

# GoldWing Road Riders Association Virginia Educator News

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I would first like to thank all of the people who helped out at this year's Rally in the Valley. Thanks to the many efforts of all, we had another great year. In addition to the Rider Ed table activities, we put on 9 seminars, 3 Medic First® seminars, a Road Captains Course, an Advanced Sidecar/Trike class and an ERC. We could not have done it all without your help.

Congratulations to Nancy Wilkins for being selected as the Outstanding Virginia Educator. Nancy has done a great job as Chapter Educator for Chapter J. Keep up the good work Nancy!

As you are aware, a few months ago the Level IV program was placed in suspension pending a review and evaluation of the program. I am happy to announce that this suspension has been lifted. Please be sure to read the letter from Don Brock and Bob Lorenz below.

## News From National & Region N

October 7, 2005

Rider Education Division Announcement  
Re: Level IV – Master Tour Rider Program

As announced in July 2005, the Master Tour Rider Program was placed in suspension pending a review and evaluation of the Program. This process has been completed and recommendations for enhancement are currently being finalized to provide long-term enhancement to not only the Level IV aspect of the Program but to all of the Rider Education Program (REP) levels and content.

The final development, release and implementation of REP enhancements and changes will take some time, and it is intended that these changes will be implemented progressively. As this implementation plan develops, enhancement information will be released to the Rider Educator Corps and the membership. Be assured that the process for implementation will include sufficient transitional time to allow Members to adapt to the revised REP requirements and expectations.

With this in mind, we are pleased to announce that the Master Tour Rider, Level IV, program is being reactivated effective immediately. The Program is being reactivated within the current requirements and processes. Enhancement will be implemented as a part of the ongoing process improvement upgrade to the Rider Education Program.

Sincerely,

Bob Lorenz  
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Don Brock  
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## Announcements

### Renewals



*Everyone needs to renew his or her Rider Ed Levels in January (unless you just went to your NEW Level in October, November or December)*

It is that time of the year again. Time to renew your Rider Ed levels. Remember **EVERYONE** needs to renew at the same time (except for those who just went to their Level in October, November or December of this year).

#### What do you need to do?

Print out a blank REP level form and take it to your next meeting. Ask your Chapter Director for a little bit of time to help everyone fill out his or her level application. If everyone is current, it is only \$2 for Level I, II and III and \$10 for Level IV. Remember, if you have a member that is not current in their level (their renewal date is before 2005) then you will need to get them current. How do you do that? You figure out how many years they are behind and pay for the renewal for that many of years. REMIDNER – a member only needs to pay up to the amount of a new level if they are behind. For example, if a member has not renewed their Level III since 2000, they would need to renew for 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005. The renewal fee for each one of these years is \$2. Since the maximum amount to renew Level III is \$4, the most they need to pay is \$4.

#### Renewals for Level IV

If you have members that need to renew Level IV, please have them complete their renewal form and mail it directly to National. The renewal fee is \$10.

### Safety tips for motorcyclists

- Position your motorcycle so that other road users can see you. Avoid the car's blind spot. All vehicles, big or small, have blind spots, where other vehicles cannot easily be seen in their mirrors.
- Check your rear vision mirrors and glance over your shoulder before changing lanes or merging.
- Overtake carefully without speeding or swerving too much.
- Ride at a speed that will allow you to deal with the unexpected and allow you to slow down or stop.
- While traveling around curves, ride at the advised speed limit. It is very easy to "come unstuck". In fact, 48% of motorcyclists' fatal crashes occur on curves.
- Be particularly alert at intersections where many motorcycle-motor vehicle crashes occur. Approach intersections cautiously and prepare to stop, even if you have the right of way.
- The simple fact is that the motorcycles are smaller than motor vehicles and are not as easily seen on the roads as other vehicles. This is a result of a number of factors including car drivers not expecting to see motorcycles as well as the size and nature of motorcycles.

Source: Motorcycling Virginia website

## New Rider Ed Levels

**Congratulations to the following members for reaching NEW Levels I, II and III**

### May

VA-B – W.G. Hamm – Level II  
 VA-B – Wallace Waggoner – Level II  
 VA-B – Dale Marshall – Level II  
 VA-B – James Ciampi – Level II  
 VA-E – Michael Herbaugh – Level I  
 VA-E – Linda Herbaugh – Level I  
 VA-E – Anthony Boone – Level I  
 VA-E – Tracy Boone – Level I  
 VA-E – James Bass – Level I, II & III  
 VA-E – Christina Bass – Level I  
 VA-E – Larry Gray – Level I, II & III  
 VA-E – Renard Willis – Level I  
 VA-E – Marcia Kallen – Level I  
 VA-E – Ron Hardisty – Level I  
 VA-E – Linda Hardisty – Level I  
 VA-E – Ron Hardisty – Level II & III  
 VA-E – Allen Scott – Level II & III  
 VA-E – Don Nissen – Level I  
 VA-E – Sharon Nissen – Level I  
 VA-E – Don Nissen – Level II  
 VA-U – Gary Lancaster – Level I  
 VA-U – Lisa Lancaster – Level I  
 VA-W – Jim Dobyms – Level II & III  
 VA-W – Bill Martyn – Level II & III  
 VA-W – Jennifer Knight – Level I  
 VA-W – Drewes Rogge – Level II & III  
 VA-W – Adele Rogge – Level I  
 VA-X – Nathan Mosser – Level I

