

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



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“Safety Is For Life”

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Jeff & Deb Sterling – VAI
2005-2006

Gary & Jackie Wall – VAC
2003-2004

Doug & Ann Hardy – VAM
2002-2003

Pat & Shelia McMahon – VAC
2001-2002

Kathy & Chris Hooper – VAD
1999-2000

Cundiff & Ellen Simmons – VAC
1998-1999

Marty & Leslie Cash – VAU
1996-1997

From the Desk of the District Educator

- Gary Wall, Virginia District Educator

What a summer it has been. Jackie and I have done a lot of traveling to Wing Ding, West Virginia Rally, Kentucky Rally, and have just got back from a trip to Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, Michigan, and back home. No wonder I have no feeling in my behind. Now I know what a bad diaper rash feels like on a baby!!!!

While at Wing Ding this year, we had the opportunity to help out with the safety inspections for the bike show. There were a couple of disturbing things that I saw, and need to relay to you. Almost all of us carry some form of first aid kit. What we saw were anything from a kit containing band-aids, to a full fledged surgical pack. We need to stress that while riding a motorcycle, most of the things that will be needed are gauze pads, slings, BIG band aids, some type of anti-infection ointment, a type of gauze wrap, sharp scissors to cut blue jeans with, as well as many other types of first aid. What was most disturbing however, was not that they carried the minimum or maximum, it was where they kept it. Most of the time, the rider had to dismount, and literally dig through the trunk, or saddlebags, to find it. If there was ever any type of first aid needed, would they have time to find it, or have the proper items needed. Also, there was not one case of a rider, having any type of personal gear to wear, and this is the latex gloves. In today's society, we must protect ourselves before we can help others. The other disturbing thing was the amount of under-inflated tires. Most of the front tires were around the recommended pressure for the tire, but the rear tire was, for the most part, not only under-inflated, but way under-inflated. Some a couple of pounds, to some that only had 25 pounds of pressure. Please stress to the member's, that proper tire inflation not only helps out in handling, but when the tire heats up, can possibly pop the bead resulting in a very dangerous deflation of the tire. Not to mention the amount of mileage they might not get from the tire. Try to get the T-CLOC back to the forefront of maintenance. Stress the importance of a proper T-CLOC, and that co-rider's can also play an important part of this. Have a rider teach the co-rider how to perform a T-CLOC, or schedule a class on how to do a proper T-CLOC. If you are thinking you might be able to do this in a chapter class, print the form from the Rider Ed disc, and have the rider's and co-rider's do an inspection of their own bikes. Don't leave yourself open for

liability by you doing someone else's bike. Let them do it, and you can give pointers, but let them take care of it.

Rally in the Valley is quickly approaching. We only have 5 short weeks, before it is time to entertain our quests. If you are planning on attending our rally, please volunteer a couple of hours at the Rider Ed table, you will be surprised on how much fun you can have. Not only that, but those that do help, give a break to Jackie, Teresa, Nick, and Ellen to get away for a little while. They do a tremendous job, and could use a little R & R, or to take a walk through the vendors. Don't forget about getting those unsold Rider Ed tickets in as soon as possible. We have sold a good many, but there are still a lot out. Please turn in the monies, or tickets to Nick and Teresa as soon as possible so we can make plans on how many need to be sold. Our Rally has been one of the best, due to the prizes at our Rider Ed table. Talk to your local dealerships and ask if they would like to donate something to our event. Most of them will if they are asked!

Now would be a good time to start having a Rider Ed day for the chapter. Fall is quickly approaching, and leaves, pine needles, and all types of critter's are coming into season-IE deer!! Have a talk on all types of stuff that could make us better rider/co-rider's. Remember, that with the cooler temperatures in the morning, the dew point is lower, the road surface is a little slicker, and with the mixture of dew, pine needles, and leaves, the road surface can be extremely slick. Also, the District Officer's meeting is scheduled for November 12th at the Ramada Inn in Lynchburg. We will be putting our reminders shortly about this, but please put it on your calendar. Where has the year gone? Seems like we only started the year a couple of months ago, and now we are talking about the fall season. Our parent's were right, the older we get, the faster time seems to go. And the naps on weekends aren't bad either.

School has started in a lot of places already. Pay particular attention to stopped school buses, or children walking on sidewalks. Also, not all children ride yellow school buses. Some ride the public transportation bus, and vehicles do not stop for that type of bus. If kids today are anything like we were when we were that age, it only takes a split second for them to change their minds and dart out into a road without thinking.

Jackie and I appreciate all of your time and hard work to make Rider Ed what it is in Virginia. Without you, it wouldn't be where it is today. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Until we meet again.

