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2004

GWRRA

Senior International Director Rider Education Division

Bob Lorenz

2004 has been an active year and has continued the growth and expansion of our programs and support for our members. We have made progress in several areas and need to continue this progress as we move forward. We look forward to 2005 in anticipation of further expansion and self-reliance within our programs.

Rider Education Program (REP) Handbook

Rev. 8 – The completely revised and substantially rewritten handbook was completed in March. The handbook now includes all aspects of our program to date and provides a solid basis for information and understanding of what GWRRA's Rider Education program can provide to our membership. The handbook serves as a foundation for all of our Educators and members. The handbook represents many hours and dedication from the staff in its preparation.

Revisions to the handbook will be forthcoming and are based on input and feedback garnered from the Regions and members.

Medic First Aid Program

This program continues to grow and is now active, to some extent, in all Regions. Currently there are 213 MFA Instructors in the Association of which 12 are trainers. Numbers for actual member trained for 2004 are not yet available. We will continue to provide training for "Trainers" and Instructors at Wing Ding.

Regions need to assess their needs for MFA Instructors with an eye to adding Instructors to each of the Districts.

Rider Course Training

The program continues to grow with more Instructors coming on board. Several new Master Instructors were selected and updated at Wing Ding. The new Sidecar Rider Course was field tested at Wing ding. The course will be ready for release in 2005

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Rider Course Training (continued)

Wing Ding introduced the use of the new MSF ERC Suite and the course was well received. We will continue to use that program in the States that have adopted that program.

We are currently working on the GWRRA program for training our very own "Instructors". (The term Instructor may not be used in lieu of a more proper identifier.) It is our intent to have this course ready for the release in 2005. However, it must be noted that this will require some time and effort to get this established in the field. Master or Chief Instructors will be needed to be selected and trained prior to release of the program. The Master or Chief Instructors will train the Rider Instructors. The Instructor course will require a minimum of 40 hours of training and certification in order to meet State requirements. It is anticipated that this will be an issue, but the program is in line with all other organizations training curriculum.

Road Captains Course

With the release of the new "Rider Education Handbook" it was noted that the course was intended to address training of the rider's responsibility for conducting safe and coordinated "Group Rides". This created some controversy related to "Co-Riders" attending and participating in the Road Captains Course. At Wing Ding the "Co-Road Captains" rocker was released in order to recognize those Co-Riders actively participating in the program.

REP Database

We have begun to rework to database to a more useful and friendly program (Microsoft Excel). {As of this writing this conversion has been completed.}

The addition of Assistant International Director Rider Levels Database Tony & Michelle Van Schaick greatly increased the database improvements. Their hard

efforts and work will be seen soon. The new structure will be reader friendly and user friendly. Thanks to Tony and Michelle.



We are looking ahead

SIDRE

Bob & Sue Lorenz

- ◇ REP handbook updates
- ◇ Team Riding Manuel (revision to be aligned with the Road Captains Course)
- ◇ Sidecar Rider Course
- ◇ GWRRA Rider Course "Instructor" Training program
- ◇ Motorcycle Mishap Management Program (title subject to change)
- ◇ Rider Training for Add On Carriages. Address the needs for training for riders equipped with this type of add on equipment
- ◇ Parking Lot Programs – 2 and 3 wheel. A need to establish a 3 wheel PLP. Define the program and its intent that the PLP will be used on a broader basis than the current program

AIDRE

Tony & Michelle Van Schaick Rider Ed Database (Spreadsheet) Administrators

- The database is fully converted from Microsoft Access into a Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet in the 1st month.
- New Summary forms showing breakdown by percent at each level in each Region/District versus total Rider Ed in the Region/District, with an option to include percentage breakdown by total membership in the Region.
- Feedback from first Monthly Rider Ed report (the Greenbar) is positive and new suggestions implemented.
- # Rider Ed Level Applications and Change sheets processed

in October 465 (228 in 2003), in November 925 (247 in 2003).

