I appreciate the opportunity to serve GWRRA in the position of Florida District Rider Educator and to be part of the District Team is a great honor. We will strive to keep Florida #1 in Rider Education!

Just to recap 2011, the Rider Ed program has had a monumental year. Let me just list it for you.

9	ERC's	85	participants
8	TRC's	48	participants
18	Medic First	199	participants
24	PLP's	248	participants
9	Co-Rider Seminars	91	participants
13	Road Captain Courses	135	participants
Numerous other seminars		<u>1079</u>	participants
TOTAL		1885	participants

This is fantastic!! So many learning so much! That's 1885 more knowledgeable and safer motorcyclists on the road having FUN!

Also, there were 7 new PLP Facilitators and 6 new Medic First Instructors certified.

With 14 GWRRA Rider Course instructors, 50 Seminar Presenters, 19 Medic First Instructors and 61 PLP Facilitators in our District, there is no reason why our members should lack training.

Our Levels program seemed a little slow this past year but I feel that this fluctuates from year to year. As members renew courses every few years for their level certification I can understand how it may do so.

How do all these courses and training come to pass? Well, simply, it comes to pass through all the hard work and diligence of each and every Chapter Educator! You are on the front lines with our members. Putting all this in front of our members, setting up the classes/training in your areas is the only way it gets done. My hat is off to you all.

Being able to offer all this training at absolutely no cost to our Florida members is done through the tremendous effort of each and every Team and Chapter Member. Selling these bike raffle tickets is what pays for it all. We thank you all.

Yes, we have set several goals for this new 2012 year.

First and foremost is to raise our level program standards in all levels by 15%.

Increase our Motorist Awareness Team so that there is someone in every chapter.

Please get your ticket money and stubs turned in as soon as you can. We still have about 2500 more tickets available. If you or your chapter needs some more please let us know.

Ride Safe, Ride Aware,

Rick & Pam Northrop Florida District Educator