

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Rick and Elizabeth Broadway



I received this recently from Dr. Pollio JCPS Superintendent. I think it holds true to all we do in life whether you're working at your paying job or a volunteer position. It is from a book called "The Power of Positive Leadership" by Jon Gordon.

"Be so invested in your craft that you don't have time to listen to the naysayers. No time for negativity. You're too busy creating the future. I want to encourage you to never let the opinion of others define you and your future. Your identity doesn't come from what the world says about you. It comes from who you are on the inside. Your work, leadership, and mission are too important to allow others to define your destiny."

No matter what anyone says, show up and do the work.

If they praise you, show up and do the work.

If they criticize you, show up and do the work.

If no one even notices you, show up and do the work.

Just keep showing up, doing the work, and leading the way.

Lead with passion.

Fuel with optimism.

Have faith.

Power up with love.

Maintain hope.

Be stubborn.

Fight the good fight.

Refuse to give up.

Ignore the critics.

Believe in the impossible

Show up.

Do the work.

You'll be glad you did.

True grit leads to true success."

Rick and Liz Broadway

KY District Directors

ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Leah and Rick Cridlin



The first big trip is behind us now, Spring Fling in Pigeon Forge, TN. Rick and I hope you had a great time. I determined this was a trip of reminders and learning experiences. Several people in our group forgot things, myself included. Do you have a packing list? We don't, but it prompted me to ask others if they did. My survey received mix results, some do, most don't. Since we are finally in riding season, I thought I would start a packing list for you to continue to add items on your own.

Helmet

Gloves

Boots

Long Pants

Over the Ankle Riding Boots

Jacket

Rain Suit

Rain Boots

Extra Socks

Clothes for every day you are gone

Under Clothes

Pajamas

Medications Sunscreen

Snacks

Water Bottle

Group Phone Roster

Emergency Medical Information

I'm sure there is plenty more that you can add to this list, but this is a good start and basic and doesn't even include items needed for the bike. Just remember, sometimes you even forget the basics!

The Elizabethtown Ride In is our next trip. When you are camping, that list includes all the above, plus more! Start making your list now and maybe, just maybe you will remember everything.

Enjoy the May holidays.... it's time to kick off the summer!

Stay Safe!

Leah & Rick Cridlin

Assistant District Directors

859-534-5292

Medic First Aid Corner

There will be an MFA course on May 20, 2018, 11:00am - 6pm in Northern KY. Please contact Leah if you are interested in attending. 859-534-5292

Swearing in for our new District Ride Coordinator

Dan and Rita Bondurant as new District Ride Coordinators and Chapter Y Assistant Chapter Director and MEPC



THE DISTRICT TRAINER'S CORNER
Jeannie and Buddy McKenzie



GWRRA CHAPTER KY - T
**FAMILY FUN DAY
&
MONTHLY SOCIAL GATHERING**
WILL BE HELD

**MAY 12, 2018
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

PAINTSVILLE LAKE STATE PARK

SHELTER # 1
1551 KY 2275
STAFFORDSVILLE, KY



COME JOIN IN ON A DAY FILLED WITH FOOD, FUN, AND GAMES
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

CHARLES & TERESA CONN 606-587-3060
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Book a Campsite at PAINTSVILLE LAKE STATE PARK, KY

The 32-site campground has electricity, water, and sewer hookups at each site. In addition, there are 10 primitive sites. Restrooms, showers, and laundry facilities are provided. Two of the RV Sites are adapted for the disabled. Pets are allowed if restrained.

Phone Number: (606) 297-8486

DISTRICT RIDE EDUCATORS

Bill and Susan Mucha



Don't forget your T-CLOCS

Here it is the end of April and Beginning of May and we are hoping the weather breaks for a great riding season. But have you Looked at your bike for the last few month or just hopped on and went riding.

