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KENTUCKY DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR
Rick and Elizabeth Broadway



Greetings all, Liz and I hope you are doing well. It's July and riding season is running at full speed. There are lots of great back roads in Kentucky to ride and plenty of fun places to see. One of them is Cave City! home of the Kentucky Blast this year.

The District staff have been working hard to bring you a great time this year. The work is continuing new things are popping up every day. Some of them are the ice cream social on Thursday night will be at Jelly Stone camp ground and is sponsored by them.

There will be a best dressed contest for best western men's dress, best western women's and Couple dress and Chapter pose dress.

The vendors are still growing and don't forget about Mountain Man pinstriping, Verhulst Motorcycle service is coming back. Check out the vendor list on the District web page.

Most have heard about Gun Town Mountain has reopened. They are giving us a discounted price and will be performing during the Kayla Woodson concert on Friday night.

There will be a guided ride set up by Dan Bondurant that should be a great time. Don't forget to send your registration in soon you don't want to miss out on some great fun.

ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Leah and Rick Cridlin



We are in the middle of the year, and I'm not quite sure how this happened. It seems like the year just started! If your calendar is anything like mine, there are still plenty of events to attend, parties to attend and special events too coordinate.

Last month two couples from Chapter H joined Chapter G on a trip to Frankenmuth, MI. We had a of fun! Not everything about the trip went as planned, but I think it would be a miracle if every trip went as planned. I would like to encourage other chapters to visit the ride schedule of other chapters and join in on some of their rides. After all that is why we are a part of GWRRA is for the riding and friendship. Traveling with someone is a great way to get to know each other better.

Speaking of traveling, I think the competition this year for points and the traveling plaque are at peak! Rick and I have really enjoyed our chapter visits this year. Just because the plaque is awarded in August at the Blast, doesn't mean visitation has to end. That means it is just time to renew your calendar if you don't have a plan in place already for visitation. No chapter is the same, all have different types of meetings. There are a few common things with all the chapters. Everyone is so nice, everyone loves to have fun. There is always good food, someone is sure to win a door prize or two and you might just be lucky to walk away with some cash. Now why wouldn't you make a chapter visit?

Rick and I are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Blast this year. The district staff has been working hard to make sure there is something to do for everyone. A few years ago, a couple we know really wasn't looking forward to the blast. They just didn't think there was much to do. Well that year their opinion changed about the Blast. Do you know why? Because they participated. They attended seminars, they played the games, they spent time with people they didn't know, and they shopped the vendors and they went out to eat with friends they hadn't met yet and they

enjoyed other planned activities. So, you too can have a great time at the Blast, you just don't know it yet.

Until next month.... ride safe, have fun and make a new friend in GWRRA. You'll be glad you did!

Leah & Rick Cridlin

THE DISTRICT TRAINER'S CORNER
Jeannie and Buddy McKenzie



Hello fellow members,

I hope that everyone is enjoying this riding season. Now is the time to get out and meet up with old friends and make new ones. One way you can do this is by attending your District Rally. The “Blast” is just around the corner and the District Team has been working hard to make sure everyone has a great time. So, make plans to come out and have fun.

I want to remind everyone that trainings are still available and can be requested by any member by going to the District website and submitting a request. If the requested seminar is no longer available, the requester will be notified by me with a suggested replacement. The KY District Training team is a group of qualified instructors that are always willing to help. Please use them.

Is there a trainer that you feel that has done an outstanding job for the membership? One who has during the previous and current calendar year, demonstrated SUPERIOR enthusiasm, energy, presentation skills, and has embraced the GWRRA Training Philosophy? If so, please take a moment and let us and them know. Please drop a line to the District University Coordinator at buddyjean529@gmail.com.

If anyone has any questions, please let me know. If I don't have the answer, I will seek the assistance of our University Team. Our goal is to offer the membership with the opportunity to gain knowledge and have fun while doing so.

Jeannie & Buddy McKenzie
KY District Trainers

DISTRICT RIDE EDUCATORS
Bill and Susan Mucha



What If You Drag A Peg?
If you react instinctively you probably won't recover

By: James R. Davis

Most of us do not need to test limits, but it still happens that you might someday find yourself leaning too far into a curve and hearing/feeling your peg start to drag. What should you do about it?

