



## NATIONAL RIDER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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What a great Wing Ding. The “Get Together” is always full of excitement for me. Madison continued to be a great place for Wing Ding. The help was great and we accomplished what we had planned. Our local chapter had a couple who were first timers for Wing Ding. They thought the seminars were the best. They got more education in the 1 week then they could imagine and are excited for next Wing Ding.

I usually let Linda do the knowledge and safety and I do the talking to old and new members. Putting faces to the names on the emails is fun. Now that I am older, my forgetter is getting better so I know I will not remember who is who next year. Getting older has some advantages younger folks just do not understand.

The trip to Madison took us through Michigan. We did not know it was “Monsoon” season. We crossed the bridge into the UP, as the natives call it. While traveling through the Upper Peninsula there was a classic car show in the works. The streets were lined with folks in lawn chairs, so we honked our horns and waved, they waved back with a nice reception. Then we were back to the enduring rain. The trip had us using our “rider

training” a lot, scanning, for the animals, road trash, vehicles coming from right and left, wind gust and the ever-apparent orange signs through the construction areas. After we did, our scanning there was evaluation and executing our decision to the best path of travel. We hope all who traveled used these same techniques.

*Congratulations*

Congratulations to Senior National Director Rider Education Bob & Sue Lorenz. Bob and Sue have supported Rider Education for many years, in many ways. Through their hard work and the time taken to promote the Rider Education Program, the program has moved ahead, improved and been a plus to all members. The Rider Education staff is proud to be able to support their dedication and improvements. They lead by example and are making the standard for others to walk in their footsteps.

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## Gene & Martha Davis Educator of the Year 2003 – 2004

Presenters Joe & Dottie Allen  
Assistant National Directors Rider  
Education



Gene & Martha have excited, promoted, trained, and expanded the Rider Education Program. I would say in their Region, but their work has no boundaries. Instrumental in getting Rider education to move forward, by setting the pattern as role models, educators and leaders in the Association. The Rider Education Staff is proud to have Officers like Gene & Martha to help maintain and improve Rider Education.

CONGRATULATIONS !!  
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John Taylor, Region E Region  
Director, received his Master level.

Rich & Lois Ores Region E Rider  
Educator promoted to Senior Region  
Rider Educators

## Merit Award Recipients

Region A – Chuck Reed & Ron Lantz  
Region B - Paul Trahan & John Steele  
Region D – Tom Whalen, Bob  
Folletts, Dick McKechnie & Brad  
Meadows  
Region E – Steve Hatten  
Region I – Steve Fritts  
Region N - Willie Hunt

The merit award winners help make the REP move forward by their hard work and leading by example. Their communication to their Chapters is a positive example for others to follow

# STAYIN' IN TOUCH!

We have the unhappy report of Jim & Donna Cox, Assistant National Director Rider Education, stepped aside and is taking a well-deserved break in the action. Jim & Donna designed and developed the program to maintain the data for the levels program. They worked hard to bring it up to date as it is today. Their efforts have shown in the green bar reports. The Chapter Educator now gets a current member level listing quarterly.

Jim & Donna will still be helping at Wing Ding in the future. They have Rider Education in their blood. Thanks again for all you have done and the many, many hours of entering, correcting and trying to figure out the information on the level applications. We all will miss you both.

## COMMUNICATION chain

The communication chain is the tool we use the most. To receive newsletters, emails and the talks at the Chapter meetings helps to inform the members of the changes, improvements and other developments as the Association grows. As with all changes, there are growing pains. Some things may be tried and not work, some will. This is where the before mention; Senior National Director Rider Educator, Bob & Sue Lorenz, Regional Rider Educator, Gene & Martha Davis and District Educator, Willie & Judy Hunt have been willing to try new programs and admit to the members where revisions need to be made. They have gone

beyond the call to help communications.

If in doubt, call, write or email and keep the communications open. The problems you may be experiencing may have been solved in other Regions or Districts. Communications, the lifeline of our Association, use it.



