



Region K Central Canada

2009

Volume 9, Number 2

GWRRA Officers

• **Melissa Easton**

Executive Director

• **Ron & Carol**

Hodgeson

National Directors,
Canada

• **Dave Hay**

Assistant Director
Rider Educator Canada

• **Phil & Margaret**

Craven

Region J Directors

• **Bob & Carolyn Pinet**

Region K Directors

• **Mike & Cathy Devine**

Region L Directors

Region K Central Canada Directors

Bob & Carolyn Pinet

–Directors

Louise Hervieux –

Treasurer

Raymond Boris &

Helen Dubois

ON Asst Region Directors

Steve & Megan

Perron

ON Asst Region Directors

Charles & Louise

Schultz

Region Educators

Don Norris

MAD / Public Relations

Brad & Francis Barfoot

Region LTD

Directors Notes:

Well, what do you know, it's snowing 5 cm today; therefore, I have time to get ahead of myself and complete the newsletter. Then get the shovel out. Yup.

Please note the information for the Rendezvous is posted on the [Rendezvous website](#). Speaking of websites, for those that do not know, there is a GWRRA bilingual Canada website at <http://gwr-ra-canada.ca/>. Note from Bill who maintains the website: *“Also, if anyone has any suggestions or corrections to my French translation, please feel free to send them on. Hope this meets with your approval, but if not let me know. I'll be waiting to here from you with your suggestions and comments ...Bill.”*

William Haggerty
System Builder, Solution Provider
Microsoft, AMD, Intel.
Phone: (250) 493-0153
Fax: (250) 493-0157
<http://vwh.ca>

I had an interesting Saturday two weekends ago. Katherine Pulford from Chapter ON-M has organized different weekends with Graham Allen (Tech Service Manager at Milton Honda Powerhouse) on different “HOW TO” topics for a Gold Wing. The first session was one called “Oil Change, other Fluids and Winter Storing a Wing”. The demo unit was a GL1800. Well, I'm glad I attended because once I was back home into the garage I performed a few different set ups to my stored GL1500. Lots of feedback and exchange of information. Yes we have a new member: Welcome Graham.☺ Does anyone know why mechanics wear disposable latex gloves when doing an oil change? [Send me an email with your answer](#) and those that attended the session I know you know the answer. I tell you it felt good to hear the GL1800 purr before and after the oil change. Now I'm anxious for spring.

I have been busy reading various chapter newsletters. It is exciting to hear about your winter activities and I'm happy to see that there is a lot of planning going on. To all editors, “Thank You” for sending me your chapter newsletter. Please forward your newsletter or link to other chapters, district and staff in the Region if you have not been doing so.

TBA

Region MED

Henry & Jane

VanGemert

Region Historians

Arthur Smith

Web Master.

Couple of the Year

Pierre & Nicole

Hunter

2008/2009

Oh! Yes, 171 days until Rendezvous. Registration forms and accommodation information are now available for download from the [Rendezvous website](#). Chapter ON-Q and K have put together an exciting package.

I will be travelling this month but I hope to make it out to a few breakfast meetings, or if I'm in your neighborhood, I'll call and we can meet for a Tim's. Too cold for ice cream.

Now to get the shovel...oh, it's buried. ☺
Bob

Region Rally: [Rendezvous 2009](#) is in Belleville Ontario from July 23 to 26. The host chapter is ON-Q with the assistance of ON-K. Check with the Rendezvous website for the Registration Form and other information. <http://rendezvous.cyclesurf.com/> Chapter Directors; please add Rendezvous information in your newsletter and bring copies to your next breakfast meeting. A beautiful area to ride and meet friends.

Mail: from Melissa Easton.

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Director Rider Education

Mike and Lori Stiger
4552 Leeward Drive
Pleasant Lake, MI 49272
wstiger@dmci.net
February 2, 2009

Lori and I are honored to have been asked by Melissa Eason to be your new National Directors of Rider Education. Since joining GWRRA in 1997, the Rider Education Program has been a priority to us in our GWRRA life. Both Lori and I are "Grand Master Tour Riders". I'm also a GWRRA "Master Instructor Trainer" and a "Motorcycle Safety Foundation" Rider Coach Instructor. We will have been married for 20 years this September and have two children and six grandchildren. We have served in many positions with the most recent being as Region D Educators for the last 4 ½ years. We have had a great team of District and Chapter Educators to work with allowing our program to grow and flourish. We look forward to applying the same teamwork philosophy at the National level. Not only working with the National Rider Education Staff and all of the Regional Educators to ensure that our program is focused on high quality education for our membership, but also to work on Melissa's great team. To have the opportunity to directly work with the National team of Operations, Leadership Training, and Member Enhancement, gives us the opportunity to utilize resources and expertise from these divisions that will enhance our Rider Education Program.

As it has been, my continuing focus as Director of Rider Education will be "Members First", and to build the program so every Member has ample opportunity to participate in our program to help reduce their risk in their motorcycling adventures. Members join our Association because they ride motorcycles and they want to enjoy it with others having the same common interest. They become involved in Rider Education because they find value in our education in their quest of following their "Dreams" in riding confident and free on the open highway.

Perhaps I express myself best in the welcome letter I give to all of my new Educators. Here is a portion of it I would like to share:

“You are a *Dream Maker*. You provide the opportunity for our Members to get the needed instruction and training to travel the open road with confidence. Through your guidance, you help prepare them for the unpredictable and unforeseen. Through your example, you demonstrate our motto “*Safety is for Life*”.

