

# KENTUCKY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



## GWRRRA KENTUCKY

### Inside Kentucky



Hello Kentucky! My name is Donita and I am your new newsletter editor for the Kentucky District GWRRRA. I hope you enjoy the newly formatted November edition. I look forward to serving the District staff and support all of the Kentucky Chapters.

This section of the newsletter will be for highlighting our Chapters. I'll be looking to you to supply material, so please let me know what's going on in your Chapter. Tell me what your proud of so that I can flaunt it to the entire state and beyond! Do you have trips or events coming up that you would like to share? Did you have a trip or event that you can tell us about? This is the place to brag! Tell us what you're up to so that we can all be envious and share in the fun.



### Links of Interest

- **KY District:** <http://www.gwrraky.com/>
- **Home Office:** <http://www.gwrra.org/>
- **Wing World:** <http://wing-worldmag.com/>
- **Wing Ding:** <https://www.wing-ding.org/>

### Wing Ding 42

We missed it in 2020, but we will hopefully pick it back up in 2021. Make your plans now to enjoy the long awaited resurrection of our national convention in Springfield, Missouri , June 29th—July 3rd 2021. The trade show, rides, entertainment and fun will be well worth planning for. We hope to see you there!

Register now at : <https://membership.gwrra.org/Scripts/4Disapi.dll/4DCGI/events/ConferenceList.html?Action=Find Events&>

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## Chapter Directors Report



### **Rick and Leah Cridlin**

Kentucky District  
Directors

Happy Fall Kentucky! Leah and I hope you are doing well and staying safe as we all continue to practice social distancing and deal with all the changes we have had to make in our daily lives. On a personal level Leah and I have remained as active as possible, but staying in our relatively small bubble. We have done a lot of camping, which we are able to do while still being responsible and keeping our distances. It has not been easy and we appreciate everything everyone does to keep themselves and everyone else as safe as possible.

We recently had our first Zoom meeting with the district staff and discussed some ideas as we move forward to the New Year, where we hope to have COVID19 either behind us, or nearing the end of the pandemic. We did decide not to publish a newsletter for October and start fresh with this November edition as we welcome Donita Nardi as our new District Newsletter Editor.

One of the big decisions we made was for the district to subscribe to Zoom so that we could allow the Chapter Directors access to host meetings without a time limit and at no cost to the chapters. Although Zoom can never replace being able to see each other in person, it is a really good alternative and an excellent way to stay in touch from the comfort and safety of your home.

Leah announced that she is going to set up a district Facebook page for members to be able to share information with each other, post pictures, and use it as another way to stay in touch. Stay tuned for more information on that.

The plan for the January Operations meeting is currently dependent upon the meeting restrictions imposed by the Governor, which is currently no more than 10 people. If that restriction isn't lifted, we will most likely host the meeting via Zoom. We will keep you posted on that through your Chapter Directors, which we are scheduled to meet with via Zoom prior to the posting of this newsletter.

The 2021 Ride-In has been scheduled for June 4-5. I tell you this as a save the date as we have to work out the details.

As I previously stated, Leah and I are available and sincerely interested in hearing your ideas so please feel free to contact us any time. Our contact information is on the website, which I encourage you to visit often. Roger Early does a great job of keeping it current, so visit it often at [www.GWRRAKY.com](http://www.GWRRAKY.com).

## District Educator Report

### October Observation



**Rick Artmayer**

District Educator

The Autumnal Equinox has past leading us into Fall. This is the time of cool wet mornings, falling leaves, and increased animal activity. The early mornings can make for some anxious moments as the dampness tends to collect on the tar snakes and the painted lines of the roadway, making them very slippery. Use caution when cornering especially near crosswalks. Anywhere you see leaves in the roadway is a place to avoid riding. Dry leaves reduce traction, and wet leaves are likened to ice. Give them the respect they deserve and slow down if you must ride through them. Fall is also the time of the deer rut, and the male deer is concerned with only one thing – finding a female deer. They will take the shortest path to their destination, which means that through you may be an option for them. And you should look for them in unusual places. Kentucky ranks 15<sup>th</sup> out of 50 in the United States for deer strikes, according to one report I found. Peak activity for deer is just after sunset and just before dawn each day. For the season, peak activity depends on your county, but generally sees exponential increases starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, peaking early - to mid-November, and tailing off by Christmas.

The average nighttime temperatures are getting colder and they will start competing with the dew point to see which can go lower. Unfortunately, the dew point always wins, and given the right conditions, will cause the formation of fog. I think that we are all aware riding in fog is dangerous because we could hit things we cannot see or get hit by things that cannot see us. But fog can also make us drop our motorcycles, because we are unable to see the horizon. Balance is a function of the inner ear, but it is subordinate to inputs from our eyes. Most of us have been riding so long that we do not consciously realize we use the horizon to stay upright. Fog takes the horizon away from us, and in scenarios like a quick stop in a curve, our brains may become confused by the lack of detailed visual cues and signals from our inner ears. You may find out too late as you stop moving forward, that your bike is now rolling onto its side.