## MEDIC FIRST AID®

By  
**Larry Stiles**  
**Rhonda Freeman**  
Asst. National Director  
Medic First Aid Program

Wing Ding is over and it was a fine rally, a little hot—but enjoyable. Hope everyone enjoyed him or herself and did not melt the plastic too badly. We had 117 students participating in the MEDIC FIRST AID® program. Unfortunately, we had 16% no shows. There were some members standing by to fill the empty slots, so that helped. The classes were enjoyable and the instructors received good feedback for the great job. I would like to take this moment to thank Region E and Region D for their instructor help at Wing Ding. I also would like to thank, Rich Ores, Mike Buzick, Bill Tucker, Dee Duckett, Bob Vonrotz, Dick McKechnie, Carol Basel, Dave Nackers, Sandie Nackers, Michiael Mischker, Lynne Mischker for taking their time to help our members receive this life saving program.

In addition, we certified three new MEDIC FIRST AID® Trainers from Region B. Congratulations to Rich Ores, Mike Buzick, and Bill Tucker for taking the time to become certified GWRRA MEDIC FIRST AID® Trainers. In June, at the Buckeye Rally, in Xenia, Ohio, Carol Basel became the Region D MEDIC FIRST AID® Trainer. We welcome them all into this very important program.

We have exciting programs coming to our members this year. We are now in the process of bringing in Child/Infant Care CPR and AED. Soon we will have all our GWRRA trainers certified in these programs. Our members have asked for this for some time. We are now going to make it a reality. Talking with some of our instructors, they are also happy to hear we are going to move forward in our programs.

We are trying to get our Instructors in American Red Cross and American Heart Association involved. We want to communicate information to help our members be aware of these fine outstanding instructors. Our program may be MEDIC FIRST AID®, but I feel all CPR and First Aid programs are for all. The Instructors are a very vital part of our organization and should be recognized. We have always said we want to give our members the best we can give them, no matter where they get it. Medic First Aid® is a way to get it at a reasonable cost in many areas. GWRRA strives for Training and Instruction to be at the highest level.

We have a huge challenge ahead of us in getting all our instructors trained for Child Care CPR and AED. Wing Ding, in Texas next year, we will have three days of full day training for all our members that have never taken CPR or First Aid. We will have two days for Re-certification for all members that are renewing their certification. There will be two days of training in Child/Infant Care CPR.

We will need instructors for all this and I am hoping to have this confirmed well before Wing Ding so we are ready for our members to enjoy the best Wing Ding in Texas they can have.

We are also updating and revising the MEDIC FIRST AID® manual to be more precise. Everyone will be able to understand the program. Any instructors, whether American Red Cross, American Heart Association or MEDIC FIRST AID®, if you have ideas or suggestions please feel free to email me or call me. I am open to suggestion from all and look forward

to working with our Instructors to make this program even better. I am creating a list of all Instructors, so please notify me if you are a current Instructor.

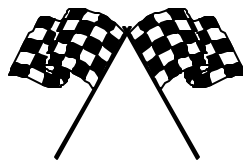
The Care Initiator program we used at Wing Ding was great and will do well for Rallies and other big programs we put forth to our members, but we must do this only for those who have taken CPR and First Aid previously. You need to make sure, when you set up your CPR/First Aid program, place in your fliers it is for recertification only. New members that have never taken any CPR/First Aid need the full Basic Course. It is important to them that they learn the systematic instruction they will get. Care Initiator is an excellent program and helps those to refresh their knowledge. They will practice and view the videos, then actually do hands-on. They will be given different scenarios so they can show what they learned. More on this will be coming later.

Enjoy the rest of your riding season and hope all of you have a safe enjoyable year.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart,



We heard a reference to “Kill Switch” during some part of the Wing Ding conference. We are still working on what that is and will report on it when we find the answer.



## MOTORCYCLE RACING

We have just finished two fine weekends at Mid-Ohio Race track promoting safety and recruiting Instructors for the Motorcycle Safety

