

## Meet the Danbury's

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our Assistant District Educators, Don and Judy Danbury. Don spent his early years in southern Ohio. From the time he was old enough to work, he did so in the trucking industry. Starting as a truck driver, he worked his way up to diesel technician and then to terminal manager. You wouldn't know it to look at him, but Don's a pretty smart guy. (Just kidding.) He moved to Florida in 1981 where he continued to work in trucking and then started his own lawn service.

Don has been riding motorcycles for 50 plus years and has been an active member of G.W.R.R.A. for six years. Don was selected as Chapter Educator of the year at our last CD conference. This was based on his enthusiasm and many contributions to the Rider Education Program. Oh, and by the way, he recently saved a man's life at the Daytona Bike Show by administering CPR after the man collapsed and didn't have a pulse. Don's quick action brought the man back. Just another day in the life of Don "Superman" Danbury.

Judy Danbury was born and raised right here in Florida. She lived for a short time in Greensboro, North Carolina. She returned to Florida in 1981 and worked in banking until her retirement two years ago. Judy is very enthusiastic about the program, and we know she will contribute a great deal to it. She and Don are both Level 4 Masters. They love riding and take three-four week riding vacations every year. Gracie and I consider them good friends who are also very competent leaders. We are looking forward to working with them.

The summer months of July, August, and September showed a decline in chapter event participation. Perhaps the fact that it was what one weather reporter claimed to be the "hottest summer ever recorded" had something to do with it. The true test for those of us who wear the proper gear 365 days a year is riding in mid-July with the heat index around 110-115 degrees and following the G.W.R.R.A. riding apparel guidelines. As you know, "It ain't Easy." I know "ain't" isn't a word, but sometimes I like to drive my English teacher wife crazy when she proofreads. When Gracie and I went down in Dallas in July, 2004, it was very hot. (100 degrees). Were we sweating? You bet. Were we uncomfortable? Yes we were. But you know, wearing the proper gear becomes second nature to us and, we just accept that we live in the South, and it is hot. Did being properly dressed save us from more serious injuries? Oh yes, particularly over the ankle, heavy, leather boots and helmets.

We would like to offer our congratulations to Ron and Pam Lantz for being recognized at Wing Ding as the Educators of the Year for all of G.W.R.R.A.. (Hopefully they will share that recognition with me and Gracie, since we have been carrying them for quite some time, and our backs are beginning to hurt.) We're just kidding of course. Ron and Pam do a superb job and have taught us much of what we know about motorcycle safety.

As most of you know, there have been many changes in local, district, and region staff positions recently. The supply of dedicated and enthusiastic members willing to serve just doesn't seem to end. We are very fortunate here in Florida and look forward to working with all the new staff members and to the experienced staff who have taken new positions.

Last call for the Rider Ed Fair November 17, 2007. There are still some openings in classes, so please urge your members to sign up now. Any checks they send in will be returned when they take the class. See you in St. Petersburg.

Have fun and ride safe,  
Joe and Gracie Mazza  
District Educators