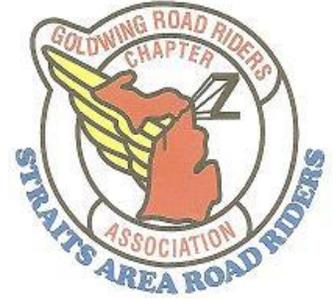




# GoldWing Road Riders Association

## Chapter Z

### Straits Area Road Riders



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**Chapter Happenings** – We have cancelled our dinners and gathering until the end of April

**2020 Upcoming Events** – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like to encourage you to postpone all Chapter and District gatherings for the time being. We are aware that many of you have already done so, but felt it was important to reiterate the message for any of you that have yet to do so. Unfortunately, due to the fluidity of the situation, we cannot begin to estimate the length of time this request will remain in effect. But we can assure you that we are in continued communication with health entities and municipalities across the country for the most up to date and accurate information.

We would also like to mention, that at this point, Wing Ding, which is to be held in Springfield, MO, from 6/30-7/4/2020, is NOT being postponed and/or cancelled at this time due to it still being several months away.

The health and wellness of our members is of the utmost importance as an association, and appreciate your support and understanding of the current situation. If you require any additional assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Home Office at 800-843-9460 or [memberservices@gwrra.org](mailto:memberservices@gwrra.org).

Additional information can be obtained from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) including steps to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Abel Gallardo  
CEO, GWRRA

## 2020 Dinner Schedule

Date	Place	Location	Phone

## Rider Ed -

We are getting closer to riding season; we even have a rider course scheduled! Once you're out on the road, you'll come across many different riding situations. They will each require a different technique and mindset to navigate through them safely. Taking a rider course gives you an amazing chance to practice techniques that we promise will help you in so many different situations.

Center your waist and hips and body on the motorcycle seat. Your arms should stay slightly bent in a comfortable position with your elbows bent and near your body. Extending your arms away from your body causes fatigue; ride with them comfortably close to your body. Your knees should hug the fuel tank and your feet should stay on the foot pegs so that they are near the controls and ready for any action if necessary.

Leaning a motorcycle while staying balanced is a complicated exercise. It requires moving your body to the inside of the motorcycle seat, looking through the corner where you want to go, and a counter-steer to start the initial lean. Leaning requires a certain amount of corner speed to find a balance on the motorcycle. Too much of one, or not enough of the other, may mean you run through a corner or ride at the edge of the pavement.

Brake before you turn and keep each action separated. Braking before entering a turn compresses the front suspension, and you want the force pushing down on the front tire to be complete so that the motorcycle suspension goes back to a neutral position. You will then use the traction for cornering. It is also recommended to use both front and rear brake in a straight line as you approach the turn for maximum braking possibility. Slightly rolling on the throttle will help balance the motorcycle suspension.

Look where you want to go. Keep your head up looking out. You can slightly turn your head if you want to turn, and don't just use your eyes to look where you want to go. You are going to constantly be scanning the horizon for obstacles as you ride. You want to continually look where you want to go, and that is looking through the turn. Don't become target fixed on one object. You will tend to ride directly to it.

You are going to encounter traffic somewhere along your journey with other motorcycles, vehicles, and/or big semi-trucks. Try to avoid riding directly next to another vehicle. Stay to the front or rear of them in case either needs to swerve to miss debris in the road or to prevent an accident with another vehicle.

Use a two-second following distance. It gives you the reaction time required to adjust your position within the lane or stop if needed. Something may enter your path of travel and you need somewhere to go immediately. This is considered an escape path. You need to continually be thinking of where you would go if something enters your path and you need to maneuver around it. Keep your options open as you ride and be prepared to change course if needed. Watch for guard rails on your right that may put you in danger of being pinched between a vehicle and the barrier.

Intersections are where most accidents happen between a motorcyclist and another vehicle. It usually is a case of the motorcyclist being unseen and the vehicle turning in front of it, causing an accident. As you approach an intersection on your motorcycle, you need to slow down slightly even if you have the right away. Cover your controls in case you need to change directions through an escape path, or need to stop. You should always assume that you aren't seen and be ready to react to avoid a collision.

Hoping to see you all at Wingless Weekend! We spend most of our time at the Rider Education tables, but there will be lots of games there to play with prizes of gift cards and chances to win some great items.

Dennis and Felicia,  
MI District Educators

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