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What if, that ground hog saw his shadow?
What if, we have 6 more weeks of winter?
What if, I hook up my fifth wheel and go south?
What if, there is no newsletter in March? Oops.
Maybe SNDRE will not see that.



The following is a pat on the back for Region D. It is proof of drive

and the desire to see education passed on to the members. Thanks to all who spent their time and efforts to make 100% reporting in the 4th quarter.



Bob Lorenz Senior National Director Rider Education

This is excellent news and represents a tremendous amount of dedication and commitment from the Region Director, District Directors and all of the Educators. It is indicative of what focus and team work has been developed with in Region D's Rider Education Program.

Dave Mc Elderry's message sent to us somewhat understates the scope of the achievement as this is

the result of over 150 chapters responding within the 3 districts. You, the District Educators and the Chapter Educators are all to be commended for a job well done. I look forward to receiving the quarterly reports.

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LEVEL DATA REPORTS

We have sent out to the Regional Directors the 1st. quarter Rider Education Level data reports as of 1/1/04.

We sometimes find errors on the applications that stand out and we are able to make corrections, at the time, of entering the data. For the times when information is given to us incorrectly, unable to read or entered improperly then the mistakes must be identified and the District or Regional Educators be notified. They will be able to e-mail as at GWdatadoc@aol.com.

We are able to receive the correction by e-mail, but we ask you use the Level's Greenbar Correction Form.

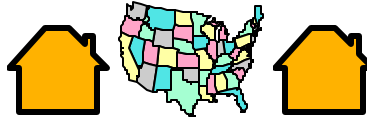
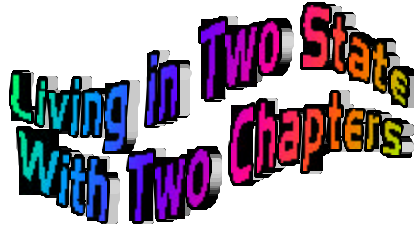
This is a standard correction form we will be using and it is available in the new Rider Education Manual. This form was created by Joe Allen and use by Jim and Donna Cox, our predecessors. Bill has emailed this form to all the Regional Directors. They will be distributing it to their perspective Districts.

If the correction form is not available to you then please e-mail us or send a request for the form to:

Bill & Linda English
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2866 Penny Lane,
Austintown, Ohio 44515

Using this form helps to quicken the time and insure all the information is available. We ask the corrections be sent by the

Regional or District Educators to keep all files between the Districts, Regions and National maintained current and the same.



To those of you who have members listed in a different Region than the one that agrees with their home address, we are trying to adjust your numbers to match but we must enlist your help. There are members who live in one Region and attend Chapters in another. Also there are members who are "snowbirds". They list their winter Chapter or a summer Chapter which do not coincide with their home address. All the Educators need to identify where these problems are and give the information to your District Educator. We can not make the decision to which Chapter they wish to designate. We are at the round table trying to decide how to make the numbers correct for when members are listed in two places.



The AMA has a new Logo. Linda likes the change but I am in mixed emotions. I am a nostalgic type person. I think that means I am living in the past. Or as Linda says, I don't like changes. At any rate we sometimes have to live with them.



We found these facts in a brochure distributed by Tech-Net Professional Auto Service.

Your vehicle includes your car, truck or motorcycle. Although we have less space on our motorcycles you can down size the articles none the less. Article to keep in you vehicle:

1. Cellular phone
2. List of emergency phone numbers
3. Flares or reflectors
4. Flashlight and batteries
5. Help or distress sign
6. Rags or paper towels
7. Supply of regular taken medication
8. Rope
9. Maps
10. Small tool set
11. Fire extinguisher
12. Jug of Water
13. First Aid Kit
14. Envelope containing vehicle registration, insurance paper work, vehicle repair receipts
15. High-energy food such as canned fruit or nuts
16. Can opener
17. Warm clothing
18. Camera

It's a good idea to prepare yourself and always have certain information, tools, and emergency supplies in your vehicle. With luck, you'll never need to use these items, but if you do, they can be both timesavers and lifesavers.



Drawing a diagram of the accident showing the direction of both vehicles and the point of collision

(In Case of an Accident cont.)

can help at a later time. Show street names and location of street signs (stop signs, etc.) Take picture of all involved if possible. Record any damage or pertinent details below:

YOU'RE INFORMATION

1. Insurance Company
2. Policy number
3. Agent
4. Date of Accident
5. Time of Accident
6. Location of Accident (with diagram of the Accident)

THE OTHER DRIVER'S INFORMATION

1. Driver's Name, Address, including State, Zip and phone
2. Type of Vehicle
3. License Plate # all involved
4. Driver's License # (include state of issue)
5. Driver's Insurance Company, Agent & Policy #

WITNESSES

1. Name
2. Address
3. Phone
4. Name
5. Address
6. Phone

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED



There is always the possibility that, just around the corner, there could be something hazardous in your path. You can't predict when they're going to come up, but you can plan to be prepared if they do.

When Debris or Hazards Appear in Your Path

There are many times that hazards such as potholes, branches or items in the road might appear seemingly out of nowhere. It is very important that you practice avoiding hazards, and are able to react quickly and calmly when they do appear.

Often, you will need to make a quick turn to avoid the object or hazard. To do this, you should lean quickly in the direction you want to turn and press on the inside of the hand grip on the same side. This will cause the front wheel to move slightly in the opposite direction while still allowing the bike to move straight ahead to avoid the object without losing balance or throwing the bike too far off course.

If you have to ride over an object, it is important that you:

- Hold onto the hand grips tightly.
- Keep a straight course.
- Rise up slightly on the foot pegs to absorb the shock.

Once you have driven over an object or hazard in the road, it's a good idea to pull over and inspect your bike and tires for any damage.

The same advice holds true when dealing with uneven surfaces like potholes, broken pavement or railroad tracks.

- Slow down
- Hold onto the hand grips tightly
- Keep a straight course
- Rise up slightly on the foot pegs to absorb the shock
- Try to cross the uneven surface at an angle.

SEATS FOR Iron butt rides?

I found this information on the Russel Seat web page.

It is important how you sit and the type of seat on your bike. In the picture below you can see how the arrows are pressing upwards and evenly. This stops a pressure point from not being in one spot. Equal distribution of weight



In this picture it shows how pressure points are more in the middle and on your tail bone. This would tend to make you uncomfortable fast.



HOT Seats

For the cool weather riders they have a product just for you. I was reading about it and I know there would be a few who would enjoy it. (Cool riding continued)

Russel Cycle Products, Inc. is proud to announce our new Carbon Element Heating System. Each seat unit is equipped with a thermal switch that keeps the seat at a comfortable 85-90 degrees. You will love this new addition if you are a cold weather rider and love the comfort of a warm seat!