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## ✘ From the CD ✘

August was another great time to go on a GWRRA event and / or ride. Lina and I were able to go to the Region E Rally in Moline and had a really great time with the other members of B2. GWRRA B2 won the best dressed and our group had fun with doing the M & M's for the skit on Saturday night. Gwen Carter and the group had a good time with the skit and it was fun to watch.

Region E also had vendors for the Gold Wing motorcycle and we have found a way to clean the aluminum rims. This will be demoed at the next meeting so that will be interesting to watch.

Gwen Carter is also planning another event for the Winter Warm Up next year that will be fun for our group to help with. We will have more details at the next meeting.

We are having a Mystery Ride that will be held on October 8-9. This will be an overnighter so if you have not yet called Gwen Carter, please give her a call. She can be reached at 815-477-9893 to check if you can still make reservations for the hotel. You may have to call the hotel to check on the rooms. That is all that I have for now. We will see you on the Mystery Ride. Safe Riding. John and Lina Katkus

**Illinois District Rider Education**  
**Jerry and Sue Allhands - IL District Educator**

Good afternoon - Attached you will find that list all of the present RE seminars they are about. Now is a good time RE seminars in the coming winter RE presenter to come to your Rasmussen, just give us a couple of sent this to the CE's also. As you can seminars added. No one should get and over. Enjoy!



find my newsletter article for Sept seminars and a short version of what to plan with your CE's for any of the months. If you want help in getting a function you can contact me or Dan months to schedule someone. I have see there have been many new bored by hearing the same one over

Our District Director, Dan Ribbing ask me to do an article on what is now available for RE Seminars and riding course. There have been several new RE seminars posted on the RE web site in the last few months as well as one new riding course. Here is a list of the seminars and a short brief on what they are about along with what is offered by GWRRA Riding Courses.

1. **Co-Rider seminar**--an educational and informational seminar that will increase awareness, team interaction, and reduction of risks, and more fun. This seminar can be used for the Levels Program.
2. **Co-Rider Two Seminar**-- This seminar does not qualify for the Levels program. It does offer opportunity for discussion and questions and answers.
3. **Level-Up**-- You do not have to be a seminar presenter to give this seminar. It is designed to be given at the chapter level to explain and promote the RE Levels program.
4. **High Side Scenarios**-- Discusses and shows videos on High Siding a two wheel motorcycle.
5. **Riding with New and/or Inexperienced Riders**--Talks about how we assist new riders while making it safe and fun.
6. **Dealing with different Elements**-- What to expect, what to do, and how to prepare.
7. **Going, Going, Gong**-- Trip planning, mapping, and packing.
8. **Night Riding**-- Tips for safe riding practices at night.
9. **Motorcycle Crash Scene Response**- The unthinkable happens. Are you prepared to cope with an accident? This course suggests and appropriate course of action when a crash has occurred and prepares a member to respond with knowledge and confidence.
10. **Motorcycling for Mature Riders**-- Informational tips for motorcyclists who want to continue to ride safely at age 50 and older.
11. **Road Captain Course**-- What is really involved in leading a group? Learn about conducting a safe and well planned ride. Learn the responsibilities of both the lead and tail rider. You can get certified as a Road Captain by taking both the seminar and riding portion.
12. **Seasoned Rider Supplement**-- (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) Seasoned Rider Supplement is designed to condense and organize the MSF Seasoned Rider Seminar down to 1 hour. MSF Season Rider Kit must be purchased separately at [www.msf-usa.org](http://www.msf-usa.org)

13. **Team Riding Seminar**--Team riding involves cooperative communication between the entire team. Learn the do's and don'ts of riding together and enjoy the entire journey.

14. **Trailer Seminar**-- What is involved in pulling a trailer, braking, loading, and backing up.

15. **Parking Lot Practice** (PLP) -- Requires instructor training to give this course. It was designed to be used by area that offer limited riding course or have excessive enrollment fees. We do not offer the PLP in Region E as we have ample riding courses.

Now is a good time for CD's and the CRE to plan for seminars in the off riding season. If you want to schedule a seminar or two contact me or Dan Rasmussen. Please give us ample time to help in locating a presenter. We will again offer seminars at Winter Warm-Up in Decatur.

#### GWRRA Riding Courses

There are now five riding courses available to our members that qualify for the Levels Program. These are top notch, high quality riding courses that are taught by highly trained instructors.

1. **Advance Riding Course** (ARC) -- This is a two course that offers a challenge to riders and co-riders who want to improve their mental and riding skills. This is an 8 hour course in include both a class room portion and range exercises.

2. **Trike Course** (TRC) -- This is a 7 hour three wheel course which offers both mental and riding skills training.

3. **Trailing Course** (TC) -- This is a course for two wheelers pulling a trailer. This 7 hour course offers both classroom and riding skills in pulling a trailer.

4. **Trike Trailing Course** (TRTC) -- This course is a 7 hour three wheel trailing course that offers both mental and riding skills in pulling a trailer.

5. **Side Car Course** (SRC) --- This 7 hour course offers both mental and riding skills in riding a side car rig. We do not offer this in Illinois due to the lack of side cars and/or interest in take the class.

**A note on the above riding courses.** I have a limited number of qualified rider coaches who can give any of these courses. Of the 5 instructors 3 can give the ARC, 5 can give the TRC, 3 can give the TC, and 2 can give the TRTC. None of the instructor can give the SRC. All the above riding courses qualify for RE Levels program.

