



Kentucky District Newsletter

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District Directors Report:

After weeks of carefully monitoring the ongoing spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we have made the difficult decision to cancel the Kentucky Blast, scheduled to be held August 13-15 2020, in Lawrenceburg KY.

We are all truly disappointed by having to make this decision, but the latest guidance from public officials, and continued uncertainty with the current situation makes it clear that the most responsible decision is to put the safety and well-being of our members, volunteers, exhibitors, staff above anything else. We will be working on the Blast for 2021 in Lawrenceburg KY. Liz and I hope all are doing well and staying safe during these scary times.

The District staff are working on putting together some ideas for getting together in the fall. We will continue to monitor what is happening with COVID-19 and the rules on gathering in groups.

Liz and I want to congratulate Jeannie McKenzie on her appointment to Senior District University Coordinator. Jeannie has worked very hard for many years with the Kentucky District in many positions. Jeannie is always ready to lend a hand where ever needed. Thank you, Jeannie, for helping me and all of the Kentucky members with our training needs. Fantastic job!

Rick and Liz Broadway
KY District Directors



Assistant District Director Report:

Another month of a very interesting time in our lives. As of this posting we are barely in Phase II of Healthy at Work. Which means the KY Ride-In will not be held in June. A call is scheduled with the Chapter Directors to reschedule this event. The Chapter Directors will share with their members the results of the conversation. I will be in touch with those that have preregistered to return your money.

I know right now we don't have a lot of activity. However, I think it would be great if our chapters to share pictures of activities. We will post them in the newsletter so other chapters can see the fun. This will help keep us connected. Email them to the Newsletter Editor.

Rick and I hope your families are healthy and that you are able to visit with them soon. We miss visiting with you and can't wait to see you again.

Leah and Rick Cridlin
Assistant KY District Directors

News from Medic First Aid

Hand sanitizer 101

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), alcohol-based hand sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of microbes on your hands in some situations, but it doesn't eliminate all types of germs.

Because of this, washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is a more effective means for removing germs.

But if you don't have access to soap and running water, you should use an alcohol-based sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. And then wash your hands as soon as possible.

How to use hand sanitizer

One of the reasons hand sanitizer isn't as effective is because people may not use a large enough volume of it or may wipe the hand sanitizer off before it has dried.

When using hand sanitizer, you should:

Check the label to learn the correct amount to use.

Apply the hand sanitizer to the palm of one hand and then rub it over all surfaces of both hands.

Allow your hands to dry completely.



District Educators Report:

The GWRRA Rider Education Program (REP) is intended to make the motorcycle environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities and increasing motorcyclist skills and awareness. The District Educator is responsible for promoting and implementing this program. The REP consists of four levels. Over the next few months, I would like to look at the different levels and ways to relate them to your riding. While this might initially seem like the same thing about which every other Educator writes, I would appreciate your attention and your patience while I try to change your mind.

This month I am continuing with the first level, Level I: Safety by Commitment. The root word of commitment is commit, which came into use sometime after 1350 AD, and finds its origins in the Latin word *committere*, meaning to send or give over. At dictionary.com, one can find the meaning of commitment as a noun with several definitions, including: 1) the act of committing, pledging, or engaging oneself; 2) a pledge or promise; an obligation; 3) engagement (as in involvement).

Everyone joining the Levels Program starts at Level I. We all must start somewhere, and I for one prefer to start at the beginning. Being the best at anything requires mastering the fundamentals. Level I asks the participant to commit to being safe - to pledge to be mindful of the risks of riding a motorcycle. A committed rider should be someone who engages their mind in the act of motorcycling before putting their bike into gear. They feel the obligation of their responsibility to themselves and others, that requires them to focus on best riding practices, so they can finish their ride without harm befalling themselves or others with whom they share the roadways.

UPDATE: Members participating in the Rider Education Levels Program who have expired or will expire on or after January 1st, 2020 are granted a grace period that has been extended until December 31st, 2020 allowing time for the Member to take part in one or more of the following courses or classes to bring their level up to date:

- GWRRA (or RE Program approved alternative) on-bike course
- The University's Co-Rider seminar
- GWRRA MEDIC FIRST AID® (or MFA Program approved alternative) class.

The grace period will not be decreased and may be extended if deemed necessary.

Additionally, GWRRA has decided to offer alternative training opportunities for those individuals committed to safety. The courses will be presented by the University Team. If you wish to participate, these are the specifics:

Preregister on-line on the University website: gwrradot.com. Once registered, you will receive an email confirming your registration. Classes will be offered at 3:00pm and 6:00pm Central Time. Class sizes will be limited. A U.3 class roster will be completed submitted for entry into the database. You must participate by computer or phone with a camera. No dial in calls. All Members are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Richard Artmayer

KY District Educator



District Membership Enhancement Report:

GWRRA Members,

Well, this is the most difficult and strangest spring we have ever seen in our life time. We miss socializing with our KY District Members along with our families.

Since we are unable to visit with each other during this time, this gives you the opportunity to call or video chat with your friends/family to catch up on how everyone is doing? We are strong and we will get through this and it will be well worth it when we are back to our "normal" lives. Let's all hang in there!!

Spread the news about all of the benefits that GWRRA, our Kentucky District and your Chapter has to offer and how much fun we have!!

