

From your Iowa District Educator,

I am not a person that likes to make new year's resolution. Like most people, I find them hard to maintain and they just lead to disappointment. Instead, I like to set goals for the year. I ask myself what do I want to accomplish this year? They should be realistic goals and something that I really want to achieve. This sounds like resolutions, but I think setting goals is just a different mindset. A resolution might be to lose twenty pounds. But if it is a goal to lose twenty pounds and I only lose ten, I consider it a success that I have reached halfway to my goal. If losing twenty pounds was a resolution and I only lose ten pounds, then that is a resolution that ended in failure. Like I said, it is just a mindset for me.

What I am working on right now is establishing goals that I want to accomplish this year. I have goals involving motorcycling. First, I would like to ride more this year than last. Second, I would also like to manage my bad behaviors on the road better. That could be not letting other drivers bother me with their bad habits as much. Also, I want to minimize distractions that take my focus off the road. These are not big problems for me, but I can always improve.

What are your goals? Improve your skills? Upgrade your first aid kit that you carry on your motorcycle. Improve your concentration on the road? Make modifications or adjustments to your motorcycle that would improve its handling or improve safety? Work on skills that you feel need the most work. Who does not need to work on those tight, slow speed turns?

How about taking a rider improvement course? Renewing CPR and first aid training, attending more University courses, reading more articles or books on motorcycling excellence, contributing an article to WingWorld, getting bike maintenance done that has fallen behind in schedule, buying a new motorcycle, planning a trip or trips, attending WingDing and the District Rally, or just setting a goal to just ride more often, what your goals for 2021?

Until next month, stay warm, stay healthy, stay safe and stay happy.

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