We are a loving bunch, always hugging and shaking hands whenever we meet. We care about one another and always want to see our fellow Members enjoying motorcycling to its fullest. Their *Dreams* await them on the open road. Our goal is to help ensure that they are prepared and enjoy their travels for years to come. Actively encourage *all Members* to get involved in the Levels Program. When you see a Level II patch or greater on their vest, you know that they have prepared to meet those challenges that await them.

You are a special person, you are an *Educator*. You provide the knowledge that saves lives. Take pride in this and our great Association.”

We are grateful for this opportunity and look forward to the task at hand. See you at Wing Ding 31,

Mike and Lori Stiger
Directors - Rider Education

Email from: Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg

wingin-it@stny.rr.com

I am reaching out to various Canadians who either know French or at least know people who speak French.

The New York District with the help of many others staff the Americade booth all week. We know that a large number of French speaking Canadians attend the event with the heaviest number on Friday and Saturday. Since we have a very limited number of bilingual people available to us here in New York, we are looking for some additional help in manning the booth.

We have done it now for 2 years and find we have a good time doing it. If you or anyone you feel would be a good representative for GWRRA please have them contact me. We do have a few benefits that we pass along and the time commitment is only 3 hours or so

Thanks,
Ed

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg
Gold Wing Road Riders Association
District Directors New York
Share the Fun; Ride, Recruit & Retain!

Rider Education:



Rider Ed Program Review

New PLP Courses

The existing Parking Lot Practices (PLPs) are being phased out and replaced by a new Facilitator led PLP program. The new PLP program has two different programs in it – one for motorcycles and one for Trikes, Sidecars and Add-On units. The new PLPs will introduce our members to a structured program. They may only be put on by a certified PLP facilitator and each one must be authorized by the District Educator. In addition, for the first year, all of the new PLPs will be sanctioned by the Region Educator and taking it can be used for Level 2 and Level maintenance requirements. If used, though, it is only good for one year at Level 2 and/or one year for renewal, after that the rider must take a GWRRA Rider Course to stay current. Facilitators are not instructors nor coaches and GWRRA has designed the new PLP program in a way that will allow the Rider to ‘discover’ how they can refine their skills during the PLP without the Facilitator doing any coaching. The most important role that a Facilitator has is to ensure the safety of the Riders on the range.

The new PLP will require a range size of 130ft x 180ft and may be put on by one or several facilitators. Up to 6 bikes can take part in the PLP at a time and they can be 1-Up or 2-Up although a 1-Up practice should be completed before doing it 2-Up. An average PLP will probably take about 3-4 hours.

Changes to Range Courses

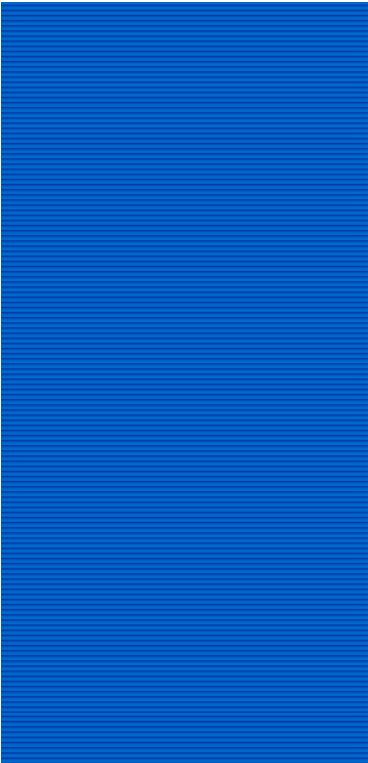
Many of the Range Courses have been modified to keep the members taking the course moving and reduce the amount of time spent in line waiting to do an exercise. To accommodate this new layout the courses have been laid out with the idea that they will be taught by two instructors rather than one. The layout can be altered to accommodate a single instructor if needed. With two instructors we will be aiming to have 12 bikes taking the course whenever possible.

Paperwork for PLP Courses and Range Courses

GWRRA has a \$2,000,000 blanket liability insurance policy that covers PLPs and Range Courses. To be protected under this policy, though, we must conform to the guidelines laid out by GWRRA. One of these guidelines is the completion and submission of the proper paperwork for each course or PLP.

The required paper work includes:

- Emergency Contact Sheet
- Liability Waivers
- Verification of valid Motorcycle class Driver’s license and proof of insurance
- Completion and submission of T-CLOCS or Trike Check
- Completion Card Tracking Sheet

- 
- Incident reports if required
 - Student Evaluation Forms

This paperwork is for the protection of the members as well as GWRRA and hopefully participants will be made aware of the requirements by the organizer prior to the course or PLP.

Monthly Reports

One of the duties of the Chapter Educator is to forward a monthly report of RiderEd activities that have taken place at the chapter level. The REP Handbook describes this as “this report is critical to supporting GWRRA’s educational mission and cannot be emphasized strongly enough”. The report is simply a record of the type of training or information shared with our membership and the number of members impacted. Although this report should not take more than 5 minutes to complete each month, we are receiving it from only a third of the chapters. How to complete the form was reviewed and hopefully for 2009 we will see more chapters reporting.

Rick and Madonna McCalla – Region K - Ontario District Educators

Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge