



Louisiana District Educators
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Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

It seems 2021 has some tricks up its own sleeves so 2020 does not show it up. There is light at the end of the tunnel! Or is that a train locomotive barreling at us? I hope everyone handled the freak cold weather snap we just went through. I know the plumbers across a few states are busy!!

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all those lucky Irish folks, and those that are at least once a year!! St. Patrick's Day is just one of the many celebrations that are enjoyed in March!!

Your district put on an Advanced Rider Course down the bayou in Houma. We had a great turn out with 7 bikes, one with a corider. It did take a small army of members to mark the range, help with the exercises, do all the paperwork. Special thanks to Brian Weddle that came from just north of Gulfport to help lay out the range and come back the next day to be my co-instructor. All the riders and corider had a good time and I think they found out what they can accomplish on their Goldwings. I hope they did learn something from that day! It was great to have so many folks come out and help with setting the range up. We had members from Chapter D in Monroe, Chapter H in Houma and Chapter K in Metairie. March 6th will be a Trike Rider Course in Houma. I am proud to say that course is full, 12 trikes and several with their coriders!

Your district team is planning on sponsoring another ARC and TRC in the next few months so please check your RE information to see if you need it for levels or contact Becky or I at our district email: ed@gwrra-la.org if you have an interest in taking either class.

Levels is another great program in Rider Education. Level I (Safety by Commitment) is quite simple to get, just sign up for it. One form to fill out and make a commitment to ride safely. Level II (Safety by Education) can be obtained by having 5,000 safe miles riding since joining GWRRA and taking a rider course. Co-riders have the option of taking a co-rider course or taking a 2Up course with their rider. Level III (Safety by Preparedness) is riding with a First Aid Kit, taking a hands on First Aid or CPR class and being current in Level II requirements. Level IV (Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness) is the highest level and takes a little time getting. One must have 25,000 safe miles since joining GWRRA, keep current in all other required levels, ride with "All the Gear All the Time". That gear is wearing a helmet, full fingered gloves, long sleeved shirt, long pants and over the ankle boots. Keep current in Level III requirements and have both first aid and cpr completed for one year. There are other Master Tour Rider goals that can be obtained by keeping current in requirements over 5-year periods.

You do not need to ride a Goldwing to be in the Levels program, but you do need to ride safely!!

Ride Safe, Ride Smart

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