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Maryland District Newsletter



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District Directors

Hi & Hello to everyone from me and Gwen,

Well, I will be leaving Saturday morning June 26th to go to Wing-Ding 32 in Des Moines, Iowa. In my many visits to the chapter gatherings I don't feel that many Maryland members will be going to Wing-Ding this year. But I do hope to see the ones that are going.

The next scheduled Maryland District event will be our very first RV-SIG camping trip set for August 27-29, 2010 at the Hagerstown KOA camp grounds. If you haven't called to block your space, please do so. They do have cabins also, for the ones that will not be camping. I will be in a cabin due to the fact that I am hoping Gwen will go. So please call the KOA camping location in Hagerstown at 1-800-562-7607. When making the reservation remember to reference Maryland GWRRA.



Then Maryland will be having our 6th District Rendezvous set for September 10-11, 2010. It will be held this year in Hagerstown MD. The price we got is a very good one at \$79.95/night plus taxes. This will include breakfast for Saturday & Sunday mornings. It is not a continental breakfast, it is a FULL BREAKFAST.

Now I would like to THANK all those who supported Chapter C's Pig Roast/fundraiser. It was again a very good event and I had a good time.

Now in the months of July & August our North East Region will be having their conventions/rallies that are listed below:

New England rally in New Hampshire set for July 22-24.

New York & New Jersey rally in Bridge Water, NJ. set for August 5-7.

Pennsylvania rally set for August 26-28.

New Jersey District Picnic on the Battleship New Jersey set for Sept. 12.

I went last year and it was great. Please support our Region convention/rallies if you can. THANKS

Hope to see all of you soon,
Allen & Gwen Willingham

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Membership Enhancement Program Coordinators

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT
" OUR NEW GWRRA AND ITS OPERATIONS"
part 2



Excerpts from Modules 4 through 7 of the Officers Certification Program:

This month beginning with "Module 4" of the Officer Certification Program Manual we will summarize some of the sections in that the material presented concerns particular appointed members and their individual responsibilities versus general information that may be of interest to everyone.

Module 4 discusses Chapter Gatherings, how Chapters are organized, how new Chapters become chartered, choosing new Chapter leadership, learning to work with your District Director and the Chapter Web Page.

The "Chapter Gathering" is the means whereby GWRRA members Have Fun, Grow, Teach, and Learn - all of which become the very basis for which the GWRRA exists. New Chapters are formed by using the (ARL) Area Report. Chapters can and should be formed where sufficient members exist and distance traveled to a gathering is never more than 40 miles and the area can support at least 10 or more members who show interest. Chapter areas are formed also by "zip code" and not by using a local map. A new Chapter can be formed by sending letters to members on the ARL within a zip code(s) to establish interest of those members. When sufficient interest is found then communication with the District M.E.P. Coordinator and the District Director will determine a meeting place for the first gathering and also inform the local existing Chapters for their influence and support. Once the Chapter becomes operational and successfully Chartered it should then take it's time in the selection of its leadership by working with the District Director in selecting it's Directors, Educators, M.E.C. and Treasurer. Members participating and remaining within the first 90 day period become Charter Members and are entitled to wear the Charter Rocker. Soon thereafter the new Chapter will want to establish its web page in that this will be the most common means of communicating with its members. The Chapter Web Page must include:

- GWRRA Crest or Logo; Gold Wing Road Riders Association or GWRRA
- Region, District, Chapter Designation and City
- Provide a link to the GWRRA national web page
- "Do Not" provide a link to any GWRRA competitors web pages
- Be extremely careful posting links to members personal information
- Include contact information for questions

OCP Module 5: Religion, Politics, Fundraising

GWRRA is purposely designed to exclude religious or political ceremony because both are considered a personal responsive choice and should not be delegated to the group as a whole. (Chapter Officer selection process has been previously discussed in earlier modules thus eliminating the political process)

Fundraising is carried out by Chapters to support the Region, District and Chapters operations only. Funds are to be maintained in a "non-interest bearing" bank account and controlled by the Chapter (or Region, District) Treasurer. The funds should be sufficient and no more than may be required to support the Chapter for a period of one year. Chapter funds should be used to cover operating expenses of the Chapter. Any additional funds should be returned to its members in the form of free activities sponsored by the Chapter in support of the "Fun and Camaraderie" of the Chapter. These activities can be Chapter social gatherings or special education made available to all Chapter members.

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OCP Module 6: Finances and the IRS.....

This module deals in "specifics" of regulation and "501C status" and its requirements. In as much as this module deals with specific duties of appointed Chapter Officers and IRS regulatory requirement I will not delve further at this point. Members should however be aware that annual financial reports are filed with GWRRA and as required with the IRS.

