

Changing of the Guard

Well folks, the Region Rally was a great success, as usual. Larry and Patti Lingo and the entire Region staff is to be congratulated for a job well done. The Rider Education Table did a booming business in raffling off some special prizes. One of the prizes was a gold and emerald ring. For three days, Gracie was trying on that ring and wishing for it. If I didn't buy \$20.00 worth of tickets to give Gracie a chance at it, I would have been in trouble. Well, the first ticket drawn was in the possession of Mr. Joe Hudd of FI-M, Clearwater. While he was trying to decide between the ring and a beautiful jacket, the second ticket was drawn. That Right!! None other than our Gracie had that ticket. Joe was gentleman enough to let Gracie pick the ring. Thanks to Joe, my Christmas shopping for Gracie is finished!

Our Assistant District Educator, Don Danbury, was one of the seminar presenters. As most of you are aware, Nan and Bob Shrader have moved up to take the Region Directors' post as Patti and Larry Lingo have decided to step down. Nan and Bob did an incredible job for seven years as our District Directors. Jeanette and Ed Carr have stepped up to take the District Directors' position along with Gina and Bill Berry and Kathy and Gino Jette as Assistant District Directors. Ed Porter is moving up to join Nan and Bob on the Region staff. These are a lot of changes which I am sure will continue to keep our Region and District the envy of the Country.

We are looking forward to many fun and interesting events over the next few months. Keep those calendars handy to keep track! Hopefully, we will see many of you in Mississippi and also at a variety of Florida rallies, poker runs, etc. We need costumes, bike decorations, toys for the less fortunate ... but above all, we need to keep what we know about safety in the foremost part of our minds when riding. Let's make the rest of 2007 and 2008 safe times for our members.

Saturday, November 17th, is next in our calendar of presentations at the Rider Education Fair in St. Petersburg. Now is the time to get with your Chapter members and enthusiastically talk up the Fair. We need those forms in ASAP. Your members may need you to help fill in the forms and mail them to us. Check the Greenbar for your chapter to see who may need one or more of the courses offered to stay current. If it

looks as though the expiration date has passed or is about to, you might want to bring this to their attention and encourage them to take care of it at the upcoming Fair. Remind members that any check they send us is to hold their spot and will be returned to them at the class.

July and August were slow months for getting the monthly reports in. I am well aware of the many reasons for this, and I perfectly understand. Now that the cooler months are here and the chapter rides and get togethers will pick up, there will be more to report and hopefully the monthly reports will increase. We are very proud of Team Rider Ed and the great job you are doing for your chapters.

Thank you and keep up the good work.

**Ride Safe
Have Fun
Joe and Gracie Mazza
District Educators**