

DISTRICT RALLY TIME

Our District rally is almost here. This year, besides offering all the courses we gave last year, we are introducing a new course called “ERC and TRC Orientation”. The course will be centered around a DVD filmed by Paul Begin of Chapter FI 1-M, Clearwater. It will feature an ERC and TRC, both filmed at our range facilities at the “Motorcycle Rider Education of Clearwater” school. The classes, under the auspices of Curtis Palmore, FI 1-M and the owner of the school, were a big success, and the DVD is very informative. The DVD incorporates all facets of our safety courses. We feel there are a number of our members yet to take advantage of our education program who will benefit from viewing the DVD, if for no other reason than to alleviate the fear of the unknown. We in Rider Education are constantly on the lookout for new and fresh ideas and approaches for presenting our message of motorcycle safety. Thank you, Paul, for a job well done, and from all those who will benefit from your ideas.

To date, our Level 2 Extravaganza has been well received and successful. We have had ERC’s in Jacksonville, Miami, the Panhandle, St. Pete., Hawthorne, Eustis, and Palm Coast. That gives us seven in the period of a month. We have also had TRC’s in Eustis and St. Pete, with one more in Eustis on Feb.24th and Miami on March 1st. That is a total of four in the same 30 day period. Seven ERC’s and four TRC’s....that’s a lot of members taking full advantage of our free safety courses. Once all the Extravaganza courses have been completed, the area coordinators will be anxiously awaiting requests from Chapter Directors and Educators for ERC’s and TRC’s for all our membership. Our area coordinators are to be congratulated on a job well done in coordinating with all the chapters involved. If you are not sure which area coordinator your chapter is assigned to, call or e-mail us and we will be happy to assist you.

By the way, speaking of our facility at Hawthorne, I was in attendance as an observer, along with Kathy and Gino Jette, when the class was held. Since this was the 1st class being held there, I was curious to see the instructors in action and to evaluate the range. I am pleased to report that the instructors as well as the range were top notch and I am looking forward to using them again. I also have received permission to have the range painted for trike classes. As you can see, Florida Rider Ed. is, and always has been, on the move, always growing, adding new schools and new ranges with the convenience of our membership uppermost in our minds.

We hope to see you all at the District Rally. Stop by to say hello and if you wish, stay a while, we could always use the help.

Ride Safe, Have Fun.

Joe and Jan (Gracie) Mazza
Florida District Educators