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The How's and Why's...

While most of us know that we have an Officer's Handbook, it is not something that we think about reading from cover to cover. This handbook was written for all Officers of GWRRR. It will help you with a better understanding of the "how's" and "why's" of GWRRR. It will be only one source of information to help you along with your appointing Officer and the Officers' Connection web page (hereinafter referred to as O'Connect) (<http://gwrra.org/Oconnect/officerresources.html>). Some things may be more important to you than others, depending on the development stage of your office during its organizational progress. Constant referral will bring new ideas to you as well as developing a peer network. This will help you with new tools and ideas as you need them.

But, as valuable as this handbook can be to you, you must develop the operations within your office through your personal talents and abilities. Your office will take on your "personality" to some extent, because we all have our "special" way of attaining our Members' goals. Your talents, combined with the continuing assistance that comes from other members of the Team, will help you to help all of us. Help us continue to make this the BEST Association possible. Help us exceed our motto. "FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE." Help us be more than our Members expect.

Our GWRRR University has put together a wonderful class called GWRRR 101 which is made up of four 2-hour sessions. Times and registration can be accessed at the GWRRR University webpage <https://gwrradot.com>. Interaction and having the ability to ask questions is a major benefit of participating in this type of presentation rather than just reading from the handbook. If you have already looked over the Officer's Handbook, this will serve as a nice review, and you will meet other Officers from throughout the association.

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The Handbook is our road map to understanding and promoting the *Ideals of GWRRA*. The most important ingredient for a successful Association is the Member. Where do we find them and how do we make these people interested enough to become one of us? Before anyone can be successful in “selling” GWRRA, they must first sit for a moment and determine the reason they joined. Each of us had our own reasons, but a primary reason to join is to support the ideals of GWRRA. Let’s take a closer look at these ideals:

- PROMOTE EDUCATION AND SAFETY - This will help us continue to enjoy our hobby. We can also enjoy the fact that we are doing something to protect others by teaching them safe riding practices. We are saving lives!
- PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP - Among ALL the biking public. What better way to enjoy our way of life than to make friends and share with them?
- PROMOTE THE POSITIVE IMAGE OF THE MOTORCYCLE RIDER - We must always keep “our best foot forward.”
- PROMOTE FUN - This is the glue that holds all our ideals together!

Sherry and I encourage all of our Officers to review the Handbook and if opportunity presents itself, take the on-line course. We guarantee that you will learn something new.

Stay safe; be well. And, as always, remember that fun shall be the last word—so HAVE FUN!

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Reengagement!

Merriam Webster's Dictionary defines reengagement as: new or renewed engagement: the act or an instance of engaging in or with someone or something again. An arrangement to meet or be present at a specific time and place.

Over the last few months many of us have stayed at home, spent more time with family (which is a good thing), found alternative hobbies that can be done at home and by ourselves, and gotten a lot of those neglected chores done at home. We have found different activities to keep us amused; we have become comfortable.

Two years ago we wrote about Chapter life being like a snow globe. It can either sit there and collect dust or we can take it off the shelf and shake things up! Many Chapters are riding, gathering in alternative areas, and socializing to an extent. There are still Chapters that have not resumed activities yet. Have all your members returned to group activities? What can we do as Officers to get these members reengaged, to want to come back to Chapter life, to once again embrace the fun and friendship?

Just like that snow globe, our Chapters hold many warm, happy memories for all of us – the friends we have made, the adventures we have been on, and the places we normally would not have seen.

If you are not doing so already, reach out to the members you haven't seen in a while. Think of a call you have gotten from someone you haven't heard from in a while - it makes you smile, right? Make that phone call, let your members know they have been missed - make sure they are ok. Take the time to find out what your Chapter members are comfortable with. What would they like to do? Reach out to other officers to find out what has been working for them. Reach out to the TEAM - Chapter, District, or National level. There is always someone willing to help.

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Coping with Our Current Situation

With the current pandemic restrictions, Chapters and Districts are struggling to find inventive ways to bring the FUN things to their GWRRA members. Chapters are gathering via Zoom and many Districts had no choice but to cancel their rallies. Many Chapters have developed innovative ideas to make sure they add some FUN to their gatherings, rides, and District events.

On the many Zoom gatherings we have been invited to attend, we share many of these ideas. We wanted to find a way to help everyone work within the pandemic restrictions, so we are looking for you to gather as many of the fun ideas that you have been using during this difficult time and send them to us. The GWRRA Team Assistants have already reached out to the District MECs for help to gather the ideas that the Chapter MECs are doing with their Chapters.

The GWRRA Membership Enhancement Team will assemble and share the best of the received Chapter submissions and include them in a monthly newsletter. The newsletter will be sent out to all Districts and will also be posted on the MEP web page. The first issue will be this October. It will be titled, "Here's The Scoop."