Well, let me start by telling you what most people, I believe, instinctively try and what is dead wrong! They immediately roll off the accelerator and lean away from the dragging peg. These are BOTH wrong things to do because each action either lowers the bike (rolling off the accelerator) or increases the lean angle and as a result the peg will no longer be gently scraping the asphalt but will try to gouge a trough into it.

There are three things that can be done as soon as you hear/feel a peg scrape:

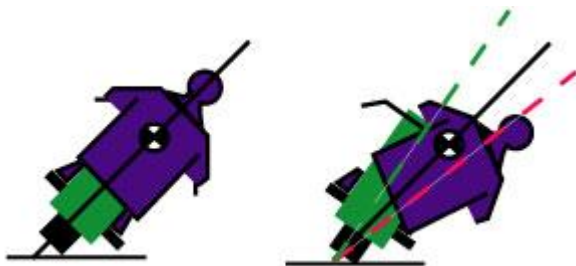
- Increase throttle - (but note that you are already close to sliding and ANY increase in speed can be all she wrote). This is a VERY DANGEROUS solution and it relies on the fact that acceleration raises the middle of the bike while at the same time INCREASES its lean angle. At best, a momentary and trivial net gain in peg height.
- Counter-steer away from the dragging peg - (widen the turn)
- Shift body weight **towards** the dragging peg - (that is not a misprint)

Each of these actions tends to straighten the bike up. Any one of them will 'cure' the problem and is sufficient by itself. You can, of course, do two or all three of these things at the same time.

(The use of throttle to increase clearance is a VERY SHORT-TERM GAIN and is quickly followed by the dragging part digging harder as the lean angle overwhelms the modest new height clearance.

Use of the throttle makes most sense, of course, at very slow speeds. At higher speeds it is by far the hardest technique to master in reacting to a dragging component and though I indicated it could 'cure' the problem all by itself, it REQUIRES that you simultaneously counter-steer a wider path.)

Note, however, that doing the wrong things, it seems to me, is instinctive and that you need to mentally prepare to do the right things in advance. But that is exactly why you are reading this tip - to determine what experience has shown others is the right thing to do without having to 'discover' by trial and potentially fatal error for yourself. Let's see if this makes that third alternative clearer as it is your best choice. Here is a diagram that on the left shows a motorcycle that is about to drag a peg in a turn and on the right, it shows what happens if the motorcyclist leans INTO the turn. (It lifts the peg off the ground.)



COUPLE OF THE YEAR COORDINATORS

Allen & Lisa Merritt



Want to thank everyone for coming to Ride in last month and playing games with us. Also, for all the fellowship. We had a great time, it was good to see everyone.

Blast is fast approaching, so to let you all know as of right now Couple Selection will be Friday morning at 9. Hope each chapter's couple comes so we can introduce them all, an honor them. Interviews will be Thursday evening. Will also honor individual at Blast.

New games coming this here, for your enjoyment.

See you all at Blast.

Ky District Couple Year Coordinator's:

Lisa & Allen Merritt

FROM THE MEPC
Jerry & Luanne Williams



We are so looking forward to the KY Blast in Cave City, KY in August. As your District MEPC's, we will be having games for individuals as well as for the Chapters. There will be prizes!! We hope you can join in all the fun from **Thursday, August 16 through Saturday, August 18 in Cave City.**

What a great opportunity to have fun and enjoy other chapters from Kentucky and surrounding states!! What a great way to meet new members!

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

Jerry & Luanne Williams
KY DISTRICT MEPC

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VENDOR COORDINATOR
Ray and Kathy Conrad



Hello all

Hello all hope you are enjoying this extra warm riding weather, we are getting good replies for vendors this year for the blast, they should be on the Web site for you to view, we hope everyone can attend the Blast this year, it is going to be a great time, with good friends and a great show to entertain you, Cave City is a great place for riding and site seeing, so come on to the rally and have some great fun. I guess I will close for now, enjoy this weather but take plenty to drink with you.

