



The Straight and Narrow

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Well guys here it is, the end of the year and the end to our term as Educators for Chapter G2.

I will start off by apologizing for the lack of my own newsletter articles, and involvement the last couple of months. But as we all have periods of, work and personal stuff have gotten in the way. Seems that by the time I realized what day of the week it was, it was too late. But I do hope that the articles that I "Borrowed" were of interest to you, and that you saw something in there that made you think.

I would like to thank a few individuals for their help over the last two years. Frank, for all your help, and for being there to keep me straight and heading in the right direction, thank you very much. Ron and Sandy for being as supportive as you have and realizing that we had a need and desire for a Rider Education program. Thank you, you have made it a lot easier than it would have been without you. And of course to each and every one of the RoadRunners for your participation and support, that is what it is all about. You made us feel that we were doing the right thing, and making a difference.

When we first started our Education program, I was concerned if the Chapter would support it, and would get involved. When Ron and I first discussed the idea I made it clear to him that I would take it on, and was actually excited about the idea, as long as we had the interest and support of

the Chapter. I was not let down, you all have more than stepped up to the program and I am very proud of what WE have been able to accomplish here. You all should be just as proud of yourselves as I am of you. Thanks to you all!

As Kathy and I step down and try to find out what direction we will be taking from here, I will ask that you all get behind the next Educator as much as you have with us. Help when you can, and participate as much as you can. This is a very important thing that we have here and it is important that we keep it going.

The thing that I would like to most emphasize this month as our final offering is one that I feel is very important, and that we must do if we as a group are remain safe and examples to others. As you may have noticed almost every article that I have put out for you, I have finished it with these words. "Ride safe, take care of yourselves and each other". I feel that we must do this, as we can only see so much, stay focused for so long, and react fast enough to avoid only most of the things that may befall us on our rides.

Our safety has to be a group effort. Do not hesitate to warn other riders of obstacles or dangers that you see in, on, or around the road. I guarantee that the others will appreciate your efforts. The ones that don't will get over it, after all you are only looking out for their well being.

As hard as it may be to do sometimes, we should also not

be afraid to help others improve the skills or correct their bad habits. I know that there are a lot of folks that will take exception to this so it has to be done with care and tact. Personally I feel that if someone does get their feelings hurt when offered well meant criticism, (as Judge Judy would say,) that falls into the category of "Too Bad". If you do not feel comfortable doing this, a prime candidate for the job would be your Chapter Educator, or the Chapter Director.

These are your friends that you are riding with take care of them just the same way that you would take care of all your other friends. And yes you should take it personally.

Now, I suppose that it is time for me to step down off my soap box and store it away. Hopefully the time has come for us to be selfish, and take some time for ourselves. Not that we haven't enjoyed it, cuz it has been a hell of a ride. Thanks to all that have shared your weekends with us over the years. You have all been a big part of our lives and we are looking forward to many more.

So till we see you next time,
RIDE SAFE, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES, AND EACH OTHER.



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