Cheryl and Dennis Rogers, Motorcycle Safety Foundation certified instructors, advise taking the Motorcycle Training class before the purchase of a motorcycle.

The Rogers advocate motorcycle transportation as a way to reduce costs and enjoy the outdoors.

“Only a motorcyclist knows the thrill and exhilaration a dog has when it sticks its head out the car window,” Cheryl Rogers said.

Bikes and helmets are provided for the class. Stan and Elaine Rogers (no relations to Cheryl and Dennis Rogers) who formerly owned Midwest Motorcycle Training Center, donated nine Honda Rebel 250 CC bikes to JCCC after their training program closed.

Dennis Rogers advises taking the motorcycle training program before buying a motorcycle so, one, people know they like riding a motorcycle and are successful at it, and two, they learn to ask the right questions when buying a bike – Will you have a passenger? What size works for you? Will you be riding on the street or dirt?

Taking the class reduces insurance rates and increases safety. About 92 percent of accident-involved motorcyclists were self-taught or learned from family and friends, according to Cheryl Rogers.

For more information, contact Phil Wegman, program director, skills enhancement, JCCC, at 913-469-4446, or pwegman@jccc.edu. To register, call 913-469-2323. Cost is $199. As of this writing, open spring classes for the spring semester remain for April 23-25, April 30-May 2, May 7-8 and May 14-16. A one-day Experienced Rider course was also offered April 3 with more planned.