

# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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**FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR**  
**Rick and Elizabeth Broadway**



Greetings all! I hope you and your family are doing well. Great news from the District. After a long process the District now has all positions filled. The District Staff is pleased to welcome Charles and Teresa Conn as the New Motorist Awareness Coordinator and Dan and Rita Bondurant as the New District Ride Coordinators.

Charles and Teresa Conn joined GWRRA in 2006. They held many positions over the years as Assistant Chapter Directors, Chapter Directors, Membership Enhancement, Couple of the Year and ITCP Trainers. We think Charles and Teresa will be a great addition to the District Staff. Please welcome Charles and Teresa to your KY District Staff.

The District Staff is pleased to welcome Dan and Rita as the new District Ride Coordinators. Dan brings a lot of experience to the table. Dan joined GWRRA in 1996 and they are life members. Dan has held many positions over the years as Chapter Director, Assistant District Director, Rider Ed, Couple of the Year Chapter and District, District Vendor Coordinator, Member Enhancement Chapter and District, Medic First Aid Instructor and Ride Captain. Dan is also involved with the Patriot Guard Riders. He is a Senior Ride Captain and The President of the Board of Directors. Dan will become a Life Grand Master Tour Rider in May of this year.

From Liz and Myself along with the KY District Staff we wish Charles and Teresa and Dan and Rita much success and welcome them to the Staff.

Liz and I want to send out our Prayers for a fast recovery to Ray Conrad. Ray is now at home and recovering after open Heart surgery. Please Remember Cathy in your Prayers also. She is taking care of Ray now and needs all our Prayers lol. We miss you guys and hope your back on your feet very soon.

Rick and Liz

**ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTORS**  
**Leah and Rick Cridlin**



2018 is clicking right along. We are starting to see more motorcycles out on the road, the pot holes are getting fixed, so riding season is getting closer and closer!

Is your riding calendar getting full? Are you planning trip with friends or with just you and the bike? Whatever the case may be, make sure take time to enjoy the experience, not just the riding. Sometimes we forget to appreciate the beautiful scenery that is right in front of us, the fresh air, nature... all that is beautiful in our great country.

I love riding this time of year because of what Spring has to offer. New beginnings, new adventures, everything looks fresh and a promise of more beautiful weather ahead. My favorite scenery is the splash of purple in the trees as you travel down the road. It is a reminder of all the beautiful colors that are about to explode.

Rick has said many times that the Goldwing really has brought adventures and experiences we may have never had. We have seen so many places across America, met people that we never would have, if it weren't for GWRRA. We have made lifelong friendships all because of the Goldwing.

As Spring Fling approaches it will be a time for renewal, the first rally of the season, the first gathering of friends, both near and far. But let's be honest, are your friends that far when you're traveling on the Goldwing? I didn't think so.

Happy Spring!

Leah & Rick Cridlin

Assistant District Directors

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**THE DISTRICT TRAINER'S CORNER**  
**Jeannie and Buddy McKenzie**



Well, the calendar says that Spring is here. However, I think that someone forgot to tell Mother Nature! The weather has really taken us on a roller coaster ride lately. I am sure that this will pass, and we can all get out and enjoy our favorite sport, Riding.

Along with Spring, comes rally season. The first is TN District Rally which is just around the corner. Seeing friends from near and far is the best way to spend a weekend. Also, you are sure to make a new friend or two along the way.

Also, the rallies are a great place to gain knowledge and learn new skills. Though some of the training deals specifically with skills needed in a GWRRA leadership position, other training deals with Life and Riding topics that will enhance the member's life both within and outside of GWRRA. Our goal is "something for everyone".

The KY District Team is working on finalizing plans for the Ride-In and the KY District Rally. Both events will provide training opportunities for the members. Make plans to attend and be prepared to have fun while learning.

Jeannie & Buddy McKenzie  
KY District University Coordinators



Trainers, please go online at [gwrradot.com](http://gwrradot.com) and update you contact information. It is important, so we can stay in touch and forward updated information.

