GWRRA RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Gold Wing Road Riders Association has always promoted safety through education. However, it wasn't until January 1988 the Rider Education Program began to gain momentum with member participation increasing continuously through the years. There are now over 30,000 member participants in the program.

"Safety By Commitment"

You may sign up for the Rider Education Program's Level I at any time. There are no prerequisites or minimums to meet. Simply bring your commitments to make riding safer for you 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 5,000 safe miles since becoming a GWRRA member and have taken an approved riding training course (riders) or an approved co-rider training course (seminar or 2-Up riding course) within the past three years.

* Level III * Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider "Safety By Preparation"

You must be current in Level II, have CPR or First Aid training carry a First Aid kit, and a take a Motorist Awareness Seminar.

* Level IV * Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider

"Safety By Enhanced Preparation and Experience" You must be current and have a full year at level III, have ridden no less than 25,000 safe miles since joining GWRRA, and must be certified in both CPR and First Aid. Master Tour Riders and Coriders sign a commitment to wear all the gear all the time (ATGATT).

Masters Recognition Program

Beginning in 2002, this program provides recognition for dedicated members who have maintained their commitment to the Rider Education Program through their continued certification renewal as a Master Tour Rider

Senior Master

Master Tour Riders who have maintained their active status by remaining certified for 5 consecutive years are eligible to be recognized as Senior Master

Grand Master

Master Tour Riders who have maintained their active status by remaining certified for 10 consecutive years are eligible to be recognized as Grand Master

Life Grand Master

Master Tour Riders who have maintained their active status by remaining certified for 15 consecutive years are eligible to be recognized as Life Grand Master

Live Seminars

* CPR/First Aid (MEDIC First Aid, and others)

Learn how to handle many first aid emergencies and how to save a life. Both CPR and First Aid are hands on courses that add to your qualifications for Level III

★ Co-Rider

The seminar is essentially the same as the video but presents the opportunity for discussion and Question and Answer sessions

★ Group/Team Riding

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

* Road Captains 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 the tail riders

***** Motorcycle Crash Scene Response

The unthinkable happens. Are you prepared to cope with an accident scene? This course suggests an appropriate course of action when a crash has occurred and prepares the member to respond with knowledge and confidence.

* Motorcycling for the Mature Rider

Informational tips for motorcyclists who want to continue to ride safely at age 50 and older.

And more

Video Seminars

* Co-Rider

This instructional video addresses the preparation of the co-rider for the motorcycling experience. Areas of focus include the personal preparation, riding gear, motorcycle equipment, and riding techniques – the do's and don'ts of riding as a team. This video qualifies the co-rider for Levels II - IV

★ Trailering

Gold Wingers are the experts when it comes to trailering behind touring bikes. This video presents and overview of various types of trailers, hitches, wiring, safety chains, suspensions, wheels and riding techniques

★ Touring & Braking

"High siding" can be the worst phrase in motorcycling. This video reviews several aspects of riding with emphasis on proper cornering and braking techniques to assist the rider in preventing the dreaded 'high side"

★ Slow Speed Riding

Gary Sanford presents a comprehensive video seminar with demonstrations of slow speed riding techniques. Learn to have better control with confidence.

Riding Courses presented by:

Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF)

* BRC (Basic RiderCourseSM) (15 hours)

This is a 14-15 hour course that teaches the basic riding skills for the true novice through the experienced rider. It presents riding strategies as well as fundamentals techniques. Includes classroom sessions and range instruction.

* BRC2 (Basic RiderCourseSM2) (6 hours)

The ERC combines discussions between exercises and on-range riding instruction. It is designed for the experienced rider with at least 5,000 miles. The course focuses on braking, swerving, and cornering techniques.

Evergreen Safety Council (ESC)

★ Sidecar Course

The US Sidecar Association's course in now offered by the ESC. It is part of the Sidecar/Trike Education Program (S/TEP). The course is for enhancing and training sidecarists in the unique techniques necessary for handling the rig.

* Trike Course

The other part of ESC's S/TEP is their trike course. Operating a trike is a different experience from two wheelers. Hands-on trike training is provided.

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* Trike Rider Course (TRC) (6 hours)

This course is designed to provide trike riders with coaching and instruction focused on braking, swerving and turning. A unique experience for the three-wheeler set.

* Trailering Course (TC) (6 hours)

With classroom and range instruction, this course prepares the rider for pulling a trailer. Includes discussions for set-up and onrange practice for backing up, braking, swerving, and cornering.

* Trike Trailering Rider Course (TTRC) (6 hours)

This course is a combination of the TRC and the TC. It rovides trike riders with coaching and instruction focused on backing, braking, swerving and turning. Only GWRRA has it!

* Sidecar Riders Course (SCR) (6 hours)

Similar to the TRC and TC, this course emphasizes the differences specifically related to the sidecar rig rider.

* Advanced Rider Course (ARC) (8 hours)

This course is designed to provide riders and co-riders with the necessary skills and knowledge to make their riding experience safer and more enjoyable. It combines three (3) hours of classroom and five (5) hours of on-range riding skills training and coaching. The course is all new while focusing on the critical skills of cornering, swerving, and braking.





Level I



Level II





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