

# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION 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.

We continue to have many changes going on in GWRRA. Things change so fast and before I can pass it along it has changed again. We will get there, and all will be worked out for the best. It is a slow process that will take some time and a lot of hard work. I know that we can make the change possible by all pulling together as a team and working towards a common goal. We are strong in Kentucky and I think GWRRA will become a great and fun organization to be a part of.

District Staff needs everyone's help in getting the necessary information that needs to be passed onto GWRRA. This will make our tasks much easier to complete. Your District staff is working very hard for you.

The Blast is coming together very nicely. We will have some great news to share soon about the entertainment. Liz and I want to thank Rickey and Angela Grigsby for stepping up to head the entertainment committee for the Blast. If you would like to help them, please let me know or contact them.

## **ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

**Leah and Rick Cridlin**



It appears the visitation program is well underway in KY! Everyone is out chasing the KY plaque and the Couple of Year Mascot and we are just in March. I'd say the competition is on :- ) I can't even imagine what is going to happen when we are able to start riding.

At the District Ops meeting the Chapter Directors shared activities their chapters facilitate for their members. KY is not only busy, but we are fun! I sincerely hope all the members appreciate all the hard work the Chapter Directors put in to making their chapter gatherings fun, current and place where their members feel welcome, wanted and appreciated.

Next month is Spring Fling and we hope to see you several of in Pigeon Forge, TN. It will be nice to ride and gather with good friends from all over the state.

Leah & Rick Cridlin

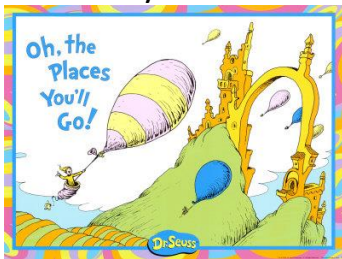
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**THE DISTRICT TRAINER'S CORNER**  
**Jeannie and Buddy McKenzie**



I would like to share with you this month an article written by Clara Bolt, Director of University.



**Oh, the Places You will Go!"**

"Oh, the Places You Will Go" a Dr. Seuss quote seems to fit Training in GWRRA. Our own mind takes us to places that we could not go in real time. The University modules take us places we have been and to places that others have been. How you may ask? We use self-discovery, relevance and action-

oriented modules, not power point to take us to places we may never have been.

Self-discovery, relevance and action oriented are the three GWRRA Instructor values taught in the Instructor Training & Certification Program (ITCP).

Self-discovery gives the attendees, ownership of the data they receive in the module.

The instructor is not teaching, the instructor is facilitating a discussion of the data in the module. Giving you a part of the discussion and therefore, discovering what you knew but didn't know you knew.

The modules are relevant to everyday life, whether it be personal, professional or GWRRA. If the module or seminar you are attending isn't relevant to anything in your daily life you are not apt to attend, unless it is raining or too hot to go for a ride, then you might attend just to escape the elements.

By getting the attendees into action at the beginning and throughout the module they are more at ease and open to what may lay ahead, which in most cases is something new they have never seen in a seminar or a perhaps a new approach to something old.

"Oh, the Places You Will Go" when you attend one of the new GWRRA University modules.

Clara & Fred, Director of GW University



Reminder, if your chapter is interested in scheduling a training class, please go to the website and submit you requests. KY Trainers are readily available to assist your chapter. Just give us a call.

Jeannie & Buddy McKenzie

KY District University Coordinator

**DISTRICT RIDE EDUCATORS**  
**Bill and Susan Mucha**



How to use My R.E

Tim & Anna Grimes

Director of Rider Education

How to Access your GWRRA Rider Education Database

Training Record

The GWRRA Rider Education Database contains information regarding your Levels status, Membership expiration date, the Rider Education classes you have completed, and personal information such as phone numbers, email, and home address. It is the Member's responsibility, with support from the District Educator, to maintain up-to-date information in the database and to keep your Membership and Levels current.

To access your personal information, first go to [www.gwrra.org](http://www.gwrra.org). Once there, hover your mouse over the "Programs" or "Officer" button; a gray colored area will drop down. Carefully move your mouse to "Rider Education" and click on it. The Rider Education page will open. Click on the blue "My R.E. Information" tab on the left side of the page. You are now on the "sign in" page. If this is your first time here, you probably do not have a clue as to how to log in. That is OK; we have thought of that. Click on the "I need help logging in" text. This will take you to an instruction page that will take you through the sign in process step by step. Hint: you will need your Membership Card to help you find the information that you need for sign in. Once you have read the instructions, click on the "return to login" text.

