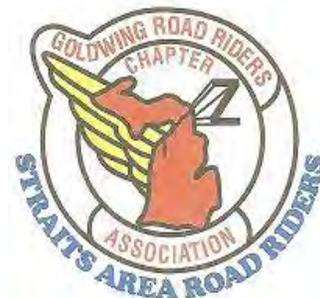


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Straits Area Road Riders

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Chapter Happenings –

Well, Blarney Bash is not happening this year, but that doesn't mean we won't be getting together. After the Spring Officer's Meeting (SOM), Chapter J2 is hosting Park and Shine. This is put organized by their Motorist Awareness Program (MAP). You can find the flyer toward the end of this newsletter.

Several Advanced Rider Courses (ARC) have been scheduled during the summer. We will be signing up for one and encourage everyone to sign up as well. It is a great learning experience.

Mike, Carol, Roland, and Jennifer will be attending the SOM in St Louis, MI where the District Rally will be held in August. We are really looking forward to having a great time at the rally and it will be nice to see where it will be.

We were glad that Carol didn't require surgery on her shoulder and Mike did a great job taking care of her during her most painful days.

We had to cancel our annual campout. By the time the Flywheeler's would make a decision about opening, it would be too late to plan the campout and do it right. The section campout is still on in Curtis, MI over July 23-25.

Roland and Jennifer are enjoying a few more vacation days before heading home. We are hoping for the weather to warm up some before crossing into Michigan.

We know of two birthdays in May. Denny Jessick's birthday is May 20 and Roland's is May 21. Does that make Denny a day older than Roland? Denny might not agree with that.

Important Dates 2021

March 5-6 Michigan Wingless Weekend in Chelsea, Michigan – **CANCELED**

April 10 Chapter J2 Blarney Bash - **CANCELED**

April 22-25 Chapter J Mall Show - **CANCELED**

May 15 Spring Officer Meeting St Louis

May 21-22 Indiana Spring Warm-up - Nashville, Indiana

May 29 Chapter G Anniversary Party

June 4-6 Chapter Z Campout - **CANCELED**

June 11-13 Chapter V Biker Bash

June 17-19 Ohio Buckeye Rally – “Celebrate Your Freedom” - Wooster, Ohio

June 30 – July 3 Wing Ding – Springfield, Missouri!

July 23-25 North Section Campout in Curtis

August 1 Raffle Tickets DUE to ADDs!!!

August 7 District Team Rally Prep TBD

August 19-21 Michigan District Rally – St. Louis, MI

September 16-18 Chapter V – Vacation Station Campout in Ludington

September 25 Chapter Y Anniversary Party

October 9 Chapter V Anniversary Party

December 4 Chapter C Christmas Party

Rider Ed -

Covid-19 in 2021,

We both were diagnosed with Covid through a rapid test the first week of April, so depending upon what you believe in, we are not contagious because we are out of quarantine and have a small(er) chance of acquiring it again. Felicia will tell you what/whom she believes in if you ask her, and no, it is not any politician 😊 And yes, we wear our masks and haven't gone to any event/vacation in sooooo long.

May 8 is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Day. Our governor has been too busy last year and probably will be again this year to proclaim the day, send out a press release, etc. But please remember this day IS about all of us; for us to be safe, others need to be aware!

During tonight's Rider Education Zoom, we asked Susan Huttman, Director of Rider Education, for instructors to assist us with event days that we have been approved for from the event hosts. So we are putting out the Rider Course Registration form. We do understand the timing has not gone well for anyone who wishes to attend, due to circumstances beyond our control. Please don't hold it against us—we really want to see you on your bikes, practicing safety for everyone.

Each quarter we have been sending Chapter Directors a Rider Education database screenshot so that CD's may share, privately, any information a member of their chapter would like to know regarding their Levels. It is a screenshot, which means it is by no means pretty or perfect. It shows the basics of what level each chapter member is at, whether they've expired or not, and what class(es) need to be taken to become current. We brought up at the National Rider Education Zoom meeting tonight if someone who writes software programs was available to help this be more user friendly to the Chapter Directors. There is a Rider Education webmaster, Sam Belinoski, who may be able to help so that as DE's we can drop the screenshot into a spreadsheet that will be easier to read and understand. We will keep you informed as to how that is going, and hope that if it does become reality, it will gain more use.

My R.E. Information is of course, still available, for all of us to look at ourselves to see our own levels. This was created by National Rider Education to help members to view their own Levels information.

http://re2.gwrri.org/login_mem.php

Your username is your GWRRA Member ID. Your password is the numbers in your address and your membership expiration date using two numbers for the month and two for the year. For an example, my GWRRA membership card that I receive whenever I renew states that my Member Number is 000001 and that I am valid through 01/22. Since my address is 1498 Sand Beach Road, my user name is 000001 and my password is 14980122. When I become a life member, my password will be 1498life.

Dennis and Felicia, MI-DE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO DISTRICT EDUCATORS,
DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS**

March 15, 2021

The GWRRA Rider Education Program Team continues to explore different ways we can better serve the Membership during our collective recovery from the unexpected challenges caused by Covid 19.

GWRRA Rider Education Program policy for any GWRRA Member in the Levels Program who's *last on-bike course was "Range Only"* requires their *next on-bike course* to be a "Full" course (with both a classroom and a range portion) to be eligible for level course fulfillment.

