

GoldWing Road Riders Association

Chapter Z

Straits Area Road Riders

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Chapter Happenings – Our riding season is winding down. September has 5 Tuesdays. Let’s hope they are all sunny days. Remember, if it is raining, we will meet at the restaurant with our 4-wheelers at 6:00. We have a couple of rides where we will be eating outside. In case of rain, we will have inside alternates so we can still eat together.

Mike, Carol, Roland, and Jennifer went to the Michigan Campout (not a rally) at the Ewart County Fairgrounds. It was fun and very relaxing. While there, the drawing was held for the annual raffle. The third place winner was at the fairground. It was also announced that GWRRA of Michigan will give Rainbow Connection \$3000.

We have been having brake issues and we didn’t know if it was the truck’s problem or the 5th wheel, Mike nicely agreed to pull our 5th wheel home (we pulled his) when we left the fairground. Unfortunately for Mike and Carol, the problem was with our 5th wheel so they had to listen to chiming and get error messages for a while. Mike found a place to trade back so he didn’t have to listen to it all the way home.

The Fall Officer’s Meeting will be September 19 in Ludington. Mike, Carol, Roland, and Jennifer plan to attend. We will report on information learned there next month.

Mike and Carol Rainey celebrate three events in September. They each celebrate birthdays and their anniversary this month. It is difficult to forget three events in a month. Carol’s birthday is September 8, their anniversary is September 18, and Mike’s birthday is September 28. Jerry and Karen Kovacs will celebrate their anniversary September 6.

2020 Dinner Schedule

Date	Place	Location	Phone
September 1	Back Lot	Petoskey	231-881-9933
Sept 1 (alternate)	Pellston Airport	Petoskey	231-539-8900
September 8	Brown Bag	Ocqueoc Falls	
Sept 8 (alternate)	211 Bar and Grill	Black Lake	989-733-4104
September 15	Southwoods	Petoskey	231-487-1710
September 22	Wood Winds	Onaway	989-733-2212
September 29	Stumpy’s	Afton	231-238-7952

Rider Ed -

Fun Weekend Was Exactly That--Great Fun!

Hope you had a good time at the Michigan not-a-rally. We found it very different than all the rallies we've attended in the past, but not because of the Covid 19. Well, actually it was because of the restrictions associated with that☺ Without a Rider Education table with games and raffles and items to bid on or guess on, we had soooo much time. I freely admit that while Dennis socialized, I took afternoon naps and went to bed early. The dinner ride and the picnic lunch ride were terrific. The TRC-R Rider Course was almost perfect—only wished we would have had six more bikes participating, that would have kept Tom and Dennis on the run teaching. And I had a great time at the Co-Rider Seminar even though I admit to not covering as much material as I had planned (did you see that I held my note cards but didn't use them—sheesh!)

Susan Huttman, Team GWRRA Director of the Rider Education Program, has shared some information with District Educators that had different interpretations in the past by some states, including Michigan. The information pertains to non-member participation in Rider Education courses. “It is important for us all to remember the purpose of the GWRRA Rider Education Program rider courses is to provide continuing, quality on-bike rider training and skills enhancement as a unique and affordable benefit of GWRRA Membership. The inclusion of non-Members is counter to our mission and objectives.”

MFA classes have begun in some states. The safety of all of our members, including our MFA Instructors is to be taken into consideration first. The current CDC guidelines, state, and local recommendations for the safety of GWRRA Members and MFA Instructors are to be followed.

As such, classes will be a size to fit in the space that is available at the facility where the class is held. Students are to be seated six feet apart, unless members of the same household. Students are responsible for their own hand sanitizer and masks, per National Office. We have purchased hand sanitizers and disposable masks and given them to Gary Williams, our MFA coordinator, to help out with anyone who may not have them available the day of class. Gloves will also be available and are to be used during all skill practices to help ensure manikins are able to be easily disinfected between use by the instructor.

Rescue breathing will be simulated—students will place a CPR mask on a manikin, open the airway by using the head tilt and chin lift taught by the instructor and state out loud that they would be giving two breaths at one second each and watching for the chest to rise. Choking demonstration will be simulated—stating out loud and showing on yourself an assessment of the situation, correct body placement, correct hand placement, and motion of abdominal thrusts. AED and bandaging demonstrations will be done ONLY by the instructor.

Most of all—breathe. This is new to all of us, and more patience and kindness is required from all of us. Classes will take longer than four hours due to social distancing and disinfecting. Classes will be smaller for the same reason. No student or instructor should come to class if feeling unwell, running a temperature, unusually fatigued, or during a quarantine period because of being diagnosed or having come into contact with someone who has Covid 19. The usual list

of symptoms of congestion, runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, chills or shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell, all require you stay home to keep our GWRRA family safe.

If you do not feel safe with the precautions being taken, do not sign up for a class at this time. Life will continue to change, precautions will be narrowed down, vaccines will be available to at least some, and in the new year we all may be SAFE and FREE!

Stay well,
Dennis and Felicia
Michigan District Educators

CHAPTER SKILL ENHANCEMENT ADVISOR



Job Summary

The role of Chapter Skill Enhancement Advisor (CSEA) is to proactively support Member/Participant by providing them with information they can consider on ways to become skilled, prepared and safer riders and co-riders.

Encouraged Responsibilities

- Serve as an example by being actively engaged in the Levels Program.
- Monthly, or as often as possible and weather permitting based on Members interest, put on an on-bike skills day with skill practice, bike games for riders and co-riders.
- Team with the Chapter Ride Coordinator to promote the importance of best riding practices at chapter gatherings, rides and events.
- Utilize the quarterly Chapter Levels Report provided by the District Educator to support the Members and assist them in achieving milestones and earning recognition.
- Communicate directly with the District Educator to advocate for classes and courses to serve any chapter participant with an interest in progressing in the levels program, becoming a more proficient rider and being better prepared to respond to emergency situations.

Qualifications and Skills

The Chapter Skill Enhancement Advisor:

- is not an officer; and the position is not mandatory.
- has a basic knowledge of the GWRRA Rider Education Program
- is appointed by the Chapter Director
- is interviewed by the District Educator
- completes a Confidentiality Agreement
- is a current Level II Rider or Co-Rider
- receives guidance and support from the District Educator
- communicates with the District Educator directly, keeping the Chapter Director in the loop to assure the needs of the chapter participants are met. Remember, the Chapter Skill Enhancement Advisor is an active participant on the Chapter staff and primary direction comes from the Chapter Director
- does not have access to the RE database and relies on the District Educator for the information.

Goal: To provide the membership with the basic support needed to participate meaningfully and successfully in the GWRRA Rider Education Program at the Chapter level.

Susan Huttman-Director RE Program

Approved by GWRRA

August 28, 2019

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