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November newsletter article 2015

If you live in Michigan 12 months a year and you get to Halloween, You know you won't be riding that wing much more until spring! This time of the year I seem to look back and think if I had just used my time a little different, how much more I could have done. Sure I have been busy but there is lots of room for improvement. I think we see the same thing is chapter life around the state also. Some are on fire and have events planned thru out the year and always on the go while others seem a little more laid back and plan very little. It's important for chapter teams to ask what their members would like to do, but it is equally important for the members to reply and offer suggestions for ride destinations of all kinds. Trips to a favorite town, or a favorite road, maybe an event to attend, a canoe ride, you name it and you can make it happen, just plan it.

We have planned a fall officers meeting (see, we are planning for our next summer) on November 7th at the K C Hall on M-18 in Gladwin, Michigan starting at 9:00am. I mentioned this last month in our District newsletter as well and our assistant district directors should have been in contact with all our chapter directors. Yet there will

typically be 4 or 5 chapters without representation. We ask that the CD, ACD, Treasurer, MEC, and Rider Ed. attend. If you are the CD, and you aren't coming, guess why no one else is coming? This year, please, if you cannot attend, please send someone from your chapter to represent you. Chapter sanction fees are due and payable at this meeting. The fee is \$100.00 and the district will pay one half or \$50.00 so the chapters half is \$50.00 payable to G W R R A Michigan District.

Speaking of the Fall officers meeting, we are planning a free lunch so we need a count of who is coming. Please have someone from your chapter contact your Assistant District Director with the number so we can come up with a guestament. One last thing on the officers meeting. Want to know what's on our mind to talk about?

Raffle Tickets, communication, and changes coming up for rider education. There will be others but you won't want to miss this one.

One thing we seem to be missing in our district paper is YOU. Have you been on a great ride this year or any year that you would like to share with us? While pictures help, they are not mandatory. I think we would enjoy reading about the travels of others in and around our state. Your articles will be most welcome additions to share. Maybe you have a hot tip on a motorcycle related product, tell us! Our paper needs to evolve into a two way line of communication. It can be with your help. Did I ever mention the trip Kim and I made to Niagara Falls on a 1975 Yamaha 650, tent camped in a park in Canada, only to wake up in the morning to see a tent camper right next to us that had rode in on a Vincent Black Shadow? Well, maybe next time!

I'm havin fun, you have some too!

