

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



Virginia Educator News Region N

“Safety Is For Life”



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**Virginia is the proud home of
six out of nine Region N
Educators of the Year!**

Marty & Leslie Cash – VAU
1996–1997

Cundiff & Ellen Simmons – VAC
1998-1999

Kathy & Chris Hooper – VAD
1999-2000

Pat & Shelia McMahon – VAC
2001-2002

Doug & Ann Hardy – VAM
2002-2003

Gary & Jackie Wall – VAC
2003-2004

From the Desk of the District Educator

- Gary Wall, Virginia District Educator

Hi There Rider's and Co-Rider's,

Yes indeed, the weather has finally broken for the better!! About time if I say so myself. You know what I mean, no more COLD weather, no more staring out the window wishing there was a sun somewhere. No more going out to the Wing, and polishing until you think there is no paint left to polish. Roads are starting to clear off from all the sand that was dropped this past winter. The last couple of weekends have been truly gorgeous down here by the water, nice clear and just the right temperature! On these types of days, we could ride for hours, and then the darkness of nightfall. We have all been there, when we left it was nice and warm, so we only put on a long sleeve shirt or light jacket, and then at night, we wonder why are we out here. An hour or so from the house, and the temperature has dropped 20 degree's since the sun went down. We all need to plan, and stress the importance of knowing where you are going, and what time you might get home. We also can start stressing the importance of the T-Clock, and getting our skills back up to par. While you are giving the topic at your next meeting, talk about the usefulness of the “SEE”, Scan, Identify, and Execute. Everyone can get back into the habit of looking for anything and everything that “might” pose a hazard to us as Rider's and Co-Rider's.

It does us proud to be the District Educator's for such a good group of people. You are the ones who make the District what it is, not us. You are the ones doing the talking, getting people motivated to renew their Rider Ed. Levels, getting the CPR course set up, and everything else you are doing. You are making Rider Ed important to everyone and are having fun from what we can see and hear. The enthusiasm, caring about other's riding, is catching on with vigor. At last count there were 60-70 NEW Level 1 members, other's stepping up to a higher level, and all the credit goes to you-the Educator. The time has come when we will be trying to get to as many meetings or events as we possibly can. As Educator's, you are looked up to whether you want to be or not. As such, you have to set the example and walk the walk, and talk the talk! All of you can take pride in the good you are doing at the Chapter level, and we are sincerely proud of each one of you. Something else

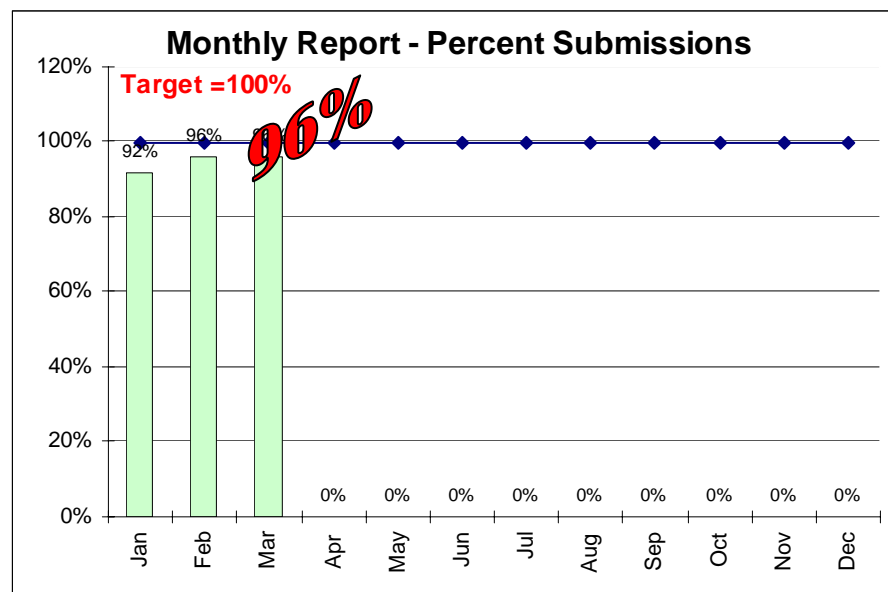
you can show to set the example is to wear your vest whenever you visit or at your meeting. A new member as well as other member's would be impressed with the way you look, and the amount of "stuff" you have on your vest. That is what makes an impression, especially with new members. To see the amount of pins and patches that you show where you have been, and what you have done does make an impression. Try it sometime, you might be surprised yourself.