- In November - New Level 1 (98), New Level II (52), New Level III (61)
- # Members in Rider Ed spreadsheet in September = 26,632 (baseline), October = 26,889 (+257), November = 27,033 (+144)
- Issues - included in help document on how to fill out the level application previously sent out for comment
- On the horizon - renewals and indoor training for the northern climates (and the California / New Mexico/Arizona high deserts - grin!) and cooler riding for the south => hopefully more rider training?!

AIDRE

Larry & Rhonda Stiles

MEDIC FIRST AID®

- Came back from honeymoon from 90° to weather with rain and 37°.
- File and mail class rosters sent in by our hard working MFA Trainers and Instructors.
- Remove 3" of snow from driveway.
- Bike put up for winter.
- Work on pictures in PowerPoint for the new MMMP project.
- Send more class rosters into MFA.
- Cover pool for winter.
- Getting Trainers geared for the new Instructors for AED training and to work with AED's they are buying
- Update some areas of MEDIC FIRST AID® in our REP.
- Sending in application to North East Region rally.
- Ohio Rally to be there to train more instructors and gave seminars.
- Lose weight so I can eat more turkey and all the trimmings.
- Maybe we will eat more turkey and lose weight later.

(Larry Stiles update continue)

- Looking outside as it rains and the temp is near 50°.

AIDRE

Bob and Althea Berry **RIDER COURSE PROGRAMS**

- Organizing the Rider Course procedures for Ft. Wayne.
- Playing golf.
- Telephone meetings with Bob re: GWRRA Instructor training
- Long warm weather rides
- Administering new Rider Course Instructor applications (7 - I think - in November)
- Hiking in the desert
- Representing International Staff at New Mexico and Arizona District Rallies
- Studying the REP by the pool

AIDRED

BILL & LINDA ENGLISH **NEWSLETTER / TOP GUN**

- Researching items for the newsletter
- Researching for trailer laws per State.
- Working with Motorcycle Ohio training and assisting with the training site.
- Instructing GWRRA training classes, PLP and MFA®.
- Working with AMA for Vintage Days and Honda Super Bike Week at Mid Ohio.
- Reading many Newsletters that are on line. Checking for that good information to spread via the National Rider Education Newsletter
- Spreading the great "GWRRA image" on a weekly radio show.
- Riding proper & ice cream and riding proper.
- Coordinating a bike show for the local County Fair.
- Giving Thanks to God
- Finally read my last three Wing Worlds.

National Director

Rider Education **Canada** **Gordon & Elsie Murphy**

- Cleaned the bike of fall road grime in advance of its winter hibernation.
- Submitted first draft of proposed Rider Course Instructor Certification Program to Mike Wright and Bob Lorenz for their review and commentary
- Took a few afternoon siestas (we who are retired are permitted to engage in this delightful pastime!)
- Modified some Rider Ed forms to better suit our Canadian program
- Got the snow blower ready for the snow I sincerely hope we don't have
- Did some more GWRRA Rider Ed work
- Took some more afternoon siestas (I'll soon be trained to go into hibernation like the Wing!)
- Responded to a number of e-mails re: the REP
- Daydreamed of an early spring and the opportunity to get out riding again
- Did some hiking to attempt to cheat the weight gremlin
- Read Wing World magazine.
- Stand by for next chapter in this saga.

