

# WING WISDOM

**GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION  
LEADERSHIP TRAINING DIVISION**

## From the Director's Chair

By CJ & Bo Karcanes, Leadership Training Division Directors

### The Vision of LTD

“A SERVICE TO THE OFFICER - A BENEFIT FOR THE MEMBERS”

This vision had, as an end goal, the development of comprehensive, high quality leadership training programs. Some of the programs focus on the officers and staff. The benefit for members is two-fold: by providing them with opportunities for personal growth and a more enjoyable experience made possible by well-trained leaders.

### The LTD Mission Statement

LTD exists to provide high quality operations and self-improvement training opportunities for GWRRA officers, their spouses, and interested members throughout the organization. The GWRRA training programs are designed to help leaders and members realize their full potential both personally and as a part of the Association, and provide the best experience possible for the members.

### 2008 LTD Goals

- Continue to grow and improve the LTD Curriculum
- Fill all vacant Trainer positions via new appointments or “load sharing”
- Convert all LTD Forms to “Electronic Format”
- Expand “Cluster Training” to minimum of 5 regions

Now is the time for all of the LTD Team to be building their 2008 Training Schedule. While I know that many of you have already started that process, I am just as certain that some of you haven't. Please don't let another day go by without at least starting that most important part of all your tasks. Just as the Chapter Directors that we train, Trainers and Instructors are expected to put opportunities in front of the members. Think about it this way, every one of you at some time or another has probably told a Chapter Director that they committed to “put together fun activities for their members to partake in.” (It says so right in at least three of our seminars/programs.) Well, if you are going to “talk the talk,” you had better be prepared to “walk the talk.”

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That's right, we can't be hypocrites about this and still expect our members to listen to us when we deliver seminars or write articles about how they should be doing their jobs. There is nobody else out there in the districts and regions who is going to set up and schedule training sessions but you. And just in case you have missed my point in previous articles, you must schedule these sessions with ample lead-time so that folks can put them into their personal schedules. The earlier you get the word out to your folks, the better chance you will have of getting on their calendars. Remember, our members lead busy lives just like we do, so give them a chance to schedule you into their plans. You just might be surprised by the response you get.

I have included the National/International Goals for 2008 in this article in the hopes that you will consider them as you are creating your 2008 Training Plans. Please keep the Timeline For Training in mind as you are slotting seminars/programs into your calendars. Keep in mind that your plans should be flexible enough not to discourage people, but firm enough that those same people feel they can depend on them to become reality.

One last note about 2008 plans, in order to budget for LTD supplies (pins, bars and patches), I really need each Region Trainer to give me a "best guess-imate" of what you'll use next year. Think of how many Horizon, Knowledge Enhancement, Life Skills, Member Orientation, Intermediate Skills, and Advanced Skills Programs you plan to hold and how many people might attend. I realize that your numbers will be an estimate, but at least you can guess based on historical attendance and current feelings from your members. No body will be chastised for a bad guess; I promise.

Thank you all for what you do for GWRRA and more especially for LTD. Through your efforts, more people have been trained this year than we dreamed possible. You have set a new record for delivering Horizons Programs, and several Regions have demonstrated improved use of the Timeline For Training as well as beginning to implement "cluster training" to bring training closer to the member. Keep up the good work and stay happy.



Training  
is  
**FUN**damental!



*"Character  
is the  
real foundation  
of all  
worthwhile  
success."*

*~ John Hays  
Hammond*

## Resources on the GWRRA Website

By Amy Peterson, Newsletter Editor



Whether you are near the International Offices in Phoenix, AZ or near a computer somewhere around the world, there are many tools and resources available to the volunteer leaders on the GWRRA website: [www.gwrro.org](http://www.gwrro.org). Have you “surfed” the site lately? It’s helpful to know where to find the guides, manuals, forms and other details to best support staff and members. Here are some pointers for future reference:

Rider Education and Member Enhancement have handbooks, guides and forms for their focus areas online. These can be found starting from the home page. Click on the “National Divisions” link in the upper left corner, or click on the arrow next to “Additional Links and Information” and click on “National Divisions” in the drop-down menu that appears.

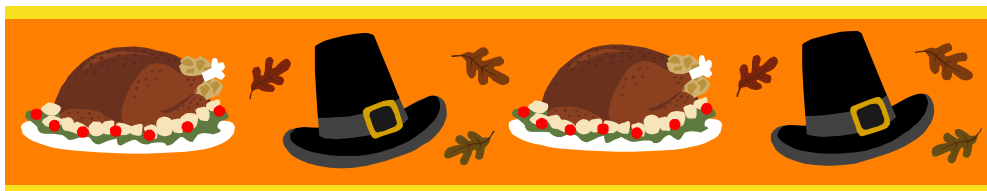
In that same “Additional Links and Information” drop down menu, you will find a “Downloads” option. The *Officer Guidebook*, logos, membership applications, recruiting posters and Wing Ding information can be accessed here. The *Officer Guidebook* link will also take you to the Officer Resources section where you can find insurance information, GWRRA news, and other useful links in addition to the guidebook.

