

## What is the GWTA RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM??

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### Rider Education: Purpose and Goal

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The basic purpose and goal of the Rider Education Program is to make the motorcycle environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities. The National Rider Education Program was developed to provide GWTA members with a quality Rider/Co-Rider Awareness Program and to develop projects according to the needs of the members. Understanding that motorcycling is in itself a sport with its own risk potential, multiplied by varying factors, environment and our attitudes. Our concern is to help our members identify and rectify risk, through risk management. Namely, proper skills enhancement, but equally, if not more important, attitude. Through commitment, education and applications, we can reduce our accident rate significantly. Listed below are several benefits of a fully implemented GWTA Rider Education Program.

- Prevents Accidents.
- Reduces Injuries.
- Reduces Fatalities.
- Reduces Insurance Premiums.
- Helps prevent adverse legislation pertaining to Motorcyclists.
- Improve the motorcyclist's image with the general public.
- Generally improves and enhances the enjoyment of tour riding.

We are anticipating reaping positive benefits from the GWTA Rider Education Program. Through the efforts of the Rider Education Directors and the participation of the membership, we will reach toward our goal of establishing the safest motorcycle environment possible.

The R.E.P. defines a path of learning that builds on itself. A path of learning that generates a desire to make motorcycling more enjoyable, thereby keeping the fun in motorcycling and by taking some of the fear away from being out there on the roads, due to not knowing what and how to do something to avoid a catastrophe.

Besides the Rider being prepared, the greatest lack of education in motorcycling deals with the Co-Rider. The first step is to make the Co-Rider an involved participant in the operation of the motorcycle. The Co-Rider Seminar hasn't been designed to teach a co-rider how to operate a motorcycle, but to inform and teach the importance in knowing the basic ins and outs in the everyday operation of the motorcycle, i.e. Where is the C.B. radio; How do I turn it on; What channel do I use and why; Where is the throttle and how does it work; Where is the clutch and why is it important to me, the Co-rider; The three brakes on the motorcycle (Three? Don't forget the engine braking!); The engine cutoff switch and why it is important..... the list goes on and on.

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