

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Director Rider Education

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Subject: Appointment announcements to the National Rider Education Staff and updates

Greetings fellow Officers,

First let me say that Lori and I are humbled with the overwhelming support we have received through emails and phone calls. We thank you for this. My first order of business is to get our National team in order so that we have a smooth transition. I'm fortunate to have some very talented Region Educators who have agreed to join the team and are prepared to get things moving forward. There may be a few bumps in the road ahead but we'll work through them.

With that being said, it is my pleasure to announce two appointments to the National Rider Education team.

Jim and Nan Hall, Region N Educators appointed as:

Assistant Director- Rider Education

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Duties and responsibilities:

Database Administrator for: Levels Program, Seminar Presenter, and Rider Course Instructor

Head a task force to continually improve the new REP Database just setup at National.

Ron and Pam Lantz, Region A Educators appointed as:

Assistant Director- Rider Education

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Duties and responsibilities:

PLP Facilitator Program, Senior Educator Program, Quarterly Activity Reports, Survivor Program, and a new program call "Give me 5" designed to archive short 5 minute topic briefs as a resource for our Chapter Educators to use at their monthly meeting.

Remaining on the National Rider Education Staff:

Milt Sorensen, Assistant Director - Rider Education

Oversight of Canadian Rider Education Operations

Bob Berry, Director - Rider Course Programs

Rider Course Instructor Training/Certification

Larry and Rhonda Stiles, Director - CPR/First Aid
Medic First Aid Programs, Administration and Instructor Training/Certification

Charles and Nancy Mallett, Director- Motorist Awareness

Jim Graybeal, Director- Drill Teams

Also **Bill Haggerty**, who is currently the Canadian RE/Operations Webmaster, has agreed to also maintain the National Rider Education Website.

Ron and Pam, along with Jim and Nan will be a positive addition to the National Rider Education team. Please extend your congratulations to them on their appointment.

There have been commitments made to make improvements to the Rider Education Program. Among those improvements three areas stand out. They are the National Website, online Rider Education Database, and the Rider Education Handbook.

National Website:

Currently the National Rider Education website is reorganized and updated. I have changed the effected forms with the correct mailing names and addresses. I am not aware of any other changes to the forms that are needed. Download the new forms N.13, N.14, N.15, N.16 and N.22. Another change that has been made is that the Motorist Awareness seminars will be password protected as the RE seminars currently are.

Online Line Database:

As you all know progress has been made. Currently a few bugs are being worked out. As I receive information I will pass it along. I have assigned Jim and Nan Hall to head up a task force to address where we go from here. When the data is entered, the system we will need a "Tool Box" of features that allow for custom reporting, bulk data entry, specific levels of access and so on. If you want to be a part of this team that will be working on this development, please contact Jim Hall.

Rider Education Handbook:

OK, this one has been a sore spot for me as a Region Educator. Now I'm on the receiving end. It will be done very quickly. This is not because I have a magic wand; it is because of the dedication of Tony Van Schaick who has been diligently working on it. There are a few decisions to be made and it will be ready for review. My plan is to have the National RE staff review it and then pass it along to the Region Educators for review. Once reviewed and accepted, with Melissa's approval, we will post it on the website. This process will be completed within 60 days.

It has been a busy few days and our team is coming together. I would like to give Mark & Mary Zingery and Tony & Michelle Van Schaick a very big "Thank You" for the time and dedication they have given to the Rider Education Program. Because of their efforts, and those before them, this program has grown to be one of the finest in the world. GWRRA is blessed to have so many talented members willing to give of themselves for the benefit of all. Working as a team, we will continue to break new ground as we move forward.

Thanks for all you do,

Mike and Lori Stiger
Directors- Rider Education