We have already determined that our Chapters have fund raising activities to support their operating costs and to support the enjoyment of its members as a Chapter and that ONLY sufficient funds to support these efforts for one year should be on hand. Excess funds are to be returned to the Chapter members via activities provided free and made available to all Chapter members.

OCP Module 7: Membership, Special Interest Groups (SIGS), Newsletters, ARL (Area Reports, Large and Small), Couple of the Year Program (COY), Chapter of the Year Program (CHOY)

We all know that in GWRRA there are two types of members: Individual or Associate (and both categories have family plans as well). An Individual Membership simply means that the member own a Gold Wing or Valkyrie motorcycle while the Associate member "does not" own a Gold Wing or Valkyrie and additionally may not own a motorcycle at all.

SIGs within the GWRRA are made available for those members who share special and common interests and to provide organizational support to those interested members. Information about SIGs can be found on the national web site WWW.GWRRA.ORG, select MED, then select SIGs for more information about current SIGs.

Chapter Newsletters are the communication medium for and to its members. The newsletter should be distributed at least monthly and be FREE of charge to its members. The newsletter can be distributed via e-mail, by handing out hard copies or mailing hard copies to its members. The Chapter newsletter does not have to be extravagant and lengthy. It can be one or two pages containing relevant chapter information.

"PHANTOM MEMBERS" sometimes known as Chapter "hitch hikers" are NOT friends of our chapters! Phantom members carry with them the potential to become "chapter killers"!! That's a mouth full but read on. What are "phantom members"? These are (members) who attend gatherings and show an interest in the ongoing opportunities provided by the Chapter. They may attend gatherings, attend rides sponsored by the Chapter, may even attend or "help out" at Chapter social events and fund raisers. But, they are "not" Chapter members! They have never joined GWRRA!!! In most instances these tend to be past members who simply allow their memberships to lapse or are spouses or other family members of actual members. Phantom members usually obtain and use and absorb Chapter Funds just the same as Chapter Members who paid for them. Therefore, Phantom Members are obtaining the same Chapter resources for free. Obviously this practice should be dealt with. Each case can be different and each may require a slightly different approach. In any case an individual who has attended three or more gatherings and social events and is not a GWRRA member is considered a Phantom Member and must be dealt with by the Chapter leadership.

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Area Reports (ARL): formerly known as the "Green Bar". We now have two types of Area Report.

The "Full Area Report" is distributed in January and July. Monthly (smaller) area reports are distributed each month and these target specific areas of the full report. All information contained on either the Full Area Report or the Monthly Area Report is strictly "Confidential" information. The Area Reports are distributed from the Home Office to the Region, who break them down into Districts who then forward them to the District Directors who then forward them to their M.E.P. Coordinators who then forward them to their Chapter M.E.C. Each and every member as required on the full report or the monthly report are contacted either by the District M.E.P.C. or the respective Chapter M.E.C. Maryland District has approximately 950 members all of whom will be contacted by some form within their three year term of membership.

COY manual is located on the national web page WWW.GWRRA.ORG, MED, Couple of the year.

CHOY manual is also located at the national web page WWW.GWRRA.ORG, MED, Chapter of the Year, Program Guide. Chapter of the Year is open to all Chapter around the world.

In August, we plan on continuing with Module 8....

Rick & Cathy Brown

Ride Educators



As important as "Stopping" is, "Steering and Riding at Slow Speeds" is equally important. Any of you that have been stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic, for any length of time, can attest to the necessity of being proficient in slow speed riding.

Steering and Riding At Slow Speeds

Steering is the easy part right? Not always.

When driving above 15-20 mph, the motorcycle's wheels act like gyroscopes. These spinning masses of wheel and tire combine to create a gyroscopic force. How do you overcome this force to get your bike to turn?

You don't.

When you attempt to push a spinning wheel to the right or the left, the wheel, and the rest of the bike attached to it, will lean in the opposite direction. This is called counter-steering. Turn the bars left, and lean right. It is the only way to steer a motorcycle when going over 15 mph.

This is not a technique to learn in a moment of panic, it only works if you practice it. Unless the action is second nature, you will return to your old habits during an emergency.

Riding at Slow Speeds

Riding fast is fun. Unfortunately to even get to where we can drive fast, we often have to sludge through traffic, urban areas or neighborhoods where slow riding is necessary.

Slow riding tricks include:

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Ride Educators

Proper posture

Sit comfortably on the bike and keep your knees against the tank. Try not to move around too much as this transfers weight around and provides steering input to the bike. And keep your feet on the foot-pegs.