We can't wait for you to read all about them in the Membership Enhancement Newsletter, "Here's the Scoop."

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GWRRA Levels Program Grace Period Update for Members- University & Rider Education Trainers & Instructors

Due to the continued impact COVID-19 has had on our GWRRA Districts, Chapters, Members, and families, this month's article will address concerns raised and questions asked about the Rider Education Levels Program providing an update for Members, University Instructors, University Trainers, Rider Course Instructors, and MEDIC FIRST AID® (MFA) Instructors.

ALL GWRRA Members who expired at their highest level of achievement in the Rider Education Levels Program on or after January 1, 2020, the Level Program expiration

grace period is being extended until July 15, 2021, so as not to detrimentally affect level progression for any Master Program advancement.

The Levels Program expiration grace period will be extended to July 15, 2021, for ALL GWRRA University and Rider Education Instructors and Trainers so as not to detrimentally affect level progression for their Master Program advancement. However, due to their specific roles and responsibilities please review the following exceptions for ALL GWRRA University and Rider Education Instructors and Trainers.

For All RE Program Instructors & Trainers (On-Bike/MFA): Any Rider Course Instructor or MFA Instructor not current in the Rider Education Levels Program on or after January 1, 2020, *will not be permitted* to conduct a rider course or class (including MFA) *unless or until current* at their highest level of achievement.

For All University Instructors & Trainers: Any University Trainer or University Instructor not current in the Rider Education Levels Program on or after January 1, 2020, *will not be permitted* to present any of the University Seminars or University Modules on the following list **unless or until current** at their highest level of achievement. *University Instructors will be eligible to present any other University library offerings not included on the list distributed with this announcement during the Level Program grace extension period through July 15, 2021.*

Every effort will be made to support our Instructors and Trainers to ensure they are able to participate in the rider education courses or classes needed to return to the classroom or range as soon as possible.

Any Member, Instructor, or Trainer requiring more information, should contact the appropriate Team GWRRA Program Director: **Clara Boldt, GWRRA University Director** toledotriker@gmail.com (319) 240-4269 or **Susan Huttman, GWRRA Rider Education Program Director** director-re@gwrro.org (828-855-0677).

University Classes with Levels Requirements for GWRRA Instructors & Trainers
All Instructors & Trainers must be current in Levels Program to Present the Following University Seminars or University Modules

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| 101-02 | Seminar – Co-Rider Course (REP Level II or higher) |
| 101-05 | Seminar – Motorcycle Crash Scene Response (REP Level III or higher) |
| 101-06 | GWRRA Module Who’s Afraid of the Dark – Riding at Night (REP Level II or higher) |
| 102-02 | GWRRA Module When You’re Hot – Riding in the Heat (REP Level II or higher) |

- 103-01 GWRRA Module Dangerous Epidemic – Distracted Drivers
(REP Level II or higher)
- 103-02 GWRRA Module Riding with New/Inexperienced Riders
(REP Level III or higher)
- 103-03 GWRRA Module – Riding in the Rain (REP Level II or higher)
- 103-04 Seminar – Team Riding (REP Level III or higher)
- 103-05 Seminar – High Side Scenarios (REP Level III or higher)
- 104-01 GWRRA Module BRRR, It’s Cold – Riding in the Cold
(REP Level II or higher)
- 104-02 Seminar – Running Mountains, Hills, & Curves
(REP Level III or higher)
- 104-03 Seminar – Trailering (REP Level III or higher)
- 104-05 Seminar – Road Captain Course (REP Level III or higher)
- 106-01 GWRRA Module – On the Level/My RE (REP Level II or higher)
- 106-02 GWRRA Module – For the Mature Rider (REP Level II or higher)

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“May you live in interesting times.”

The source of this proverb is not clear. An internet search, trying to find the source, became an “interesting time” of its own with no clear answer. Some sources claim it to be an ancient Chinese curse, which make it seem sadly ironic to the devastated population of Wuhan and subsequent COVID-19 Pandemic that we live in today.

“GWRRA International Motorist-Motorcycle Awareness Day” in 2020 was definitely hampered by government imposed restrictions on movement, contact, and group sizes. Nevertheless, I am extremely proud of all the Districts and Chapters who had a successful and fun (albeit downsized) event. So, we will move on and begin planning and hoping for a better next year.

As all Districts and Chapters will soon begin planning next year’s riding calendar, *I am now reminding you again to set aside the SECOND SATURDAY of MAY EVERY YEAR (the next is May 8, 2021) to sponsor some kind of Motorist Awareness event.*

Plan big, or plan modestly, but please plan and do something!

