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Frank & Melinda Brothers, District Directors

With so much uncertainty in what is going to happen with the Covid-19 virus we must try to keep our health and still have a life. I know it is hard to stay away from your friends. It is something that we will have to set our minds to in order to maintain our health. I hope that everyone will be fine.

During this time we need to keep in touch with all our members. Give them a call just to ask how they are. Sometimes a call means a lot to a person that is in isolation from everyone .

If you can, set up a calling tree so that your members can get involved in contacting each other and change it around so that the same one is not calling the same person. If you would like to set up a Zoom call with your members this could be like a Chapter meeting with your members. The main thing is to communicate .

We need to try to keep all our members informed of what is going on within our organization.

I hope that all will get back to normal by May. We will just have to wait and see.

I will try to keep you up to date with what is going on within GWRRA.

On the next page a list of things that we can do to communicate with our members. This was sent from our National Director. Check it out.

Please keep safe

Frank & Melinda

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Member Engagement

Zoom Calls-Face to Face

- Can be used as a Chapter gathering substitute
- Share bike maintenance tips
- Talk about possible future riding adventures
- Discuss Membership Enhancement plans
- District Team Members interacting with Chapter Team Members
- Group Rally Trips
- Future Chapter visitations and interactions
- Come up with some creative games
- Interaction for the benefit of Emotional Wellness

Newsletters, Bulletins, Phone Calls, Text, Social Media, Group Works, e-mail, Skype and Facebook Live.

Key-keep in touch-**Communicate**

University

- Offering on-line classes starting April 4th. They are being offered 4 days a week twice each day, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. E-blast to will be sent out shortly.
- Communication with Team to keep engaged-National, District and Chapter level.

Rider Education

[Zoom with open invite similar to a forum for Q & A](#)

- Can discuss various topics-Levels Program, role of the Chapter Skill Enhancement Advisor, etc.
- Communication with Team to keep engaged-National, District and Chapter level.

Motorist Awareness

- Zoom with open invite similar to a forum for Q & A
- Success stories
- Communication with Team to keep engaged-National, District and Chapter level.

Membership Enhancement

- Fun activities that can be done while observing social distancing.
- [Communication with Team to keep engaged-National, District and Chapter level.](#)

Wow! How the world has changed in the last month or two. I hope our GWRRRA family and your families are all OK. Karla & I are staying “hunkered down” here at our house and only going out for absolute necessities.

April is has been designated as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month by the National Safety Council. Unfortunately, this year due to the Coronavirus Pandemic they have postponed this on event. Here is their official statement.

In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the National Safety Council will postpone Distracted Driving Awareness Month, originally slated for April, to a yet-to-be-determined date later this year. Check back for an updated plan to mark the 10th anniversary of this important safety observance. Thank you for your support and understanding as we navigate this unprecedented global situation.

There is lots of really neat and cool stuff on their webpage at:

<https://www.nsc.org/road-safety/get-involved/distracted-driving-awareness-month>

May is National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and normally chapters would schedule several MAP events. Our national and state leaders have urged all of us to use “social distancing.” GWRRRA Director, Jerre Goodman, has asked us to do the same. He said going for a ride somewhere and returning home is good social distancing. He went on to say that stopping somewhere and having lunch together or even going into the same bathroom is not good social distancing. It would be very difficult to maintain social distancing while conducting a MAP event and/or display. Please stay tuned for any updates and stay healthy.

May God bless each and every one of you & yours through these historic and unprecedented times.

One last thought – I want to especially thank all the healthcare workers, police and emergency responders as they put their own lives on the line each and every day when they go to work.

Bob & Karla Green

Motorist Awareness Program Coordinators

From Your Rider Educator

I sincerely hope this finds everyone safe and sound.

During this period of quarantine, we aren't able to hold any classroom seminars or riding classes but did you see where the University is holding live seminars over the Internet? Check out the University at gwrradot.com to find the dates and times of these seminars. As soon as it's safe we will start back up the training in Georgia.

If you are getting PMS (Parked Motorcycle Syndrome) like me, you can ride to a parking lot somewhere (most are empty now) and practice your quick stops, swerves and tight turns. This will help you get ready for riding season.

Everyone hang in there. This will be over soon and we can get back to riding in groups and seeing each other at all the Rally's.

Be safe.

Murry and Dawn Cail

