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**BMW Roadriders, American National announce
scholarships for Motorcycle Basic Rider Course**

Springfield, MO – Spring signals the start of riding season for motorcyclists throughout the Ozarks. For new riders, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Basic Rider Course (BRC) is an excellent place to start.

"For anyone wanting to learn how to ride, I can't think of a better course," said long-time motorcyclist Randy Hone, president of the Springfield BMW Roadriders. "Those who've taken it would no doubt agree it gives you the fundamentals you need to ride safely."

The course is a partnership among Traffic Safety Alliance of the Ozarks (TSA), Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC), and American National. Registration is administered through OTC.

The fee is \$200 per student. This year, registrants completing the course can benefit with financial support through \$50 scholarships made available from the Springfield BMW Roadriders and insurance provider, American National. "It was a unanimous decision of the club to support new motorcyclists in this way," Hone said.

"We are also proud to support motorcyclists' dedication to safety," added Bernard Gerwel, a senior executive with American National. "In addition to the course scholarship, we also provide a Safe Rider discount as part of our motorcycle insurance policy to all who complete the Basic Rider Course."

To ensure a voucher for one of the 16 scholarships, Hone said, "Applicants must contact me prior to registering for the course." Sixteen scholarships will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, and Hone will coordinate scholarship funding from both the Roadriders and American National. He can be contacted at 417-831-2900.

American National is partnering with TSA and OTC to offer more than 30 dates that students can choose from for the BRC. Beginning March 28, it will be offered at MODOT Riding Range as it has been the last several years. This year, a second course range is being offered at the Price Cutter Park (PCP). To register, call 417-447-8888. To review this year's course schedule or to register online, go to the Continuing Education tab on OTC's website, www.otc.edu.