Don't forget to do your T-CLOCS as a routine not only in the beginning of ridding season but through the year, even in the winter when your bike sits. I would add moving the bike a few times during the winter, so you prevent flat spots on your tires. Check for wet spots under the bike as it sits if you find any, look to see where it came from it will save you time in the spring and not take away from the riding Season. A little preventive maintenance is better than not riding when it is nice out.

Web page for TCLOCK sheet <http://www.gwrra-wav.org/flyers/T-CLOCS.pdf>

Bill Mucha

KY District Educator

One other thing to add if you need any training please use the District web page. Look under University Training and submit a request.

COUPLE OF THE YEAR COORDINATORS

Allen & Lisa Merritt



FROM THE MEPC
Jerry & Luanne Williams



Here we are in May, the flowers have bloomed, grass is green, and the leaves are on the trees – what a great time to ride! As the old saying goes, “Stop & Smell the Roses.” Take a ride and see what a beautiful state we live in. This will give you many opportunities to meet others and talk about your Chapter and GWRRA!! Invite them to your next meeting!!

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



DISTRICT COUPLE OF THE YEAR
Steve and Jennie Knode



At Chapter KY-Y's April Get Together we had 2 special guests show up. They were Leo and Margaret Smith who are the current Chapter VA-O Couple of the Year. We had a chance to visit with them during the meeting and enjoyed hearing about their experiences and travels. And we sent them home with some door prizes, to boot! We hope to see Leo and Margaret again sometime as they travel the area.

We're beginning to see the spring light at the end of our winter tunnel, so riding is moving towards the front of our minds. One thing that I'm a strong proponent of is training. I take riding courses on a regular basis. I've had the Basic Rider Course, which I recommend for ANY rider, and I've taken the Advanced Rider Course several times. I look at it as a great refresher and a tune-up for the upcoming riding season. You may have ridden many miles during your many years on the bike, but I guarantee that if you've not taken a ARC or BRC you'll learn something new. And I'll also guarantee you'll learn that you've developed some bad habits along the way that you aren't even aware of.

If you're reasonably new to the motorcycle world, good training is even more beneficial because you haven't learned those bad habits. And any bad habits that you are developing can be quickly cured. If you learn the proper techniques right off the bat and develop GOOD riding habits an occasional refresher is all you need to keep you, as well as those riding around you, as safe as possible.

That's where additional training courses comes in. GWRRA offers two excellent courses for those starting to ride in a group. Team Riding should be the first course you take to teach you how to ride in a group. You'll learn several things that are more than just proper etiquette. Many tips and suggestions are presented to make you a safer rider in a group which will make those around you more comfortable, as well. Follow too close and the person in front of you can't take his eyes off the rear-view mirror worrying if you're going to plow in to him. Follow too far back and those in front and behind start wondering if you're having a mechanical, or worse, a health issue. Plus, as the group works its way through towns and intersections it makes keeping the group together tougher. That's why you'll get some friendly reminders

from the Tail gunner or Road Captain to tighten up the group as you come to these situations where getting separated can become an issue.

The Road Captain seminar is, again, something that every group rider should take even if you never plan to find yourself in the front of a group of motorcycles. By taking this course you learn WHY the Road Captain is saying those things in your headset. And WHY the Tail gunner is so critically important to the safety and success of the ride. And, who knows...you may HAVE to take the lead sometime and by knowing and understanding the duties of the Road Captain you'll be able to lead the group to your destination safely and effectively. I've said this before, but I've been asked to be Road Captain with a group I'd never ridden with before. I picked a guy, asked him if he'd be my Tail gunner and we had a great, safe, fun ride. Why? Because we had all had the same training thru GWRRA. The Tail gunner and I rode like we'd been riding together for years. It's the continuity of having the same training.

There are many courses offered by Rider Ed through GWRRA that will make you and your co-rider better riders. Co-Riders AND Riders should take the Co-Rider Course. The Co-Rider learns a great deal about how to help the Rider and the Rider will learn some things about what it's like to be the co-rider. It takes a tremendous amount of faith and trust in the Rider to be a Co-rider. If you doubt this climb on the back of someone's bike and see how you like having no control of what's going on during your ride. The Co-Rider literally puts their life in the hands of the Rider.

