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FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Rick and Elizabeth Broadway



Greetings,

WOW! As I am writing this article the KY Ride In is here.

The summer seems to be moving fast and before you know it the KY Blast will be here. Liz and I are both very excited about this year's Blast as we have Kayla Woodson performing on Friday night. You don't want to miss that.

Vendors are getting on board with 9 as of now. Mountainman Art will be there for all your custom pin striping. Verhulst Motorcycle Servicing will be there to supply all your maintenance needs. A good idea is to call Mountainman or Verhulst and make an appointment. This helps them and you. That way you have more time for riding and fun.

Terri from Mystical Moments in Time will be sewing patches on vests and selling shirts of all kinds so don't forget to order your Blast shirt on your registration form. She did a great job on them last year, but you can only get them by pre-ordering. Gun Town Mountain has re-opened and we are talking with them on some fun. If you have an idea about a vendor you want us to try, please let Ray Conrad or Angela Grigsby or myself know and we will do our best to try and get them.

The District Staff has been working very hard to make the Blast a great experience for everyone. When you see one of your District Team members let them know what a great job they are doing. It takes a lot of work and time to bring you the Ride In and the Blast each year. This team has been a real pleasure for Liz and me to work with. We are looking forward too many more fun times with the staff and you in the coming years.

Now we need your help. We are looking for the theme and logo for the 2019 Blast to be held in Cave City. The winning theme will receive 1 free registration for the 2019 Blast. The winning logo will also win 1 free Registration to the 2019 Blast. Please send your Ideas to District Director at 544 Matterhorn Drive Shelbyville, KY 40065. All entries must be in by August 6th, 2018. You can also give them to any District Staff Member.

Ride Safe and get those Blast registrations in soon.
Rick & Liz Broadway
KY District Directors

ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTORS
Leah and Rick Cridlin



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Jerry & Luanne Williams
KY DISTRICT MEPC

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THE DISTRICT TRAINER'S CORNER
Jeannie and Buddy McKenzie



Just a note about training and what is really involved with that training. As a member, you see a classroom, an instructor, various instruments utilized in that training, and hopefully people attending that class. It all sounds very simple and clear cut doesn't it? What you may not be aware of is the work it takes to get that class going.

Let's start at the beginning. Somewhere along the line, a group of people sat and brainstormed about the module you are about to view. They worked to contribute their ideas and knowledge, expertise in certain areas, and direction to produce the information you are about to witness. It takes more time to edit and finalize these modules, get clarifications, and have a legal team put their stamp of approval on them.

Then we get to spread the word, we have a new module for our members! But wait, is that really all there is? What do you think? That module will then be sent to the instructors for them to study and learn the material they are about to present. With the new ITCP standards, this involves a great deal of time to prepare for your presentation. A classroom, instructional materials, various games and so forth to keep the attendees involved.

Here is where it gets interesting, getting students. We have all attended seminar after seminar, lecture after lecture, rally after rally. What makes each one unique are the instructors and students. At each one of these modules, you will learn something new. That is because every instructor is different and has a different perspective. The students will have their input and experiences to interject and share with the class. This will make every module unique, not in the module itself, but the way the material is presented and shared. But, for this to be effective we must have students. The discussions that occur will make it happen and make it unique.

GWRRA has a desire to get everyone they can involve in the training process. The smarter our members are, the safer they ride, the more knowledgeable they are, and the more FUN they have! Isn't that what it is all about, having FUN?

We have wonderful trainers and instructors in Kentucky District, and the GWRRA. Let's utilize their talents and knowledge to maximize the experience of our membership. As a reminder to our members, anyone can request University training through the district website. Those requests go to the Assistant Region Trainer and the District Trainer. If you have already established a training event, please let us know about it. We need to ensure that a properly qualified trainer is providing the training. We also need to share these opportunities with all our trainers to maintain their certifications. Please send all student rosters to the District Trainer. The instructor and the students will not receive credit for their efforts if we do not sign off on it. We are here to serve you Kentucky!

DISTRICT RIDE EDUCATORS
Bill and Susan Mucha



Article from Insight Newsletter June 2018 by

Chuck & Melanie Geggie
Assistant Director of Rider Education, Rider Courses

One of the cornerstones of the GWRRA Rider Education Program is the Rider Course. We are excited about the improvements our rider courses have undergone in the last two years. All the curriculums have been updated to be "user friendly" and more oriented to adult learners. Your experience at one of our Rider Courses should no longer make you feel as if you were back in Junior High School listening to the teacher drone on. We feel that the Rider Courses we now offer as part of GWRRA's "World Class" Rider Education Program are on par with others in the industry.

GWRRA currently offers "On-Bike" training for traditional 2-wheel motorcycles (ARC), most styles of trikes (TRC), motorcycles with the add-on kits (AORC), and sidecar rigs (SRC) as well as two wheel (TC) and three-wheel motorcycles (TTRC) pulling trailers. All

of our full Rider Courses offer a classroom component covering the findings from the “Hurt Report” showing that accident involved motorcyclists were deficient in the skills of cornering, swerving, and stopping. The classrooms also discuss, in depth, the mental aspect of riding.

On the range skills involving stopping, swerving, and cornering are practiced using the participant’s own motorcycle.

In addition to the courses with a full classroom, GWRRA also offers a 2-wheel Recertification class (ARC-R) and a 3-wheel Recertification class (TRC-R). All GWRRA courses count as “approved rider courses” for the Rider Education Levels Program. However, the Recertification courses must be alternated with full courses that include a classroom.

