

THE BEST ONE EVER

A great big thank you goes out to all of our Chapter Educators for your part in making this, according to the Big Poo Bah, Bob Shrader, the most successful District Rally ever. Once again the sale of the raffle tickets went very well. The lucky winner of the 2007 1800 Gold Wing was Mr. Randy Galloway of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. We think the ticket was sold by Denny and Joyce Brodbeck of FL 2-E, Miami. Denny tells me he personally sold 1000 tickets. That is the kind of dedication to Rider Education that makes the program such a success. Thanks again Denny, and to all the hardworking Gold Wingers who sold tickets so we can continue to offer classes at no cost to our members. The third place \$500 was won by Brian Randolph of Lakeland, Florida. The second place prize of \$1000 went to Rob Lundberg of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. The raffle tickets for the 2008 rally will be mailed out in May, 2007. We will do our best to meet each chapters' needs, but please understand that we have to limit the number we print, or people will not buy them (if there are too many tickets, people will feel they have no chance at all to win).

Here are some statistics you may find interesting. In 2006 we were able to train 247 members in our ERC's and TRC's. It is mid-March and we have already trained 87 members in these courses. In 2006 we put 271 new road captains on the road and 635 members through our CPR/FA courses. Last year we welcomed 168 new Level I's to the Rider Ed program. Because of our 2007 push to enroll as many as possible in the Rider Education Program, we already have 105 new members in the program. Three ERC's are already scheduled in the near future.

At the rally we were able train 120 people in CPR/FA, with Jim and Linda McGinnis as our instructors. Thirty three members took the Road Captain classes with instruction by Mike Duquette and Mo Dalton. We had a total of 291 members attend all our seminars, the most ever. Also, thanks go out to all seminar instructors: Don Danbury, Doug Gray, Ron Jackson, and Walt Overlander.

The Greenbar is coming along slowly but steadily and should be ready for distribution soon. Our thanks go to Jake Jacob for helping with it.

Also, back to raffle tickets, the top three sellers this year were the same as last year, just in a different order. First place was FL1-L2, Wesley Chapel, with 4340 tickets sold, second place was FL1-Q, Milton, with 4305, and third place was Miami, FL2-E, with 4000 sold. The chapters that sold 1000 or more were Clearwater, Daytona, Ft. Myers, Lakeland, Motorcycle Rider Education of Clearwater (Mr. Curtis Palmore), Naples, and Zephyrhills.

Folks, we are # 1 in the country and with a rally like this and statistics like these, we can't imagine anyone surpassing us anytime soon. You are Florida Rider Education. Our beautiful weather is here, so please ride safely and dress for the fall.

Joe and Jan Mazza
District Educators