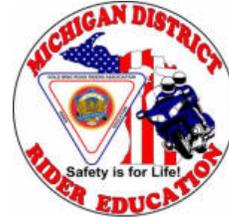




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From your GWRRA Michigan District Rider Ed Team
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To: All **Chapter Educators**, and **Chapter Directors** *without* an Educator

This is intended to *support* your Rider Education efforts. If you need a topic idea for your required "Gimme 5" talk at your Gathering or for your chapter newsletter article this month, feel free to use this material in part or in whole. It is **not** mandatory that you use this either for your talk or in your newsletter. If you choose to use it, feel free to change it to suit your audience. If you use this as your article *without change*, however, please credit the MI District Rider Ed Team. *Thanks!*

(Possible "Gimme 5" for Chapter Educators for **November, 2008**)

MONTHLY TOPIC: I Hope (sniff, sniff) It's Not (Boo Hoo) a LONG, HARD WINTER

The leaves have all fallen and frost covers the earth in the morning. The color tours are over. It is that time of year when we ready our favorite summer "ride" for the winter. Some of us ride a little longer into the cold weather and I've even heard of die-hards who ride "all year", but eventually most of us put our babies into the garage or storage shed until spring. Whenever that time comes for you, it might be advantageous to use a checklist to make sure that you don't forget anything. Perhaps the use of the TCLOCS will be most helpful; tires, controls, lights, oils, chassis and side-stand. But don't forget the battery and alternator! Once you have provided all that "tender loving care", place your bike in its favorite hibernation spot, but get it off the cold concrete by placing it on a sheet of plywood or up on the center stand. If you are new to this experience, a thorough reading of the Owner's Manual may be in order.

Making your Christmas Wish List while performing the tasks of putting the bike away and inspecting your riding gear will create an atmosphere of fun and excitement. Of course we want to protect our bodies first, so put those items on the top of list. Perhaps you would like that reflective riding gear that is becoming so popular. It comes in both hot and cold weather varieties. If your gear is still in good shape, you could simply add some reflective "strips" – this leaves more room on the Wish List, too! Make sure your helmet still fits well and has not been damaged from being dropped, and ALWAYS replace it when it begins to show signs of wear. How much more fun would this be if you made it a chapter event?!

Remember what you learn in ERC, ARC, TRC and Facilitated Parking Lot Practices: Cover any part of your body that you want to use in the future and work to SEE AND BE SEEN!!

Winter is the perfect time to plan your Rider Ed Seminars and Medic First Aid Classes. If you have a small chapter or only a few left after the “snow birds” leave, invite a neighboring chapter to join you and maybe make a day of it with snacks and fun planned, too.

Planning Reminders:

1. Team Riding and Road Captain seminars are available for presentation at your chapter. Invite neighboring chapters and share the knowledge opportunity. Seminar request form is available here:

<http://www.gwrra-mi.org/RiderEdForms/REQUEST%20SEMINAR%20FORM.doc>

2. This is a good time to set up your off-season First Aid / CPR / AED training. Beat the mid-winter rush. The request form is available here:

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

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