

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR



Rick and Elizabeth Broadway

Greetings all,

Hope everyone is doing well. The weather is warming up and the bikes are just itching to hit the roads. Don't forget to give them a really good safety check before hitting the road and be safe.

Liz and I want to thank Anita Alkire for all her help and leadership as the President of GWRRA. She will be missed by many. We wish her good luck in the next chapter in GWRRA. Thank you again.

We also want to give a big welcome to Jere and Sherry Goodman appointed new [GWRRA](#) Directors. We look forward to working with them.

Ok now for some info from GWRRA first I want to share a list from Kevin Bramoff about recruiting.

10 great reasons to join GWRRA Today

1) Training-Advanced Rider Courses

Members only pay a nominal fee for our training. Equivalent courses sold at private motorcycle training schools can be hundreds of dollars.

Medical First Aid- Members pay a fraction of the cost of outside sponsored courses

2) District & Chapter sponsored Rides

3) Wing World Magazine

4) Gold Book

5) Other training - Levels Program - Road Captain Courses – Co-Rider courses – Safety Training

6) Rallies

7) Chapter Life- Social aspect

8) Roadside Assistance

9) Monthly Chapter newsletter & Monthly District newsletter keeping you apprised of rides & events including maintenance tips and articles on motorcycling

10) GWRRA is 70,000 members strong and you will have the opportunity to meet many riders from all over North America

“It does not matter what you ride, as long as you ride”

We will be getting laminated cards with this on it to share.

Wing Ding contest - each district was given a percentage of total members in our District. Our goal is 69 members. This is based on pre-registration. All districts that exceed this number will be put into a hat to win some nice prizes.

High importance- When using clip art make sure it is not trademark protected.

There has been some chapters and Districts being sued for using protected or copy write or trademarked art. Double or triple check before using any clip art.

Make sure you are downloading the proper Griffin from GWRRA. Correct Griffin logo – it must say Friends for fun safety and Knowledge. Check your patches also there are some incorrect ones.

Ride-in is just around the corner. Please register so we can get a count for the dinner and help pay for the use of the campground facilities. The form is on the web page.

ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTORS



Leah and Rick Cridlin

Last weekend Rick and I went to the last day of Spring Fling. Closing ceremonies had a very big crowd. They announced that Spring Fling will be held in Pigeon Forge next year, the first weekend in May. We had beautiful weather to ride on Saturday morning, but the ride home was a little wet.

It seems to be rally time for our neighboring states, with ours rounding out the summer in August. Remember early registration is due by July 1st. If you plan to participate in the Trike Course on Friday, August 16th, you must pre-register to hold your space in the class.

If your chapter plans to host a fundraising event at the Blast, please email me with the details of your fundraising activity. This way we can advertise for you in the upcoming months in the newsletter.

Chapter Directors, please send me 5-10 fun facts/trivia items about your chapter. We plan to make a trivia contest and I need your assistance to put this together.

Have a great May, be kind, be happy and be safe!

Leah and Rick Cridlin

Assistant District Directors

THE DISTRICT TRAINER'S CORNER



Jeannie and Buddy McKenzie

Hello fellow Wingers. Hope everyone has had a chance to get out and enjoy the weather. We are currently working on getting everything lined out for the KY Ride In that will take place on June 7th & 8th at the Crossroads Campground in Elizabethtown. We always enjoy our time at the Ride In and this year I am sure will be the same. The District Staff has many activities scheduled to fill your day and, in the evening, you can kick back and enjoy the company of friends. So make plans to attend.

Also coming up is the KY District Rally, Aug 16th & 17th in Cave City. There are several University classes that are being presented during the rally. Also, there will a TRC class taught on Friday. The cost is \$35.00.

I would like to take a moment and talk about one of the methods of communication that is being utilized by different teams throughout GWRRA is Zoom Calls. This is a great way for everyone on the same team to get together from anywhere to exchange important information and to discuss coming events face to face via the computer. Many of the Chapter Officers may have already been involved in these types of calls. This may be something that may be beneficial at the Chapter level with the staff. I have included below some information about Zoom Calls on how to set up an account and how to participate. I think you will find this useful.

Participating in a Zoom Call

Zoom requires a webcam. The web address is: www.Zoom.us

If you wish to join a scheduled meeting on Zoom, follow these instructions:

How to join an instant meeting through an email invite.

1. When you receive your email invite, you will see that each meeting has a unique 9, 10, or 11-digit number called a Meeting ID that will be required to join a Zoom meeting.
2. If you are joining via telephone, you will need the teleconferencing number provided in the invite.
3. When you click on the Meeting ID link, you will be prompted to download and run Zoom.
4. Once you download Zoom, you will click on the file and it will allow you to launch Zoom.
5. Next you will see a page where it says, "JOIN A MEETING" and a place to enter the Meeting ID number.
6. If the host is not there, it will advise you to wait. Once the host arrives, you will be able to join the meeting.
7. There is a "Help" box at the bottom of the page. You can ask for a Zoom Tutorial on how to join a meeting.