If plans include trying to have your state or local government officials sign an “Official Proclamation,” we have two suggestions. First, check out the resources on the Motorist Awareness website at <https://www.map-gwrro.org/>. There is a sample proclamation and a contact letter you may use and modify to suit your individual needs. Second, be sure to start the process early; allow a 45-60 day lead time. We suggest you make your first contacts early in MARCH.

Also, remember to check with your State Departments of Transportation no later than March. See if they can furnish “Watch Out for Motorcycles” yard signs, banners, bumper stickers, etc. **DON’T ASSUME THAT YOU WILL HAVE TO BUY THEM.** Many states use USDOT grants to purchase these and will supply them to you for FREE or for a modest shipping charge.

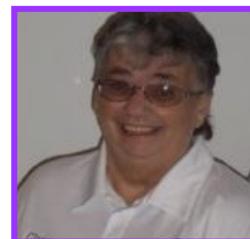
But most importantly of all, whatever you do, **BE SAFE ... and HAVE FUN WITH IT !!!**

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ZOOMING....

In the era of COVID-19, lots of business, family sharing, meetings, gatherings, and even fun and games are being done online. One of the platforms you can use is called Zoom. We use this platform for the online classes and have discovered that some people find using Zoom can be a bit of a challenge. There are several How-To's on joining a Zoom meeting or opening your own Zoom account on the University website, gwrradot.com. Here is what you need to know to make Zooming easier.

Zoom requires a webcam. The web address is: www.Zoom.us

If you wish to join a scheduled meeting on Zoom, follow these instructions:

1. When you receive your email invite, you will see that each meeting has a unique 9, 10, or 11-digit number called a Meeting ID that will be required to join a Zoom meeting. There may also be a password for that meeting.
2. If you are joining via telephone, you will need the teleconferencing number provided in the invite.
3. When you click on the Meeting ID link, you will be prompted to download and run Zoom.
4. Once you download Zoom, you will click on the file and it will allow you to launch Zoom.
5. Next you will see a page where it says, "JOIN A MEETING" and a place to enter the Meeting ID number and the password, if required.
6. If the host is not there, it will advise you to wait. Once the host arrives, you will be able to join the meeting.
7. There is a "Help" box at the bottom of the page. You can ask for a Zoom Tutorial on how to join a meeting.

If you need further assistance to join an online class, contact Clara Boldt at the number on the invite.



Breaking News!!

From Clara Boldt, Director of the University

The GWRRA University announced the roll-out of **GWRRA 101** ~ Everything you wanted to know about GWRRA and its policies and procedures.

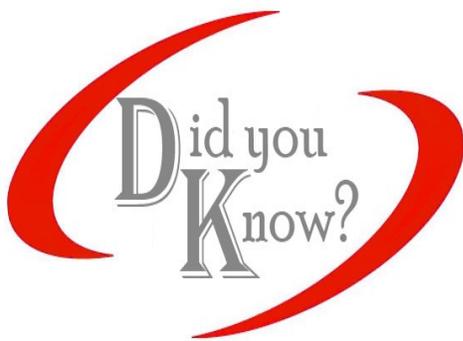
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Registration for the upcoming online workshop is open now. To register go to the GWRRA University website: gwrradot.com and click on tab GWRRA 101. This will take you to the registration form. You may register as many as two names on each registration.

Need an idea for classes this month?

As we have stated since the beginning of the Covid-19 era, as long as you utilize your State's and CDC's guidelines, you can conduct training classes. You can find creative ways to present classes while staying within those guidelines, such as having classes outdoors or doing smaller classes. If your area still has restrictions on gathering, online classes are available through the University.

Keep in mind that the number of participants is limited for online classes so please register EACH person separately who will be attending the class.



...that Jere and Sherry Goodman attended the online class, "This One's for the Girls" about women in leadership and then wrote about it in *Wing World*? They enjoyed the class and it encouraged the celebration of women in leadership in GWRRA. Thank you, Jere and Sherry.

...that the recertification date for University Trainers and University Instructors has been extended for one year from your last expiration date. BUT, if you wish to present the following, you must be current in your Levels.

101-02 Seminar – Co-Rider Course (REP Level II or higher)

101-05 Seminar – Motorcycle Crash Scene Response (REP Level III or higher)

101-06 GWRRA Module Who's Afraid of the Dark – Riding at Night (REP Level II or higher)

102-01 GWRRA Module RU Ready to Ride – Riding Readiness (REP Level II or higher)

102-02 GWRRA Module When You're Hot – Riding in the Heat (REP Level II or higher)

102-06 GWRRA Module A View from the Rear – Co-Rider View (REP Level II or higher)

102-07 GWRRA Module Helmets-Fact or Fiction (REP Level II or higher)

103-01 GWRRA Module Dangerous Epidemic – Distracted Drivers (REP Level II or higher)

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