You are now back on the login page. Enter your "User Name" (Member Number) and "Password" (Numbers in your address and Member expiration date). Now click the "Submit" button. This takes you to a page that lists all Members associated with your Membership Number. Click on "view" on the right border to access the record that you want to look at. Veola, you are now looking at your personal Rider Education record; impressive, huh? OK, look it over and make sure that your basic information is correct; name, address, phone, email, District, and Chapter. To change any of this information

you will need to contact the Home Office or visit the “Member” tab on the GWRRA home page.

Scroll down a little to “Rider History.” If you are enrolled in the Levels Program, this is where you will find your level listed. This section also shows your “safe miles” and “high miles.” If this information is not correct, fill out an N.10 Form (Levels Update Form) and send it to the District Educator for database update. Scrolling down just a little further brings you to your “Training Courses” and History. Training required for your Levels is displayed with the type of training and expiration date. The training will be highlighted in yellow if it is close to the expiration date and in red if the training has expired. Contact your District Educator if you are close to expiring so that you can get a class scheduled to renew your certification. Hover your mouse over the word “History” and a box will appear showing the training courses that you have taken. It will only remain if you have your mouse in place. If you want to take a closer look at your training, click on the tab that says, “All History.” This will open a list of all of the training that has been entered into the database on your behalf.

Are you an instructor? If so, there is a tab called “Instructor Information” that you can click on to check your Instructor status. This will show what you are qualified to instruct and when you next expire. Should you have questions about anything listed in the Training Courses section, please contact your District Educator.

There you have it; a quick and easy way to access your personal record in the Rider Education Database. There is a lot of good information there, so please take the time to periodically access this information to make sure that you are getting credit for all of the training you attend. It is recommended that you check this information at least quarterly.

**Tim & Anna Grimes**

**COUPLE OF THE YEAR COORDINATORS**

**Allen & Lisa Merritt**



**FROM THE MEPC**

**Jerry & Luanne Williams**



We are so looking forward spring!! There will be events during the year that will get us altogether to socialize and have a good time!! For example, the Kentucky Ride In, The Blast and Wing Ding in Knoxville. As you are riding around this beautiful state and see other riders along the way, please introduce yourselves and tell them about GWRRA, your chapter and all the benefits and fun everyone has!!

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

Well, I will sure be glad when the weather changes to be much warmer, got up this morning and there was snow on the ground, looking forward to the warmer days so we can ride the Chapter gatherings, we are also looking forward to spring fling, we hope to make it, Ray is having some health issues, and may have to have surgery, but he is a go getter and he will bounce back in no time. We have been visiting the other chapters, and really enjoy all the social time to spend with them. Get excited about the Blast this year and Mark your calendars, it will be a great time, and lots of fun.

Ride safe

Ray and Kathy Conrad  
Vendor Coordinators

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



How did I catch this bug? I don't really believe it's infectious but once you get it, it's very hard to get over. And, to be honest, I don't want to get over it.

I bought my first motorcycle in about 1972. My younger brother was in to motorcycles, but my Dad wouldn't allow him to have one. He did let him have a little



mini-bike that he drove the wheels off. I remember Dad telling me that he was on the back deck and saw my brother come tearing down the hill in the vacant pasture near our home when Scott, my brother, hit a hole or something and flipped the bike. He got up and quickly looked around to see if anyone saw his wreck. Dad did.

But I was already married and decided I wanted a motorcycle, too. So, not needing Dad's permission, I bought a 250 Suzuki trail bike. In those days, even the trail bikes had lights and a horn and were street legal. So, I could not only ride it to work at the golf course, I could jump over stuff and go almost anywhere. I rode this bike until shortly after graduation from college when I decided I needed a pickup truck more than a motorcycle.

So, my motorcycle life was put on hold for about 25 years. With the kids grown and gone to college themselves, I decided to start tinkering with old Honda Trail 90's. I'd buy them on eBay, replace some parts, do some painting, etc. and then sell them. I never really made much money, but I don't remember losing any either. This was a nice distraction from work and I enjoyed replacing parts and making the bikes look decent again. Notice, I did not say anything about fixing them because I'm certainly no mechanic. I just replaced parts, as needed.

