

HOW FAST DO I GO ?

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The best tool for learning to ride is to go slow. The better I get at going slow, the more confident I get at riding.

Lots of practice. Before I go on a ride or while waiting on a women (Judy), I find a vacant area of a parking lot to practice. Then I pick out 4 parking spots for my goal in the middle of twenty or more parking spaces. Zero in on the place where the lines cross. This is the center of your goal. This is the center of your figure 8.

It does not matter how big you make your figure 8. You have a lot to work on. Try to make it smaller. Try to make it slower. Try to make it smoother.

I try to do make 3 to 5 figure 8's before taking a break with a big loop around the vacant area to re-evaluate my greatness. This does not require any special equipment like cones, chalk or on lookers. You are the judge and jury on your improvements.

I also try to take an Advanced Riders course every year. There are a lot of options. Some are even free. Some instructors even give private lessons for a fee. But the Key is practice!

Now for a story from a HOG member icon Gary Bates, who rides 35 miles to work often.

The other day on his way home, his pride and joy, not Tere, got squirrely in the back, but the rear tire seemed ok and properly inflated. He continued 5 miles home.

After re-examining the rear tire, it seemed properly inflated but there was a crack all the way around the edge of the tire. After making a call to Tech Ted, Tallahassee HD dispatched a rescue crew to pick up the bike. The tire had a small nail in it and low air pressure.

Moral to the story, you can't see air pressure without an air gauge!

Ride safe, practice hard,.

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