



RIDER ED DIRECT

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A Monthly Communication to Michigan's Chapter Educators
From your GWRRR Michigan District Rider Ed Team



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Rider Education Division of GWRRR

Our Mission:

*To Save Lives
Through Quality,
World Class Education*

Our Motto:

"Safety Is For Life"

Rider Ed Levels Program

Level I: Safety by Commitment

Level II: Safety by Education

Level III: Safety by Preparedness

Level IV: Safety by Enhanced
Commitment and Preparedness

End of Season Cycle Maintenance

November typically brings weather throughout Michigan that is not very good for motorcycling. The air gets cold enough to cause hypothermia without adding the wind chill from sitting atop a motorcycle while blasting down the road at legal speeds – even 45 mph. And some areas of Michigan will have snow on the ground before this month is out. Some of you are cold-blooded enough to prolong the season another few weeks, but for most, this is about the time of year that your motorcycle becomes a lonesome friend sitting quietly in the garage. Before you park it for a season of inactivity, this is a great time to get the end of season maintenance done before you store it for the season. Whether you do it yourself or pay a professional to do it, Honda recommends that you change the oil and oil filter to remove contaminants – dirt, deposits, acids and moisture -that can lead to corrosion inside the engine. Other fluid levels should be checked for proper level. If the fluids are due for replacement based on miles ridden since the last change (check your manual and service history), this is a good time to do that, and any other maintenance tasks that you may have been putting off. Your mechanic likely is not very busy at this time of year. He (she) would probably appreciate your visit, too! And you know your bike will be better for the care. Then when spring comes next year (it is not that far off, after all!), you'll be ready to go without a visit to the mechanic before starting your next big ride. After you get it back from your mechanic, fill the gas tank and add fuel stabilizer (Stabil) before parking your Wing. Follow the directions on the bottle. Or you may choose to drain the carburetors on your GL-1500/1200/etc., to prevent varnish build-up. Wash and wax the bike and inflate the tires. The battery should be disconnected from the motorcycle (negative terminal first), stored where it won't freeze, and trickle charged at least every 30 days, per your Gold Wing Owner's Manual. (Refer to your battery charger manual for more charging details.) The bottom line: take good care of your Wing, and your Wing will take good care of you!

Planning Reminders:

1. This is a good time to begin planning chapter First Aid / CPR training for those in your chapter who need it.
 - ◆ See who needs training to remain current or progress in Levels program (Level III & IV)
 - ◆ FA/CPR training needs to be repeated every 2 years to stay current
 - ◆ MFA program includes use of Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)
 - ◆ MFA training coordinator is Steve Gates, MI-X (pgates@kresanet.org)

Training request form in Adobe .pdf format is available at:

http://www.gwrra-mi.org/RiderEdForms/MFA_Request_Form.pdf

2. The Fall Officer's Meeting is Saturday, November 17th. Chapter Directors, ACDs, Rider Educators and Asst. Educators are all invited and encouraged to attend. Make your plans & hotel reservations now.

3. Chapter Educators - please be sure to submit your monthly Rider Ed report by month's end at:

<http://www.gwrra-mi.org/RiderEdMonthlyReport.htm>

Thanks for all you do for Rider Education! And remember: **Safety Is For Life!**