

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I have good news to report. We have secured four more training sites for the ERC Suites around the State. Dan Smith, (904-221-5912) will be coordinating traffic for those up and near the Jacksonville area. In Daytona, Mike Harrison (386-677-1786) has agreed to handle the duties of liaison with Lynn Harris's school. Further south in Melbourne and Vero Beach, Wayne Williamson (772-336-1609) will be coordinating the activities. There will be more details at the CD Conference but ERC's are scheduled for Jan. 15, 22, 23.

NEWS YEARS RESOLUTIONS

Each year we make up a list of promises that we hope will help us change our lives for the better. Resolutions have a way of lapsing before the end of the year. Part of the problem is the list is usually too long so let's start with a more realistic and workable list. We'll skip the obvious stuff like losing weight and using deodorant and mouthwash.

Simple Things: Join the Rider Ed Program, Carry a First Aid Kit and try to get in a little parking lot practice. Easy things.

Now comes the more complicated items that we should do but never seem to find the time. A little more effort and commitment are required.

Hard Things: Take a Co-Riders Course, get Physically Fit and Learn CPR.

The last step involves you to really knuckle down and get serious. A major investment is time and energy is necessary.

Really Hard Things: Take an ERC Course, Take a First Aid Course, Get a Friend to Join, Participate More, Listen Better and Share with Others.

You probably noticed that there is a logical progression to the list. Each step moves you further along the skills curve and this will make your motorcycling more enjoyable.

Moving along...it is now January and along with the Christmas returns and cooler

temperatures we welcome back all our northern snowbirds. Now is a good time for all the chapters to consider holding a Team Riding Seminar and/or a Road Captains Course. The idea is to keep everyone on the same page when group riding and the winter months usually have the most attendance.

The requirements for teaching a Road Captains Course are simple: 1-you must be an officer (CD, ACD or CE) and 2-have had the course taught to you. All Chapters should have a copy of the Team Riding Manual (extra copies will be available at the CD Conference) or you can download it off the National GWRRA website. There is also a Power Point Presentation available. If conditions permit, we'll try to have an RCC at the District Rally.

Barbara and I hope you have had a happy and safe holiday season and we look forward to seeing you at the CD Conference later this month.

Ride Safe,
Bob & Barbara Groff
Florida District Educators