

Goodbye, Good Luck and Welcome

I know the title of this article sounds confusing so I guess I should explain. The goodbye and good luck refer to our outgoing Region Educators, Ron and Pam Lantz and the welcome refers to Chuck and Ann Reed who are Ron and Pam's replacements. Ron and Pam have now been appointed National Assistant Directors of Rider Education. Over the years Ron and Pam have led our Region A Rider Education program to prominence in the Gold Wing Road Riders Association. I first met Ron at a CD conference when he was the Florida District Educator and I was a Chapter Educator. It was obvious from our first meeting that he was knowledgeable, personable and possessed a great sense of humor. He was very instrumental in putting me on the right path as an educator. Then Ron moved up to Region Educator and I became District Educator, and our working relationship really took off. I have called on him many, many times for help and suggestions and he has always come through for me. I am also proud to call him my friend. Jan and I wish Ron and Pam the best of luck in their well deserved national position. Also, we recently received a letter from Chuck and Ann Reed, our newly appointed Region A Educators, and would like to share it with you.

Hello to Everyone: We are extremely honored to have been appointed as the Region A. Educators. It is our intention and desire to continue the progress in the Rider Education Program, in the region that Ron and Pam Lantz have worked so hard to obtain.

Ann and I have been GWRRA members since December 1989 and our membership numbers are 063034 and 063034-1. We have been married 55 years and have 3 adult children, 4 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and 1 rescue dog. We reside in Augusta, Georgia where we have lived for the past 40 years. I am retired from military service (21 years), the county board of education (JROTC Instructor 20 Years) and Ann retired from the county board of education with 12 years of service. Our GWRRA activities started when we helped start Chapter GA-F2 in Augusta. We served as ACD and CD of that chapter. In August 2000, we were appointed as the Georgia Assistant Rider Educators, a position which we held for one year before moving up to become Georgia District Educators. This position we have held for 7 ½ years and were the Georgia Senior District Educators for the last 3 ½ years. We are both Seminar Presenters (#009 and #038) and I am a Certified GWRRA ARC instructor (#505). We are Senior Master Tour Riders, #3037 and #3038 and will become Grand Master Tour Riders in June 2009. I am a certified Bike Show Judge and am currently the Georgia PLP Facilitator, a position that will be passed on.

Ann and I eagerly look forward to continuing the Rider Education program and just as eagerly look forward to meeting you during our travels throughout the region. As always, be watchful for the unwatchful.

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Chuck and Ann Reed

Region A Educators

We are really looking forward to the Florida District Rally in Kissimmee in March. Make sure you have your reservations, as this is always one of the high points of the year. The Radisson is an excellent hotel for an event like this, with plenty of room for seminars, vendors and informal get-togethers. Seminars will include FA/CPR, Co-Rider, Road Captain, Accident Scene Mgmt. and Team Riding. There are many restaurants in the area and plenty of shopping. A trip to Old Town, Kissimmee is always fun also.

The weather is usually fine for riding, so please urge your members to come. We hope to see you there.

Ride safe, Have Fun

Joe and "Gracie"