

GoldWing Road Riders Association

Chapter Z

Straits Area Road Riders

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Chapter Happenings –

Mike, Carol, Roland, and I went to the Spring Officer Meeting a few weeks ago in St Louis, MI. It was held at the campground that is hosting the District Rally this year. The campground is very pretty. If you can make it, we are sure you will have a great time. The theme for the rally is Pirates.

At the Spring Officer Meeting, several people were given Senior status. Mike and Carol are our Senior Chapter Directors, Sue Jessick is our Senior Treasurer, and Roland and I are Senior Ride Coordinators. Phil and Char, our Assistant District Directors, and also the Chapter Directors for Chapter J-2. They were also given the title of Senior Chapter Directors. Here is a picture of Mike and Carol, and Phil and Char receiving their certificates.



Next to Carol are Rob and Pam Robinson from Chapter D2. Next to Phil is Tim Hanson from Chapter C.

Several Advanced Rider Courses (ARC) have been scheduled during the summer. Mike, Carol, Roland, and I signed up for the one in August at Sault St Marie, and we encourage everyone to sign up as well. We will be taking the trike course this time. We are having transmission problems with our trike and are hoping it will be fixed in time for the August 14 class in Sault St Marie, and the rally. It is a great learning experience.

Chapter Q has returned to the UP. Their first gathering will be Tuesday, **June 8, at Jose's Mexican Restaurant**, 3583 I-75 Business Spur. Roland and I, as well as Mike and Carol are planning to go. Dinner will be at 5:00 with the gathering after dinner. The section campout is still on in Curtis, MI over July 23-25.

There are two birthdays in June that we know of. Karen Kovacs birthday is June 10. Georgia McCracken will have a birthday on June 24

Important Dates 2021

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

It was great seeing everyone at dinner last Tuesday. It was suggested going to Elkhorn Grill in Vanderbilt tomorrow, June 1. The weather looks like it will be nice. We plan to leave Burger King in Indian River at 6:00. We **haven't picked out restaurants for the rest of the summer. As the state opens up, we will pick out restaurants. I will send out text messages regarding the Tuesday ride. If you don't receive a text from me, send a message and I will respond.**

Rider Ed -

Family,

That's all we can say after being with you for the officers meeting and the Motorist Awareness Event. We missed you all even more than we knew. It was a beautiful day and 300 miles on the bike and surrounded by loved ones.

We had our first Rider Course in Ionia. We had experts to help us set up in the Lawsons and the Snyders and Brent and Dennis and I say thank you so much. The class went great, and we now have members signed up for the rest of the courses. We may only have one instructor so things may go a little slower, but for all of you with previous experience at the class it should go smooth as silk.

After doing some calculations and getting some information, we have found that only half the members in Michigan are in the Levels program. So we are asking since we can't be there at every one of your events, gatherings, and rides, please have a Level I form (N.7) available in whatever tote, bag, case that you take with you (even the one full of items for chapter gatherings).

If they are a new member, get them in the Levels! Level 1 is simply a commitment to strive for and practice safe riding. Who would turn you down in that ask? Chapters who have funds can purchase their patches and make them feel even more welcome. We are going to see if there is a way to coordinate that we can get a list of new members and send them the Level form with a welcome, also.

We also seem to have a lot of misunderstanding about high and safe miles when looking at the Rider Level database for Michigan. The N.10 form is the update form for high and safe mileage.

Safe Miles is a part of the RE Levels Program and is the number of accident-free miles driven on your motorcycle (any of your motorcycles) since joining GWRRA. It is part of the levels because you must have 5,000 safe miles to become Level II and 25,000 safe miles to become Level IV.

High Miles are separate from the RE Levels Program. This is total mileage ridden in your entire life. At the first 50,000 miles, a High Mileage pin and a 50,000 mile hanger bar will be received. After that, please send in another N.10 in 50,000 mile increments as that is the increment the bars are made in.

The discrepancy we are seeing is that members have safe miles but no high miles. You would have to have at least as many high miles as you do safe miles. It doesn't work the other way around as your safe miles revert back to 0 if you've had an accident (law enforcement accident report or insurance claim filed). So please get those N.10's into us. Wherever we go, we carry those forms so just ask us and then you won't have to print them or even mail them if you fill it out right then and have the money for any patches.

Already can't wait to see you again,

Dennis and Felicia
Michigan Senior District Educators

**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

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. A thick horizontal line separates this from the main title "TRIAL MEMBERSHIP", which is also centered and underlined. To the right of the title, the text "4 Free Months" is displayed in a large, stylized font. Below the title, the text "You will receive:" is followed by a bulleted list of benefits. At the bottom of the form, there is a statement "Yes! I would like a 4 month free trial membership to GWRRA" and several lines for personal information, including Name, Corider, Address, City, State, Zip Code, Phone, Email, Referred By, and Member Number. The final instruction is "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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