Bob Scott

Michigan District Director

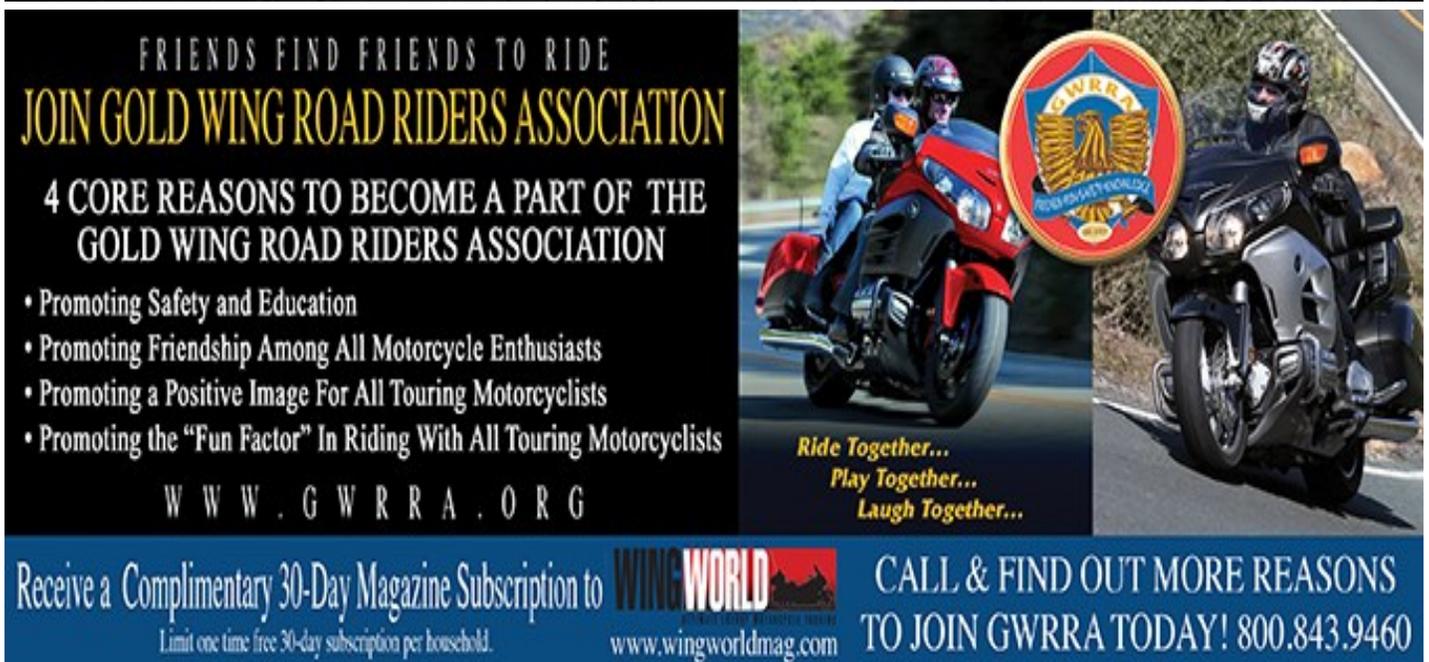


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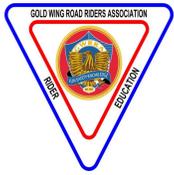
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N.13A Rider Course Instructor Certification Program (RCICP) Application



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM APPLICATION RIDER COURSE INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (RCICP)



Date of Application 0 / /

(Please type or print clearly)

Name: _____ Membership #: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State or Province: _____ Zip or Postal Code: _____
Phone (Home): _____ Phone (Work): _____
Email Address: _____
GWRRA Region in which I plan to do most of my instruction: _____

Course Information:

Type of RCICP you are applying for (check one) ARC TRC

Location of RCICP you are applying for _____

By signing this application I agree to uphold and implement all concepts, ideals, and prerequisites of the GWRRA certification for which I am applying. I agree to coordinate all courses through my District and/or Region Educator. I affirm that I am current in level 3 or above in the REP, that I have no more than four points on my motorcycle license and have had no DUI convictions in the past five years, that I will demonstrate safe riding habits by wearing proper riding gear, and agree to remain certified in accordance with the Instructor Maintenance of Certification documents published on the GWRRA Web site.

Signature: _____ Date: / /
(Do not send electronically - must contain an original signature)

Forward this application through your District Educator to your Region Educator

District Educator Signature: _____ Date: / /

Region Educator Signature: _____ Date: / /

Region Educators -- **Return the completed application (with \$100 US Check made out to Harry Dollarhide) to:**

Harry R. Dollarhide
Director - Rider Course Programs
107 Knight Court, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

You will be notified of RCICPs currently scheduled. This application must be submitted at least 45 days prior to the RCICP in which you plan to participate. **NOTE:** District/Region/National officials reserve the right to restrict the number of applicants, depending on the number of Rider Course Instructors available and ongoing opportunities for each to meet the maintenance requirements for their certification.

Region D will be hosting two Rider Course Instructor Certification Programs (RCICP) Spring, 2016. There will be one class for Trike Instructors and one class for ARC Instructors. The Rider Course Classroom Instructor Development Module (CIDM) for both courses is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2016 in Columbus, IN. The exact location is to be determined.

The Trike Rider Course Instructor Training (RCIT) will take place Thursday, April 21 thru Sunday April 24, 2016 in Columbus, IN. The range portion will be at the Columbus Airport. Classroom location is to be determined.

The ARC Rider Course Instructor Training (RCIT) will take place Thursday, May 12 thru Sunday, May 15, 2016 in Columbus, IN. The range portion will be at the Columbus Airport. Classroom location is to be determined.

The Master Instructor Trainer conducting the classes will be Chuck Geggie: [513-312-0224](tel:513-312-0224), cwgeggie@gmail.com. Questions regarding these courses can be directed to him.

Members wishing to become Rider Course Instructors (RCIs) through these Courses should submit Rider Education Form N.13A to the Director, Rider Course Programs through their District and Region Educators respectively as soon as possible.

I have attached the N.13A that prospective Instructors should use.

Region D Educators - Remember that we have the "Send an Instructor to Camp" fund that will cover most of the lodging expenses for these courses.

Thanks

Chuck & Melanie Geggie

Asst. National Directors, Rider Course Program

2015-16 Great Lakes Region D Couple of the Year





Assistant District Directors Southeast Section

Bob & Nancy Natter

Southeast Section

Bike Classifications

From Way down South...

OK, I'm pissed off! I just looked at how many people have read or downloaded the District Newsletter that gets published every month. If you take a moment and go to the MI web site page where you can download the newsletter, it shows how many people at least download it. Now remember, I said "download" the newsletter. That doesn't mean they read it, just download it. Downloads average between 200 - 300 per month.

