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This is coming out early as Bill & I are headed Wing Ding and will leave on Thursday. You can check out our itinerary and progress on www.mytripjournal.com/frieden.

From the Directors

What a busy month! 8 from Ch.H attended Blytheville's rally, 2 attended Little Rock's rally. Roy Dillard (Ch C) and I won the on bike game so I guess Ch. H has half a trophy somewhere. 5 attended Conway's rally. We have managed to have reps at most rallies so THANK YOU to all who take the time to go and have fun with our fellow riders. They will come to ours if we go to theirs. We had 16 attendees at our Chapter meet at Marty's store with 2 (Skip and Barb) joining GWRRA. David led most everyone on a ride to Mammoth Springs after the meet. We mentioned at the meeting that Don & Denise, Tom & Chris, Bill & Jen, and David and Leigh Ann were going to the Honda Hoot. We ended up with 15 from Chapter H going including our 5 newest members. A dozen of H went to Anglers for our 1st Thursday dinner ride. The plan for the July dinner ride is to go to Cafe Klaser in Heber Springs. More info on this as I get more. Games and ideas are coming together for our rally the last Saturday in September, but all input is needed. We also need door prizes!

Our regular gathering will be July 14th at Marty's Exxon in Newark at 9am. Y'all come join the fun.

Ride Safe,
DON & DENISE PROVENCE

Welcome to our newest members, Skip & Barb Dillard. Thanks to Leah Ann Chronister who has agreed to be our historian. Those with pictures for the chapter, please see that Leah Ann gets a copy. Rumor has it we may be getting a webmaster and website for the chapter....won't that be exciting?!

I'm looking for newsletter articles...been on an interesting or eventful ride? Help me out here...we don't want this to be boring.





GWRRA

Rider Education



The GWRRA Rider Education Program (REP) is intended to make the motorcycle environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities and increasing motorcyclist skills and awareness. The REP does not propose to have all the answers. However, our close-working relationship with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), as well as additional GWRRA programs and studies, has provided a wealth of information for use in establishing a comprehensive Rider Education Program. Through Commitment, Education and Application, we can reduce our accident rate significantly. Listed below are several benefits of a fully implemented GWRRA Rider Education Program at the Chapter level:

- Increased rider knowledge
- Increased rider safety skills
- Prevention of accidents
- Reduced injuries
- Reduced fatalities
- Improved general public image of motorcyclists
- Enhanced enjoyment of motorcycle riding

The motorcycle community is already realizing many positive benefits from the GWRRA Rider Education Program. Through the efforts of the Rider Education Officers and participation of the membership and others, we will reach our goal of establishing the safest motorcycle environment possible. Our Mission, "To Save Lives Through Quality, World Class Education". Our Slogan, "Safety Is For Life".

THE "RIDER ED" PROGRAM CONSIST OF FOUR LEVELS:

LEVEL I

"Safety By Commitment"

You may sign up for the Rider Education Program's Level 1 at any time. There are no prerequisites or minimums to meet. Simply bring your commitment to make riding safer for yourself and those with whom you ride.

LEVEL II

"Safety By Education"

To progress to this level, you must have signed on at Level I, achieved at least 5000 safe riding miles since becoming a GWRRA member and have taken an approved riding training course (rider) or an approved co-rider training course (Seminar or 2-up course) within the past two years.

LEVEL III (Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider)

"Safety By Preparedness"

You must be current in Level II, have CPR or First Aid Training certification and carry a First Aid Kit on your bike.

LEVEL IV (Master Tour Rider / Co-rider)

"Safety by enhanced Preparedness & Experience"

You must be current and have a full year at Level III, have ridden at least 25,000 safe miles since joining GWRRA, have completed an approved Rider Training Course within the past year and must be certified in both CPR and First Aid. Co-riders must meet the same requirements with the substitution of a Co-rider Seminar or 2-up Riding Course.

BY THE BOOK

*By: Dale Wingrove
Region H Trainer*

The “By The Book” articles are intended to help familiarize Volunteer Leaders and GWRRA Members with the guidelines, policies, procedures, and information contained in the GWRRA Officer’s Guidebook. Any quotes or references to topics contained in our OGB should not be taken “out of context”. Please feel free to reprint these articles in Region, District and Chapter newsletters. A copy of the Officer Guidebook can be found at www.gwrra.org and click on the info exchange then click on officer guidebook

The following text has been copied from the Officers Guide Book on Page D-15. This text shows how the Membership list works. If you want to change your personal information that appears on the membership list call the GWRRA Home office or go to www.gwrra.org

