

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



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SAFETY IS FOR LIFE

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This edition of the Rider Ed newsletter contains lots of IMPORTANT information on Wing Ding and Rally in the Valley responsibilities.

Please take time to READ!! Be sure to pass this information onto your Chapter members. There is a lot of time sensitive information that should be communicated as soon as possible.

DISCLOSURE: Information on the Rally in the Valley is subject to change. Seminars, courses, times, etc. may be modified. Any changes will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

***Virginia is the proud home of six out of eight
Region “N” Educators of the Year***

Gary & Jackie Wall, VA-C, 2003-2004
Doug & Ann Hardy, VA-M, 2002-2003
Pat & Shelia McMahon, VA-C, 2001-2002
Kathy & Chris Hooper, VA-D, 1999-2000
Cundiff & Ellen Simmons, VA-C, 1998-1999
Marty & Leslie Cash, VA-U, 1996-1997

Congratulations!!

Nathan and Rhonda Owens
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Region N
Educators of the Year

From the Desk of the District Educator

My how the time has been flying by for us. It seems like it was only a couple of weeks ago that we were asked to serve as the District Educator's at last year's Rally in the Valley. Now it is time for us to start getting gray hair (more), and making sure the i's are dotted and the t's are crossed.

This year's rally is chock full of things to do, and partake in. We have Rider Ed seminars, riding courses, Master's breakfast, and the Rider Ed table for all the pins and patches. Here is just a smattering of the different seminar's and courses that you can enjoy.

We are going to be having 2 ERC courses; put on by the best Instructors begging can buy. Also for your riding pleasure, we are putting on an Advanced Sidecar/Trike course put on by the Region N Educator himself. Must keep the boss happy by putting him to work! We have also got the Region N Educator of the Year, Nathan and Rhonda Owens, who will be giving the Road Captain's course. Is life great or what? But wait; there is more, a lot more. More info will be coming out shortly.

For your seminars and the presenter's, we are going to have the "Godfather of Rider Ed", Sir Peter Woodruff giving his prowess in a number of courses. For instance, Pete will be teaching a Trike Seminar, a Trailering Seminar, and the "What You See Is What You Get" seminar. Pete always puts on a great seminar, so if you haven't seen him give a class, go and be ready to have a good time. We have certifiably certified presenter's who will be giving the Co-Rider's seminar, for those co- rider's who want to know what to do when the rider messes up!! Also a Team Riding seminar, and the Being prepared seminar will be given.

Oh yeah, a couple of other things are also going to be going on. We are going to have an American Red Cross blood drive. For those of you who have donated before, please do so again. For those who have never given, bear up and give. You will have the knowledge that you have given the gift of life for someone who

needs it. Don't worry; there won't be any picking at the "newbies" !! Lest we leave something out, our very own Pat and Shelia McMahon will be certifying and recertifying the MedFirst CPR/ First Aid course. Just remember, whether it is a friend or a stranger; let's be prepared with the knowledge and skill to help anyone who needs it.

As you can see, there are going to be lots of things to do and have fun with at this year's rally. For those of us who will be riding and sweating down at Wing Ding in Grapevine, ride safe. For those not able to make Wing Ding this year, we will see you at the Rally in the Valley.

Ride Safe and have fun,

Gary and Jackie Wall
Virginia District Educators

Virginia Educator
of the Year



Do you know of an Educator that has done an outstanding job? Do you know an Educator who goes above and beyond their "call of duty"?

We need nominations for Virginia Educator of the Year. Who can nominate them? ANYONE... Chapter Directors, other Chapter Educators. You don't have to just nominate someone in your chapter. If you know of someone in another Chapter that you feel is deserving of this award, nominate them.

Nominations need to be sent to Gary Wall, Virginia District Educator.

Wing Ding Update



judges to work in 8 teams of two and 6 people to work as accountants to tally the scores and transfer the info to the score sheets. Angie and Mike will be providing 2 pop up canopies along with plenty of water and cool drinks.

EDUCATORS MEETING

If you are planning on attending Wing Ding this year, there will be an Educators meeting.

On Wednesday, July 7th there will be an open Educators meeting. All Educators, Region, District and Chapter are invited to attend and are highly encouraged to do so. This will provide an opportunity for you to present questions, issues or concerns, sharing these with many of your peers. It will provide an opportunity to learn (for all of us) and to gain a better understanding and familiarization of the program. This meeting will be YOUR meeting and will not be structured by the National Staff.

REGION N RESPONSIBILITIES

Without EVERYONE'S help, big events like Wing Ding could never happen. This year, Region N's responsibilities will be the Bike Show. The Classification and Safety checks will be done on Monday, July 5th from 10am – 1pm. This will be done for one day only. Rider Ed will be responsible for the Safety Checks so please give us an hour of your time. The Staging and Judging will be done on Tuesday, July 6th. The Staging will be from 9am – 12 noon and the Judging will be from 12 noon – 2pm with awards following. Unfortunately, this will be done on the outside parking lot instead of the inside arena as previously planned. Region N will need 2 couples from each District for Classification for two, hour and a half shifts for Monday, no one will have to be in the great outdoors for the full three hours. For Staging, we will need about 20 people at all times. If we split that up in two shifts, again that will keep folks out of the heat for too long. Judging we will need about 16

Rally in the Valley Happenings



It's not too early to be thinking about Rally in the Valley. This is another BIG event for Rider Education. This year we will be offering lots of seminars as well as rider courses. Here are some of the things that you can expect:

* Note – GWRRRA of Virginia reserves the right to alter the Rally schedule.

