



Maryland/Delaware District

Ride for FUN Award Program



1 March 2019

1. Background. In support of the emphasis of GWRRA for promoting riding in the chapter, this program is designed to award chapters for group riding. It rewards chapters for executing chapter rides. The emphasis will be on the motorcycle ride. The program has two components: riding and a traveling mascot. The three basic factors for the ride are; the ride itself, number of motorcycles/autos participating, and the distance traveled. The traveling mascot component which encourages visitation between the chapters. The winning chapter will receive a monetary reward.

2. Definitions.

a. Ride — a group of at least 3 motorcycles OR at least 2 automobiles/trucks gathering at a designated starting point and riding to a designated end point. Drivers must be GWRRA members of all vehicles counted. You must designate the ride as either a motorcycle ride OR an auto/truck ride, NOT both. It will be scored under the designated rule set.

b. Ride distance — travel must be a minimum of 40 miles one way from the start point to the destination to qualify as a ride. This distance is calculated by the route used by the ride leader. (For example: riding directly from Bowie, MD to downtown Philadelphia is 125 miles but the ride was scenic route which was 210 miles. You would record 210 miles.) Ride distance will be calculated to the nearest ten, 5 or less rounds down; greater than 5 rounds up. (EX: 55 miles rounds down to 50; 46 miles rounds up to 50) You must ride 40 miles before you can use rounding.

b. Period of Competition — 2 March through 30 November for 2019 only. It will be 1 Feb through 30 November all future years.

c. Traveling Mascot — the Elephant mascot designated to be captured by a visiting chapter

d. Ride Report — form to be completed to get credit for the ride.

e. Scoring — will be as designated on the ride report form. Scoring charts are provided within this instruction.

f. Co-rider — the GWRRA member riding as a passenger on a motorcycle only

g. Newsletter article — must be at least four sentences long and include a picture.

3. Action.

A. All rides you have submitted must be listed on the chapter ride schedule. If an impromptu ride is held, it must be included in an updated ride schedule. An impromptu ride is simply a group of members deciding to take a ride together somewhere not on the ride schedule, must meet the definition of a ride in order to be recorded. The updated ride schedule must be posted to the chapter website before 30 Nov. If the chapter does not have a website then the updated schedule must be sent to ADD Kenneth Trass at trass5gw@comcast.net.

B. The Chapter Ride Coordinator or designee shall complete and submit the Ride Report Form. The ride report indicates number of vehicles on the ride start and end point and the ride distance as well as other information. The form should be submitted to Kenneth Trass within 30 days of completing a ride.

C. MD/DE District Traveling Mascot – Riding Away With the ELEPHANT in the Room

1. The chapter holding the ELEPHANT must have the ELEPHANT available at all chapter gatherings and all chapter sponsored events that will have 50/50 drawing.
2. The ELEPHANT will be passed on within the first 15 minutes of the start of the gathering/event.
3. A visiting chapter must have at least three (3) chapter members present at the event in order ride away with the ELEPHANT. In the event that more than one chapter is attending to ride away with the mascot, the chapter

that rode the greater distance shall be given the ELEPHANT. Distance between chapters is provided in this instruction and will be used to determine distance amounts.

4. The chapter "Riding Away With the ELEPHANT in the Room" shall do the following:
 - a. Within 48 hours notify Kenneth Trass, trass5gw@comcast.net and Tony Fountain, yellowwing10@verizon.net the date and time the ELEPHANT was acquired AND the date, time and place the ELEPHANT is available to travel.
 - b. Write the chapter name and date of possession on the ELEPHANT in permanent marker. Make the entry as small as possible and still be legible.
 - c. Make the ELEPHANT available at all upcoming chapter gatherings and sponsored events that will have 50/50 drawing until the ELEPHANT rides away.
 - d. Cannot ride away with the ELEPHANT from the chapter that took it from them until one other chapter possesses the ELEPHANT.
 1. EXCEPTION: The chapter (who lost the mascot) attends the next available opportunity to ride away with the ELEPHANT. There are no other visiting chapters in attendance that are eligible to ride away with the ELEPHANT and the chapter (who lost the mascot) is then the chapter (who lost the mascot) can ride away with the ELEPHANT.
5. The chapter which has rode away the most with the ELEPHANT over the year will retain the mascot.

