

Good News from The National

I just received great news from National Headquarters...twice! In their efforts to update the Rider Ed Levels Program the National Office has decided to drop the renewal fees for the Masters Touring level (Level IV), which were formally \$10.00 per year.

Master Tour Riders will still have to provide renewal information annually. The annual renewal hanger bars will be made available for purchase (\$2.00 each) through the District channels as other Rider Education Program patches and pins are currently.

The fee removal will impact the Wing Ding Masters Breakfast Event. Those Masters that wish to attend this event will need to purchase tickets with their Wing Ding registration. The Tickets will not be available until early 2006 to allow for completion of event planning.

Lightning does strike twice! In a follow up E-mail from National, renewal fees for Levels II and III have also been suspended. The same rules apply and the renewal hanger bar will be available for \$2.00 each. How does this work?

New applications for Level IV will continue to go to the Region Educator, Ron Lantz. **New applications** for Levels I, II and III will continue to go to the District Educator.

Renewals for Levels II, III and IV can go directly to Tony if no renewal pin/hanger is required. Tony Van Schaick, 94 Edwards Circle, Oswego, New York, 13126-6068. If you want a pin/hanger bar you must send the renewal form to me, and enclose a check payable to Florida Rider Education (\$2.00 ea). I will send you the pin/hanger bar then forward the renewal to Tony. You still have to renew for Levels II, III and IV. I suspect new forms will be coming out of National shortly.

Now a little rain...the National just ordered the renewal bars for 2006. It will probably be a few weeks before they come in and few weeks before I can get them. Be prepared to wait.

Rider Fair

What a busy day! Four ERC Courses and four Trike Courses make for a very long day. Curtis Palmore fielded over 16 instructors and managed to get an additional 3 instructors certified in GWRRA Trike Course, which insures our continued availability for Trike training. A really big THANK YOU to Curtis and his crew for doing an outstanding job.

I would also like to thank Terry Dunn and Heidi London who taught the First Aid and CPR classes. If you missed them this time they will be at the District Rally in February. Ron Jackson ran the Co-Riders Seminar and Pat Laden handled the Road Captains Course. Thank you to all who helped. Without your help, the Fair would fizzle. Final tally below:

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| ERC's | 58 |
| Trikes | 38 |
| First Aid | 8 |
| CPR | 21 |
| Road Capt. | 11 |
| Co-Rider | 8 |

The total is 144 people trained at the Riders Fair. A special thanks to all those members who took the time to attend.

Bob & Barbara Groff