

New Assistant District Educator

I am extremely pleased to announce that we have new Assistant District Educator's joining the Rider Education Program. Joe and Jan Mazza have accepted the position and effective January 1, 2006, will be responsible for all the training for our members. Establishing Trailing, Trike and ERC Courses will be their primary goal, and in their spare time, they will be arranging First Aid and CPR classes.

Update on the Level IV. Last July the National Organization put a temporary suspension on the Master's Level, pending review. They recently announced that the Master's Level would continue as is until further notice. Changes are expected over the entire Levels Program. I have no idea what changes are contemplated or when they will take effect. I apologize for any inconvenience the suspension may have caused for our members seeking to move to Level IV.

Rider's Fair update. Due to the demand, I have added an additional Trike and ERC course to the schedule. I fully expect all the ERC's will be filled by the end of October. However, there is still room in the Trike Course, FA/CPR classes and seminars. For those who could not attend the Fair, we will be sponsoring a Trailing Course and additional ERC's in the coming months. I'll send out a memo to all Chapter Educators once we have a firm date for the courses.

District Educators
Bob & Barbara Groff

A Word from Joe and Jan

We are very honored to take the position of Assistant District Educators, and know how much we will enjoy working with Bob and Barbara Groff. Both of us hail from New Jersey where we were high school teachers. Joe taught Health, Physical Education and Driver Education for 32 years. Jan taught reading and was a librarian for 25 years. Because of the Driver Education we have always been committed to safe driving.

We moved to Florida eight years ago and joined GWRRA almost four years ago. We became Chapter Educators for Chapter FL-1-T in Inverness not long after. We have both reached Level 4 and renew our skills regularly. We really enjoyed being Chapter Educators, as we came to understand the unique importance of motorcycle safety.

We have always tried to practice what we preach, which stood us in good stead when we went down in Texas in 2004. Although it was very hot, we wore full gear, which was so important as we met the pavement. The surgeon told Jan she would have lost her foot if she had not been wearing boots. Thank goodness for the Rider Ed Program in Florida. We are enthusiastic about our new position and working with the local Chapter Educators.

Assistant District Educators
Joe & Jan Mazza