



# Kentucky District Newsletter

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## Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

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### District Directors Report:

Greetings all! Well the world is a wild and strange place right now. Liz and I are praying hard for healing and safety for all. Please be safe when you are out and about riding or just running errands. Know your surroundings and where your exits are if you need to leave the area fast. Be mindful of those around you and how they are acting. If it feels wrong it most likely is.

With social distancing it's a little harder to stay close if you are in a group but stay together and keep an eye on each other. Communicate with each other what you're doing and where you are going from start to finish. Hopefully things will start to get better soon. Watch not only your back but those around you. Just sharing a little with all my friends. We are looking forward to getting back to having fun with everyone and riding with our chapters soon.

Chapter Directors continue to stay in touch with your members. Liz and I called Bill and Sue Mucha one Saturday when we were in Frankfort and did a ride by with a stop and talk with a little social distancing (lol). It was really great to see old friends and check in with them. Try a little get together at a parking lot to catch up and share a little sunshine. Set up a seek and find spot and meet there. Pack a lunch and share some smiles. We are one really big family and that's a very special thing.

The changing of the District Director will be August 1<sup>st</sup>. Bob Shrader will administer the oath of office via zoom call. We will be trying to set up a live Facebook feed so any that want to watch will be able to. Due to social distancing we will only be able to have a small number at the ceremony. I will announce the new Directors when GWRRA gives me the names and the okie dokie to share their names.

Be safe, ride safe and stay safe!

Rick and Liz Broadway

KY District Directors



## Assistant District Director Report:

Well life is getting a little bit back to normal around Kentucky. There are still many restrictions, but we are at least able to shop and dine out. I ate out for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time tonight and it was not bad, plenty of social distancing. Hopefully, our chapters will start to gather again soon.

You can now make reservations for Wing Ding 42 in Springfield, MO. You can go through [GWRRA.org](http://GWRRA.org) for hotel information or contact the visitor bureau in Springfield, MO. If you need assistance, please contact me. I will connect you with Chapter G's contact.

If you haven't heard the KY Ride In has been rescheduled to September 11 & 12<sup>th</sup> in Northern KY. If you plan to camp, please make reservations on [Reserve America.com](http://ReserveAmerica.com) at Big Bone Lick State Park Campground. I haven't been able to confirm hotel information at this time. As soon as I do, the KY District website will be updated. Please check there for more updates and the registration form.

If you have already submitted your registration, I will be contacting you to confirm your attendance in September. If you are unable to attend, I will return your check or issue you a check if paid by cash. If you paid for the Florence Y'all's Baseball Game, I will also refund that money. Expect to hear from me in the next week.

Leah and Rick Cridlin  
Assistant KY District Directors

## News from Medic First Aid

If your MFA certification has expired, do not worry. MFA has extended all certifications until further notice. There is an opportunity to take classes online and have your skills assessed to renew your certification. I will be looking into the details and update you when I know and understand the rules.

Have you checked your first aid kits and medications in your home? It is time to make sure you don't have any expired items in your first aid kits. Remember gauze, band-aids, medications as well as your gloves expire and lose their effectiveness past their expiration date.



## District Educators Report:

GWRRRA is an organization for people who share the love of motorcycling. For the last two months, I have written about the GWRRRA Levels Program, specifically about Level I. I realized that, strictly out of habit and a lack of thinking, the articles I wrote were with a clear slant toward the rider. But there are many members who are not the rider. The co-rider is also a member of GWRRRA, can be active in the Levels Program, and can be just as committed to safety as the rider.

All of us enjoy a good ride. What that means to one of us could be something quite different to another. A committed co-rider is someone to be appreciated. They share the ride in every way except they do not have direct control over the acceleration and deceleration of the motorcycle. So, it is just as important for them to be committed to the ride and to learning to be safe as it is for the rider. Shared experiences are often many times more fulfilling than those experienced alone. Shared workload is often more easily accomplished and much less exhausting than when it is completed by one individual. And usually when both participants are knowledgeable in their given role, greater satisfaction with lower effort results.

In my experience, a co-rider can choose to be an active participant or a passive one. As active participants, co-riders might listen to the motorcycle, learning what sounds “right” and what sounds “wrong”. On one of the very first long trips we took with our Chapter, my co-rider correctly detected a rapidly deteriorating rear tire condition. As they often have both hands free, and without the direct responsibility of maintaining the immediate path of the motorcycle, they can more easily handle radio communication and hand signals with other motorcyclists. They will hold their body, especially their head, in the proper position as their machine is piloted down the road. And they can be the second set of eyes watching for traffic and other dangers, especially those that present from the left or right. I have even participated in a group ride where the co-rider on the lead bike was the group leader. And a particularly good job she did too.

Also, in my experience, a co-rider can choose to be a passive participant. They can if they wish just sit on the saddle and enjoy the ride. My co-rider sometimes just reads her e-reader, but she is always careful to ride as if she is a package strapped to the seat, moving evenly with the bike, not leaning more nor leaning less.