Due to the continued lack of classroom space available to accommodate Federal, State and Local distancing guidelines, temporarily, any Member with a rider course expiration on or after January 1, 2020 may renew their Level by participating in another Range Only class until December 31st, 2021.

Because many of us may be starting to ride again after a year or more, this decision was made to make it possible for more Members to participate in the valuable on-bike skill practice necessary to ride safely and proficiently.

We do encourage those Members able to attend a Full Rider Course when offered to do so in support of your District's Rider Education Program and the Instructors who teach them. These courses are proven to be beneficial for all riders regardless of individual riding experience.

The RE Team posts all GWRRA Rider Education events submitted by Districts including rider courses and MEDIC FIRST AID (MFA) on the Association's event page: <http://qwrro.org/events/> where you can perform a search to learn what is available in your area.

We also suggest Members contact their District Educator for more information about what will be available throughout the year. Please take advantage of any courses and classes available to you.

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.



2021

MICHIGAN RIDER EDUCATION RIDER COURSE REGISTRATION



GWRRA 1-UP/2-UP ARC (Advanced Rider Course)
GWRRA 1-UP/2-UP TRC (Trike Rider Course)
GWRRA 1-UP/2-UP SRC (Side Car Rider Course)
GWRRA 1-UP/2-UP AORC (Add On Rider Course)

<u>Ionia</u> May 8	<u>Pontiac</u> June 5	<u>Grayling</u> July 24	<u>Sault Ste. Marie</u> August 14
<input type="checkbox"/> TRC-R	<input type="checkbox"/> ARC <input type="checkbox"/> TRC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARC-R <input type="checkbox"/> TRC-R	<input type="checkbox"/> ARC <input type="checkbox"/> TRC

All classes – ARC, TRC, AORC, ARC-R, TRC-R, and SRC– allow 1-up or 2-up training.
All participants must wear full riding gear: DOT helmet, eye protection, full finger gloves, long sleeves, long pants and over-the-ankle boots or shoes.

ARC, TRC, AORC, and SRC Courses include Classroom and Range instruction. Ionia and Grayling ARC courses and TRC courses will be range only. GWRRA is allowing members to take range only classes even if your last class was Range only due to COVID.

All Riders must bring to class: valid operator license with motorcycle endorsement, current vehicle registration, and current proof of insurance.

Confirmation Emails will be sent out about two (2) weeks before the requested course, and will indicate your Class Times and Locations. Classroom starts at 8:30 a.m. If range only, classes will start at 9 a.m.

COURSES WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE

GWRRA members - \$35.00 Donation per bike per class

Make check payable to: GWRRA District-MI

7 days' notice required for cancellations and refunds

Rider _____ Drivers License # _____
 Co-Rider _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 GWRRA Member # _____ Chapter _____ Phone # _____
 Motorcycle Insurance Co. _____ Policy # _____
 Email Address _____

Please Note: Courses may change and/or be cancelled based on participation.

Mail completed registration form and \$35.00 donation to:

Dennis Schulte 1498 Sand Beach Rd. Bad Axe, MI 48413

Make check payable to: GWRRA DISTRICT-MI

If you have questions, contact MI District Educator,
Dennis Schulte, at 989-415-7496, or michridered@gmail.com

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS DAY

PARK & SHINE

**HOSTED BY GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION
CHAPTER J-2, SHAMROCK WINGS
MOTORIST AWARENESS PROGRAM**

Motorist Awareness Coordinators Earl & Bobbi Gerard

DATE MAY 15, 202

TIME 2-6 PM

LOCATION CITY PARK Clare, MI

ON BEECH STREET AND FOURTH STREET

Pre-registration by 5/14/21

for Park & Shine

Call Bobbi Gerard (989)313-9080

Or email whislegrl@yahoo.com

Earl Gerard

email squ11997@gmail.com



LIVE REMOTE BROADCAST BY WUPS 98.5 FM

Let your motorcycle friends know about the Trial Membership.



The form is set against a background image of a winding road with several motorcycles. At the top left is the GWRRA logo, a circular emblem with a motorcycle and rider. To its right, the text reads "FOR MORE INFO ON BENEFITS, VISIT GWRRA.ORG". Below this, the text "GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION" is centered. The main title "TRIAL MEMBERSHIP" is prominently displayed in large, bold, black letters, underlined. To the right of the title, the offer "4 Free Months" is written in a large, stylized font. Below the title, a list of benefits is provided under the heading "You will receive:". The form includes fields for Name, Corider, Address (with a note "(Street Address)"), City, State, Zip Code, Phone (with a note "(Area Code)"), Email, Referred By, and Member Number. At the bottom, the mailing address is given: "Mail to GWRRA-PO Box 42450, Phoenix, AZ 85080-9942".

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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

4 Free Months

You will receive:

- Rescue Motorcycle Towing of 35 miles
- 4 months subscription to *Wing World* magazine
- Opportunity to participate in Chapter Life

Yes! I would like a 4 month free trial membership to GWRRA

Name: _____ Corider: _____

Address: _____
(Street Address)

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: (_____) - _____
(Area Code)

Email: _____

Referred By: _____ Member Number: _____

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