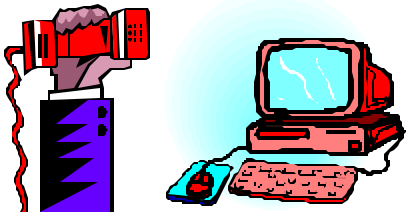
Foundation with Motorcycle Ohio. I believe I have seen about every unsafe act you can possibly imagine. Proper riding attire was only for those who raced, MSF Instructors and very few riders. They were not riding side by side, how about three and four wide off the track. Children on motorcycles yes, but not one, there was one in front and one on the back. Their legs were too short to touch anything but hot pipes. When we asked the rider about helmets for the little tikes, they said “helmet is too expensive and they out grow them too soon.” I am so glad that I ride a Gold Wing and do almost all my riding with GWRRA members. First our Gold Wings will idle, you do not have to keep twisting the throttle to keep them running. Second, our passengers do not look like a frog squatting on a lily pad behind you. They also have a seat more than four inches wide. Most of the motorcycles we heard have engine problems. It might have to do with the drivers who every so often, increase the engine speed to high limits. The clutches are also bad; they must be since many take off with the front wheel in the air. Their rear brakes are way out of adjustment also, they stop using only the front wheel. I am sure glad Gold Wings do not have these problems. The weekend was a real revelation to the other types of rallies. It has been years since I raced. I do believe we need to get more safety promoted at these events and races. We checked with a vendor about children’s riding attire. One place we found was Iron Pony in Columbus, Ohio; they have many items for little tikes. You can also reach them on the internet. We need to be buying these items for birthday presents and set our future wingers as role model for others to see.



Assistant National Director Ride Education, Bob Berry, is on the mend.

He had knee surgery after Wind Ding and ended up with a blood clot. The (Get Well Wishes Continued)

medicine will keep him off the Gold Wing for a while. In an email I received from Bob, he informed me his golf game needed some touching up so he will work on that. With the weather we have had around Ohio, good riding days have been very few. Hope the golfing days are not as wet. We wish you well and a speedy recovery.



We are constantly hearing about Chapter Educators not finding articles for newsletters or some thing to speak about at Chapter gatherings. Articles are out there. You can find them in this National newsletter, Region Newsletters and District newsletters. If you are not computer friendly, then ask someone in the Chapter to help you. Your Chapter Director, District Educator, Regional Educator or anyone listed on the first page of this newsletter.

## ROAD CAPTAIN COURSE AT REGION "D" RALLY

From Region D Newsletter

We are having a Road Captain Course at the Region D Rally Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to noon. This course outlines the group riding experience with an emphasis on the lead and tail position, and how group members can be an important part of the team. The Road Captain Course is for everyone, Riders and

Co-Riders, and includes a classroom portion and an actual riding portion out on the road in which each Rider experiences the lead and tail positions. Experienced facilitators give positive feedback to participants. There is no charge for this course, but class size is limited. We are taking reservations, but walk-ins will be welcome the day of the class if there are remaining open spots. E-mail Dave McElderry, [dhmc@woh.rr.com](mailto:dhmc@woh.rr.com) to reserve your place now, or sign up at the Rider Ed booth before the class.

## GO FOR IT! IT'S THERE FOR YOU

We, as members of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association, take many events held by the Association as standard every day events. While teaching a novice rider how to start riding a motorcycle brings to mind the many opportunities we have as members. How many members do not take advantage of how to make the ride more enjoyable? I look at the many seminars and training classes given by Instructors of GWRRA, their time is given and they take their time out of a rally to help educate other members. The preparation of material is part of the list to do. Then in the Seminar, we will get no shows.

This is a big problem; we need to correct this hoping not to charge for seminars and more for training classes. Do you have a thought that would help eliminate no shows? Some of the suggestions we have had; do a rebate if you show. Have a 50/50 in each classroom. Give Vendor dollars or Gold Wing dollars to those who show. Submit your plan to us we are all ears and really what to teach full rooms.

We try to plan classes well in advance for the members to be able to get all

the classes they need or want. Communications of schedules are available for registration almost a year in advance. Problems sometime arise and members are unable to attend classes and seminars as they plan. If you are unable to attend classes then communicate to someone so your place in the class can be filled with members waiting to get into the class.

If you have had a class prior, do you need to update? Yes as the world turns, so has data with new and improved ways. Ways to change old habits that can cause you to do an unsafe act with out even knowing you are performing it. Take the classes and seminars out there for you.

## RIDING THROUGH CURVES



The art of riding through a curve or turn in the road way is becoming a real problem. The number of motorcycles running wide and crashing is jumping up at alarming rates.

The process has been under study by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF). The new training for riding through a curve has changed to "Slow, Look, Press and Roll". The process to press on the handle bar in the direction of the turn instead of leaning in the direction of the turn. You can press a handle bar much faster when you need to turn sharper/quicker, than you can lean the motorcycle. The MSF curriculum has always wanted you to lean the motorcycle but now they tell you by pressing instead of just leaning.