

Rider Education Report

Many new things start in the month of April. In our part of the country, flora and fauna both begin to appear for this year's growing season. The world of motorcycling is no different. And this year we find news that may interest us all.

Honda is filing a patent request for an adaptive cruise control. You know, the kind like in many new cars that can sense the speed of the vehicle ahead and adjust to keep a set following distance without driver input. They have been experimenting with electrically assisted steering. They currently have the most advanced automatic transmission in motorcycling. And there are also rumors that they have a joint project with the Segway company, the self-balancing scooter that tourists and police officers use in urban environments.

What could all this mean for the Gold Wing? With their target market being the long-distance touring crowd, I propose that Honda will introduce the first self-driving motorcycle. Can you imagine our next group ride? We all get out on the interstate, set the cruise control, lean back, and start texting with family and friends, watching movies, or catching up on business emails. Think of the efficiency!

The Kentucky Road Riders is also organizing an on-bike training course for two and three wheeled bikes in May this year. Details to follow.

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