted that he had taken the test in St. Gallen at a time when his father was politically the highest police chief and the driving test expert, who reported to him, probably did not dare to refuse his son the test.



This was my job in the last 42 years ... Urs Tobler, Töff-Fahrlehrer