We know that there are times when GWRRA courses are difficult to find in your District. An acceptable alternative is to enroll in one of the courses offered as part of your state Motorcycle Safety Program. Most of these programs offer courses from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

Some states (Oregon, Ohio, Idaho, and others) offer courses they have developed on their own and are equally as good. A list of the courses that GWRRA approves for use in the Levels Program can be found on the Rider Education website in the Toolbox.

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COUPLE OF THE YEAR COORDINATORS
Allen & Lisa Merritt



FROM THE MEPC
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VENDOR COORDINATOR
Ray and Kathy Conrad



Hello all

First, thanks for all your support, during my surgery. This is a great family organization. We had a great time at the TN, rally, we have a lot of good prospects for vendors. We actual already have 9, we will post who they are in the next newsletter. We hope to see everyone at the Ky Ride In, that is always a good, time to visit with friends a relax. There is great camping, and games to participate in. Visit as often as you can and show your support to the other chapters. See you at the next event, Ride Safe.

Ray and Kathy Conrad
Vendor Coordinators

DISTRICT COUPLE OF THE YEAR
Steve and Jennie Knode



The Honda shop in Paducah, FDR, had an open house on April 28 and they were offering demo rides on the new 2018 Goldwing and Goldwing Tour. So, what was I supposed to do? Not ride them? Nope. I rode both since the Tour had the 6-speed standard transmission and the Goldwing had the DCT transmission.

Jennie went with me on the Goldwing Tour and I was impressed with the agility and noticeable loss of weight of the new bike. I thought the shifting was exceptionally smooth and bike was comfortable to sit on, although I was limited to about 30 miles on

this test ride. In a church parking lot, I started bringing the bike in to tighter and tighter circles and it laid right in there. Any more of those tight circles and I would have gotten dizzy. Jennie was less impressed, I guess, since when I asked her how she liked it she said, "It's ok. A bike is a bike." But there might have been a more detailed evaluation if we'd put on 300 miles instead of 30. The lack of storage space is concerning to us.

Right now, we can pack our 2006 Wing with everything we need for a week or more by adding a Kuryakyn bag on the trunk rack and a small carrier that fits on the trailer hitch with a bag on it. I'm sure we would adjust to the smaller carrying capacity, but Honda admits that they tailored the new bike to the 2-3-day rider and not the long-haul rider. You can look at the design of the new Wings and see that they are targeting a different clientele than those who currently ride and like the larger Wing. But remember when cars started getting smaller for improved gas mileage? Remember that "boat" your folks used to drive? That huge Oldsmobile or Plymouth that would sit 3-4 people across the bench seats? We see those old models doing down the road now and wonder why we thought we needed cars that huge. The same may be said of our Wings in a few years. And we may see more Wings pulling trailers.

One thing that impressed me about the new Wing is the technology that has gone in to the cockpit. While I didn't get a chance to play with everything on my 30-mile ride, I've read quite a bit about it and, being somewhat of a gadget guy, I think I would enjoy the improvements up front. The electric windshield alone was a great addition. The technology shouldn't be intimidating to anyone because like your computer, you can use just what you want to use and ignore the rest. Don't want to use the CarPlay feature? Don't use it. Hate navigation? Don't go to that screen. Just use what you want to use.

Finally, I rode the DCT model and while I found the transmission did everything Honda said it would do and while I can see how so many people love it, I preferred the manual transmission. That's just me. Practically everyone else I asked about it preferred it over the manual transmission. I did find that when you switch the mode from Tour to Sport that bike will flat jump out from under you. Crotch rockets beware...the new Wing will eat your lunch in Sport mode.

So, is a new Goldwing Tour in my future? I never say never but I don't see one being in my garage any time soon. While a new machine would be nice, there's absolutely nothing wrong with my 2006. It does everything I want a bike to do...for now.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Danny Drane



Another month gone by and I am still not a billionaire, but I am very blessed with happiness, home, my inner circle of friends, family (Bev's Family and my daughter's family) our Gold Wing family. God has been good to me even though I have not been the model person.

As ride seasons kicks in (better weather now) remember to first and foremost be safe. Lots of activity on the roadways and lots of things to distract us and other drivers. Another detail some of us miss is our helmet aging. How old is your helmet? My guess is if you are like me, you are not 100% sure when you bought your last one. Manufactures recommend replacing at least every 5 yrs. According information I got at the last Blast. Also, this is voluntary of course, riding gear. Yeah it is hot at times but not as hot as asphalt being run under your skin during a slide..... Bev and I wear our jackets every ride. IF we are riding next year I will be getting riding pants, summer and winter versions.

Please make sure we have your current email and one that you check at least often. Also, Dan Bondurant our ride Co-Ordinator sent an email that each ride Co-Ordinator for the Chapters should submit their email and phone number to National..... my guess is thru the email he sent. You will have to get with him if you have any questions. I am interested in adding some current and fun information from my readers. If you have a family recipe, a favorite place to eat, a favorite fun destination to ride or visit, a favorite event, let others know. I will add a section for these "fun places etc." when I get your input.

Thanks

Danny Drane

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Upcoming Events

Virginia Rally In The Valley “ Wings Around the World”

June 28th – 30th 2018 Roanoke Va.

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



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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.