

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Membership Enhancement Program

RECRUITING AND RETENTION TOOLS





The Membership Enhancement Program has several tools available for Directors and Membership Enhancement Coordinators (MECs) to assist them with Recruiting and Retention. These tools will help with the growth of members in your Regions, Districts and Chapters.

AREA REPORT LIST

The Area Report consists of two reports: one monthly, and one quarterly. Reports are sent to each Region around the 10th of each month. The Region forwards these reports to the Districts who in turn forward them to the Chapters.

The first report is the Full Area Report which is sent out four times a year: January, April, July, and October. The full report contains a complete listing of all Members in a specified Region. It can be utilized by the Region, District, and Chapter Directors and Region, District, and Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinators to help them with Recruiting and Retention by identifying GWRRA Members who may not be aware of or are participating in a Chapter. Along the bottom of the Full Area Report are tabs indicating Report Key, Full Area Report, and Additional Members. The Report Key explains each of the tabs and columns.

The second Area Report that is sent out is the Monthly Area Report and it provides a Recruiting Report, a list of New Members, Expiring Dues, Prospective Members, Expired Dues and Unassigned Zip Codes report. Each list may be accessed by clicking on the tabs at the bottom of the report. A Report Key tab is also provided. The entire District Area Report should be forwarded to each individual Chapter. Before the monthly report is sent from the District to the Chapters, the District MEC should highlight each new and prospective member(s) that each individual Chapter is responsible to contact. New and prospective members that are not highlighted on an individual Chapters list may be contacted by any other Chapter. New or prospective members living in an area where there are multiple Chapters may be contacted by more than one Chapter. The three columns that are located to the right side of the reports in each category are to be used to record contact information. Once contacts have been made (see Definition of ARL Contact and the Contact Flow Chart on the MEP website) and recorded at the Chapter level for new and prospective members, the list should be emailed back to the District Membership Enhancement Coordinator with a copy to the Chapter Director, District Director, Region Director and Region MEC.

The Region MEC will forward contact results to the Assistant International Directors, Membership Enhancement Program, Recruiting and Retention. Although it is no longer a requirement that Expiring and Expired Memberships be contacted, MECs at all levels are encouraged to review these and make contacts when it is believed that it will aid in the retention of members.

The Monthly Area Report also contains a list of members who are identified in column 1 as UA (Unassigned). These are members whose zip codes are not assigned to Chapters. The entire District list of members identified as UA should be sent to every Chapter within the District so they may be contacted. The members identified as UA in Column 1 remain on this list until their zip code is assigned to a Chapter by the District Director or District MEC.

NEW MEMBER LIST

Chapter Directors and MECs can use this worksheet to see who has recently joined GWRRA. It is important that these new members be personally contacted as soon as possible to inform them when and where a local Chapter gathers or to invite them to a Chapter event. The New Member list will be sent to all Chapters from the District.

EXPIRING DUES LIST

The Chapter Director and MEC can monitor this list to see if any membership in his/her area will expire in the following month. A member may have forgotten to renew their membership, and a personal phone call from the Chapter Director or MEC may make a difference in the member renewing or letting their membership expire.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER LIST

Any individual that has contacted Home Office and expressed an interest in GWRRA will appear on this list. They may have purchased a Gold Wing Motorcycle or talked with someone about GWRRA and may be looking for more information. In any case, they have contacted Home Office and inquired about some aspect of GWRRA. The Chapter Director or MEC should personally contact and/or mail a letter to invite this individual to a Chapter Gathering or Event. It is important that these individuals be contacted as soon as possible. It is important to remember these individuals are not yet members. Even though this person may not own a Gold Wing, they can become an Associate Member. A Prospective Member will appear on the Prospectives List for two consecutive months.

EXPIRED DUES LIST

This list provides the names of members whose Membership has been expired for two (2) months. Their names will appear on the list only one time. The members on this list may be contacted if Directors or MECs feel it will aid in the retention of the expired member.

UNASSIGNED ZIP CODE LIST

The Unassigned Zip Code list is a tool for District Directors to use. He/she should monitor the Unassigned Zip Codes. A zip code is placed on the Unassigned Zip Code list when a new member joins GWRRA and their zip code is currently not assigned to a Chapter. All Unassigned Zip Codes need to be addressed. An effort should be made by the District to assign all Unassigned Zip Codes to a Chapter. In some instances the zip code cannot be assigned to a current Chapter and there may not be enough members to start a Chapter. These individuals need to be contacted so they will feel important to the GWRRA family. Only

a District Director or District MEC are authorized to contact Home Office and have Unassigned Zip Codes assigned. However, he/she can use the help of Chapter Directors and Chapter MECs working together to assist with compiling this information.

Utilization of these tools by Chapter Directors and MECs, making <u>personal</u> contacts, can make a difference in whether New and Prospective Members become involved in Chapter Life. Membership is the "Lifeblood" of GWRRA! The continued growth will ensure the life of GWRRA for a long time in the future.

Always keep in mind that these reports contain personal member information and it cannot be stressed enough to safeguard them. Only those who have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Confidentiality Agreement may have access to these lists.

For more information, contact the Assistant Directors, Membership Enhancement Program, Recruiting and Retention. Visit the MEP website at mep.gwrra.org/r_and_r.html for current contact information.