GWRRRA is continuing 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:

You can register by going to the University website, [gwrradot.com](http://gwrradot.com) and clicking on the scrolling banner. The banner will take you to a registration form with a drop-down list of all the classes available. Fill out the form and click submit. Once the form is processed, you will receive a confirmation and the Zoom ID number for the class you registered to attend. Should you sign up for more than one class, you will need to submit a registration for each one.

Richard Artmayer  
KY District Educator



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## District Membership Enhancement Report:

We hope you and your families are staying safe and healthy during Covid-19 and now as we start our economy back up, let's keep up with the safety measures. We all miss seeing each other during our Chapter meetings and now that Wing Ding and the Kentucky Blast has all been postponed until next year, we will appreciate our precious times together when it is safe to do so.

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!! We hopefully will all be together soon.

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.

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## District Vendor Coordinators

Hello all

Well, I am sure glad to see the weather changes to be much warmer, maybe it will slow this virus down.

We hope all are still doing well. I finally got back to work, glad of that. I sure wish we could get together at a park, somewhere and wear a mask and have a chapter gathering. We all know we can practice good social distancing.

Maybe later on at the end of summer we can get together somewhere, our technology is great but it would sure be nice to see everyone. If anyone goes for a ride or on a weekend camping trip, let us know.

Until next time stay safe.

Ray and Kathy Conrad

District Vendor Coordinators



## District Newsletter-Couple of the Year

As District Couple of the Year we will suggest that trying to help keep our friends in GWRRA healthy is also “membership enhancement”. We wear face masks in public to protect others, honor social distancing, and of course wash our hands frequently and sanitize surfaces. We have also done our Covid19 testing at Bardstown’s Walmart. We were both rewarded with negative test results. We will test again in another month. We miss being with our friends and we hope all of you will do what is necessary to stay healthy until we can see you in person again.

KY District Couple of the Year 2019-2020

Asst District MEPC

Roxie and Dave



## District Newsletter-Couple of the Year Coordinators

Stay tuned for information about the District Couple of the Year selection process. Even though the KY Blast has been postponed, the selection process will still take place. Details will be announced soon.

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## District University Coordinators

Jeannie & Buddy McKenzie



Wings Over Smokies Update:

Greetings to all GWRRA Members,

Many have asked, others are waiting, and some have already decided. Yes, the question is “What is happening with Wings Over the Smokies?”

Wings Over the Smokies 2021 is a go! But not so for WOtS 2020. We want you all to know how hard of a decision this was to come to, but we really felt the safety and health of our members to be our first obligation.

The beautiful hills and mountains still call us to enjoy their thrills and their beauty; the Smoky Mountains will hold over all their grandeur for us.

We are extremely excited to say that in place of Wings Over the Smokies 2020, we are working to organize the first “Wings Over Carolina”.

“Wings Over Carolina” will be 3 separate regional rides spread across our state with specific routes and gathering points and will be in the fall, sometimes between the middle of September and the middle of October.

“Wings Over Carolina” will be an open-air focused event; meeting, riding, picnicking, and playing, all outside.

“Wings Over Carolina” will maintain safe social distancing and allow for masking as individuals may deem appropriate.

“Wings Over Carolina” will allow us to visit personally with friends.

“Wings Over Carolina” will not require hotels.

“Wings Over Carolina” will be exciting!

“Wings Over Carolina” will be fun!

“Wings Over Carolina” will welcome 2 wheels, 3 wheels or 4 wheels.

We will do our best to schedule the “Wings Over Carolina” ride for the western region (mountains) during the previously scheduled dates for WOtS (September 24th, 25th or 26<sup>th</sup>). We hope this will facilitate people that had plans to attend WOtS to come and join us for the western “Wings Over Carolina” ride.

Of course we understand if you prefer to stay home, no one knows what the next few months will hold, but on the assumption that the virus is beginning to come under control in the US, we would like to continue to ride together, even while we can't gather in large groups. We believe this is the absolute best way to balance the health and safety of all GWRRA members with our collective desire to gather, ride, and have fun.

Believing the safety and health of our members to be our first obligation, we have been brainstorming other ways to keep our GWRRA community connected. For the immediate future, organizing smaller local rides, observing proper social distancing protocols, and wearing masks in public places must be a consideration. The good news is that if we all do these things, we will help slow the spread of the disease enabling us to gather in groups once again.

Facing the threat of Covid-19 has certainly posed many challenges for all of us, individually and collectively. Out of this struggle to find the new path forward. **“Wings Over Carolina”** was born but may ultimately become a summer tradition.

There will be many more details forthcoming about **“Wings Over Carolina”** rides as the District Team works together with CDs and Ride Coordinators to make this happen.

Joy and I hope you and your loved ones are staying healthy and finding ways to stay connected.

We truly look forward to seeing you soon.

**Glen and Joy Kennedy, NC District Directors, [districtdirector@gwrranc.org](mailto:districtdirector@gwrranc.org), 919-740-0045 (G) 919-740-0395 (J)**

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