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**FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS****BY: PAT & JIM BREWINGTON**

Merry Christmas!

Wow has this year gone by fast! Now it is time to start planning for the new year. Our first New Year activity will be the Polar Bear Run to the River, New Years Day. Keep your fingers crossed that the weather will be mild as in the past couple of years. We will also have another activity in January, So put your thinking caps on and have some ideas at our January meeting.

In February we will be having the annual Cupid Capers in Murfreesboro. We will have more information on this at the next meeting. Our dinner rides will continue every month and some of these will be combined with a Saturday ride, instead of a Thursday night. We will need

a chapter activity for March, so think of something that you would like to do.

In April we will be traveling to Pigeon Forge for "Spring Fling". We will have more info on this in the next month or so.

Our Chapter Christmas Party is coming up on the first Saturday of December and will be at the Eads Community Center as in the past and will start at 6:00PM.

Everyone needs to bring a dish, if you were not at our last meeting, and a gift for a male if you are a male and a gift for a female if you are a female with a \$20.00 min.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All

Pat & Jim

# W2 Christmas Party

December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00PM

Eads Community Center



Bring a covered dish (veggie, salad, dessert) and a gift (male bring a male gift, female bring a female gift)

## Rider Education

### By: Ruth Bolden

This time of year has been great for riding, beautiful colors, just remember that those leaves all over the back roads can be very dangerous, very slick. Be careful. I love all of you and want you all to be safe. This is my last RIDER'S Education article and I want to say again thank you to all that have helped me. I know I am leaving you in good hands. Have a blessed Christmas and a great New Year.

I thought the following article would be of interest to you.

**ATTENTION ALL REGION & DISTRICT EDUCATORS:** We now have a new National Rider Education Staff member. Please welcome Bob & Shirley Kekeis, our Rider Education Web Coordinator. Safe Riding Tips by Gordon Murphy – National Director – Rider Education – Canada.

For the past few Newsletters we have been presenting safe riding tips based on riding principles we teach in our Advanced Rider Course and other GWRRA riding courses. I hope these tips will be of some help. To get more information regarding these tips and to practice them under controlled conditions, enroll in an ARC or ERC course at your next available opportunity. Slow speed riding, proper balance, and riding a motorcycle at slow speeds is much more challenging most times than riding at speed on the highway. Slow speed riding and turning requires: Proper balance - The rider should be comfortably seated, knees tucked into the tank, firmly – but not too tightly – holding the handgrips with all four fingers. Good clutch – throttle control - The rider should always maintain good, smooth throttle control. The clutch varies the power to the rear wheel while the throttle controls the engine power. During slow speed maneuvers, the throttle should be on, with sufficient fuel to reasonably propel the motorcycle. The rider's wrist should be relatively flat to avoid pulling back on the throttle. The clutch should never be all the way in or all the way out but would vary depending on the required speed. The rear brake would be tapped slightly, as necessary, to slow the motorcycle before turning. Look into the turn. The rider should turn his/her head in the direction of the turn. The secret to doing good, smooth slow speed riding is keeping good balance, maintaining good clutch/throttle control with strategic braking, using smooth steering inputs and looking in the direction of the turn. In tight cornering or circles, it may be appropriate to use counter-positioning, i.e. moving the body to counter-balance the lean angle of the motorcycle.

Remember anger is a condition in which the tongue works faster than the mind. You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying over the future. A hug is a great gift. One size fits all. It can be given at any occasion and it is easier to exchange. Take time to laugh—it is the music of the soul. If someone speaks bad of you,

live so none will believe it. Do what you can, for who you can, with what you have, and where you are.

We are in the process of updating all MEDIC FIRST AID® Instructors. The new version 6 should have been completed online by all instructors of MEDIC FIRST AID to ensure they are ready to teach classes using the new format. It is important that we explain the reasons why the new updates took place and how important it is to follow the guidelines given by all instructors in the CPR/First Aid area. We also changed the name of our program from MEDIC FIRST AID® to CPR/First Aid Program. We feel there are a lot of great instructors out there that are doing an outstanding job making sure our membership is getting the best information they can at a low cost. MEDIC FIRST AID® will still be our primary program for GWRRA. It is very important that we also recognize those instructors that use the other great organizations, American Red Cross and American Heart Association. We hope in the near future to bring all these great instructors into a unit of one. It doesn't matter which organization or program we use, we will teach and our membership will learn the vital knowledge that saves lives.

We have many other programs in our great organization that are important to our membership. We have fun in the COY program and other seminars. Rider Education—on the range and in the classroom—shows us how we can ride safely to reduce risk. The CPR/First Aid program is meant to help us help others in time of need when they are hurt or injured. All our fine instructors are very important to our organization and to the betterment of GWRRA and Rider Education. Some have expressed to me that they feel like they mean nothing and that the programs are not being recognized as they should. That is far from the truth. Sometimes we think everyone believes the COY program has far more important meaning than CPR/First Aid & Rider Education. Again, that is far from the truth. Ask a member or a family that was involved in an unfortunate mishap and see what they think is more important. MCSR is another important program that has been developed in a seminar format so qualified instructors can teach what to do at an accident scene. Remember “FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE.” That is our motto and we live by it. Every person in Rider Education is a very important link to making sure our membership gets the best information and skills available. Our CPR/First Aid instructors are a very important part of this organization.. Every one of you work hard and believe in what we represent. You are the best of all the motorcycle organizations in existence. Be proud and never let your head hang low, YOU make the difference. Larry & Rhonda Stiles