Sighting

Failure to look ahead is one of the most common errors with slow speed riding. A good way to practice this is setting up cones about four yards apart and slaloming through them. Vary the distance between cones if your bike can't make it. As you are going between two cones, you should be looking at the path you want to take in the next gate, which should be about 3.0 to 5.0 yards ahead. Many riders look 3.0 to 5.0 feet ahead which causes them to be shaky. Looking the proper distance ahead gives your mind enough time to plan a route, so you don't have to make so many last-minute corrections. Force yourself to look far ahead.

The Front Brake

Under normal conditions, the front brake is an invaluable tool for keeping your bike under control. However, at very slow speeds while the front wheel is turned, the front brake can be too strong to provide a smooth stop. I tend not to use the front brake at very low speeds. The rear has more than enough power to stop you at these speeds, just be careful not to shift around to get your foot on the brake pedal (if it isn't already, as it should be), or you'll upset the bike's balance.

Clutch Slipping

Another major key to slow speed control is the clutch. Most motorcycles have wet clutches, which means that the friction plates are bathed in oil to keep them cool. This means that slipping a clutch is not a problem for a short time. When riding at a speed that is slower than your idle will let you go, control your speed by pulling in the clutch past the friction point to disengage the engine from the rear wheel. The friction point is the point that the clutch just starts to 'grab' and transfer power to the rear wheel. When you feel unsteady because you are going so slowly you feel you almost have to put your foot down, then let out the clutch a bit to speed up until you're steady. You can do this for quite some time without hurting the clutch.

We hope that this series has been beneficial to our Members. We have not introduced anything new, just re-enforced techniques that you already use. As always, we are open to suggestions for subjects to be addressed in our articles. Let us hear from you. Any subject, related to "Rider Education", will be considered. Let us know what YOU want to know about.

Until next month, Ride Safe,
Ride Often and Keep the Shiny Side Up.

Tim & Anna Grimes

Newsletter inputs are due by the 25th of July.

JULY 2010

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Maryland Chapter's Upcoming Events for 2010

(click on link below to view flyer)

July 24 th	Chapter B - 2nd Annual - Ride4Research Poker Run
August 15 th	Chapter L - Cook Out/I ce Cream Social Sundae - - - Starts at 11am
August 27 th -29 th	Camp-Out Hagerstown HOA
September 10-11 th	Maryland District 6th Annual Rendezvous - Hagerstown Md.
September 19 th	Chapter I /Motovation Cycle and Accessories - Chrome and Crab
November 6 th	Chapter J - Chapter Chili Cook Off Contest
January 27-29 th , 2011	Maryland District - WinterThing 2011

Northeast Region and Neighboring Region/District Events

Remember the District Events in our Region count towards the Visit-A-District program for visitation bars.

July 22 nd -24 th	New England District Rally IX in Gorham, NH
August 5 th -7 th	NY & NJ Districts - Bi-State Rally in Bridgewater, NJ
August 26-28 th	PA District Rally - Johnstown, PA

LET US KNOW WHERE YOUR EVENT FITS IN FOR 2010

GWRRA Maryland Chapter L
5th Annual Ice Cream Sundae
Sunday August 15, 2010
Noon – 3pm
Masonic Lodge, Railroad Ave.
Centreville MD



Join MD-L for their annual fundraiser
with hamburgers, hotdogs and side dishes,
iced tea and lemonade,
served up before a scrumptious dessert
of ice cream and all the fixings.
All for \$16 or just \$8 for ice cream alone.
50/50 raffle, games and commemorative pin.

COME JOIN THE FUN!



Join us in kicking off the GWRRA
MD District RV SIG and



Let's Go Camping!

Fire up the RV, hook up the trailer or pop-up, dust off your tent or rent a cabin and join us at the Hagerstown KOA

<http://www.koa.com/where/md/20145/>

for a weekend of "chillaxin"

August 27 – 29, 2010

Group Cookout – Saturday, August 28th

POC: Ray Hartman, racingnwinging@msn.com

20 campsites have been "blocked" for our group. No cabins are included in this block. If you are interested in a cabin, call early to secure one.

This campground does **not** open until March 23, 2010.

To make reservations before then, call Judi Durham @ 800-562-7607.

Be sure to tell her you are with the Gold Wing Road Riders group
(Leave a message if you get a recording, she will call you back)

Note: While this is a MD District GWRRA Special Interest Group (SIG) event it will not count towards the Visitation Award.

The Leader of the Pack heads to MD!



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