Assistant National Director **Rider Education** **Canada**

DAVE & ANNE HAY

- ❖ Completing the latest newsletter
- ❖ Getting ready for an upcoming driving course for senior drivers that I'll be teaching at the local 'Senior College after Christmas
- ❖ Road testing & evaluating Honda ST1300, 2005, Harley ABS Police MC, BMW 1150 Police bikes and wishing it was not winter while doing it.
- ❖ Trying to help family of local for Chapter member who just discovered that he has stage 4 cancer and only a short time to live

- ❖ Thanking God for my blessings...again...and using YOUR Thanksgiving to so it... already used ours.
- ❖ Watching the Canadian \$\$\$ rise so much that I will be able to actually afford to renew our levels & membership next year
- ❖ Renewed my medical and paperwork so that I'm a legal riding instructor for 3 more years
- ❖ Looking at our Wing in the garage, under cover & on batter tender...till about April
- ❖ Watching Anne change from mother & wife.. into Supergramma... at least in late March 2005...lotsa fun
- ❖ Being happy I have great friends like you to send stuff like this to

Hope you enjoyed hearing from the staff. Do they need to get a life?

Happy Holidays



MFA®

AIDRE

Larry & Rhonda Stiles

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and a few days off to recoup from all the eating we did for a few days.

Will I think winter finally arrived? We had 3" of the wonderful white stuff, mmmm, where is the warm weather at.

Now is the time I am seeing a lot of our MEDIC FIRST AID® Instructors are getting their schedules tuned up and classes assigned so the membership have something to do while we wait for spring to arrive again.

(MFA® continued)

I have been getting different types of forms listing the students from the MFA® classes:

Some are using the old MEDIC FIRST AID® forms that are two years out dated. Some are making their own. Perhaps the training was incorrect or they are unaware of the new one I made. All should be using the GWRRA MEDIC FIRST AID® form that has my name, Larry Stiles, on the bottom.

I have found that some Instructors have not paid attention or forget the direction given them at class. They send them directly to MEDIC FIRST AID®. If this is done, we get no credit for that class. Also I do not receive a copy and would have no records so the class is void. I have 30 days from the date of the class to get these class rosters into MFA.

If someone needs a copy of the class roster all they need to do is contact their MFA Trainer, MFA Coordinator, RE, DE or myself. The form is also in the REP online at the GWRRA website and can be printed from there.

I just received the new renewal forms for the Instructors that are due for renewal in 2005. These forms will be sent to all Region Trainers within the next few days. They are to be back to the Region Trainers before December 15 so they can get them into MEDIC FIRST AID® by December 31st. These renewal dates will start on 1/01/2005 for two years.

Some have asked if there can be a three year certification, MEDIC FIRST AID® controls the length of the certification. Most people can retain what they learn for up to two years but it is harder if you lengthen it. It is best to stay with the two year certification to be sure you are updated correctly.

We are doing very well in teaching our membership CPR and First Aid, keep up the good work.

Enjoy the weather as it comes, we can do nothing to stop it, only hope winter is short and riding season is near.



Many hours are spent on computers to assist the members and to update information while helping to promote safe so all can enjoy riding. It is an ongoing process to learn and ride safely.

The improved items for our motorcycles, our riding gear and taking classes to learn the new ways of scanning and predicting is out there for us all.



REPORTS SHOW WHAT IS NEEDED WE MUST LISTEN

I am hoping our President will help to approve the funds for the new training program needed to replace or assist the results of the Hurt Study. Tech knowledge has changed and motorcycle rider's average age has gone up. The latest report on crash study show the "baby boomers" are close to the "sport bike riders" in the crash statistics. This is a problem that needs addressed. Running wide in a curve is the number one problem.

To say you have been riding for years and you think you do not need any training, is like saying you can still do four quarters of football as you did in High School. Times have changed.

LEVELS

Tony & Michelle Van
Schaick

Renewals – due January 1st

Level I – No renewal necessary

Level II and III – renewal is a minimal \$2 to cover postage and the cost of a pin/bar.

Level IV – Renewal is \$10 (Master), \$7.50 (Senior Master), \$5 (Grand Master) depending on what recognition level you have maintained.

Life Members and Life Grand Masters – No fees are collected, but you should still submit the updated forms annually so we can keep the spreadsheet updated to help your Educator meet the needs of the Chapter. If you want the year bar, please send in \$2 with your renewal application to cover this.

