

**Hello to all of you great GWTA members. Please allow us to introduce ourselves to you. We are Chuck and Linda Thomas, members of Chapter "A," Rogue Valley Wings. We have been members of Chapter A" for about two years and Chapter Rider Education Director (RED) for the past year. We moved to Cave Junction, OR from the Bay Area (San Francisco) where we were members of Chapter "Z", Golden Gate Wings and was mentored by Ken Floyd, Phil Messer and Don Coons, National Rider Education Director. Randi Kobernick has placed enough faith, and a lot of prayer, in asking us to be the Oregon State Rider Education Directors. I am sure there are a lot of you who are much more qualified than I am when it comes to riding skills, but I will try hard to share with you my limited knowledge, learned over the years from many of you and I will work with each rider and co-rider in any way I can; I just need your help and desire in having a fun and safe riding experience every time you get in the saddle.**

**I hope to get to each Chapter at least once a year and more if possible. We will be holding on-bike classes at the State Rally in 2009 and work on all four levels of the Rider Education Program through out the year. I want to work with each Chapter (RED) in planning training.**

**Just a short note for this article: Never let your motorcycle take you somewhere your brain did not want to go five minutes earlier. Ride with confidence, which I will define as "The ability to predict the outcome of your actions on your motorcycle."**

**All help and suggestions will be greatly appreciated. Please call me or drop me a note or come and see me at:**

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