### June

VA-B – Dean Frederick – Level II & III  
 VA-B – Deana Lowe – Level II  
 VA-K – William Milum – Level I  
 VA-K – Linda Milum – Level I  
 VA-K – George Dudley – Level II  
 VA-K – Patricia Kuelz – Level II  
 VA-Y – John Heanue – Level I  
 VA-Y – Muriel Heanue – Level I  
 VA-Y – Jimmy Csizmadia – Level I  
 VA-Y – Patty Csizmadia – Level I

**Congratulations to the following members for achieving Master Tour Rider:**

VA-E – Ron Hardisty  
 VA-E – Bev Travis  
 VA-K – Pamela Meador  
 VA-K – Nathan Meador  
 VA-L – Alton Dobbins  
 VA-District – John Bebb

### July

VA-I – Robert Sturm – Level I  
 VA-I – Bill Lacy – Level I  
 VA-O – Donald Simone – Level II & III  
 VA-O – Karen Barnett – Level I  
 VA-O – Todie arnet – Level I  
 VA-O – Lynn Simone – Level II & III  
 VA-V – Charlei Agee – Level I  
 VA-V – Mabel Agee – Level I  
 VA-W – Scott Faulkner – Level I  
 VA-W – Lewis Johnson – Level I  
 VA-W – Diane Johnson – Level I  
 VA-W – Glen Harris – Level I  
 VA-W – Samantha Daulton – Level I  
 VA-W – Johnthan Snoke – Level I & II  
 VA-W – James Snoke – Level I & II  
 VA-W – Debbie Snoke – Level I & II  
 VA-W – Justin Snoke – Level I & II  
 VA-Y – Charles Herrmann – Level I  
 VA-Y – Diana Herrmann – Level I  
 VA-Y – William Miller – Level I, II & III

### September

VA-C – Wes Richie – Level I  
 VA-C – Linda Richie – Level I  
 VA-C – Vivian Slaydon – Level I  
 VA-C – Archie Scarborough – Level I  
 VA-C – Martha Scarborough – Level I

### October

VA-D – Patricia Noel – Level I  
 VA-I – Jon Nicholls – Level III  
 VA-I – Cathy Cox – Level I & II  
 VA-O – Daniel Clark – Level I  
 VA-O – Patricia Weaver – Level I  
 VA-O – Francine Allen – Level I & II  
 VA-U – Lisa Lancaster – Level II  
 VA-U – Kathi Mears – Level I, II & III  
 VA-U – Nan McGrew – Level I & II  
 VA-U – Jerry McGrew – Level I  
 VA-V – Philip McDermott – Level I  
 VA-V – Betsy McDermott – Level I  
 VA-V – Joe Gillespie – Level I, II & III  
 VA-V – Richard Preece – Level I & II  
 VA-V – Diana Preece – Level I & II  
 VA-X – Tony Ayers – Level I, II & III  
 VA-X – Vickie Ayers – Level I & II



*Congratulations to all of our  
New Levels !!*

## What's Happening

### Rally-in-the-Valley News

Congratulations to Nancy Wilkins for being selected as the Outstanding Virginia Educator of the Year. She has done a great job with Chapter J. The next time you see Nancy, be sure to give her your congratulations.

A big THANKS to all the Educators who helped out with Rider Education this year for Rally in the Valley. The many of you that helped out at the table, thanks. Those of you that brought in door prizes, what a big help. Fast Cash Tickets – what can I say? We really appreciate everyone selling the tickets – we sold all 500 of them. I am still not quite sure what Jack Darden was trying to do when he had them clipped all over his body. Did anyone see where Carol Lindgren had HER tickets to sell??? Those lucky guys that bought those tickets, do you know where they had been? Thanks again to everyone for their help. Without you, we could not have such a great rally.



### Way To Go

### Motorcycle Virginia Website

Have you checked out the new Motorcycle Virginia website? The website is broken out into 3 different categories:

- Motorcycle Safety
- Great Rides / Events
- Virginia Resources

Here you can find out all about the motorcycle requirements for Virginia, find out some safety tips for motorcycling and car drivers and learn more about the Virginia Rider Training Program. Educators, do you need information for your monthly talks or newsletter articles? This is the place to check out.

[www.motorcycleva.com](http://www.motorcycleva.com)