If you get lost or forget the path to some of these items, there is another option to find them. From the “Additional Links and Information” pull down menu, choose “Site Map” at the bottom of the list. This area of the website provides links to all of the different areas of the GWRRA website.

Take a moment to navigate your way through these different areas and become acquainted with the many resources available. The information is truly at your fingertips!

*“Good ideas  
have a  
very short  
shelf life.”*

*~ John M.  
Shanahan*



## By The Book - Bike Shows

By Dale Wingrove, Region H Trainer

*The “By The Book” articles are intended to help familiarize Volunteer Leaders and GWRRA Members with the guidelines, policies, procedures, and information contained in the GWRRA Officer’s Guidebook (OGB). Any quotes or references to topics contained in our OGB should not be taken “out of context.” A copy of the Officers Guidebook can be found at [www.gwrro.org](http://www.gwrro.org) and click on the Info Exchange tab then click on Officers Guidebook.*



This month’s article is not being taken from the *Officers Guidebook* (OGB). In this case the current OGB is outdated, and this will be an effort to update our membership on the Bike Shows that are being held at our Chapter, District and Region rallies. For current Bike Show classifications and rules, please contact your District Trainers.

### Bike Shows

I am not sure how the bike show participation is in your District or Region. In Region H our participation in the bike shows have gone down - so much it is hardly worth all the planning and effort put out by the folks putting on the events. We all go to rallies for the fun. It is fun for some to show their bikes and fun for others to facilitate the bike shows. We want everyone to be able to enjoy the Bike Shows again.

In an effort to standardize the Bike Shows at our rallies, there is an effort being made to promote the “How to Judge or Show a Bike” seminar. This seminar is to inform the members who would like to get their bike ready to show in their favorite rally. For those of you who enjoy putting on a Bike Show, it teaches how to facilitate a fair show. There are some of you who would enjoy judging the shows, and this seminar is a way to become a Certified Bike Show Judge.

In the past month there has been “How to Judge or Show a Bike” seminar presented at the OK, KS and MS rallies. Close to 60 members have taken part in the seminars, and 16 new judges have been certified. I can’t speak for any other Regions, but in Region H we want our Bike Shows to be fun for everyone and want everyone to participate in one way or another. There are plans at all Region H rallies (District and Region), to put on the seminar and conduct our Bike Shows accordingly. All of you who formerly participated in Bike Shows: please come to the seminars and place your bike in the shows. We want you back. For more information on the new Bike Show classifications and rules, please contact your District or Region Trainers.



## Training Calendar

Please send the details of your upcoming events to Editor Amy Peterson at [amysescape@aol.com](mailto:amysescape@aol.com). This information is also published on our division's site, so let us help you spread the word!

### November 2007

**11/3:** Intermediate Leadership Skills Program in Boise, ID (Region I). Contact Mike Briggs at [mlbriggs60@msn.com](mailto:mlbriggs60@msn.com) or 360-459-1530.

**11/4:** Knowledge Enhancement Program in Alberta area meeting (Region J). Contact Larry and Barbie Fowell at [bmcle@telus.net](mailto:bmcle@telus.net).

### January 2008

**1/26:** Horizon Program in location TBD, GA (Region A). Contact Dave Aikens at [aikensdl@cox.net](mailto:aikensdl@cox.net).

### February 2008

**2/2:** Instructor Development & Certification Program in Maysville, GA (Region A). Contact Dave Aikens at [aikensdl@cox.net](mailto:aikensdl@cox.net).

**2/16:** Horizon Program in location TBD, GA (Region A). Contact Dave Aikens at [aikensdl@cox.net](mailto:aikensdl@cox.net).

**2/23:** Knowledge Enhancement Program in Maysville, GA (Region A). Contact Dave Aikens at [aikensdl@cox.net](mailto:aikensdl@cox.net).

### March 2008

**3/8:** Intermediate Leadership Skills Program in location TBD, GA (Region A). Contact Dave Aikens at [aikensdl@cox.net](mailto:aikensdl@cox.net).

### August 2008

**8/9:** Advanced Leadership Skills Program in location TBD, GA (Region A). Contact Dave Aikens at [aikensdl@cox.net](mailto:aikensdl@cox.net).

**8/23:** Instructor Development & Certification Program in location TBD, GA (Region A). Contact Dave Aikens at [aikensdl@cox.net](mailto:aikensdl@cox.net).



*"The starting  
point of  
all achievement  
is desire."*

*~ Napoleon Hill*



## **News from the International Office**

There is a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) form intended to simplify the paperwork for GWRRA officers. Now there is one form instead of multiple versions for officers to sign. The new MOU can be found in the November "Officers' Connection" portion of the GWRRA website.

All Region, District and Chapter officers are asked to sign this updated form. This form could also be used for the staff with access to monies and/or membership information. It is not necessary to put a date for the probation period for existing officers and staff. Signed copies should be forwarded to the appointing officer and the International Office by January 1, 2008.

Please keep this change in mind when presenting upcoming Knowledge Enhancement and Horizon Program modules.



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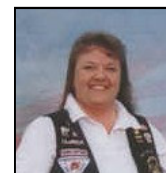
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