Now the rally season is getting to start in earnest. Any time you visit another District, go up to the District Educator, introduce yourself, and volunteer an hour or so of your time. You might be surprised at the fun you have helping out someone else. The more involved you get, the more fun you have. It only takes a little amount of time and the ones you are helping will be greatly appreciative. Jackie and I plan on attending all of our District rallies in our region, as well as the Region N and Wing Ding rallies. We are also planning on helping out the other Districts when and where they need us. We have met so many new friends and helped out other Districts just by being there and helping. It is a lot of fun.

Here's a thought that you can use. I recently had a chapter come up for a Road Captain's course. I was more than willing to do so, however, I also suggested they turn it into a Rider Ed. Day. While the Rider's are doing the Road Captain's course, the Co-Rider's could be taking the Co-Rider course, and then join the Road Captain's if they wish. That way you can knock out 2 parts of Rider Ed on the same day, and it still goes for the Level's if the Co-Rider's wished. How's that for an idea? Also, Pat and Shelia McMahon are still available for the CPR/First Aid course if you would like them. You can e-mail them at psmghi@erols.com, or give me a call at (757) 766-3391, and I can let them know the date you would like to do it. They are more than willing to go anywhere they are needed in the District, so just let them know.

At Wingless this year, there was a banner that stated, "Let's lead, not follow", which I feel sets the tone for our District this year. It is you the educator that has put forth the effort that you have this year, and I would like to keep it going. We will have a more permanent banner made up, so that we can have it at our Rally in the Valley this year. Take pride in what you are doing; keep the enthusiasm up, and others will follow.

Wall of Fame



We stand at 96% for the month of February for our Wall of Fame. Good work Educators! Let's try for 100% next month.



Rider Education at the Region N Rally

What a GREAT Rally site! Maggie Valley has so much to offer, but Rider Education has something to offer too!

Rider Education Seminars kick off on **Friday** morning with the **Team Riding Seminar**. Team Riding provides many of the same guidelines for riding in a group as the Road Captains Course but in a condensed format and without the “on road” component. If you’d like to learn more about riding in a group with your GWRRA friends but don’t have the time for the full Road Captains Course, join us for the seminar.

The **Road Captains Course** classroom component will be held from **1:00-3:00 pm Friday afternoon**. The RCC teaches some of the finer points of riding as a group but more importantly, prepares you to take responsibility for the safety of the group in the “Lead” or “Drag” position. The “on road” component of the RCC will take place on Saturday and will require an hour or two of your time. At the completion of Saturday’s ride you’ll be qualified as a Road Captain and will be entitled to proudly wear the Road Captain Rocker. Co-Riders are also encouraged to participate in the full RCC and, as an important part of the team, will qualify to wear the new Co-Road Captain Rocker.

Pat and Shelia McMahon, Region N MEDIC FIRST AID® Trainers will be offering a **MEDIC FIRST AID® Instructors course**. The Instructors course is in two parts. A classroom training session will begin at **10:00 am on Friday** and you’ll finish your Instructor Certification by teaching a MEDIC FIRST AID® Basic course on Saturday.

For those needing **MEDIC FIRST AID® first aid and CPR** for advancement in the Rider Education Levels Program, **a full First Aid/CPR class will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday**.

Saturday’s Rider Education activities begin with the **Master’s Breakfast**. The breakfast is open to all Level IV Master Tour Riders and all current Educators. The Master’s Breakfast this year will be catered by the Carolina Nights Dinner Theatre and held in their fine facility just up the street from the Eagle Nest. We’ll begin promptly at **7:30 am**.

At **9:00 am on Saturday** there will be an “**All Educators Meeting**” in the Eagle Nest theatre. I encourage every GWRRA Educator to join us. This is YOUR chance to share your ideas with other Educators and to ask questions of the Region N Rider Education staff. If you are a Chapter Educator and are planning to attend the Region Rally, please join us for this hour-long meeting.

Saturday’s Rider Education Seminars begin at **10:00 am** with the ever-popular **Co-Rider Seminar**. The Co-Rider Seminar will qualify you to advance beyond Level I in the Rider Education Levels Program as a Co-Rider. You’ll need to repeat the class every three years to remain current in your Levels. Bring your Rider along, he (or she) may just learn a thing or two about how much of a difference riding a foot or two further from the windshield makes!

Next up is the “**Be Prepared Seminar**.” Come and get some tips on how to plan and prepare for the ride across town or across the country.