Once the ban is lifted, we will all appreciate riding around this beautiful state of ours.

The Kentucky District has the KY Ride In and the Blast – we hope you can attend these fun events!

Please ensure your Membership is current!! Until next time!!

Jerry & Luanne Williams

KY DISTRICT MEPC

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From GWRRA:

The Recruiting and Retention segment of the Membership Enhancement Coordinator (MEC) position is not only important, but can also be a very FUN mission for the MEC. It not only strengthens the GWRRA organization, but also provides the MEC with the opportunity to assist the Chapter in becoming a vital, vibrant, and FUN place to be.

We are so very thankful for all of our Membership Enhancement Coordinators and we wouldn't be where we are as an organization without you! As members of the officer team, your efforts contribute to the recognition of GWRRA as the Gold Standard of motorcycle organizations.

District Vendor Coordinators

Hello all, hope everyone is still doing well, due to the covid-19 the District Rally has been canceled. Maybe we will be able to get together in the fall and do some kind of event, we sure miss everyone and wish we could get together, but I guess it is safer for all that we stay apart for now.

Maybe later on in the summer we could have an outdoor event where we could all still social distance, ride when you can and keep safe.

Let's enjoy are family time together while we are all at home.

Be safe and keep well

Ray and Kathy Conrad

District Vendor Coordinators



District Newsletter-Couple of the Year

With most, if not all, of GWRRA events being cancelled, there will be an announcement from our district leadership team telling us how we can go about naming a new district couple of the year for 2020-2021.

During the past year we have encouraged chapter couples to give great value to the program and now we are encouraging you to be the couple who will come forward and want to be honored as 2020-2021 KY District Couple of the Year. Our interview and our talk, at the BLAST, were a lot of fun for us and it will be for you too! That process was as fun for us as it was to meet you in your chapter get-togethers. That's because we are all "friends for fun, safety and knowledge"!

We participated in the selection process for the Southeast Territory International Couple of the Year but we were not selected. The couple who was, is really great and deserving of the honor. They are Bob and Karla Greer from Georgia and are also Georgia Assistant District Directors. Congratulations to them!

KY District Couple of the Year 2019-2020

Asst District MEPC

Roxie and Dave



District Newsletter-Couple of the Year Coordinators

Hi everyone,

We hope this finds everyone doing good. We are missing everyone. We know things are different right now, but the staff is working on things to make it all happen. We will update on Couple of the Year program when we work everything out. We might have to do selection different and as soon as we know we will inform all couples how it will be done.

As soon as we all can get together again, we will restart the mascot program. It is on hold right now. Right now it is with Chapter S.

Stay safe and we'll see you all soon as were allowed.

KY Dist Couple year Coord:
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District University Coordinators



Spring is here, and the geese are back! You can see them in formation as they return to the same nests, year after year. Dr. Robert McNeish was a science teacher from Baltimore who observed geese for many years. In a lecture called *Lessons from the Geese* [\[1\]](#), he illustrates how flying together lifts the entire flock. As GWRRA members, we can learn a lot from observing geese.

Flapping wings in a “V” formation helps everyone. Each bird in line flies a little higher than the goose in front of it. This adds 71% more flying range than a single bird, according to McNeish. Our chapters are no different. When we support each other, we fly higher and go farther.

When the lead goose tires, it falls back into rotation. Imagine a single goose leading the flock for 3,000 miles. Geese shift positions during flight to reduce fatigue. It’s the same in GWRRA, when we take turns doing difficult tasks.

Geese honk to embolden those in front of them. Sincere praise, a thumbs up or encouraging email is never out of place. Negativity and criticism, on the other hand, can weaken the flock and delay the destination. Geese in flight are a sure sign that the season has changed. They remind us that the world is in a constant state of change also, and we must lift others to survive and even thrive through difficult and uncertain times.

Thank you,

Jeannie & Buddy McKenzie



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The Kentucky Chapters

Note: Please contact Chapter Directors before visiting their chapter. Due to Covid 19 chapters are not meeting at this time. When meetings resume, there could be changes or limitations to the meeting space.

Chapter	Meeting Day	Time	Location
A	2 nd Saturday	11:00am Eat 12:00pm Meet	Marks Feed Store 6501 Bardstown Rd Fern Creek, KY 40291
C	3 rd Saturday	11:00am Eat 12:00pm Meet	Roosters 124 Marketplace Dr. Lexington, KY 40503
G	2 nd Tuesday	6:00pm Eat 7:00pm Meet	Dave & Busters 781 Heights Blvd Florence, KY 41042
H	1 st Friday	6:30pm Social Time 7:00pm Meet **Chapter decides where to eat after meeting**	UK Extension Shelby County Office
S	2 nd Sunday	4:00pm Eat 5:00pm	Shoney's 1046 Executive Drive Elizabethtown, KY 42701
T	3 rd Saturday	6:00pm	Carriage House Ramada Inn Paintsville, KY
Y	1 st Thursday	6:00pm Eat CST 7:00 pm Meet CST	Majestic Family Rest. 700 S. 6 th St Mayfield, KY 42066

Convention/Rally Schedules

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic all conventions and rallies have been cancelled. New or rescheduled events will be posted as information becomes available.

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Ride Safe
 Be Safe
 Practice Social Distancing
 Check in on your friends and family
 We can't wait to see you at the next gathering!

Team Kentucky