MEMBERSHIP / AREA REPORTS

When a GWRRA chapter is chartered or, as sometimes happens, its area is realigned, the Chapter Director and the District Director will determine and list all the zip codes that are included in the geographic area to be served by the chapter. The District Director must send this listing to the Home Office. This report is NOT a list of Members who BELONG to the designated chapter. It is only a tool for the Chapter Director to use for friend-finding, for determining success in enticing Members to attend functions, for Membership renewal reminders or for an initial mailing list. It has previously been mentioned and deserves to be again...the Members of GWRRA BELONG TO ALL CHAPTERS!! “Your” chapter was chartered as a convenience and benefit to the general Membership who reside within a convenient distance of your meeting place. Once the chapter has been established, the Report becomes more important as a management tool and less as a “mailing list.” In most instances, sign-in sheets become your primary indicator of Chapter Participants” and, in turn, lead to more effective chapter mailing lists. Please remember that the Area Reports are proprietary and confidential to GWRRA and MUST only be used for the expressed business purpose of GWRRA. All officers sign a Memorandum of Understanding when appointed to their position in which they agree to protect the confidentiality of GWRRA membership listings and membership information. Only with a written request from the District Director, will we change or modify an existing zip code zone. It must be noted however, that everyone living in a particular zip code area would also be changed. The Area Report is sent monthly to the Regional Director who then divides up the report to the District Directors. As a Chapter Director, you would receive the Area Report for your area from your District Director. The report includes all current and expired members in your area, the status of these members, joining and expiration dates, and other information that is useful for the use of recruiting, and retaining members.

Information specific to reading the Area Report and the Privacy Policy can be obtained at www.gwrra.org through the GW info Exchange.

Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Choose your words, for they become actions.

Understand your actions, for they become habits. Study your habits, for they will become your character.

Develop your character, for it becomes your destiny.

**ARKANSAS DISTRICT & REGION (H)
CALENDAR....2007
As of January 29, 2007**

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JULY

4-7 Wing Ding (Billings, MT)

AUGUST

11 Chapter B Rally (Fayetteville)

SEPTEMBER

8 Chapter J Rally (Russellville)

15 Chapter D Rally (Jonesboro)

21-22 Kansas District Rally (Abilene, KS)

29 Chapter H Rally (Batesville)

OCTOBER

4-6 Oklahoma District Rally (Stillwater, OK)

20 District Memorial Picnic (Little Rock)

27 Chapter X Rally (Clarksville)

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

8 District Toy Ride (Little Rock)

8 District Christmas Party (Little Rock)

Anything New or Changed will be in red

JANUARY

19 District Paperwork Meeting (Morrilton)

FEBRUARY

23 Couples Spring Fling (Morrilton)

MARCH

8 Chapter C Rally (Cabot)

15 Chapter E Rally (Hot Springs)

20 - 22 Region H Rally (Marshall, TX)

29 Chapter H Rally (Batesville)

APRIL

18 - 20 Rider Education Weekend (Morrilton)
(Tentative)

MAY

15 - 17 Arkansas District Rally (TBA)

JUNE

21 Chapter L Rally (Conway)

28 Chapter R Rally (Van Buren)

JULY

4 - 7 Wing Ding (TBA)

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

13 Chapter J Rally (Russellville) Hobo Fest

26 - 27 Kansas District Rally (TBA)

OCTOBER

18 District Memorial Picnic (Little Rock)

(Burns Park, Pav #10) (Tentative)

25 Chapter X Rally (Clarksville)

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

13 District Toy Ride (Little Rock) (Tentative)

(NLR Honda to Children's Hospital)

13 District Christmas Party (Location TBA)

(Tentative)



Left to right: Back row: Skip Dillard, Gregg McKinney, Dave Chronister, Denise Provence, Don Provence, Bill McBride. Middle row: Barb Dillard, Tina McKinney, Chris Wammack, Leah Ann Chronister, Jennie McBride, Lisa Melton. Front row: Tom Wammack and Marty Melton

"We had an awesome time and we are so glad that we joined the G.W.R.R.A. and Chapter H. A great bunch of people." Skip and Barb Dillard

There were lots of vendors at the Hoot and it wasn't hard to find something to buy (ask Tina about her new leathers), but the best thing about it was the riding around the area. 14 of us "braved" Deals Gap on the 22nd and (I'm very happy to say) drove quite sensibly. We passed 3 wrecks during our ride. Even though it was hot in town it was shady and beautiful on the ride. The scenery is beautiful, maybe even prettier than Arkansas. If you haven't done it, I'd heartily recommend it. Jennie

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