Ride safe and have fun,
Gary

Rider Education Division Announcement

- July 20, 2005



As you should be aware, on July 20th, the Master Tour Rider Program was suspended. Below is the email that was sent out by Don Brock, Executive Director and Bob Lorenz, Senior International Director. As soon as we receive more information from National, we will let you know. In the meantime, Educators, please do not send in any Level IV Applications. You may however continue to send in Level I-III applications to your District Educator.

Re: Updating of the REP Master Tour Rider (Level IV) Program

In our ongoing effort to improve and enhance the Rider Education Program (REP) and the resulting benefits and recognition for our membership the Master Tour Rider (Level IV) program will be undergoing a complete review and analysis. This process and content improvement effort will require that we temporarily suspend the Master Tour Rider Program effective July 20, 2005 until these improvements and enhancements are completed and published to the membership.

It is not anticipated that these improvements and enhancements will affect current Master Tour Riders or the Master Recognition Program (Senior, Grand or Life Grand Masters).

The primary focus of this effort is to review the value (benefit analysis) of the program, the criteria associated with the program and the overall administration of the program in an effort to provide a more beneficial, skills-based approach and a more streamlined administrative process to support the program.

We look forward to providing an enhanced and valued added program for the benefit of our members in our efforts to provide and support continued rider education for our members and the ongoing efforts to reduce the numbers of motorcycle accidents, injuries and fatalities by better preparing and training of our membership.

Ride Safe,

*Bob Lorenz
Senior International Director
Rider Education Division*

*Don Brock
Executive Director
Gold Wing Road Riders Association*



Rally in the Valley NEWS

Rally in the Valley Rider Ed Seminars and Courses

Rally in the Valley is only a few weeks ago. I have listed below the tentative schedule for the Rider Ed seminars. As of the writing of this newsletter, I have 2 slots left for the ERC. The cost for the class is only \$20. This is on a first come, first pay basis. If you are interested in taking the ERC or know of anyone that is, please contact me IMMEDIATELY to check for the availability in the class.

Medic First Class

We will be offering Medic First classes on Friday and Saturday. Friday will be having re-certifications from 8am – 10am and from 10am – 12pm. On Saturday, will be having full classes from 8:30am – 12:30pm. The cost for any of these classes is \$20 per person. Pre-registration is not necessary.

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

Fast Cash Ticket Reminder: This is Rider Education's BIG fund raiser for the year. Educators, if you have received any Fast Cash tickets to sell, be sure to get the ticket stubs 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. Remember the Educator who sells the winning ticket wins the \$100!



Rider Ed Door Prizes

All Educators are asked to please donate at least 1 door prize for the Rider Ed table. Remember you don't have to buy the door prize. Ask your chapter if they have one to donate or better yet, stop by your local Honda dealer (with a copy of the Rally in the Valley flyer) and ask if they would be willing to donate anything. You will be surprised how many of them say yes. If you can't make it to the rally, please give it to someone who is going. Every door prize counts!

Master's Breakfast

All Educators and Level IV members are invited to the Master's Breakfast on Saturday morning at 7:30am. We will be providing biscuits, fruit cups, pastries, juice and coffee. Pete Woodruff will be making his appearance to give away some of his goodies. Be sure to stop by.

Rider Ed Seminar Schedule

Thursday – October 6, 2005

6pm – 9pm	Advanced Sidecar/Trike Classroom	1 - Cundiff Simmons 2 - Pat McMahon	Trailer
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Friday – October 7, 2005

7:30am – 12:30pm	ERC Suite – Range	1 – Greg Kestner 2 – Don Riffey 3 – Jeff Sterling	Upper Parking Lot
7:30am – 12:30pm	Advanced Sidecar/Trike Range	1 - Cundiff Simmons 2 - Pat McMahon	Upper Parking Lot
8am – 10am	Medic First Re-Certification	1 - Shelia McMahon 2 -	
9am – 10am	<i>Team Riding Seminar</i>	<i>Gordon Combs</i>	
10am – 12pm	Medic First Re-Certification	1 - Shelia McMahon 2 -	
10am – 11am	Trailing Seminar	Pete Woodruff	
11am – 12pm	Trike Seminar	Pete Woodruff	
2pm – 3pm	<i>Co-Rider Seminar</i>	<i>Shelia McMahon</i>	
3pm – 5pm	Road Captains-classroom	Nathan Owens	

Saturday – October 8, 2005

7:30am – 8:30am	Masters Breakfast		Annex
8:30am – 12:30pm	Medic First – full class	1 - Shelia McMahon 2 - Pat McMahon	
9am – 11am	Road Captains - Road	Nathan Owens	
9am – 10am	What You See	Pete Woodruff	
10am – 11am	Trailing Seminar	Pete Woodruff	
11am – 12pm	<i>Team Riding Seminar</i>	<i>Jeff Sterling</i>	
1pm – 2pm	Insurance Seminar	Gordon Combs	
2pm – 3pm	<i>Co-Rider Seminar</i>	<i>Greg Kestner</i>	

