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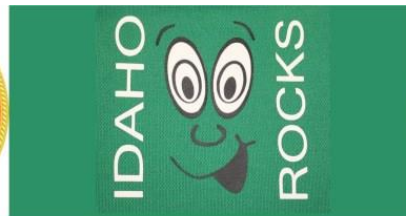
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CORONAVIRUS NEWS

Officers and Staff Members of GWRRA,

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like to encourage you to postpone all Chapter and District gatherings for the time being. We are aware that many of you have already done so, but felt it was important to reiterate the message for any of you that have yet to do so. Unfortunately, due to the fluidity of the situation, we cannot begin to estimate the length of time this request will remain in effect. But we can assure you that we are in continued communication with health entities and municipalities across the country for the most up to date and accurate information.

We would also like to mention, that at this point, Wing Ding, which is to be held in Springfield, MO, from 6/30-7/4/2020, is NOT being postponed and/or cancelled at this time due to it still being several months away.

The health and wellness of our members is of the utmost importance as an association, and appreciate your support and understanding of the current situation. If you require any additional assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Home Office at 800-843-9460 or memberservices@gwrra.org.

Additional information can be obtained from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) including steps to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Abel Gallardo
CEO, GWRRA

Sincerely,

Jere & Sherry Goodman

Directors of GWRRA

SURPRISES NEVER STOP!

For most of us that live in the northern tier of the USA riding season is just about here and then what; surprise the Coronavirus. The Home Office has put a recommendation to ALL Districts & Chapters to suspend any group gathering for at least the next few months. Along with GW most States are having mandatory closure of restaurants, bar grills and all unnecessary public gathering places. With some of our membership in that critical age group I concur with all these suggestion to ensure the safety our Members.

So now what, well surprise, we now have that extra time to make sure our safety chrome is all bright and shiny to help ward off all those road gremlins. And of course making sure the rest of the bike is ready to go. And as they are not recommending group activities, there are solo rides.

This is no surprise, whatever you do please be safe.

Remember the life you save just might be yours.

Thank you & Ride Safe
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NOTES FROM ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Hello Idaho. Weather is starting to get nice here in southwest Idaho. We plan to ride today. Unfortunately at the time I am writing this we aren't supposed to ride or gather in groups of 10 or more so chapter rides and gatherings should all be suspended.

I did get a great idea from the District Directors call, use Zoom for get togethers. We are going to try it out in my chapter. Zoom is a free download app best used on a computer or laptop with a camera or smart phone. You can have many people on the call and see everyone live as well. It is pretty cool and a safe way to have a gathering. Try it out with your friends too.

Here are the instructions:

Participating in a Zoom Call, Zoom requires a webcam.

The web address is: www.Zoom.us

If you wish to join a scheduled meeting on Zoom, follow these instructions: How to join an instant meeting through an email invite.

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.
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.
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.

Please be safe during these crazy times!

Lori Adkins

Idaho Assistant District Director



NOTES FROM DISTRICT RIDER EDUCATOR



By: Mike Adkins

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All in person training should be canceled as well as gatherings or rides. Instead, GWWRA University is hosting some online training in April. For rides, some folks planning solo rides rather than in groups. Remember to keep social distancing of 6 feet. These are crazy times.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!

An Alternative to Classroom Training due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like to encourage you to postpone all University training for the time being. We are aware that many of you have already done so, but felt it was important to reiterate the message for any of you that have yet to do so. Unfortunately, due to the fluidity of the situation, we cannot begin to estimate the length of time this request will remain in effect. But we can assure you that we are in continued communication with health entities and municipalities across the country for the most up to date and accurate information.

While we are responding to the Corona Virus Pandemic by reducing our contact with others in groups, the GWRRA University is offering an alternative training opportunity. Beginning April 1st, GWRRA University will be offering a limited number of classes by video conferencing (Zoom). The classes offered will be:

Mondays ~ GWRRA Module 202-04 Retention is Important ~ How to retain Members

Tuesdays ~ GWRRA Module 301-02 More Members ~ Recruitment Basics

Wednesdays ~ GWRRA Module 106-01 On the Level ~ Covers the Levels Program

Thursdays ~ GWRRA Module 201-06 Newsletters ~ Discusses communication via Newsletters

Saturdays ~ GWRRA Module 202-04 Retention is Important ~ How to retain Members

The courses will be presented by the University Team. These are the specifics: Preregister on-line on the University website: www.gwrradot.com Once registered, you will receive an email confirming your registration. Classes will be offered at 3:00pm and 6:00pm Central Time. Class sizes will be limited A U.3 class roster will be completed submitted for entry into the database. You must participate by computer or phone with camera. No dial in calls. All members are encouraged and welcome to attend. The University will evaluate and determine if the on-line training will be continued and if other classes will be added.

Any questions, please contact Clara Boldt, Director of the University at toledotriker@gmail.com

FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER E DIRECTOR



Well, It's March, the temps are rising, and riding season, for those of us who've had to endure a snowy Winter, is right around the corner. Richard and Carol Huff ventured out on their trike the other day, so it can't be much longer for the rest of us. There are several things going on in the Chapter and around the District, so let me share a bit and bring everyone up to speed.

1. As of now, there's no District Rally for 2020 on the schedule. I had been organizing "The Best of the Great Northwest Meet & Greet" through one of the Goldwing forums before taking a position as our Chapter Director. Since this event was already in the works, we've opened it up for any of you that would like to attend. There's no charge, this is more of a ride in/meet and greet affair. More information about this can be found in the District newsletter.