Ride Safe

Ray and Kathy Conrad
Vendor Coordinators

DISTRICT COUPLE OF THE YEAR
Steve and Jennie Knode



Since I'm writing this without seeing this month's District Newsletter, I'm assuming (and we all know how dangerous that can be) that Bill used the same information that he sent me for the Chapter Y Newsletter about what to do if you drag a peg.

I'd like to emphasize what Bill presented about leaning IN TO the curve when your peg starts to drag or when you hit a curve too fast. The same advice applies in that when you lean in to the curve you allow the bike to straighten up some. And that could make the difference between running off the road and finishing the curve intact. As the drawing in Bill's article illustrates, when the rider leans in to the curve the center of gravity is changed, and the bike will straighten up. Look at still pictures of bike racers

on the track and you'll see them leaning in to the curve to the point that they wear knee protection for when they drag a knee. The bike can handle the curve if you get the center of gravity to where the bike is more upright.

There's an excellent book called Proficient Motorcycling by David Hough. I've learned so much from this book that made me a better rider. He covers Risks, Motorcycle Dynamics, Cornering Tactics, Urban Traffic Survival, Booby Traps, Special Situations and Sharing the Ride. I don't care how long you've been riding, I'll guarantee that you'll learn something from this book.

You've all heard of Counter Steering, but do you know what it means? Or how it can help you when you're entering a curve too fast? Add correct Counter Steering and lean to the inside of the curve and you should make that curve just fine. If you preload the springs with a little throttle. Pre-load the springs? Look at Proficient Motorcycling and you'll see what I'm talking about.

How about a Delayed Apex when you're in the twisties? Mr. Hough discusses the advantages of a delayed apex in his book not for any increase in speed through the curve but to make it SAFER for you when negotiating those turns.

Slow, Look, Lean and Roll. Sound familiar? That's the steps taught in most motorcycle courses for going through a corner. When was the last time you practiced an emergency stop? I bet it's been even longer since you did it with a co-rider on board. You both need to know what it feels like to come to a very sudden stop. And you do remember that most of the bikes braking power is in the FRONT wheel, right?

I want to thank Bill for presenting a Team Riding Seminar and a Co-rider Seminar to our Chapter on Saturday, June 23. These are two of many Seminars available through GWRRA. But if you want to become a Proficient motorcycle rider you'll need additional training and information such as Proficient Motorcycling. And becoming more Proficient will make motorcycling safer and more fun for you and your co-rider.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Danny Drane



Another month and another newsletter. Good day folks and happy riding. We have hopefully gotten past the early heat wave and can enjoy some ride time. I know as our Ride Coordinator for Chapter A it is tough to see rides not happen due to weather but remember that you must ride safe. As we head to the dead heat part of summer, remember sunblock, riding gear, and be rested for the ride. Take extra water, ice, protein bars, and take more frequent breaks if you feel even the least bit weary. That will be my safety post, now on to newsletter stuff.

Please send me articles that you would want to share with other members. I put a food article (recipe) in our Chapter newsletter. Is there a fav you would share with your members? What about a ride destination you have been to or plan on going to? I have one that will be on our calendar soon, Medora, IN. Great destination for things you won't see anywhere else. Share these with others and share the fun with others.

Bev and I are the Couple of the Year for Chapter A and we have not had Lucky for a couple of months. Remember when you pass him on to notify Roger Early the webmaster and let him know how many couples were there and who got Lucky..... ok I know that sounds odd! Also send a note to the COY Coordinators, Alan and Lisa Merrit.

Upcoming Events in the District

2018 KY Blast District Convention "Wild West Wingin It"

August 16th - 18th Cave City, Kentucky

North Carolina Wings Over the Smokies

September 27th- 29th Waynesville North Carolina

Wild West Wingin It!

Here are a few things that will take place during the rally:

1. The Ice cream Social will be held at Jelly Stone camp ground on Thurs evening
2. Gun Town Mountain will be giving \$2.00 off admission to all that come to the Blast
3. Kayla Woodson in concert on Friday night
4. Jail & Bail game
5. Costume contest on Friday
6. Road Captain Course classes will be available
7. MFA class will be available (depending on interest)
8. University trainings
9. Much more.....

Schedules have been emailed out to the appropriate persons indicating your work time at the Blast. Chapter Directors please look and make sure you have this covered.

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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 3rd 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.