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The End of an Era

By John & Barb Pons, Colorado District Directors

This past week, we went to our first Chapter J meeting as members rather than Chapter Directors. It was fun, and it was also a little bit unnerving. Why? Because *everything had changed*. Flyers were neatly arranged in holders, the PowerPoint presentation for the meeting was completely revamped, and a whole new batch of processes and fun games were in place. On the one hand, it was really exciting to see the stamp that the new Chapter Directors are putting on the face of the Chapter and, on the other hand, we saw it as the end of an era...the end of our era as Chapter Directors.

Yes, it's true—with any change in leadership there is an end to one era and the beginning of a new one. Although we do our best to keep things moving along as they have been, changes are inevitable and necessary. We don't know yet what that will look like at the District level, but we know that we will be facilitating change. We've already modified the organizational structure and are instituting monthly video conference calls with the Chapter Directors to keep everyone informed and to create cohesiveness amongst the Directors. We will encourage open communication and collaboration, and hopefully make the Colorado District stronger than ever.

At the officers' meeting, we presented our vision for the District. It is our intention that everything we do at the District level will support the GWRRA motto "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge." That's why we are here—so we will constantly be looking at what we are doing and

how we support that premise. And our second focus will not be a surprise to anyone who knows the two of us: Our intention is to do "Everything with Excellence." At the Chapter Directors' break-out session, we also presented a model based on the word "GROW" to assist the Directors in facilitating growth in their Chapters. Each letter of the word represents a different concept:

G – Get to know your membership. Find out who they are, what motivates them.

R – Reach out to your members. Let them know that you care and that you are there for them. Be available!

O – Open your doors. Pay attention to how new members or visitors feel when they come to a gathering. Do they feel welcome when they come to a Chapter gathering, or do they feel like there isn't a space for them? If a Chapter gathering is in a space where there are few seats available, visitors or new members may feel that there is not enough room for them and they won't return. This is a tricky spot for Chapters because good meeting space can be difficult to come by. But it has been shown that when your space is 75% full, it's either time to look at different seating arrangements, or start looking for a new room.

W – Welcome change. If we want to grow, this is possibly the most important factor. It can also be the most difficult for many of us, particularly if we've been with the organization for some time. We become comfortable with the

status quo, with how things have always been done. New ideas are shot down because they don't fall in with "how we do things around here." And sometimes, we don't even know WHY we do things the way we do them; we just go along with it and champion the status quo to avoid rocking the boat. But it really is true that the organizations that seek out and embrace change are organizations that grow.

We haven't yet met a Chapter Director who doesn't want to see his or her Chapter grow, and

we want you all to know that we support that process! And at every turn we will promote "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge" and do "Everything with Excellence."

And speaking of excellence, we would like to take the opportunity to again thank Randall and Janet Drake for their leadership over these past three years. We know that, just as Anita did before them, they will put their unique stamp on Region "F"un, and we are looking forward to seeing how that all shakes out. Thank you, Randall and Janet!



Levels Program & Safety Classes

By Michael & Dorie Werner, District Educators



The Rider Education Levels Program is something everyone should involve themselves in. The program shows others that we have taken the extra time and effort to become more experienced riders and safer riders. If you need any questions answered about the Levels Program, feel free to talk with your Chapter Educator. We (District) are working on an upcoming announcement that should bring out some interest and team work in each Chapter's Levels Program.

In reviewing the District's Rider Education data base, it brings up the realization that we all need some riding classes and practice. We can learn something new every time we ride and a refresher riding course can really bring a new perspective to enhance our ability and make us safer riders. In times of an emergency, a refresher

First Aid/CPR class can also help us in time of need and helpfulness.

I have been in contact with quite a few of the motorcycle training centers located in the state, and they can provide us with the classes that we need for rider training. I have found, though, that the trike classes are hard to find or there are just a few of them. If you are going to the 2014 Region F Convention in St. George, they will be having a TRC class on May 23 & 24. Below are some training sites that you can call and schedule a class on your own. Just a reminder, if you take a riding class or MFA/CPR class, be sure to present a copy of your new completion card to your educator so he/she can update your profile in the Level's Program.

- Iron Buffalo 303-751-3741 www.ironbuff.org

- ABATE 303-789-3264 www.abateofcolo.org
- T3RG International 303-433-9424
www.t3rg.com
- Motorcycle Training Academy 719-380-1448
www.motorcycletrainingacademy.com
- White Buffalo 303-582-3002
www.mcsafety.com
- Motorcycle Rider Training 303-989-5837
www.motorcyclerridertrainingcenter.com
- CO NW Rider Training 970-858-0204
www.mcridersafety.com

This down time is the best time to make sure that the bike and we are ready to ride. For us Gold Wingers', it's the following check list: Helmet, boots, gloves, jackets, pants, eye protection, and ear plugs (suggested). Now for the bike: Get out your T-CLOCS check list. Take it and check your bike from the bottom to the top and make the necessary repairs now instead of later. Always fix it right the first time. Don't try to cut corners; our

lives and the lives of others depend on us. A couple of things that are sometimes forgotten include current insurance cards, current stickers on plates, our personal emergency information form updated and current, tire pressure gauge that works, and a flashlight in good working order.

Please take advantage of the numerous upcoming training sessions that the Chapters and the District are hosting.

This month has given me PMS (parked-motorcycle-syndrome). If the sun would shine and thaw out our street, I would get out for a ride. I suspect that there are many of you with that same syndrome!

Remember - "Friends for Fun Safety and Knowledge"

Be Safe - Ride Safe - Know Safe
Always keep the Rubber Down and the
Shine Up



Horizon Program Scheduled

By Bob & Jan Wills, District Leadership Trainers



Hi, everyone! Hope you all had a good weekend and were able to get your bikes out since some of the snow and ice has melted. Bob enjoyed a short ride on our Wing.

We want to remind everyone of the upcoming Horizons Program. The date is Saturday, April 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Fay Myers Motorcycle World. Their address is 9700 East

Arapahoe Road, Greenwood Village. The Program is free, but we will collect \$5.00 from everyone to cover the cost of pizza for lunch. Please let your Chapter Directors know if you are going to attend.

Also, watch your Chapter and District newsletters for upcoming training. We plan to have a number of sessions this year.

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2013-2014 Couple of the Year	John & Barb Pons	john@ponsjandb.com	(303) 396-5520
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MFA/CPR Course

Sponsored by CO – I

**When: Saturday, March 8
8am – 1pm**

**Where: Police Station
7850 Goddard St.
Colorado Springs, CO**

Cost: \$10 for Colorado GWRRRA Members

Here are the guidelines for taking the Medic First Aid/ CPR Classes to receive the special \$10.00 fee.

1. Your membership must be current and assigned to a Colorado Chapter
2. Members must be enrolled in the Levels Program
 - If Level I, show your intention to be level three within a short period.
3. Your current Medic First Aid/CPR expiration should be within 90 days, or already expired
 - Remember that Level II requires an ERC course for the rider or Co-Rider Seminar for the co-rider. Level III Requires Medic First Aid/CPR.
 - If you have any questions about where you are in the Levels program, please feel free to call or ask your Chapter Educator
 - Non-members, and any other GWRRRA members who do not meet the above guidelines, will be assessed a \$20 fee.

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