After the Co-rider seminar the Rider and Co-Rider will understand the need to effectively communicate making the ride much more enjoyable for both people. The example Jennie and I used in teaching this course was when the Co-Rider tells the Rider "Look!" Rider says, "Where?" Co-Rider "Over there!" Rider (more concerned now) "WHERE?" or "WHAT?"

Try this instead: Co-Rider: "Deer by the fence at 11:00". Rider: "Got it. Thanks." Much less confusion and drama. I want to know "What" first. I'm less concerned with "Monarch butterfly at 11:00" than "Deer at 11:00".

So, if a Rider Ed course is offered in near future I hope you'll find time to attend. I will.

Steve Knode

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Danny Drane



Another month has gone by and except for the abundance of rain it has been good. The district is moving forward and as best as they can be keeping things in some sort of order. We know that things change and as we adjust to the changes the future may look somewhat different than we thought it might last year.

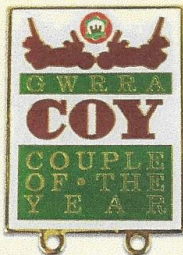
Reminds me of a conversation with a person I worked with a few years ago. We were talking about change in the company and he stated that this would not be the same company in a year, he was right. Was it better? For everyone? For each member of our teams? For our customers? Each person has a different and still right answer.

What does this have to do with GWRRA, well we too are changing, and for each of us there is a value to the change. We can do our best and if the changes benefit the whole in some way, maybe there is a value to each of us.

Remember I attempt to publish on the 10th of the month, and request articles beginning the first of each month. If you have an attachment, please submit as a JPEG or Word document. Otherwise I must scan them, and this process lessens the quality.

Danny Drane
District Newsletter Editor

Save a Life



Helping You Prepare for Your International Couple of the Year Experience



Congratulations on being named District Couple of the Year! You're halfway there – only one more step to take. You've conquered your fears as you presented on stage in front of your friends and peers. You've carefully created your resume and experienced your first COY interview with the judges. Believe it or not.....that's about as hard as it gets!

We know you have questions about the next step ahead. Maybe you're worried about some of the things expected of you? Are your worries holding you back? There are lots of rumors out there that may be a bit concerning to you. Well, we are here to take away some of the mystery so you can make an informed decision about participating in the International Couple of the Year Selection Process!

- Remember that ALL levels, this is meant to be a FUN and REWARDING experience. It is your opportunity to grow and become an ambassador for GWRRA. And the new friendships that will come your way will become one of your greatest treasures in life.
- Are you expected to travel to numerous other District rallies and events at significant cost of time and money? Absolutely not! There is no requirement for you to travel at all UNLESS it is something that you want to do yourself. Attending these events is a FUN and EXCITING thing to do! That is one of the best parts of GWRRA. But this is YOUR decision to make and is not a factor that you are judged on in the ICOY Selection Process.
- Are you expected to volunteer at Chapter and District events? The short answer is YES. That is the main reason you were selected as a Couple of the Year. Your leadership and volunteerism made you stand out and the Couple of the Year Program was created to celebrate and honor our leaders at all levels. Up to six points will be awarded based on your volunteer activities at any Chapter, District or National rallies or events, wherever they may be. Attendance only does not give you points.
- Are you expected to attend Wing Ding? If you are one of the successful couples who are selected as one of the six International Couples of the Year, then you are required to attend Wing Ding and proudly represent your COY Territory. Our members will want to meet and congratulate you personally at the following Wing Ding. This is a HUGE accomplishment and we want to show you off to our members!
- We LOVE our Couples! You are the cornerstone of GWRRA and you represent the values we hold dear. Your enthusiasm, dedication and volunteerism makes you role models. We hope to see you move forward to the International Selection Process next year! GOOD LUCK to all our 2018 District Couples of the Year!



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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.