

Well folks, the District Rally is upon us, and for these District Educators, it is our favorite event of the year. We're expecting a huge turnout, having filled the block of rooms at the host hotel so that Nan Shrader had to arrange for an overflow facility. Seeing so many of our Florida and Region A members, plus anyone here to absorb our sunshine, will be just great. Between numerous vendors, many seminars, and lots of entertainment, there will, as always, be something for everyone. Rumor has it that there will be a few surprises on tap too. You'll have to be there to see them. We thank all of you in advance for your participation and the hard work that make these events a success.

The good news in the Rider Ed department is that 2007 is off to a memorable start. The enthusiasm generated by attendees at the CD Conference is spreading like wildfire. We're reading terrific newsletter articles, attending and setting up more ERC's, and welcoming many new participants to the Levels Program. For example, Gene Heaney of FL 1-H, Daytona, signed up 23 new Level I's recently. Let's not stop until all our chapter members are at least at Level I.

Many of you have already heard about the incredible happening at Clearwater's 25th anniversary on February 3, 2007. They celebrated by donating \$920, the proceeds of a Rider Education Raffle, to the Rider Ed program. What an incredibly generous gesture this was: one that will help us continue to offer safety classes at no cost to our members. We are amazed, on a daily basis, at the wonderful things GWRRA members do for each other. Thanks again, Clearwater.

Another thank you goes to both experienced CE's and our many new CE's who are working so hard to update the Greenbar. Once we have more accurate statistics on the Levels status of members, we'll be able to make a more effective effort to move people up through the levels and help them to remain up to date. Even though so many members are highly experienced riders, refresher classes are always of value. No matter how often we practice or go over subject matter, we always learn something of value that is of use in our daily riding activities.

A note regarding Chapter Educator patches and pins: they will be on the way soon. Please be patient.

We're looking forward to seeing all of you at the District Rally or in the near future. Dress warmly (layers) and ride safe.

Joe and Jan Mazza
District Educators