So if you figure in the District Staff and their spouses, and Chapter Directors and at least one other officer of the chapter that accounts for about 100 downloads. So out of approx. 2000 members in Michigan, only 100–200 are actually downloading the newsletter. What is the problem here? Are they not being notified? Are they just too busy? We, as an organization need to come up with some ideas on how to correct this problem. One question comes up, who gets notified that your Chapter Newsletter or the District Newsletter is available?

Does the email just go out to your "active" members or does it go out to everyone on your Area Report? I think it should go out to everyone on your Area Report. How else are we going to get members interested in what is happening in your Chapters. If you have any thoughts on this subject, please email me. Ok enough of my soapbox speech...

Did you make it to Chapter W's Toy Run this year? The new location worked out great, as usual, the ride was wonderful. The weather was a bit chilly for the morning ride to Adrian, but warmed up nicely. 'Tis the season for Christmas Parties, we have several in our section alone. On December 5th Chapter J is holding their annual Pot Luck dinner in Jackson. Also on that day, Chapter S2 is having their 1st ever "Winter Solstice in Livonia.

Then the following week, Chapter C is having their annual Christmas Party in Rockwood. Please see all the flyers posted on the activities page on the MI web site.

Nancy and I will not be able to attend the Fall Officer's meeting as we will be on a much needed vacation. We had planned this cruise almost a 1 ½ years ago and are looking forward to some great times with friends.

A curve is not the end of the road, unless you fail to turn!

Bob & Nancy Natter
Southeast Section



DISTRICT TRAINERS

Ken & Patti Kintner
Web Master

Hello Michigan Members,

Have you ever heard the phrase – “The Only Thing Constant is Change”? Well that is very true when it comes to our world class training programs in GWRRA. There are changes in our past and more coming our way. At the moment I can tell you that the OCP has been revised again and is ready and waiting for the next group of GWRRA members who are interested in learning all the details about being a volunteer officer in our great association.

I would like to know if you are interested in participating in the newly revised OCP (Officer Certification Program) or the Horizons Program which has not been presented in Michigan for quite some time. If there is interest in one or both of these programs I would like you to contact me so that I can build a contact list of people interested.

When we have enough for a class we will get one on the calendar! Some other very important announcements about Gold Wing University Trainer Development Program and the future of training will be announced at the November 7th Michigan Officer Meeting in Gladwin. All members are welcome to attend but please RSVP to your Chapter Director so that we know how many will be in attendance since there will be a provided lunch.

Hope to see you soon,
Ken Kintner
MI District Trainer/Webmaster



District Member Enhancement Coordinator

Cheryl & Randy Wiggins
Michigan District MEC

What do you do when you find yourself with 4 days off near the end of October with predictions of 60 degree highs? Take off on your bike for the U.P. for a color tour, what else. Randy and I enjoyed riding along US 2 and then up to Munising with a few trips back and fourth on H58. We then rode on the Curley Lewis Memorial Highway and West Lakeshore Drive. The trip was topped off with a ride down US31 to Muskegon and then home. We were both pleasantly surprised by the amount of color still left. On Lakeshore Drive there was a mile long stretch of a tree tunnel that was the brightest yellow, it was beautiful.

I hope that everyone is planning on attending the Officers meeting on November 7. There will be a lot of important information shared during this meeting including information for each chapter's Couple of the Year. This is a do not miss event!

Are you looking for something to do during the upcoming winter months? Make sure you check out the events calendar. Chapter S2 is having a Winter Solstice dance and party. Chapter J, C and Q are having Christmas parties. Some of them have deadlines to sign up so make sure you check them out early.

Are you ready for some FUN? Coming February 26-27 is Wingless Weekend. It's a great way to break up the winter, spend the weekend having some good wholesome fun, attending seminars and getting together with friends, what can be better than that. The theme this year is Mardi Gras. I can't wait to see the wild costumes that will come with this theme.

Hope to see you soon,
Cheryl and Randy Wiggins
Membership Enhancement



RIDER EDUCATION

Dennis & Felicia Schulte
Assistant District Educator

MASTER TOUR RIDERS

To advance beyond Level IV Master Tour Rider, please be aware that you must stay current in the levels program in order for your eligibility at 5, 10, and 15 year periods to count. If there is any period that the Master was not kept current (e.g.: training had expired), the awards that follow that lapse shall be delayed by the same amount of time. If there have been any noted lapses, they will be listed in the comments section.

You are eligible for Life Grand Master if your Level IV Master Tour Rider was granted before 2001. You are eligible for Grand Master if your Level IV Master Tour Rider was granted between 2001 and 2005. You are eligible for Senior Master if your Level IV Master Tour Rider was granted between 2006 and 2010.

Please remember that you are now able to look up all of your own information on the database if you have questions at any time. Go to GWRRA Rider Education National web page at <http://gwrro.org/regional/ridered/index.html>. You will see light blue tabs on the left and approximately the eighth one down is entitled "My R.E. Information". Click on that light blue tab.