# Tech Advisor Column

## By David Ray

Well, it's December and the year is pretty much gone. We've had our fill of Valentine chocolate, 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks, Labor Day hotdogs, Halloween ding-dongers and 2 and/or 4 legged beasts that after being smoked (no, not that kind of smoked), roasted, broiled, baked or fried and adorning our tables, we turn our attention to Christmas... **AND TOYS!**

Oh, and what toys we can have. Bling abounds. Gadgets with sounds. Things that help light our way through the night. Chrome stuff with flash requires lots of cash. Some buttons to push on. A new leather cushion. A gadget to guide while I enjoy my ride! Watch your back Maya Angelou. I'm coming after your Poet Laureate title, beb! What I'm hinting at here is a GPS and a very clever piece of hardware. This is the third one I've owned. If you consider one of these, let me say this: When you are driving or riding, less is best! Translation: get a unit with as few buttons as you can. You will need to keep your eyes on the road but you will want to watch the unit. Yes, I know it's going to be difficult but you won't need one if you wreck. If you wreck bad enough, I'll bet your destination is already pre-planned and automatic!!

My first unit was a handheld Cobra model about the size of a large cell phone. It most assuredly was not user friendly and even less than able. My next unit was a Magellan Roadmate 300 that my lovely wife bought me for Christmas last year. Talk about cool. I was made in the shade. Of course, in order to be made in the shade, I had to download software, hook up hardware, upload regional maps, define territories...deep breath here...acquire satellite, config sys, unlock access code and enable SD. Oh, and talk to someone on the other side of a large body of water who spoke English, veddy goot!

Cyndy bought the unit at WalMart.com and it came with a few accessories like USB cable, car charger, home charger and buttons. Lots of buttons. The whole right hand side of the Roadmate is buttons. Buttons to view, locate, cancel, directional pointers, etc. I purchased an additional stand for it to allow it a more stable setup in the car or truck when driving rather than using the windshield suction cup. This made it easy to transfer between vehicles but not for transferring to

the bike. That required a separate system and stuff had to come off and stuff had to be put on in order to use during a ride which I did happily because after all, I had a GPS and also, this is the nature of the electronics animal.

Then one day...it broke. No power. No angelic automated voice to tell me sweetly, "Hey, fool, You missed ya turn! Waddya gonna do now, dufus?" No, I'm not talking about my wife. You'd never say stuff like that when I'm awake now would 'ya, hon? Hon? Nope, I'm talking about Maggie, the Magellan audio response. You can choose between a male voice or a female voice during the setup. But if the unit won't come on then it's just a paperweight.

Whipping out the paperwork on the purchase and noting that the Magellan had a 1 year factory warranty and my bride of nearly 30 years (bless her for what she has had to endure), was so smart that she bought the WalMart extended warranty for a mere \$28 and change, I called Magellan only to find that the Roadmate isn't made anymore. Well, step on my hat and call me Shorty. I'm am soooooo ticked! So I called the good people at WalMart.com, told 'em how the unit quit and what could I do. These folks sent me a new Garmin Streetpilot c340 and paid the shipping too. This is a solid piece of technology you can't beat. There are two controls on the side of the unit. One turns it on and off. The other controls the volume. Everything else is touch screen. It comes completely loaded out of the box ready with over 1.6 million points of interest such as airports, restaurants, shopping, parks, etc and the entire North American continent plus Puerto Rico are pre loaded for about \$469. Mine was an even trade. This unit transfers easily from one vehicle to another using the supplied windshield suction cup which, incidentally, has the grip of a bulldog. There is a button on the back of the unit which makes for easy loading and unloading into the stand. The internal NiCad battery has a life of about 8 hours before needing recharging via the supplied car charger. You can elect to use the charger while the unit is on and in use.

I also purchased a stem-mount package from [www.GoMobileNow.com](http://www.GoMobileNow.com) for \$46.28 incl. S&H. (continued on Page 5)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 W2 Party Mike Hopper & Chuck Logan B-Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 T2 Meeting	11	12	13 Ed Johnson B-Day	14	15	16
17 D2 Meeting	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Bobby Roberson B- Day	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve	1 Polar Bear Ride					

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The package for my '05 GL consists of 3 separate components. Part number RAM-HOL-GA19U is the holder which has the same configuration and design as the windshield suction cup. This, using a 1" omni-directional ball, connects to part number RAM-B-201-A which is a double socket extension and connects the holder to the final component which is part number RAM-B-309-1U. This component is the stem which mounts to the GL handlebar on the left or right side. Remove the screws to either the clutch or front brake lever depending on preference. Insert the new screws, supplied, and mount according to directions which are very concise. Installation takes about 15 minutes and the only tool needed is a 4 mm hex wrench. Now you can take this unit anywhere you want and use in any vehicle. Snap out. Snap in. It's that simple. For kickers, this unit is enabled for optional FM TMC pickup. This is a subscription service that uses a separate FM receiver which is attached to the StreetPilot. This picks up FM signals that will alert you to traffic congestion, accidents, road construction, etc. and automatically re-route you based on your destination, if loaded.

THIS is one cool toy. Believe it.  
Ride on W2 and Merry Christmas.

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*The "Bike of the Month" belongs to Andy Anderson.*

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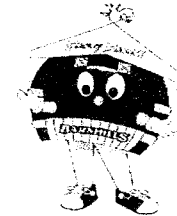
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