At **1:00 pm** join us for the “**Parking Lot Practice**” Seminar. GWRRA has a Parking Lot Practice Program that helps you set up your own practice range on an empty parking lot. This can be done individually or as a fun and educational Chapter activity. The GWRRA Parking Lot Practice program doesn’t qualify as a riding course for advancement in the Levels Program, but it does provide the means for honing your skills at times convenient to you or your group.

Field Events will be held in the Eagle Nest parking lot on **Saturday morning**. The Field Events are not a skill challenge but a fun activity to both watch and participate in. Come have a little fun either one- or two-up and get a chance to win a little “wood” as well!

The Rider Education table will be in the Eagle Nest Theatre throughout the Rally. We'll have lots of great door prizes, and you can see (and buy tickets for) the *Garmin Quest GPS* being raffled by Region N. The Quest is completely waterproof and can be integrated with the sound system on your motorcycle. It comes complete with Gold Wing and automotive mounts. Tickets are just \$5. Door prize tickets will be drawn at 2:30 Saturday afternoon and the Quest will be given away at Closing Ceremonies.

Last but not least, join us at the Rally to find out who will be the **2005 Region N Educator of the Year**. We have received nominations for a great many of the outstanding Educators in Region N.

All of our Rider Education seminars and indoor activities (except for the Master's Breakfast) will be in the Eagle Nest Theatre. Follow the signs!

Come out, have some fun, learn something new and possibly win some “wood”, a door prize, or the Garmin Quest GPS from Region N Rider Education. “See you there!”

Cundiff

Rally-in-the-Valley Fast Ca\$h Tickets

REMINDER on the Fast Cash tickets. If you have received any Fast Cash tickets to sell, be sure to get the ticket stubbs and money back to Teresa as soon as you can. We need to start accounting for them. If you are not able to sell them, please return them to Teresa so she can give them to someone else who can sell them.

Area Report

The March 2005 Area Report has been sent out to all Chapter Educators. This report has the latest REP levels listed. Educators, please take the time to look over the report and see if there are any members that are not signed up for Level I or any members that need to renew their levels (II, III, and IV). You also need to check to make sure their riding courses and CPR/First Aid courses are up to date. If you need to make any corrections, please forward me the Correction Report. I will try and get these to National as soon as possible.

Rally in the Valley Riding Courses

Back by popular demand, we will be having the following riding courses at Rally-in-the-Valley:

- ERC
- Advanced Sidecar/Trike Course
- Road Captains Course

The ERC and Advanced Sidecar/Trike courses are by sign up only. There are a limited number of spots available. It will be on a first come, first pay system. The cost for the ERC and the Advanced Sidecar/Trike courses is \$20 per bike. Anyone interested in taking one of these courses at the rally need to complete a registration form and send it to the address listed below as soon as possible along with a check or money order made payable to **Virginia Rider Education**:

Gary and Jackie Wall
10 Sanlun Lakes Drive
Hampton, VA 23666

Please note that the Advanced Sidecar/Trike course will be in 2 parts. The classroom portion is on Thursday night, October 6th (6pm – 9pm tentatively). The range part will be on Friday morning, October 7th (7:30am – 12:30pm tentatively). You must attend BOTH parts to complete the course.

The ERC class is tentatively scheduled for Friday morning, 7:30am – 12:30pm.

These classes usually fill up before the Rally. If you are interested in taking one of these courses, please send your registration and money to us as soon as possible.

Rally-in-the-Valley 2005 - Riding Course Registration Form

Please check which course you would like to take:

Experienced Riding Course (ERC) \$20.00 (per bike) x _____ = _____ Total

Advanced Sidecar/Trke Course \$20.00 (per bike) x _____ = _____ Total

____ Trike or ____ Sidecar - please check one if you are taking the Advanced Sidecar/Trike

Rider Name _____ Co-Rider Name (if applicable) _____

Member Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Member Telephone Number _____

Member Email Address (if you have – used for confirmation) _____

Region _____ Chapter _____

Mail completed registration form and check or money order (made payable to VA Rider Ed) to:

Gary & Jackie Wall, Virginia District Educators
10 Sanlun Lakes Drive
Hampton, VA 23666

REP Level Applications

-Jackie Wall, ½ of Virginia District Educator

A big thanks to all the Educators for sending in those REP Level Applications. As you can see from below, I have been receiving lots of new levels every month. I would like to point out a common mistake that is happening VERY frequently.

When you receive a level application, the first thing you need to do as an Educator is go to the latest Area Report to review the current information on file for that individual.