Note: All participants in the Advanced Sidecar/Trike class, ERC Suite and the Road Captains course are required to wear proper riding gear in order to take these courses. Proper riding gear consists of *a full or ¾ face helmet* (requirement of the Virginia Rider Training Program), *long sleeves* (GWRRA requirement does not allow for pull-on sleeves), *long pants, full-fingered gloves, eye protection, over the ankle footwear.*

GWRRA reserves the right to make changes to this schedule

Please verify schedule at the Rider Ed table for final schedule

YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES!!

GIVE BLOOD!

Help Katrina Victims

Today the life of a child with sickle cell disease, a young mother giving birth, a grandfather having heart surgery or a next door neighbor battling cancer could depend on precious, donated blood.

There is no substitute for your blood donation. The simple gift of a blood donation must come from a blood donor, someone like you who is willing to take just a few minutes to donate.

After it is given, your blood donation is brought back to the American Red Cross where it is tested and separated into components. Your single donation can help as many as three people, and can be at a hospital, ready for a critically ill patient, in as little as 48 hours.

Whether you are making a regular blood donation, donating through the apheresis process, giving for a child with sickle cell disease or volunteering to be a marrow donor, your donation is needed, and it will touch someone's life.

The American Red Cross will be at the Rally in the Valley, Saturday October 8th from 9am – 3pm taking blood donations. This year they will be providing 2 buses. Everyone that signs up to donate blood will be entered in a **\$100 raffle!!**

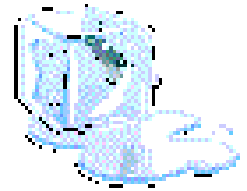
They need YOUR help!! Let's make this a record-breaking year!!



Some warm up to cell phone ICE

The alert is cool, emergency workers say.

"**I**n **C**ase Of **E**mergency" numbers could help if you're knocked out.



BY NOVELDA SOMMERS

Have you put your cell phone on ICE yet?

A broadly circulating e-mail says emergency workers want cell phone users to store "in case of emergency" contacts in their mobile phones labeled with the acronym ICE. If you want your mom contacted, she would be listed as "ICE-Mom," then her number.

Doing so would give police another tool for finding the families of people who, because of trauma or illness, can't speak for himself or herself.

The e-mail checks out: It's true that there's a movement afoot to get consumers to "ICE" their contact lists. A paramedic with the East Anglian Ambulance NHS Trust on England's eastern coast came up with the idea. The emergency service teamed up with Vodafone, a British-based cellular service provider, to publicize the campaign over there. Word spread via the Internet.

This week, the Virginia State Police sent a letter to its troopers, telling them that motorists might be carrying this information on their cell phones, said Sgt. D.S. Carr, an agency spokesman.

"Anything we can do to encourage people to help us with notification of next of kin is good," he said. "You'd be surprised how many accident cases we run across where the person has no ID on them. We do a lot of guessing and asking people who that person might be."

The state police Web site, www.vsp.virginia.gov, also links to a national next-of-kin registry, www.pleasenotifyme.org, where anyone can enter the contact information of whom they would want law enforcement to contact for them if they're incapacitated.

Cpl. James West, a spokesman for the Hampton Police Division, said he received an e-mail about the ICE campaign the same way many others had - from a friend. He didn't heed the advice, but he doesn't think that it's a bad idea.

However, police should be cautious about peeking into people's cell phones, he said, especially if a crime might have been committed - lest they taint any evidence that they should have gotten with a search warrant.

The ICE missive also found its way into the e-mail inbox of Karen Cobuluis, a spokeswoman for the National Emergency Management Association, a professional membership group based in Lexington, Ky.

"It's a great idea, and I actually did it," she said. "It seemed kind of hokey, but what could it hurt? I put my blood type in the memo line."

Police and emergency workers usually look in wallets for identity information and check for jewelry that could indicate blood type, allergies or infirmities, she said.

"Why wouldn't they try to find out as much as possible about a victim, if someone's lying there ill and unable to communicate?" she asked.

Jim Masten is disaster programs coordinator for the Peninsula's Emergency Medical Services Council. He said some responders might feel squeamish about flipping through a stranger's phone because of privacy concerns, even though he liked the idea of having another way to help victims.

"Maybe they could have a sticker or something on the phone that says it's OK for an emergency provider to look through your phone list," he said. "It's low on our priority list. If someone is