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Our Mission:

**To Save Lives
Through Quality,
World Class Education**

Our Motto:

"Safety Is For Life"

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A Monthly Communication to Michigan's Chapter Educators
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!*

Your District Rider Education staff apologizes for the late arrival of this issue. There were some technical issues with trying to get the Rider Ed Direct combined with the new Michigan District Newsletter, so we have chosen to continue with this format until we get those issues worked out.

(Possible "Gimme 5" for Chapter Educators for **January/February, 2009**)

MONTHLY TOPIC: LET'S MAKE A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION TO SHINE IN '09

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is over and winter is definitely upon us. With a magic flip of the calendar it's a New Year and a time for new resolutions. We are looking back at the past year and forward to the new. We are all asking ourselves "how can I be better in the year to come?" Let's all resolve to be the best that we can possibly be for our Chapter and our friends.

Winter is the perfect time for us, as Educators, to evaluate our members and see where they are in the levels program. Evaluate what seminars will be needed to help keep them current or to move up in the levels program and share that information with them, one on one. If you have members that are not participating in the Rider Education Program take some time and talk with them about it.

Get your calendar ready for the year and then **share** that calendar with your chapter. Post it in your newsletter, print it and hand it out at your next gathering, or e-mail it to the members.

Share the following list of the Rider Education Levels Program and the requirements:

LEVEL I - SAFETY BY COMMITMENT (SAFE MILES)

- Personal commitment to the safe operation of your motorcycle. (It's not an unrealistic goal to want 100% member participation in level one.)

LEVEL II - SAFETY BY EDUCATION (**TOUR RIDER/CO-RIDER**)

- Rider or Co-Rider must be a current GWRRA Member
- Rider must have a current motorcycle endorsement and 5,000 safe miles.
- Rider must complete a GWRRA Advanced Rider Course or Trike Rider Course, a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Experienced Rider Course, a Canadian Safety Council course, or a District-sponsored Facilitated Parking Lot Practice within the last three years. (Registration forms for ARC/TRC/ERC can be found on the MI District Web Site. The schedule will be available at Wingless Weekend.)
- Co-Rider must have completed the ARC, ERC, or FPLP two up, attended a GWRRA Co-Rider Seminar, or watched the Co-Rider video within the last two years. (Seminar request forms are available on the MI District Web Site. Chapter Educator and Chapter Director must request a seminar. A presenter will be assigned to your seminar after the request is received. You provide the location and the members.)

LEVEL III - SAFETY BY PREPAREDNESS (**CERTIFIED TOUR RIDER/CO-RIDER**)

- Rider or Co-Rider must be a current GWRRA member.
- Rider or Co-Rider must be enrolled in Level I and current in Level II.
- Rider must complete a GWRRA Advanced Rider Course or Trike Rider Course, a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Experienced Rider Course, or a Canadian Safety Council course within the last three years. (Registration forms for ARC/TRC/ERC can be found on the MI District Web Site. The schedule will be available at Wingless Weekend.)
- Rider or Co-Rider must be currently certified in **either** CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) **or** First Aid. (CPR certification **must** be through a **hands-on** course, on-line courses are not accepted.) MI District Rider Education provides Medic First Aid (CPR, First Aid and AED) classes which are good for two years. (It is best to schedule these courses in the winter and spring months. MFA request forms are available on the MI District website. Chapter Educator and Chapter Director must request an MFA class at least one month in advance. An instructor will be assigned to your class after the request is received. You provide the location and the members.)
- Must carry a First Aid Kit on their motorcycle at all times.

LEVEL IV - SAFETY BY ENHANCED COMMITMENT AND PREPAREDNESS (**MASTER TOUR RIDER/CO-RIDER**)

- Rider or Co-Rider must be a current GWRRA member.
- Completed Level III Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider Program and have been current in Level III for one year, minimum.
- Must have 25,000 safe miles.
- Must be current in **both** CPR **and** First Aid.
- Must wear protective riding gear at all times.

Other seminars that you can schedule for your chapter besides the Co-Rider seminar include: Accident Scene Management, Team Riding, Seasoned Rider, Road Captain and Trailing. If you didn't schedule any seminars last year for your chapter maybe this year you can make a personal commitment to bring at least one of these worthwhile seminars to your chapter. Ask them what they may be interested in learning. Or, you can have a parking lot practice in the spring and include a T-Clock to get the rust off.

When you do have the honor of handing out a new mileage pin or advancement in the levels program we would like to very strongly suggest that you award the participant with their pin or patch at your monthly gathering and also that you acknowledge them in your monthly newsletter article. Go ahead and brag a little bit. You have every right to let that member shine for his or her achievements.

As a reminder to all ... All of the Assistant District Directors will be holding their section meetings within the next couple of months. Be sure to find out when yours is scheduled and make plans to attend. Rider Ed will be discussed at each section meeting. If you have any questions, jot them down and bring your questions with you. There are no "dumb" questions. If you are not sure of something, chances are pretty good that others are unsure also.

Make sure that you visit us at the Rider Ed table at Wingless Weekend. Look for us at the Chapter Sales too.

Let's all help make GWRRA and Rider Ed shine in '09!

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.gwrri-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:

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

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

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