Advanced Sidecar / Trike Course

Cundiff Simmons will be giving the Evergreen Safety Advanced Sidecar / Trike Course. This course will be approximately 8 hours long. The classroom portion will be held on Thursday evening, October 7th from 5pm – 9pm and the range portion will be held on Friday morning, October 8th, from 8am – 12pm. You will need to provide your own Trike or Sidecar. The cost of this course is \$20 per Trike or Sidecar. It is **LIMITED** to the first 12 **PAID** bikes. This class has already started to fill up. If you would like to take the course, please send a check or money order payable to *Virginia Rider Education* to the following address as soon as possible:

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Did You Know...



Each month, I will try to highlight a part of the Rider Education Program Handbook. I hope that each of you have had time to go to the National website and download a copy of the 8th Edition.

This month's feature is

“The Chapter Educator”

The Chapter Educator position is perhaps one of the most important in GWRRA. The desire to reduce injuries and fatalities for the motorcycle community is a high calling indeed. As the words safety and knowledge account for two thirds of the GWRRA motto, *“FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE”*, it is important the Chapter Educator be committed to safe motorcycle riding and is capable of furthering the knowledge of our participants regarding safe motorcycle handling. It is the primary responsibility of the CE to stress the importance of the Rider Education Program and strive for maximum member participation. This position requires dedication, commitment, perseverance, patience and plain hard work.

The Chapter Educator is just that, an Educator, not an enforcer, who can inform and influence Chapter participants, or any person who desires to become a safer rider or co-rider, about the GWRRA Rider Education Program. It is important for the Chapter Educator to be an effective motivator and to always lead by example, but not dictate. “People Skills” are a must, and the Chapter Educator must stand ready to promote, suppose, uphold and maintain a desire to improve the Rider Education Program. It is the responsibility of the Chapter Educator to communicate the importance of the Rider Education Levels Program and the benefits received as a result of participation.

A Chapter Educator must be at least a current Level II participant in the Rider Education

Program and will perform as a staff member of the Chapter Director while supporting the District Educator. The Chapter Educator is the primary and first line contact for support and communication to all members; therefore, the performance and dedication of the Chapter Educator must be very high in order to assure success of the Chapters and their respective members.

Responsibilities of the Chapter Educator

- Promote and implement the Rider Education Program at Chapter level.
- Promote and participate in such activities that will expand the Rider Education Program within the Chapter and District. These should include speaking at Chapter gatherings and furnishing articles for the Chapter newsletter concerning safety, availability of training opportunities and the GWRRA Rider Education Program.
- Develop ideas to increase participation and improve communication in the Chapter.
- Maintain such records as necessary to facilitate keeping Chapter participants current in the Rider Education Levels Program.
- Promote and arrange for Seminars, CPR/First Aid certification and Rider Training courses at the Chapter level. Ensure that information regarding scheduled courses is published in the Chapter newsletter.
- Work closely with the District Educator. Review any ideas that will help make the Rider Education Program more appealing to the Members of GWRRA and the Chapter Director and the District Educator.
- Work with the Chapter Director, Road Captains, GWRRA Rider Course Instructors, etc. to improve riding habits and to disseminate information.
- Validate and/or process forms for Levels I through IV of the Rider Education Levels Program for the participants as they meet the requirements of the program.
- Lead by example by becoming and maintaining Level IV in the Rider Education Levels Program and always wear proper protective apparel whenever operating a motorcycle.
- Assist the District Educator in staffing the Rider Education Booth and activities at

rallies and other Rider Education events as needed.

- Compile Chapter statistics and submit a Chapter Rider Education Activity Report monthly to the District Educator.
- Read, review and share the monthly District, Region and National newsletters and articles with the membership.

A primary responsibility of the Chapter Educator is to ensure that training opportunities are identified and communicated to the members and that assistance is provided as necessary for participation by the members.



Rally in the Valley Rider Ed Table

Educators, as usual, we need your help and support at the Rider Ed table at the Rally in the Valley. We will be responsible for the table from Thursday afternoon through Saturday. If you are planning on attending the Rally, please volunteer for an hour or two. Be sure to let me know if there is a certain time that you would like to help. We will also have a sign up sheet located at the table.

Door Prizes

EVERY Educator is asked to please provide at least 1 door prize for the Rider Ed table at the Rally in the Valley. We have been known for having the BEST door prizes.

MONTHLY REPORTS

EVERY Chapter is responsible for submitting a Monthly Activity Report. If your chapter does not have an Educator, the Chapter Director is responsible for making sure this report is completed. Virginia Rider Ed is one of the few Districts that have been at 100% reporting. As of today, we have NOT received all of the reports. Is this where you want to be???

EDUCATORS – CHAPTER DIRECTORS, please, please submit your monthly reports!! We MUST have a report for every month. Make it simple. Print off a blank Monthly Activity Report before every meeting. Fill out the report and by the end of the meeting, you have everything you need. The next day, simply email or mail the information to Nick and Teresa, the Assistant District Educators.

Don't let Virginia Rider Ed fall below

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