

CROSSROADS HOG

SAFETY THOUGHTS

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So, your sitting around looking outside at WINTER wishing spring (and riding season) were NOW and not a bucket full of weeks away.

Maybe you're thinking about that first ride of the season. What a rush! The bike, the road, the wind – you can almost, but not quite, get there in your mind.

You know, there is a way to bring it closer AND to make that first ride of the year even better. Don't just wish and dream. Use your winter to become a better rider.

MOTORCYCLING is 80% mental. You can work on that 80% right there in your lazyboy – right now. You can work on the other 20% when the weather is more conducive to riding. There is no limit to the number of articles and books being published on riding, riding techniques, and riding safety. Here's a short list from my collection.

MOTORCYCLIST Magazine – look for the **STREET SAVY** column.

MOTORCYCLE CONSUMERS NEWS – look for **MENTAL MOTORCYCLING**, **MEDICAL MOTORCYCLING**, and **PROFICIENT MOTORCYCLING**

WOMEN ON WHEELS – look for the **SAFETY CORNER**

Two of the best books I have ever read on motorcycling are:

PROFICIENT MOTORCYCLING by David L. Hough and **MORE PROFICIENT MOTORCYLING** also by David L. Hough (creative titles, eh?) Both are available from Amazon or Bowtie press. These are coffee-table books that are written such that you can pick them up and search out a topic or randomly select one. Mr. Hough writes in our kind of language and does an excellent job of telling his reader WHY stuff works not just HOW to do it.