## DISTRICT RIDE EDUCATORS Bill and Susan Mucha



Hi all this article is on page 66 in Wing World April 2018. I do hope you find interesting and informative.

Bill Mucha

KY District Ride Educator.

Rider Education – Rider Coordinators

By Tim and Anna Grimes, Directors, rider Education

The Road Captain Course makes it a point to stress that the lead and drag positions are Road Captains. It is further referenced in the Team Riding Seminar and the Team Riding Manual that the lead and drag positions should be filled by Members that have completed the GWRRA Road Captains Course.

All Officers in the Rider Education Program are participants in the Rider Education Levels Program Requirements are at the Chapter level begin with Level II, Level III for the District; positions above District require Level IV participation.

Chapter and District Ride Coordinators are tasked to be Road Captains since they are expected to occasionally act as the lead or drag rider on a scheduled Chapter or District ride. It is also beneficial to the Ride Coordinator to know what the responsibilities of the Road Captain are and what goes in to planning the ride.

All Officers in the Rider Education Program must be able to answer questions from inquiring minds or know where to go to get the answers. The Knowledge Level Evaluation (KLE) is a tool to help them gain that knowledge. The officer Change/Appointment Form have a spot to indicate that the KLE have been completed. This section is only applicable to Rider Education. This requirement for the KLE is not new; it has been in place for many years and applies to all Officers of Rider Education.

Taking on an Officer role, at any level, is a tremendous responsibility and should not be taken lightly. Officers are expected to be the ones that have the answers, who set the example and encourage others to participate.

## **COUPLE OF THE YEAR COORDINATORS**

### **Allen & Lisa Merritt**



Allen and Lisa asked me to put this out there for them this month. If you have to get in touch with them, please use their phone and txt them if you don't hear back via email.

I will put a reminded to everyone here that when you get the Mascot you need to inform these folks and Roger Early via email or some other form of communication. Information they need is where he came from, Chapter etc., and when you will have him available (sometime in the next 30 days).

## **FROM THE MEPC**

### **Jerry & Luanne Williams**



Spring has sprung!! Despite the recent wintery weather – the trees are starting to bud, and flowers are sprouting. Our Chapter's First Ice Cream Ride is Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Riding season has officially started! We will be seeing more and more bikes on the road and opportunities to meet potential GWRRA members – spread the word about GWRRA and your chapter.

If anytime you have questions or comments, please never hesitate to contact us.

KY DISTRICT MEPC  
Jerry & Luanne Williams

**VENDOR COORDINATOR**  
**Ray and Kathy Conrad**



Sending get well wishes to Ray this month! As most know Ray had some major surgery done and he and Kathy are working to get him back up and, in the seat, soon. God bless you both as you get back to awesome!

EDIT, Great to hear from our Vendor Coordinators. Get well soon!

Hello all

Well, the weather is getting warmer, but Ray just had his Heart surgery, He will not be able to ride for probably three months, or more. We are going to spring fling, and we hope to see the Ky chapters there to support their rally. We will be down there to get some vendors for the blast, which will be here before you know, time goes fast, so make your plans for the Blast now. You do not want to miss out on all the fun, and safety seminars that they will offer.

We want to thank everyone for their calls and cards and prayers during the hospital stay, and recovery time after Rays surgery, he is doing well and getting stronger every day, thanks again for all your concerns, this organization is just like family. We appreciate each one of you.  
Ride safe.

Ray and Kathy Conrad  
Vendor Coordinators

**DISTRICT COUPLE OF THE YEAR**  
**Steve and Jennie Knode**



I mentioned last month that I have this "bug" that involves motorcycles. This month I thought I'd show you my other rides.

Like many other riders, I have more than one motorcycle. In fact, I have 3. But back when I was working and needed a distraction, I had as many as 7, I think it was, in various stages of disrepair. I

would buy Honda Trail 90's on eBay that had mostly cosmetic issues and replace parts and fix them up and resell them.

But after riding the Trail 90's and spending a lot of time down shifting, I found a 1982 Trail 110 in Iowa that was a little better than most I'd seen so I bought and kept it. As it turned out, the bike was only a few miles from a friend's place that I hadn't seen in over 10 years, so I contacted them and they invited me to spend the night with them after I picked up my newest addition to the fleet.

This Trail 110 needed very little to get it street legal and ready to ride so I soon started riding the 10 miles to Scottsbluff, NE to work, on suitable days. And the difference in power between the Trail 90's and the Trail 110 was clear and appreciated.



1982 Honda Trail 110 at the farm.

Sometime after buying my first Wing I noticed a unique Honda that caught my eye. It was the Honda Pacific Coast. The bike looked like a mini-Goldwing and I thought it would be a fun bike to use as a commuter or to take short rides on. So, I started looking around on eBay, again, and after seeing several that didn't look like what I really want, I found a red one in nice condition and a reasonable price. The problem was I was in Nebraska and it was in Connecticut. I contacted a shipper who would pick the bike up, set it on a crate and ship it to me. I think it was around \$300 to have this bike delivered practically to my front door. When the bike arrived, it fired right up, and I drove it the last 2 miles up the gravel road to my house on top of the Wildcat Hills. This bike was as much fun to ride and as versatile as I had hoped it would be. The whole back end opens to carry an unbelievable amount of stuff. It has an 800cc engine and plenty of power to go anywhere. Just not very far. Being a small bike and me being fairly tall, I get a little uncomfortable after 100 miles or so. All day trips would require many breaks to stretch out the legs. I did partially solve that problem by adding Mic-O-Pegs which allow my long legs to extend out and down. I have had Mic-O-Pegs on most of my Wings and they are extremely comfortable. They remind me of sitting in the saddle on a horse where you can put your legs down and slightly out in front of you. And I can push myself up off the saddle some to relieve some pressure points in that area.

After adding a taller windshield last year, the PC is more comfortable than ever. There are no plans to add to the fleet. A Gold Wing, Pacific Coast and Trail 110 should do me just fine.





1997 Honda Pacific Coast in Connecticut before I bought it.

## **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

**Danny Drane**



What an entry into April, snow storm, around 70 degrees and this morning, Saturday we have ground cover..... SNOW again. I know most of you like myself are itching to even get the trike or bike out if for nothing else to clean it up and get ready for riding. I did have the pleasure (?) of putting the license on it.....CSC is not fun to do this with their design. But we are patient and we know that soon mother nature will allow us to once again know why the dog sticks his head out the car window. Ride safe folks, and God Bless.

Guess I could bring up things about the newsletter. The front page may get a rewrite redesign soon. With new officers it may be needed to add them. Remember I attempt to publish the District Newsletter on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

If you have something of interest to you or to the group, please send to me in Word format or send a link for me to use.

Thanks,

Danny Drane

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## KY CHAPTER GATHERINGS

**Chapter A** Meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month at Roosters 5338 Bardstown Rd. Louisville, KY. Eat @ 11:00 AM and meet at Noon.

**Chapter C** Meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at Roosters. 124 Marketplace Dr. Lexington, KY. 40503. Eat @ 11:00 am, Meet @ 12:00 noon.

**Chapter G** Meet on the 2nd Tuesday at the Dave & Buster's 781 Heights Blvd Florence, KY 41042 Eat @ 6:00 pm, Meet @ 7:00 pm

**Chapter H** Meet on the 1st Friday of the month at UK Extension Shelby County Office 1117 Frankfort Road Shelbyville, KY. 40065. 6:30 pm Social Time, Meet @ 7:00 pm.

**Chapter S** Meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Shoney's, 1046 Executive Drive, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701. Eat @ 4:00 pm, Meet @ 5:00 pm.

**Chapter T** Meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Carriage House Ramada Inn Paintsville, KY. Meet @ 6:00 pm.

**Chapter Y** Meet on the 1st Thursday at Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S. 6th St. Mayfield, KY. 42066 Eat @ 6:00 pm, Meet @ 7:00 pm.