

Rosemary and I just got home from the Officer's Meeting. We were joined there by Ron & Linda Harford. We all took the OCP Test and I am proud to say we all passed with flying colors. Looking back I think I could have taken the test without the presentation of the material. It's too bad so much negativity had to come from something so simple to achieve. I have to admit I was scared to take this test and now it is just water under the bridge

Robert & Rosemary Campbell CD OH-I

I have been meaning to send along a big "Thank You" for all your hard work last weekend. The information was very valuable, and I learned a LOT, from your presentations. It was WELL worth the time and now I know why National was insistent about it.

Dave Leitch Webmaster OH-U2

It is with great pride that I announce that your CD and ACD couples were in the first Ohio class of the Officers' Certification Program. Yes, all four of us passed the 1 ½ day course. The course was long and tiring but very informative. We all re-learned material that we thought we knew, and gained information in areas that we didn't know before

John & Jane Meese CD OH-X

Our region/district instructor team brought us into the 21st century by teaching all the CD's and ACD's in Ohio the same policies and procedures. These will help us to keep our gatherings fun! They explained to us why GWRRA has out lasted most other motorcycle organizations.

Deb McQueen CD OH-B2

Just wanted to drop you a line letting you know how much Ella & I enjoyed the OCP training this past weekend. Between you and the Ohio instructors we had a great time and actually leaned a thing or two. You all have such great personalities and it show greatly when you present the materials.

To those who have complained about this class, they need to take the class before giving their opinions. To be so negative about something they have not experienced just says that they need the class more than we did.

Anyway thank you. You all did a fantastic job.

Scott & Ella Cripe

Lonny and Karen,

Thank you for all your labors this passed weekend.

Skip Sluder

One Saturday March 27th and Sunday morning March 28th, Ken Epley, Mike Hudson and I attended OCP presented by the District Staff at Crowne Plaza Columbus North. As we entered the hotel, I was somewhat apprehensive about what to expect as to the attitude of the attendees after all the rumors we had heard and some of the outbursts at Cabin Fever.

I am happy to report that all were smiling and the entire group, which numbered 105, were 'upbeat' and ready for a successful weekend. As we registered, each was given an OCP Student Workbook, published by GWRRA Phoenix. The workbook was followed by all presenters and is complete with printed copies of all slides projected in each module. The presenters were from our district, region along with two presenters from West Virginia To sum up the OCP Weekend, I know it helped me tremendously and I am not alone in my thinking. It was definitely needed and helpful to all attendees

Taken From OH-W Newsletter

Hi Paul & Cheryl.

Pam & I would like to personally Thank-you for your time & effort this weekend at the OCP Training in Lansing, MI. It was a very informative weekend long & tiring but very informative. Thank-you for all you do!!!!!!!

Rob & Pam Robinson
Chapter D2 Michigan CD

Thanks, Sheryl, for taking time out of your schedule to train me on Saturday, 5/1. I really appreciate it.

I wanted to make one final comment, but I forgot.

You have made mention of the fact that "you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." Here's a trick from an Iowa farm boy - but you can put salt in his oats.

The analogy here is that we need to get away from making people drink and more into putting salt in their oats (CONTAGIOUS FUN THAT SPREADS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)

Thanks again.

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Hi Ken & Kathleen:

Pam & I would like to personally Thank-you for your time & effort this weekend at the OCP Training in Lansing, MI. It was a very informative weekend long & tiring but very informative. You guys did a fantastic job of keeping this from becoming overwhelming. We truly appreciate all the two of you do for GWRRA.

Thank-you for all you do!!!!!!!!!!

Rob & Pam Robinson

Ken and Kathleen

First let me start by saying Thank you both and the rest of the Team, we learned a lot this past weekend the class was GREAT, Also I know you said if we wanted to know how we did on the test just ask. After you get alot of needed rest could you please let Cyndie and myself know how we did. Thanks again until we see you guy's again and Michigan ROCK and I know we back on track.

Kenneth & Cyndie Wiggle
Asst. Chapter Director
H-2 Mi,Downriver Wing

Kathleen, Ken

I would like to say a big "THANK YOU" for the weekend of fun filled training with the OCP !!!

Connie and I along with Bill & Linda Diffin, from Chapter Fantastic 2, really enjoyed ourselves.

Even with all the new knowledge that we learned and fun we had, it was G R E A T !!!

Thank You Again

Dandy Don from Lovely Lapeer and Connie Too !!!

Senior Chapter Directors
Chapter F-2
Davison, Mi

Hi Kathleen & Ken,

Congratulations on a SUPER weekend! The two of you did an outstanding job making this all happen (as did all those who helped and supported you). Even though Shelly and I are still dealing with some of our own issues which made parts of the training weekend somewhat difficult for us we both enjoyed and benefitted from the OCP. We would recommend it to anyone who wants to learn, grow and advance within this Association

Hi Kathleen,

Just wanted to drop you a line and let you know how much I enjoyed the training last weekend. It was a very positive experience. I learned some new things and now have a much better understanding of why this organization operates the way it does. You did a great job organizing the weekend to keep it moving and interesting even though it was a very long day.

To be perfectly honest, I was not looking forward to attending, but I was pleasantly surprised. It was a great opportunity to learn and to meet people from other GWRRA chapters.

Thanks again, Cindy Davis - Chapter E

Paul, to be real truthful I was a little upset that GWRRA would ask us to take this training after being an officer for so long. But as we got involved with the class I decided to keep an open mind and see what was to be offered. To my amazement I made the discovery that this type of training should have been given before I took over as CD for the first time. As I have been the CD of chapter Q-2 several times now and at the present time I found the training to be very helpful and I wish I had had it the first time before taking on the CD position instead of just being handed the material and an out dated hand book. Thank you for lessons well learned. Your presentation was interesting and kept my interest at all the sessions.

Thank you and keep up the good work Bill and Karen Huffman, Q2 Circleville, OH

Paul,

I just want you to know that I was very impressed with the Officers' Certification. I appreciated the Presenters, who did an excellent job explaining and giving examples as we went through the session. Our "exercises" along the way were educational as well.

I am a past CD, as well as ADD, and currently I am a Senior Leadership Instructor. I learned many things at this training and hope to be a Presenter in the future. The idea that each person who wants to be a Chapter Director will be Certified with this Program is an excellent idea. Many times we have people being "placed" in the position with no training. There are also smaller Chapters who only have a few members to choose from to step up to the position. So it is something that needs to be required. Chapter members should ALL benefit from having the person Directing them be well informed before stepping into that position.

Knowing that everyone will be trained and Certified in the same manner, with the same book, should be comforting to the members, as well as the incoming Officers themselves. We spend the time training our Rider Ed people, our Leadership Instrucrors, the Chapter Director needs to feel just as important--because they ARE.

All Chapters in the Officer's Guidebook are very important for the New or Upcoming Chapter Directors. This should be their "go to" for any questions or problems. Most Officers were making notations in their book, so this is also helpful for them. I cannot say enough good about the program.

I recommend this for any person, officer or not. It helps members understand how GWRRA works for its Members. Without our Members, the Organization would not exist.

Sincerely,

Sandi Best
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Sr.Leadership Instructor