

Motorcycle Mechanics Institute

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Before I went to MMI I overheard a guy give a poor opinion of the school saying that it was basically a waste of time and money. I do not know if this guy went to the school or what facts he based his opinion on, but I decided right there that

I would make my time at MMI productive and that I would glean whatever I could from every instructor.

When I got to the school, I noticed several different kinds of people from all walks of life. You could obviously tell the import guys from the Harley guys. I don't use political correct terms such as "guys and gals", it is a personal preference and I have never claimed to be and don't care to be for that matter "politically correct". About one out of every 30 students was a female but it was hard to tell considering there were three different shifts. The students ranged from 18 years old to in their 50's. There may have been some older, but I am also not good at guessing ages. There were many different attitudes to deal with as well and I do not envy the instructors in that respect.

The classes are divided up into basic technician classes which include bike basics such as theory, precision measuring, wheels and tires, machining, electrical, carb tuning, engines, and an overall class to test us on what we learned over that period of classes. Then you can go into any of the electives, Late Model Harley Davidson, Early Model Harley Davidson, Hontech, K-tech (Kawasaki), FAST (Suzuki), and YamaPro.

During my basic electrical class I was being recruited to go into K-tech by one of their instructors, but I had chosen to take the Harley electives and couldn't stand to be away from home for any more time! On the whole, I found MMI to be a great school and I learned that you only get out of it what you are willing to put into it!

