

## **New Years Resolutions**

Each year we make up a list of promises that we hope will help us change our lives for the better. Usually, it doesn't work. Part of the problem is that the list is too long. So let's skip the standard stuff like losing weight and using deodorant and get right to the stuff we can actually accomplish.

**Simple Things:** Join the Rider Ed Program and carry a First Aid Kit on your bike. Try to attend a Parking Lot Practice and do a T-Clock at least once a month. Nothing hard about that. Now, the more complicated items arise...things we all should do, but never seem to find enough time.

**Hard Things:** Take a Co-Riders Course, attend a Team Riding Seminar, learn CPR and First Aid. The last step involves you really getting serious. A lot more effort and commitment are required.

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

You probably noticed there is a logical progression. Each step moves you along the skills curve and makes motorcycling more enjoyable.

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## **Region Officers' Conference**

We spent a productive weekend attending the Region Officers' Conference in Ft. Gaines, Georgia. The camaraderie and exchange of ideas was invaluable. In the morning, District Directors reported on activities and their upcoming rallies. Emphasis was on positive aspects of growth and events in their respective areas.

Region staff covered many topics during the afternoon session. We were updated on the fund for GWRRA members devastated by hurricane Katrina. Members in need of assistance will be identified in the near future. Ron Lantz announced the elimination of renewal fees for Levels. This should meet with a positive reaction from members and hopefully increase continued participation in the Rider Education Program. Florida remains a leader in Rider Education in this country.

Larry Lingo, Jim Hodge, and Jim Jackson spoke on numerous topics, with emphasis on the issue of recruitment and retention in GWRRA. It was concluded that we needed to be more concerned with the quality of people who join our GWRRA family than on mass recruitment. Those who share our respect for safe motorcycling will continue to set a fine example throughout the country.

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