GWRRA has developed high quality, professional riding courses equal or better than offered by any other organization. Our Rider Education Team is continually working on improving and adding new RE programs. GWRRA is recognized world wide as one of the leaders in Rider Education and Training. They are also working with the insurance industry to have all of GW riding courses recognized for insurance discounts they now offer to motorcycle rider who have taken other motorcycle riding courses. A big thank you to the RE Team who have worked so hard to give us the tools we need to keep our members safe.

Jerry and Sue Allhands - IL District Educator

# You Just Never Know.....

by Terry Rodgers, Guest Contributor from the Elko, Nevada Chapter NV-H

It seemed like any other Saturday morning. We were meeting with Chapter NV-H at 8:30am for our morning ride. The plan today was to ride to Taylor Canyon out near Lone Mountain Station. There were five of us there today, Dennis and Marie Price, Sonny Davidson and my husband, Richard and myself. Each of us had ridden our own bikes that day. Richard was riding his newly acquired bike, we had just traded our other bike for the previous Saturday.

We left Cimarron West shortly after 8:30. It was a beautiful day. The weather was great; it was not windy. Dennis was leading the group, followed by Marie, then me, Richard and Sonny. I don't particularly like riding the left track, just because it puts me closer to the oncoming traffic. Come to find out later - Marie does not like the right side track either. Several times during the day, Richard almost suggested we trade places since he knew how I felt about riding in that lane. We started strikes against us. Plus, both of us were considered beginners. Marie was riding her Honda 1100 which was a step up from her 250 Rebel. She had that bike less than two weeks.



There were several times during the morning I had a really uneasy feeling riding behind Marie. She just didn't look like she felt "comfortable". Once on the way out - she came really close to the outside edge.

We stopped in Taylor Canyon for something to eat and drink. She even mentioned feeling like she was having difficulties with the bike. Both on the way out and back, there were times where we got spread out pretty good.

At our "Coyote Run" Chapter Fundraising event on July 3rd, most of us attended the group riding seminar. We found out another strike against us after the fact. Riding in the twisting area coming into town, we should have been riding single file with 2 - 3 seconds between riders. We were still in a staggered formation two seconds from

the bike in our lane, only one second behind the bike in front of us.

Then it happened. I noticed Marie was doing something very strange. I thought she was trying to look at something on the ground. It turned out she was leaning to the left of her bike, going around our final left curve. I started to slow down even more from the 40 mph we were going, but about that time, Marie went OVER THE EDGE!!! I was RIGHT THERE to see it. I immediately gripped my handlebars tighter; unfortunately, I must have still had hold of my front brake. DOWN my bike went and the next thing I knew I was picking myself up off the ground.

Behind me, during all this, Richard was doing his own evasive maneuvers trying to avoid my bike in his path. Then he saw me rolling along on the ground and right into his path. He felt it was two choices, run me over, or put his bike down. I am glad he chose to put it down; I don't think I would have survived being run over also.

The truly FORTUNATE thing in all this is each of us was wearing the proper riding attire. All of us had full faced helmets, full fingered gloves, riding jackets and leather chaps. We ALL had fairly minor injuries for what we now know to be at least two totaled bikes. Marie had a fractured ankle with some bumps and bruises, Richard has a sprained ankle with some good bruises and I was left with a fractured left ankle and an injury to my left arm involving some missing skin and lots of road debris up inside the skin.

**I cannot stress enough how important the safety equipment is.** I do feel if I had not worn all my gear that day, I might not have survived, even though we were going 40 miles per hour or less. One of my first hits was on the chin of my full faced helmet. Richard's helmet had a huge big scrape on it. Had I been wearing a half helmet (which I did when we first started riding) I would have probably lost my chin. Had I not had the chin strap buckled, the helmet would have come off after the first hit and the second blow to the head could have killed me.

A note from Dan Ribbing

The home office has enlisted the assistance of a group of volunteers to correct any errors in the Gold Book entries. Please ask your chapter participants if their entries are correct. Special attention should be placed on spelling, phone number, and services offered. This is for CORRECTIONS only! If the member wants to make changes to the services they offer, would rather not be listed in the book, or perhaps is not listed now and would like to be, they must place a call to the office and initiate those changes themselves. This assures the listings are the wishes of the individual. Please forward all CORRECTIONS only to my e-mail no later than October 15, 2011 so I can collate the changes and forward them to the individual volunteers.

REMINDER: District Ops meeting is November 26, 2011 at Decatur Convention Center. Doors open at 9:00 for paperwork and presentations begin at 11:00. If there is a change in officers please send me the names of the new officers so we can get you the proper forms that need to be completed. Chapter Director, Assistant Chapter Director, Treasurer, Member Enhancement Coordinator, and Rider Educator all need paperwork filled out when changing staff.

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*October Birthdays*

Herbert Halstead, Jr. ....10-09  
Joan Flaskamp .....10-13  
Ken Collyer .....10-16  
Robert Sargent .....10-19  
Lynda Fernow .....10-21  
William Sargent .....10-21  
Ella White .....10-22  
George Kam .....10-25



*October Anniversaries*

None Admitted !!

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# Region E Rally Moline, IL



Just a couple of plain or peanuts doing their thing.

We had a nice time at the Region E Rally in Moline Sept 2-4. The ride to and from was led by the dynamic duo-ette (Big Blue and Miss Scarlett above) Had Mr. Orange and Ms. Green (right) not insisted that we stop along the way we would have had little reason to evaluate the waterproof qualities of our respective rain gear. (Way to go Dennis!!) Mr. Yellow and Ms Green (left) found the accessory shop to be irresistible and quickly went through the 50/50 winnings of the evening plus a tad bit more. The good news is that Debbie now has a CB to monitor the group's conversations while the bad news is that Debbie has a transmit button!!!! (What was Ken thinking?)

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