Monthly Rider Ed Reports (Greenbar)

Thanks for all the positive comments about the reports. We have incorporated many of the suggestions for improvement, and look forward to hearing more. Now that they are published on a monthly basis, officers are encouraged to submit a form N.10 REP Levels "Greenbar" Correction Form from the GWRRA REP Handbook with the corrected information if you find something that needs an update (Chapter, address correction, etc.). Use the normal Level Application for changes to levels, high mileage, expiration dates, and so on. There has been a 375% increase in Level Applications and correction forms compared to the same month last year. (204% increase in October.) It appears that the Membership and Educators enjoy the new frequency. Please make sure these get communicated down to the front line Chapter Educators!

Use the Correct revision of GWRRA Rider Education Levels Program Application form.

The current version is the one that says Revised March 2004 at the bottom. Earlier versions did not

(Levels continued)

contain the same information on the latest form. The fix is to request all old blank copies to be discarded and replaced with the latest version. This will ensure that the Member and Officer will have a "checklist" containing the proper information requested and pricing information.

[Get the word out.](#)

We still need to share with the Membership that Approved Rider Courses and Co-Rider Seminars are good for three years instead of two for Rider Education Program renewal and advancement purposes. The information has been available for some time, but the Level Applications still show that it has not reached everyone yet. Please reinforce this at the Chapter and Member level.

[Validation Hints](#)

Validating Officers are any GWRRA officer (Director, Assistant Director, and Educator). Here are some common things to check for when validating the GWRRA Rider Ed Program Level Application for Levels I-III:

❖ **Membership #**

Check that the number is the GWRRA Membership # and does not look like this one: 16540D. The number 16540D is listed on the card as an Agent Number. Take your GWRRA membership card out and look at these numbers.

❖ **Date the application was validated**

Many looking to continue on to Level IV are very interested in the date they had their application validated. Many forms have been received with no dates on them. Since one of the requirements for becoming a Level IV Master Tour Rider, this date is an important item to ensure gets included on the forms being validated.

❖ **Road Captain Course (RCC) VS. an approved Riding Course.**

Although there is a riding component in the presentation, there is not a teaching session during the ride for insurance liability reasons. The GWRRA

certified Rider Ed Seminar Presenter is simply an observer during this phase for a later discussion. Hence the Road Captain Course is NOT an approved riding course.

DO I CHANGE THE OIL

Are "Oil Changes" prior to a lay up a good or bad idea?

As we all know oil changes after so many miles are important. As you run your engine the oil gets contaminated from the gases that sneak by the pistons and create acid deposits in the oil. These deposits are not good especially for aluminum parts. Since we have aluminum parts we should change the oil before any lay up.

Some prefer to occasionally start the engines in cold weather. I personally don't think it is good idea; since you put in fresh oil to preserve the parts why pollute it by running you engine. When you start a cold engine the clearance is larger between the piston and cylinder walls, plus you have the choke on, more raw fuel in the cylinder, more chance to pollute the oil.

All these factors are for those who put their motorcycles up for 3 or 4 months. If you ride every chance you get, then oil changes will be done at regular intervals.

STABILIZER

Stabilizer in the gas. I believe it is wise. Gasoline will loose some of it octane as it sets. Evaporation is a lot of the reason.

Wait a minute my tank is sealed. Yep, but you have a vent via canisters and vacuum operated valves.

The additives used in making the exhaust fumes reach the requirements of the EPA also separate. The end result is your octane has decreased and will make the engine harder to start. Until you run out the fuel you have stored, the engines will not perform as well.



All of us, from the Rider Ed. Staff would like to wish everyone the Best of Holidays. Make it a safe and joyous time.

*Remember the reason for the Season.
God Bless
Bill & Linda*



Please remember in your hearts and prayers those who won't be home for the Holidays and those who don't have a home. Including those as they are defending freedom and those who we have lost their lives in defending freedom for everyone.