2. Along those lines, during our last Zoom meeting, it was agreed that District Rallies are an important part of the GWRRA lifestyle. They bring our Districts, Chapters, and associates together, as well as providing a great platform for classroom and rider education, not to mention the camaraderie. The first thing suggested was to possibly do another ride in/meet & greet later this year, in another location, to get further acquainted with the other Chapters and the areas they ride. Looking forward to 2021, we discussed speaking with our membership and getting their opinions on locations, rides, training, and other aspects important to producing a good Rally. Basically, what do they want to see from and for our District? So, let's put our thinking caps on and see what we can come up with.

3. Chapter E doesn't have any rides scheduled for March or April, but that doesn't mean we won't be on the road. Weather permitting, for anyone who wants to get out and stretch their legs, myself and, I'm sure, others will be more than willing to join you. Just let us know where and when, and we'll put on some early year miles.

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4. Speaking of getting out and shaking the dust off, it's a great time of the year to pull the riding gear out and check it out. Are the jackets clean and the pads in place? Does everything still fit (some of us suffer a degree of expansion over the Winter)? Gloves, boots, chaps, are they still in good shape? Maybe check the helmets and make sure the liners are clean, the chin straps are serviceable and secure, and the lenses are clear. This might even be a good time to check those prescription glasses and make sure they're up to date. Don't forget the bike or trike, just because it was awesome when you put it away for the Winter, doesn't mean it's ready to just start and roll out of the garage. Is the oil fresh, are the tires in good shape, the tire pressures checked and set correctly, do all the lights work and work properly? If you're like me, Winter is when I do the maintenance and upgrades. This year, Black Beauty gets a fine new set of heated grips, a trailer hitch, a new front tire, and a set of mono tubes in the front forks. Some of these projects aren't complete just yet, so it's imperative they get done, done right, and checked to insure all the bolts and nuts are in place and tight.

5. For our new and old members alike, here's some food for thought. Goldwing's are big bikes, and like so many others, no matter the brand, are not one size fits all. Many Pro riding courses point this out, and there are things you can do to make your bike fit you better and make it safer as well. If you're reaching to grab the handlebars or suffer neck and shoulder pain on longer rides, consider installing risers on the handlebars. There are several brands and designs to choose from, from reasonably inexpensive up to WOW. What they each do in their own way is move the handlebars up and back toward you, reducing strain in your neck and shoulders. This also improves steering input, because you're no longer stretching to reach the controls, thus providing a safer ride. Other riders may need to adjust the handlebars to accommodate their longer reach, and risers can help this as well, raising and spreading the handlebars to provide a more comfortable riding position for them. Not all of us are 6' tall, so having our feet touch the ground can become an issue when starting and stopping. Because of differences in bike design,

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not all solutions will apply, but here are a few to consider. The simplest and least expensive, is having boots with thicker soles. The difference between a cowboy boot leather sole and a boot with a heavier Vibram sole can make a real difference. Sometimes an extra ½" is all that's needed. Other solutions can be a bit more expensive, but if they allow you to safely and easily enjoy your bike, that expense may just be worth it. For the Goldwing 1800's 2001 through 2017, there are several options. The first is the seat. Seats can be rebuilt, or custom built to not only provide comfort, but to lower the seated position, allowing the rider to safely touch the ground, or can have padding added or seating position adjusted to accommodate our taller companions. On those same model years, a company called LowerWing, makes a link that replaces the rear suspension link, which can lower the bike by ¾", 1", and 1 ¼". This was the solution for me, using the ¾" lowering link. I'm sure there are other options I'm not aware of, but the point here is, you don't have to suffer. It may come down seeking another bike that fits you better. Helmet weight can also be an issue.

6. I'd like to thank Lori and Mike of Chapter T for their fine work. Adriana is doing great things producing a District Newsletter. If you go to the GWRRA Idaho website, you can view the District Newsletter there, with information from all the Chapters that send their information in. I'd also like to thank all the Idaho Chapter Directors for sharing their ride schedules and newsletters with us.

7. Now, the fun part! We're going to start pushing new membership and the Levels program. Mike left me with the forms for the Level program, so if you didn't get one, see me and we'll get it going. If you've filled one out, get it to me and I'll send them to Mike. I'm also going to be passing out some membership literature, so let's get those hidden members out of the dark. Ride safe everyone, we look forward to seeing you on the road.

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FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER T DIRECTOR

Chapter T had a successful gathering before everything in the state/nation started getting canceled. We made plans for motorcycle awareness month in May that may now have to be rescheduled. All of our official rides have been cancelled. We are trying a zoom call to stay in touch with our members. Everyone please be safe. Hopefully this will be over sooner rather than later.

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GWRRA EVENTS

Due to the COVID-19, ALL GWRRA sponsored events are postponed until further notice.

Stay in touch with your Chapter and District leaders for more information.

Hopefully we will be able to resume activities soon.

Please everybody stay safe and in touch.

Be Advised

- Avoid crowded spaces = Ride motorcycles
- Do not use public transportation = Ride motorcycles
- Well ventilated spaces are virus free = Ride motorcycles
- Protect your nose and mouth = Ride motorcycles
- Recommended use of gloves = Ride motorcycles
- Try not to touch contaminated surfaces = Don't let anyone touch your motorcycle
- Avoid shaking hands = Do not remove your gloves when getting off your motorcycle
- Keep a safe distance from people who sneeze or cough = Ride motorcycles
- Maintain a positive and prudent attitude = Only way to ride a motorcycle

*Feel free to share this Important Information

See the Idaho district website at
GWRRA-Idaho.US for Rally
Information around the area

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RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT!