

# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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## **FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR**



**Rick and Elizabeth Broadway**

## **ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTORS**



**Leah and Rick Cridlin**

I think riding season is finally here! Rick has been busy getting the bike ready, the trailer ready and next is the camper. Last week he even had his first ice cream cone at DQ, so it must really be riding season!

Remember to be conscious of the road and weather conditions when you are leaving for your next ride. It is the time of year when you need to dress in layers or at least have layers accessible if you need them. It also seems as if the pot holes get worse every year. Pot holes can be deadly to motorcycles. Be familiar with the roads you ride or arrive at your destination before dark.

From what I hear on chapter visits, it seem like chapters on joining other chapters for rides. What a great idea! By putting your ride schedule on your web page or Facebook page everyone gets to see where you are going. It is a great opportunity to see new places in KY or revisit a place you haven't been too in a while. You also get to make friends you haven't met yet :-)

We really think this is encouraging and just goes to show the family side of GWRRA.

Wherever you ride, stay safe and have fun!

Leah & Rick Cridlin  
KY Assistant District Directors

## KY MFA Coordinator Article

Wow...there has been a lot of training going on! That is a good thing. We are refreshing our CPR, AED and First Aid Skills to respond to any emergency. If your chapter still has members that need trained, please submit a training request to Jeannie and we will get a course scheduled for you.

April is 9-1-1 month. Is your phone set up to make emergency calls? Do you have ICE listed in your phone? Some things to remember if you need to utilize an emergency response team are the following. 1. If you cannot call 911, text 911. They will get the message to assist you. 2. Know your location. The more details you can provide the better. 3. Stay calm and don't hang up. EMS will stay on the line with you until the Emergency Squad arrives. There is no reason to be alone during an emergency or stressful situation.

Who is your ICE? In Case of Emergency (ICE) should be listed in all our phones. We typically don't identify people in our phones as spouse, mom, dad, son or daughter. If you have ICE in your address book, the emergency responders and any other trained responder should know to call them about your condition. It's especially important if you are unconscious that someone be notified to make decisions on your behalf.

Check your First Aid Kits....have your supplies and medication expired? Remember to keep everything current and clean so you won't have to use it!

Stay healthy KY!  
Leah Cridlin  
KY MFA Coordinator

## THE DISTRICT TRAINER'S CORNER



Jeannie and Buddy McKenzie

### How to Have a Chapter Gathering

It is where GWRRA has FUN, grows, teaches, educates, informs and establishes a basis for GWRRA's very existence. The Chapter gathering is the most important aspect of what we strive for; educating our Members in ways of safety, skill, knowledge and the FUN OF GWRRA.

If we, as Officers, recognize our responsibilities to our Members, we understand the importance of what is represented in our motto, "FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE." We have found that one of the ways to get them involved is to provide a positive, FUN and worthwhile environment. It is called a Chapter gathering.

A Chapter gathering is the perfect medium to carry out our prime responsibility to our Members. It provides them a place to come to gain fun, friends, knowledge and camaraderie. It provides us the opportunity to present to our Members the tools and skills, the KNOWLEDGE that will enable them to SAFELY enjoy their chosen hobby — Motorcycling.

We should look forward to organizing the gathering with a focus on enticing our Members to attend. We do this by making our Chapter gatherings FUN! We make it a relaxed, non-political, non-religious, friendly place where there are NO strangers... tasty food, interesting people and educational programs. This is not as difficult as it sounds, but it is essential to the health of our Chapters. If we can motivate our Members to attend a Chapter gathering, our job is half done. We must then insure that the gathering is so good, so interesting, so entertaining, so rewarding and so much FUN that they will return every month. They will also "talk it up" with their friends, helping GWRRA receive the positive publicity that goes a long way in attracting new Members. The following is a suggested outline to help you get started.

#### **Steps to finding a gathering space.**

1. Look in an area that is as centrally located as possible to your members.
2. Make sure that there is easy access from expressways and main roads.

3. Check for available, safe, and well-lit parking.
  - a) Check the lot during the time of day and day of the week you plan on holding your gathering.
  - b) Check the lot during inclement weather. Does it flood?
4. If the location is a restaurant, ask the following questions:
  - a) Is there a private room away from the main dining area?
  - b) Can we book that room monthly for a year in advance?
  - c) Will we have server(s) assigned to the room?
  - d) May we order off the menu or will there be a limited menu for our gathering?
  - e) Will a gratuity be automatically added to the checks?
  - f) Will there be a charge for the room or a required minimum amount of food ordered for the room to be free?
  - g) What is the maximum occupancy for the room?

### **Setting an agenda for a gathering.**

Although our gatherings are not as structured as a formal club or organizational meeting, there should be a plan in place that will allow for an easy flow of information. The plan allows you to be spontaneous and still come back to where you were so all topics are covered. The following is a suggested agenda but can be tailored to best fit the Chapter. In most cases, we want the Gathering to be social, fun and full of sharing of information about events and safety.

Chapter Director - Introduction and welcome. If this fits the Chapter Director's personality, take the microphone around the room and ask select Members about a ride or event they attended, this gets them involved right away. At this time, many Chapters do a Pledge of Allegiance and/or a moment of silence.

Door Greeter or Couple and Individual of the Year- welcome from the sign-in roster of guests, visiting Chapter, District and Team GWRRA representatives.

Chapter Director - Occasionally, more often for newly formed Chapters, an introduction of Team Members and a brief explanation of their duties would be helpful. This can also be done when you introduce them before they speak.

Membership Enhancement Coordinator and Social Coordinator – Identify first time visitors and prospective members so they may stand up and introduce themselves. They can be asked what they ride, how long they have been riding or related questions.

Birthdays, wedding anniversaries and GWRRA joining anniversaries can be announced. Some Chapters offer gifts, if the budget allows. A great idea is to recognize second

timers, as they came back. Give them something with Chapter colors at that time, bandana, Chapter pin, or patch, etc.

If there is a guest speaker, introduce them and the topic and allow them to make their presentation.

Team GWRRA or Home Office, District and visiting Chapter representatives are then encouraged to speak, to share information on upcoming events, etc.

The Chapter Ride Coordinator speaks. Can do a brief safety presentation and announce upcoming rides. Choose members to share about the past month's rides.

Chapter Director - Announce upcoming events and gatherings for the Chapter. May have Members share about events attended in the past month. Give details about upcoming events, especially reoccurring annual events. Do not assume Members will understand what the event is just by the title.

Identify the Member who is responsible for patches, pins and shirt orders.

Anytime during the gathering, fun activities such as games, door prize drawings, prizes awarded for wearing Chapter gear, mileage awards, etc., can be included.

End the gathering with the 50/50 drawing, should you choose to have one.

Thank everyone for taking the time to attend.

To encourage riding, going for a ride after the Chapter Gathering is a great idea so long as it is promoted in advance. This, of course, depends on the day and time of your Gathering.

Stay open to fun ideas, reach out to peers to see what they are doing and going to their Gatherings is a great place to learn new ideas. You know your Chapter, but you can always be creative and fun.

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### **Special Article from the Director of Chapter A**

My goal this year is to ride more. It shouldn't be too hard because last year was very wet. However, this is a new year. The grandkids are settled with their mother. We have fewer obligations and more free time. That should translate to more miles on the road. My goal is to wear out my Goldwing. The problem is I'm not sure I have that many good years left to ride. Wearing out a Goldwing is no small feat. They can run for hundreds of thousands of miles. Hmmm. Maybe I need smaller goals. I can run all the time when I retire. Maybe I should start playing the lottery. It might make retirement come a little sooner.

Exciting things are in store for GWRRA. I can feel it coming. To some it's the winds of change, but I think, and I hope it brings with its new blood and new ideas. As a group

we're growing older and less adventuresome. We need people who can look at the world through fresh eyes and see all the wonderful things we take for granted. Have we gone to the bat museum? Have we gone to a ball game? Have we ever taken a dinner cruise on the bell? Have we listened to live bands at Kingfish on a Friday night? The Dragon may be old hat to us but for those who ride it for the first time it's a milestone achieved. We're only young once, but we can help others enjoy the things we have already discovered. Maybe those things will regain their wonder. That's the beauty of riding with friends. What's old for you may be new for them.

I hope all of you will support our district at the ride in and the Blast. This is the last year the ride-in will be at Crossroads Campground. Let's have a strong finish to that tradition. It's not just a ride in. It's an excuse to camp out and sit around a campfire with friends who live hours away. Let's support our district events and have a ball doing it. This is all about fun, safety and knowledge.

Let's have lots of fun.

### **DISTRICT RIDE EDUCATORS**



**Bill and Susan Mucha**

Wing world page 21 had 6 items to have on your next motorcycle ride.

Let's look at what you need. Anyone in the levels program might know most of them.

1 First Aid Kit. Why in case you someone gets hurt you don't need a large one there are some small kits that will work well. Just remember to check them once a year to make sure nothing has expired. If you need to replace items check to see if it is cheaper to replace, or refill.

2 Jumper cables, small set will do there are also ones made for motorcycles. Youi never know when someone's battery might go bad. Who wants to get stuck at a DQ and not be able to get home?

3 Tire Plug kit, FOR EMERGENCY PERPOES ONLY to get you to a place where you can replace it not for long distance riding.

4 Air Compressor. They have 12v ones that draw 8-12 amps. Some have clips that connect directly to the battery. If you are in to exercise you can also carry a hand pump.

5 Siphon hose, when you run out of gas. This way you can put gas in to one bike and they can bring back a can and fill up some of the group to get them to a gas station.

6 Tool kit, you only need the basic tools for emergency repairs if something comes loose or needs to be adjusted.

Other items if you have room, fire extinguisher, flashlight, Gloves to keep your hands clean, and hand cleaner.

Hope this helps you on your travels.

Bill Mucha

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### **COUPLE OF THE YEAR COORDINATORS**



**Allen & Lisa Merritt**



## FROM THE MEPC



Jerry & Luanne Williams

Hi GWRRA Members,

WELCOME SPRING!! We are all looking forward to riding in warm and dry weather!! It has been a very long winter and now the weather should be turning to the better very soon.

Here is your opportunity to ride with fellow GWRRA members and when you have the opportunity to talk to a new rider, please tell them about the benefits that both GWRRA and your Chapter has—spread the news!

As a reminder, the District is planning on 2 large events this year and hope you can join us for both events. The Kentucky Ride In is on June 7 and 8 in Elizabethtown, KY and the Kentucky Blast is from August 15-17 at Cave City, KY.

Please ensure your Membership is current—GWRRA and our KY Chapters have a lot to offer!!

Jerry & Luanne Williams  
KY DISTRICT MEPC

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## VENDOR COORDINATOR



**Ray and Kathy Conrad**

Hello all, well Ray and I are looking forward to this warm weather that has finally arrived, we can't wait until the spring fling, this is a great rally in a great place with lots to do, we always look forward to seeing all our friends. Pigeon forge has a lot to offer, with good riding, and food, the rally is always great, so make your reservation, so you do not miss out on all the fun.

Next will be the ride In, held in Elizabethtown Ky, at the Crossroads Campground, this is a good time for socializing with friends, great camping, and lots of motel if you do not camp, there will be rides, games, and other activities for you to participate in, so plan to come to the ride In in June, and have a great time.

Until next time Ride Safe.

Ray and Kathy Conrad

## DISTRICT COUPLE OF THE YEAR



**Dan and Rita Bondurant**

Well the weather is finally warming up and hopefully drying up enough to get in some riding. Hope everyone will be able to get out and do some riding and as always be careful. People are seeing these strange new things out on the road called MOTORCYCLES!!! Every year they seem to forget about us being out there. Hope everyone can get out and visit other Chapters and SPEAKING OF THAT. At the OPPS Meeting different ones ask if CH Y could move their meeting to a Saturday

so that different ones could visit.

SO, CHAPTER Y HAD CHANGED THEIR MEETING TO SATURDAY MAY 4th. SO, CHAPTERS COULD VISIT, BUT THEN WE REALIZED THAT WAS TN SPRING FLING. We know a lot of You go to Spring Fling along with a lot of District Staff.

So now Chapter Y has moved the May meeting back to first Thursday.

Chapter Y will be having their JUNE MEETING ON SATURDAY JUNE 1st EATING AT 11:00 AND MEETING AT 12:00 CENTRAL TIME. so, make your plans to come on down to Western KY and see us.

SAME LOCATION Majestic Family Restaurant

700 S. 6th St

Mayfield

Ride Safe and Stay Alert

KY District Ride Cord

KY District Couple of the Year

Dan and Rita

Our calendars

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**



**Danny Drane**

Another month and we are finally seeing some spring (AKA Riding) weather. Well Bev and I started out with some rotten luck. Got to our first ride on the trike, gassed up, moved around to put air in a low tire, parked in the spot waiting on others.....Went to start her back up and NOTHING. No clicks, nothing, dash worked, lights, turn, horn, CB.....won't start. Tow truck and a battery back to good! Then ride 2, I get her out of the garage, notice left side a bit low. Get the pump and she is FLAT. So, second ride is on the rocks, and we are not happy. I pump her up and can't find someone to check it out..... really. Wait 4 hours and check air, holding at 40. Check again in the AM, holding at 40. Maybe we were not supposed to ride that day.

As for what is going on in the newsletter world...., well I am publishing a little late. Waiting on some articles, but all good.

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### KY CHAPTER GATHERINGS

**Chapter A** Meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month at Mark's Feed Store 6501 Bardstown Rd. Fern Creek, KY. 40291. 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.

### CONVENTION/RALLY SCHEDULE