

From your Iowa District Educator,

Here are some updates to the rider education opportunities for 2021 that you may want to put on your calendars now.

Safety Weekend - We are tentatively planning on July 31 and August 1. Our usual host, DMACC, is not allowing outside groups to use their facilities at this time but we may be seeing a change in a few months. If we cannot use their facilities by July 31st then we have some back up plans. I know that we will be holding the riding courses but we will see if there is a need for CPR and First Aid classes then. See the following on why it may not be necessary.

CPR/First Aid - We are looking to get out to the various areas of the District to hold classes. Our first class for the year is on February 7th at Storm Lake Honda. We will probably do a class in the Des Moines and Waterloo areas as well. I am encouraging holding off on the classes until later in the year when we can hopefully eliminate some of the modifications we have to do due to COVID, and provide a safer environment for the participants and instructors. However, we can do classes sooner. If your chapter is interested in holding a class, then let me know and we can arrange for that to happen. I would like to get those on the calendar as soon as we can, even if it is for later in the year. If you are concerned about maintaining your current level in the Levels program, and you were still current as of January 1, 2020, you should know that you are covered by a grace period until the end of this year for both the CPR/First Aid and the riding course renewals.

Skills Practice - We have tentatively planned for a Skills Practice day for Saturday, May 22nd, which normally is our Safety Weekend date. This would be in the Des Moines area, possibly at DMACC. We will be setting up several courses for both 2 wheel and 3 wheel motorcycles. There will be parts with different levels of skill involved and we should have something for everyone to work on their skills and have some fun riding. There will be no lunch provided, no instructing, no levels credit, but no cost either. I will have more information about this later but please put this on your calendar. We can do this in other parts of the District if anyone wants to help locate a parking lot for us to use.

I am excited about getting back in seeing more educational and fun activities for this year. We want to do this in a safe way, and it is taking some patience. But, we know what we need to do and I believe what we have planned will be safe.

Until next month, stay warm, stay healthy, stay safe and stay happy.

Greg Hayes