I found a nice 1982 Trail 110 on eBay and drove to Iowa to get it. The difference between the performance of a Trail 90 and a Trail 110 was substantial so I decided to keep this bike. In fact, on nice days I'd ride it to work in Scottsbluff, NE which was about a 20-mile round trip. With a little bit of downhill and a little bit of tail wind I could get it up to 50mph. That felt like 100mph on such a small bike! And with gas approaching \$4/gallon, it was a money saver, too.

Riding home from work one afternoon I passed a group of "real" motorcycles and they gave me "the wave". Wow! I thought. They just gave me the wave like I was on a real motorcycle. Right then and there I decided that I, too, wanted to ride the roads on a "real" motorcycle.

I had a business trip planned that was taking me to central Nebraska for a couple of days. So, I checked and, sure enough, they had a Honda dealership. When my co-worker and I hit town, we stopped at the Honda place and there sat a 1997 GL1200 Goldwing. The salesman told me all about it and, as luck would have it, in walks the previous owner. I visited with him briefly and he assured me there was nothing wrong with the bike, so I took it for a test ride. Remember now, the biggest bike I had really spent any time on was a 250 Suzuki 30 years ago. But I confidently strapped on the borrowed helmet, fired up the 1200 and down the road I went. Wow! I mean WOW! That bike had so much power and was so comfortable and rode so smoothly that I was hooked. They had a price of something like \$4,000 and I felt it was worth it, but I really

was hoping to pay less. So, I told myself if they'll take \$3,500 I'd buy it. After I got it parked I asked the salesman if they could take less and he said, "Oh, I'd sell it to you for \$3,500." Bingo! The deal was made. I paid for it with my Discover card, they let me borrow a helmet and gave me a box to ship it back in and the following day, I headed for home on it.

I rode that bike for a few years but ignored some advice I was given: "if you're happy with your 1200, don't even sit on a 1500. And if you're happy with your 1500, don't even sit on an 1800". But I rode a GL1500 and had to have one. I found a 1995 Goldwing GL1500 in the Wing World magazine. The owner lived in Minnesota but kept the bike in his winter home in Mesa, AZ. We decided for him to pick Jennie and me up at the Phoenix airport and with a couple changes of clothes, some riding gear and two helmets, we arrived at the airport and were taken to the bike's winter home. We rode it home from Mesa, AZ to Scottsbluff, NE and loved the trip.

As that bike got more and more miles, I thought I'd get a newer GL1500, so I bought a 2000 Goldwing. This bike was located near Franklin, TN. We had plans to spend Christmas in St. Louis with my youngest daughter so I pulled our trailer to St. Louis and on Christmas Day Jennie and I drove to Franklin and picked up our "new" bike. For some reason, it wasn't as nice to ride as my old 1995 Wing so after a couple of years I ignored the above advice a second time and rode a Chapter member's GL1800. I found a 2006 GL1800 on eBay in Colorado Springs and this is the Wing I have today.

I also have a 1997 Honda Pacific Coast that I enjoy riding on short runs, and I still have that Trail 110 that started my passion for highway riding.

I bet many of you have a similar story when it comes to how we started riding motorcycles. I'm sure there are worse vices in life to have.

So how long will I have this "bug"? God only knows but I expect to have this motorcycle fever until I can no longer throw my leg over the bike.

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Danny Drane



Another month is here, and another is in the history books. Many things going on in preparation for a great riding year for each chapter and the district.

Anytime an organization goes thru changes, whether voluntarily or forced because of some outside controlling factor, there is some doubt and confusion. I cannot even imagine the work, the concern, the desire to get this done and done than for those officers and volunteers at the district level.

This brings me to the point of my post this month, ye ole newsletter! Yep, as old as any form of communication and older than most. It was how 'news' got around in the old days, and in our modern times. Back in the days of old, it was a great day when news would show up, via either horseback or the 'new' telegraph. It was important then and it is now.

I ask the members to read each of these as you get them and if you have information that can benefit either your chapter or the district, share that with myself or one of the staff at either level of GWRRA. Getting current, correct and hopefully soon, concrete information is the corner stone to going forward.

Ride and Ride Safe  
Danny

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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 & Busters 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**