If you wish to set up your own account with Zoom, follow these instructions:

1. Sign in Free
2. Enter your email address
3. Open your email and check for Zoom verification message
4. Click on Activate Account
 - a. Welcome to Zoom
 - b. Enter Name
 - c. Enter Password and confirm
5. Go To Your Account
6. Set up your Profile
 - a. User Type – basic
 - b. Time zone
 - c. Language
 - d. Default Country
 - e. Sign in password (confirm)

Once on the call...Go over all the information for the tools

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events. Be Safe

Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge

Jeannie & Buddy McKenzie

KY District University Coordinators

DISTRICT RIDE EDUCATORS



Bill and Susan Mucha

April Showers Bring May Flowers

What else does May bring? Motorcycle Safety Month! What can we do to keep safe? T-CLOCS are a great start. Checking out your bike before your first ride is a start to safe ridding. Include your Gear in that check list a worn jacket with holes in it will not give you much protection. Gloves with holes well if they are waterproof a hole in one might give you a leak and wet hands get cold even in the summer.

What else go out on your motorcycle and practice in a parking lot. Just think you have not been ridding all winter and you jump on your motorcycle and try and ride a few hundred miles first time out. You might be able to get there but how many miles will you have to ride before you get the hang of it or get tired and stop a lot more. So, Practice, T-CLOCK and Check gear. This should make for a safe ridding season.

Bill Mucha

Kentucky District Director

If you are going to do something, Do It well.

COUPLE OF THE YEAR COORDINATORS



Allen & Lisa Merritt

Hey everyone,

Well it is already May so time to let us know if your chapter Couples will be going for District Couple in August. Just a friendly reminder we need your resumes by Ride In. Remember when filling them out you can only tell about the past five years of your Gwrra experiences.

Must talk about both couples, not just one sided. We are excited to read all of the resumes and getting to know you all better. If you go to download the resume off internet, make sure download the right one. Have any questions you can reach us at. 270 647 0205.

About Ride In we are planning to play some games at Ride In, Chapter Challenge, WINGO, Poker Hand and 3 new games. So, come and have some fun with us.

Ky District Couple Year Coordinators:

Allen & Lisa Merritt

FROM THE MEPC



Jerry & Luanne Williams

Hi GWRRA Members,

Here is your opportunity to ride with fellow GWRRA members and when you can talk to a new rider, please tell them about the benefits that both GWRRA and your Chapter has—spread the wonderful news! Spring has sprung – the warm weather is here but so far it has been a very wet spring. Let's all get out and enjoy our KENTUCKY weather!!

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 I made it to the Spring Fling, it was great to see friends we hadn't see in a while, the weather was pretty good, but of course there was some rain, the talent show was a blast, too funny, and the serious acts was great too., Next will be the Ride In at the crossroads camp ground in Elizabethtown Ky, hope everyone can make it is always a relaxing time to visit with friends and good riding, and good food.

Until next time Ride Safe.

Ray and Kathy Conrad

DISTRICT COUPLE OF THE YEAR



Dan and Rita Bondurant

We've got in a few rides in April, seems like every week it would be nice during the middle of the week and then come Saturday it would turn cold and rainy. We didn't get to go to the TN Spring Fling again this year. But I know everyone had a goodtime as TN always puts on a good Rally. Hope everyone is planning to make it to the Ride In next month as this will be the last one at Elizabethtown before moving to a new location for a while.

Also, another reminder Chapter Y will be having their monthly Get-Together on JUNE 1st EATING AT 11:00 AND MEETING AT 12:00. This way other Chapters that want to

come visit and get some extra points can come see us. We meet at Majestic Family Restaurant at 700 South 6th Street in Mayfield.

I want to thank most all the Chapter Ride Coordinators for sending me your Chapter Rides the first part of the month, I appreciate that, and it lets me get my report in on time.

Hope You will be able to get out and enjoy some riding and finding some new restaurants and of course Ice Cream joints.

Ride Safe and Stay Alert

KY Dist. Ride Cord.

Dan and Rita

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SPECIAL ARTICLE FROM THE CONN'S

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

Motorcyclist deaths occurred 27 times more frequently than fatalities in other vehicles. To keep motorcyclists safe, we urge everyone to share the road and be alert, and we're reminding motorcyclists to make themselves visible, to use DOT-compliant motorcycle helmets, and to always ride sober.

Share the Road

Safe riding practices and cooperation from all road users will help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our nation's highways. But it's especially important for motorists to understand the safety challenges faced by motorcyclists such as size and visibility, and motorcycle riding practices like downshifting and weaving to know how to anticipate and respond to them. By raising motorists' awareness, both drivers and riders will be safer sharing the road.

Cycle Safety

If you ride a motorcycle, you already know how much fun riding can be. You understand the exhilaration of cruising the open road and the challenge of controlling a motorcycle. But motorcycling also can be dangerous. Safe motorcycling takes balance, coordination, and good judgment. Here are some ways to ensure that you'll be around to enjoy riding your motorcycle for many years to come.

PRACTICE OPERATING YOUR MOTORCYCLE

Given the fact that motorcycles vary in handling and responsiveness, be sure to take the time to get accustomed to the feel of a new or unfamiliar motorcycle by riding it in a controlled area. Once you feel comfortable with your bike, you can take it into traffic. Make sure you know how to handle your motorcycle in a variety of conditions (e.g., inclement weather or encountering hazards such as slick roads, potholes, and road debris).

BE SURE YOUR MOTORCYCLE IS SAFE

Before every ride, you should check the tire pressure and tread depth, hand and foot brakes, headlights and signal indicators, and fluid levels. You should also check under the motorcycle for signs of oil or gas leaks. If you're carrying cargo, you should secure and balance the load on the cycle; and adjust the suspension and tire pressure to accommodate the extra weight. If you're carrying a passenger, he or she should mount the motorcycle only after the engine has started; should sit as far forward as possible, directly behind you; and should always keep both feet on the footrests, even when the motorcycle is stopped. Remind your passenger to keep his or her legs and feet away from the muffler. Tell your passenger to hold on firmly to your waist, hips, or belt; keep movement to a minimum; and lean at the same time and in the same direction as you do. Do not let your passenger dismount the motorcycle until you say it is safe.

WEAR THE PROPER PROTECTION

If you're ever in a serious motorcycle crash, the best hope you have for protecting your brain is a motorcycle helmet. Always wear a helmet meeting the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 218. Look for the DOT symbol on the outside back of the helmet. That is the manufacturer's way of certifying the helmet meets the DOT standard. ANSI or Snell labels are voluntary indicators of helmet quality. Don't leave your helmet behind on short trips because it could be a deadly mistake. Some motorcycle helmets, in addition to offering protection to your head in a crash, include plastic face shields that offer protection from wind, rain, insects, dust, and stones thrown up from cars. If your helmet doesn't have a face shield, be sure you wear goggles because eyeglasses won't keep your eyes from watering and can easily fall off. Arms and legs should be completely covered when riding a motorcycle, ideally by wearing leather or heavy denim. In addition to providing protection in a crash, protective gear also helps prevent dehydration. Boots

or shoes should be high enough to cover your ankles, while gloves allow for a better grip and help protect your hands in the event of a crash. Wearing brightly colored clothing with reflective material will make you more visible to other vehicle drivers.

RIDE RESPONSIBLY

Experienced riders know local traffic laws - and they don't take risks. Obey traffic lights, signs, speed limits, and lane markings; ride with the flow of traffic and leave plenty of room between your bike and other vehicles; and always check behind you and signal before you change lanes. Remember to ride defensively. Most multi-vehicle motorcycle crashes generally are caused when other drivers simply didn't see the motorcyclist. Proceed cautiously at intersections and yield to pedestrians and other vehicles as appropriate. You can always increase your visibility by applying reflective materials to your motorcycle and by keeping your motorcycle's headlights on , even using high beams during the day.

BE ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE

Alcohol and drugs, including some prescribed medications, negatively affect your judgment, coordination, balance, throttle control, and ability to shift gears. These substances also impair your alertness and reduce your reaction time. Even when you're fully alert, it's impossible to predict what other vehicles or pedestrians are going to do. Therefore, make sure you are alcohol and drug free when you get on your motorcycle. Otherwise you'll be heading for trouble.

Borrowed from a fellow MAP Director,

“Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul.”

Joe and Paula Swift

Motorist Awareness Program Directors, Indiana

Sent from my iPhone

NEWSLETTER EDITOR



Danny Drane

Good day everyone!

Another month is here, and it is coming from a very wet month. April showers bring May flowers, at least, I hope. Maybe also some sunshine, some great temps to ride in and a mellow introduction to summer. Get out and ride folks.

As for the newsletter, I do accept articles from anyone with information on riding, safety, friendship, road trips etc. If you have something to say this is one outlet, your chapter newsletter is another. For this outlet, if you have Word that is great, but if not, Word pad works also. I will edit it and correct any spelling etc.

As we go towards the middle of this year, remember of course we have the RideIn, for June. District event in Etown, KY. at the campground. That should be a lot of fun and we can only hope for good weather..... we are in KY, so you know it can be furnace weather in the AM and AC in the PM, with rain or snow to boot.

At this year's RideIn, I was planning on doing portraits of the COY persons for this year, and staff of the district. I apologize that I will not be able to do these at this time. Bev and I will be at the RideIn for a short time on Friday. I had an obligation pop up that must be taken care of on Saturday. As an alternative to this, chapter directors, please send a photo of your COY to either me or the district webmaster. To keep it as consistent as possible try to have a light colored, white or beige, background and they should be in vests and have their medallions on. Same goes for district staff.

About It for this month, enjoy riding and take lots of photos.

Danny Drane
District Newsletter Editor.

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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 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.

CONVENTION/RALLY SCHEDULE