D. Scoring.

1. Ride points:

- a. **Motorcycle Ride:** scored for the number of bikes versus miles driven in accordance with the following table:

		Route Distance						
		40	50	60	70	80	90	100 +
Number of motorcycles	3	16	22	28	34	40	46	52
	4	22	28	34	40	46	52	58
	5	28	34	40	46	52	58	64
	6	34	40	46	52	58	64	70
	7	40	46	52	58	64	70	76
	8	46	52	58	64	70	76	82
	9	52	58	64	70	76	82	90
	10	58	64	70	76	82	90	100

If autos are also part of the ride group, 4 points are added to the table score for each auto in group.

Co-rider, 4 points are added for each co-rider.

If the ride distance is greater than 150 miles, 100 points are added to table score.

b. Auto/Truck Ride: scored for the number of autos/trucks versus miles driven in accordance with the following table:

		Route Distance						
		40	50	60	70	80	90	100+
Number of autos/trucks	2	8	11	14	17	20	23	26
	3	11	14	17	20	23	26	29
	4	14	17	20	23	26	29	32
	5	17	20	23	26	29	32	35
	6	20	23	26	29	32	35	38
	7	23	26	29	32	35	38	41
	8	26	29	32	35	38	41	45
	9	29	32	35	38	41	45	50

If motorcycles are also part of the ride group, 6 points are added to the table score for each auto in group.

Co-rider, 4 points are added for each co-rider.

If the ride distance is greater than 150 miles, 100 points are added to table score.

- 2 SPECIAL BONUS. If the chapter submits an article to the district newsletter it will be awarded 25 points per article. The newsletter article must be sent to the District Newsletter Editor, Cathy Kelley, cathykelley49@gmail.com and ADD Kenneth Trass, trass5gw@comcast.net.

E. Distance Between Chapters, the following chart will be used to break any ties for the riding away with travel mascot. The chart was developed using the Garmin Base Camp SW for routing and the chapter location map from the 2019 WinterThing program.

		MD/DE Chapter							
		MD-B	MD-H	MD-I	MD-J	MD-F	MD-L	DE-A	DE-B
MD/DE Chapter to Visit	MD-B		69	27	26	85	65	102	95
	MD-H	69		84	60	106	92	38	108
	MD-I	27	84		41	100	72	116	107
	MD-J	26	60	41		96	43	84	77
	MD-F	85	106	100	96		128	140	150
	MD-L	165	92	72	43	128		73	32
	DE-A	102	38	116	84	140	73		76
	DE-B	95	108	107	71	150	32	76	

F. Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can the District Ride be used as a ride for scoring?

Answer: No. The ride a chapter can take to get to the departure location could be recorded but not participation in the District ride itself.

2. Can I submit the article after I have submitted the ride report form and still get points for the article?

Answer: Yes, submit an update with the date of the ride and the date the article was submitted

3. Can you provide a sample of how a ride is to be scored?

Answer: To better understand scoring, look at a ride report form as you read this.

A chapter reports that a ride on January 1st consisted of 4 motorcycles, 2 autos; the ride distance was 120 miles; there were 2 co-riders. It is designated a motorcycle ride.

Motorcycle Ride Option (from chart)	___58___ pts
Auto/Truck in company (from #7) ___2___ X 4 =	___8___ pts
Co-rider (from #8) ___2___ X 4 =	___8___ pts
Ride greater than 150 miles add 100 pts	___0___ pts
Newsletter article add 25 pts	___0___ pts
TOTAL Points	___74___ pts

A chapter reports that a ride on February 23rd consisted of 2 motorcycles, 4 autos; the ride distance was 120 miles; there was 1 co-riders. It is designated an auto ride.

Auto/Truck Ride Option (from chart)	___32___ pts
Motorcycles in company (from #6) ___2___ X 6 =	___12___ pts
Co-rider (from #8) ___1___ X 4 =	___4___ pts
Ride greater than 150 miles add 100 pts	___0___ pts
Newsletter article add 25 pts	_____ pts
TOTAL Points	___48___ pts