What level is the member? You need to know that when they go from one level to the next. Remember, a member must be current in their level before going to the next level. For example: You receive an application for NEW Level III. You MUST go to the Area Report to see if they are current in Level II. Under the column "last renew" if that date is January 2003, then you need to have the member renew for Level II for 2004 and 2005 before they can advance to Level III.

A lot of the new Level IV applications are also coming to me incorrectly. Before a member can advance to Level IV, they MUST satisfy the following:

- Must be CURRENT in Level III (showing on the Area Report)
- Must have been a Level III for at least 1 year (showing on the Area Report)
- Must have at least 25,000 safe miles (showing on the Area Report)
- Must have a current CPR/First Aid course within the past 2 years
- Must have a current rider course within the past 3 years
- Must carry a first aid kit on the motorcycle
- Must receive a written recommendation from any GWRRA officer

All NEW Level IV applications must go through me and then through the Region N Educator. ALL applications that do not meet the criteria listed above, will not be processed. Please note that the member must be CURRENT in Level III before sending the application to me. Go to the Area Report, see when they renewed. If they are not current, then they must complete a Level III renewal to bring them up to date BEFORE sending the Level IV application.

I hope this information is helpful to you. Keep those apps coming!!

If You Are Going To Ride The Ride...

Practice Safety By Pride

Source: Gordon Combs, VAE

New REP Levels

Congratulations to the following members *reaching New Level I, II and III* in the Rider Ed program:

Dennis Weston	Chapter B	Level II
Dale Miller	Chapter B	Level II
John Mudgett	Chapter B	Level II & III
James Henderson	Chapter F	Level I
Carole Henderson	Chapter F	Level I
Randy Prouost	Chapter F	Level I
Frank Flowers	Chapter F	Level I
Joyce Flowers	Chapter F	Level I
Ronald Riffey	Chapter F	Level I
Jimmy Wilbourne	Chapter J	Level II & III
Paula Wilbourne	Chapter J	Level I, II & III
Betty Barbour	Chapter J	Level I, II & III
Vickie Poole	Chapter J	Level I, II & III
William Morgan	Chapter J	Level II & III
Dilmos Barbour	Chapter J	Level III
Zina Barbour	Chapter J	Level I
Carl Arey	Chapter R	Level I
Phil High	Chapter R	Level II & III
Ryan Zerkel	Chapter R	Level I & II
Micki Zerkel	Chapter R	Level II
Robert Poe	Chapter U	Level II
Bob Ross	Chapter V	Level II & III
Nicole Rayfield	Chapter W	Level III
Joe Curry	Chapter W	Level I
Terry Curry	Chapter W	Level I
Robert Delp	Chapter X	Level II
Pat Martin	Chapter X	Level I
Warren Long	Chapter X	Level I & II
Mary Long	Chapter X	Level I
Michael Schneider	Chapter X	Level II & III

Congratulations to the following members on their achievement to the status of *Master Tour Rider!!*

Marty Link	Chapter D	Level IV
Lawanna Link	Chapter D	Level IV
John Catonese	Chapter G	Level IV

Sidecar/Trike Schedule for 2005

Listed below is the Sidecar/Trike schedule for 2005 for the Motorcycle Safety League of Virginia, Inc. These courses are being offered at the colleges listed. If you are interested in taking any of these classes, please contact the college (or contact listed below) to schedule the class. You will also need to contact each college individually for the cost of the class. All the classes listed below with the exception of June 26th, are 2 ½ day courses. The one scheduled for June 26th is an advanced class.



Motorcycle Safety League of Virginia, Inc.

Sidecar/Trike Class Schedule 2005



Northern Virginia Community College – Loudoun contact Claire Wynn at 703-450-2551

May 13-15, 2005

July 8-10, 2005

September 16-18, 2005

Tidewater Community College (Portsmouth): contact Keith Lindgren at 757-822-5247 or
1-888-826-7584

May 20-22, 2005

June 25, 2005

Advanced S/TEP

Sept. 23-25, 2005

Danville Community College (Danville) contact Mark McFaddin at 434-797-2222 ext. 8520

October 7-9, 2005

Central Virginia Community College (Lynchburg) contact Dennis Phillips at 434-832-7621

June 24-26, 2005

Wytheville Community College (Wytheville) contact Donald Early at 276-223-4746

TBA

Other classes will be scheduled as demand warrants. Class costs are \$65.00-\$190.00 depending on location. Contact the listed Coordinator at each site.

Class Schedule:

Friday 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Saturday: 8:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

For all other classes contact The Motorcycle Safety League of Virginia, Inc. at **1-888-826-7584**