You must be a current GWRRA member to log on to the database. The website will ask you for your username. This is simply your membership number. Your password is the numbers in your address with your membership month and year expiration date (using two digits each for the month and the year). If your address is 1498 Beach Road and your membership expires in 04-16, then your password is 14980416. Simply click on the view area which will be on the far right after you have logged in. As you scroll through the information in the rider education database about you, a listing like this will appear.

RIDER HISTORY

MASTER CURRENT LEVEL(history) LEVEL DATE

8695 **YES** 4 03/29/2012

This person will be eligible for their Senior Master in five years from their current level date if there has been no lapse in their eligibility, which would be on 3-29-17. Now for the most important part of how you move up in the Master Tour Rider Recognition Program.

Your Chapter Educator needs to complete the N.9 Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider Application (Level IV), the Rider and/or Co-Rider must sign and date the form, the Chapter Educator or other validating GWRRA Operations Officer must sign and date the form, and mail it to Rick Andreen at 7755 Five Lakes Drive, Farwell, MI 48622 in order for him to review your information. It will then be passed on to the Region Educator for final approval and issuance of the certificate and patch, if requested on the form.

Michigan Rider Education only knows what your Chapter Educator submits to us using the correct form. There is no way for us to keep track of each one of our awesome Levels participants without the help of your Chapter Educator. And now you can help your very own Chapter Educator by reviewing YOUR own information!

Be Safe,
 Dennis and Felicia Schulte
 MI-ADE



Seasons Greetings



A personal invitation from Chapter Q CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY & GIFT EXCHANGE

Date: December 12, 2015

Place: Lake Superior State University
Cisler Center, Crows Nest, lower level?

Time: 5:00 Cocktail (cash bar)
6:00 Dinner

Q Members-\$15.00 per person/ **Guest-**\$25.00 per person

Music & Dancing to follow Gift Exchange at LSSU. Live Music

Gift Exchange: no more than \$15 max per gift, per person participating, wrap & mark boy or girl.

Hotel: Kewadin Casino blocked off rooms at \$75 per room, King or 2 Queens, (800) 539-2346 and use **Reservation code #8550**. Rooms held till November 14th, regular room rate after that...

*Please accept our invitation,
Come have a Great time.*



Frank



Debbie





Registration for Dinner



December 12, 2015



Get ready for the Party

Name _____ Gwrra # _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Email _____ Chapter _____
Number Attending _____ Check Total _____

Send payment to:

Frank King
510 E 10th Ave
Sault Sainte Marie, MI 49783

Contact: Frank King for Head Count & Dinner Payment, cut off date is December 6th so call 906-440-2133 cell or frank72@hotmail.com to have a great time.



Dancing



Lake Superior State University



Gift Exchange

MICHIGAN & REGION EVENTS 2015-16

DATE	EVENT	CHAPTER	PLACE
Nov 7th	Fall Officers Meeting	Michigan District	10 - 3 approx.
	<u>Knights of Columbus Hall, 751 South M-18 Gladwin, Michigan</u>		
Nov 7th	Holiday Party	Chapter A	TBD
<u>DECEMBER</u>			
Dec 5th	1st Annual Winter Solstice	Chapter S2	Livonia, MI
Dec 5th	Christmas Dinner/Party	Chapter J	Jackson, MI
Dec 12th	Christmas Dinner Party	Chapter Q	Sault Ste Marie, MI
Dec 18th	Christmas Dinner /Party	Chapter ON-H	Sault Ste Marie, Ont CA
<u>JANUARY</u>			
Jan 1st	Happy New Years	Gwrra	Where you are
<u>FEBRUARY</u>			
Feb 5-6	Cabin Fever	Ohio District	Mt Sterling, OH
Feb 12-13	Winter Rendezvous	Indiana District	Columbus, IN
Feb 26-27	Wingless Weekend	Michigan District	Bay City, MI
Feb 28	Spring Officers Meeting	Michigan District	Bay City, MI
<u>APRIL</u>			
April 2	Spring Officers Meeting	Ohio District	Obertz, OH
April 16	Spring Officers Meeting	Indiana District	Anderson, IN
<u>MAY</u>			
May 19-21	Spring Wing Warmup	Indiana Rally	Rockville, IN
<u>JUNE</u>			
Jun 16-18	Buckeye Rally	Ohio Rally	Canfield, OH
<u>JULY</u>			
July 28-30	Region Rally	Region D	Coldwater, MI
<u>AUGUST</u>			
Aug 5-6	Rally	Michigan Rally	Evart, MI
Aug 31 –Sept 1-3	Wing Ding 38	Gwrra	Billings, MT



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