

IT'S OCTOBER SO LET'S DRESS FOR THE FALL

The September Region A rally in Dothan, Alabama was a great success. Nan and Bob Shrader, Region Directors, and Pam and Ron Lantz, region Educators did a wonderful job of offering entertainment along with a number of excellent Rider Ed seminars. Also, Florida once again regained the distinction of having the most members in attendance. It is obvious to all concerned that the organizational and social skills of both the Shraders and the Carrs, Ed and Jeannette, account for this accomplishment.

Let us now discuss upcoming happenings of interest in Florida Rider Education. We have Two ERC's on tap in Miami. As of now all 12 spots for both have been filled, thanks to the diligence of our Southern Area Coordinator, Rodney Cullen. The first class will be held on Sunday, September 28, and the second on Sunday, October 12, 2008. We also have ERC's scheduled for Saturday, October 4th and Saturday, Nov. 1st at Cecil field in Jacksonville. These will be administered by our Northeast Coordinator, Peter Suckow.

As you know, the Rider Ed Fair in St. Petersburg has been changed to Saturday, November 1, 2008. I truly hope this hasn't inconvenienced any of you. Please get your forms in to Don Danbury by October 25th so we can get the fair fully organized by November 1st. While we are speaking of classes and seminars, please keep in mind that they all need to be pre-approved by the District Educators, Don Danbury or me, prior to official scheduling. This includes all seminars and riding courses which can be used in our Rider Ed Level's program. Some seminars such as first Aid and CPR are taught by instructors who will ask for reimbursement for materials, etc. We have no problem with payment as long as we have pre-approved the instructor and the organization with which he/she is affiliated: in other words, American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Health / Safety Institute and now Medic First Aid. We are moving toward training Medic first aid instructors at our district Rally in 2009. More information on that will be forthcoming.

Once again I mention that our goal for the upcoming year will be to get as many Levels Program members current as we can. Bobbie Roy, our District Greenbar Administrator, will be discussing this with us at the CD conference this January. We hope to see as many of you at the conference as we can. It is very enjoyable and we all learn a lot. Please try to think of an incentive that might work for your non-current members to once again become current. Obviously, in order for them to become current, it places them back in one of our safety courses, which is the main idea. No matter how many courses we have taken, we can always refresh our memories, stimulate our enthusiasm, and learn more.

I would like to thank all the Chapter Educators, Chapter Directors, and Area Coordinators who continue to put forth a great effort to keep the Florida Rider Education program the envy of all the other districts.

As Always, Ride Safe and Have fun,

**Joe and Jan Mazza
District Educators**