Another thing, more of a nuisance than a threat of harm, the stink bugs are actively seeking warm places to overwinter. Gold Wings have many places in which they like to hide, especially in the trunk and under the seat. Be prepared when you start your winter maintenance. A vacuum is a good collection tool.

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Speaking of maintenance, when was the last time you really did a good T-CLOCS of your ride? Pay special attention to your tires and check the pressure with a good gauge. Especially if you are riding on radial tires, it is nearly impossible to tell the air pressure in a tire from just looking at it. Remember that with every ten Fahrenheit degree change in ambient temperature, your tire pressure changes by one PSI.

Especially this time of year, as the daylight hours are in short supply, you are much more likely to be riding in the dark, and your lights are critical to being visible to others. Just because a bulb has not failed does not mean it is not ready for replacement. The factory supplied lamps in your Gold Wing have wire filaments that disintegrate over time. Because the atoms of the metal filaments cannot escape from the inside of the bulb, they coat the glass and reduce the light that originates from within. Consider replacement this winter and really let your machine shine.

One last item. When cleaning and putting away your outdoor tools and accessories in preparation for winter, please be sure not to wash your wooden dancing shoes in the sink, because you may end up “clogging” your drain.



Online classes have been put on hold for October, November, and December 2020. The University will be presenting classes online, once again, starting in **January 2021**. If you have a suggestion for a class to be presented online, please contact Interim University Director, Lorrie M. Thomas at [lorriemthomas@aol.com](mailto:lorriemthomas@aol.com). If you are a University Instructor or University Trainer and are interested in receiving instruction on presenting online, please contact her, as well.

### November Nugget

An elderly man in Phoenix calls his son in New York and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough." "Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams. "We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old man says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her," and he hangs up. Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this." She calls Phoenix immediately, and screams at the old man, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up. The old man hangs up his phone, too, and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "they're coming for Thanksgiving. Now what do we tell them for Christmas?"

Yes, it is once again time for the Holidays. Many of us like to plan ahead. I have included the story above in case you need a suggestion. Perhaps the above scenario may work for you. Another scenario that may work for you is becoming a part of the GWRRA Rider Education Program. Working your way through the program is a great way to prepare for the unexpected things that life brings. This month let us look at Level III.

Level III of the REP is also referred to as Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be prepared in the event of an accident to give aid and possibly save lives. This is always done by the Rider and/or Co-Rider being knowledgeable in First Aid or CPR and always carrying a first aid kit on their motorcycle.

What does it mean to be prepared? From the Merriam-Webster dictionary, we find two meanings:

1. properly expectant, organized, or equipped; ready: prepared for a hurricane.
2. (of food) processed by the manufacturer or seller, by cooking, cleaning, or the like, to be ready to serve or use.

I have been riding with GWRRA for more than 11 years, and based on my observations, I feel comfortable that most members understand the second definition. And for me, everything about food should be no accident; everything I eat is done on purpose. So, let us further discuss the first definition as it regards riding motorcycles.

A rider or co-rider should be properly expectant, that is, anticipating that which may occur. Members who have attained Level III will recognize situations where First-Aid or CPR may be required. They will have organized their plan in advance, and when a response is asked of them, they will be able to ascertain their own safety while offering the necessary assistance as it may be required. And they will be equipped, having a first aid kit on their motorcycle. In short, they will be ready, because they completed the proper training courses offered by GWRRA or other authorities, so they possess the knowledge and understanding these courses provide.



## District Membership Enhancement

We all may be suffering from “cabin fever” during these times but we don’t need to keep suffering. Many Kentucky chapters are getting together for rides and soon we’ll be going on fall color rides. There are lots of ways to keep Covid-free as we get together with our friends while still masking up and keeping social distance while eating indoors. But...it’s even better to eat outdoors where there is real air circulation. You are, of course, socially distant while you are on a group ride.

### Dave and Roxie Wilkinson

District Member Enhancement Coordinators and 2019-2020 Couple of the Year

There’s always someone who comes up to check out your bike when your group takes a rest stop. **AN IDEA...** remember to have some GWRRA membership brochures, Gold Book pages signed with your membership number, and/or chapter or personal business cards to hand out to those you meet along your ride.

## District Couple of the Year

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As we continue to look for ways that the district can work for the chapters we would like some ideas to help us along. For example we think it would be helpful for the Chapter ‘Couples’ and ‘Individuals’ of the year’ to all get together perhaps at an outdoor picnic (or brown bag it). Or maybe we could meet at an apple orchard, State Park, etc. We’re open to any and all suggestions... That could help with networking and making new friends while finding out what others are doing for fun as chapter couples. If you have some other ideas for chapter/district relations please let us know about them by e-mailing us at [rcwilkin14@yahoo.com](mailto:rcwilkin14@yahoo.com)



We LOVE our  
volunteers!

GWRRA is a non-profit world-wide organization that relies heavily on volunteers to keep our Chapters fun and active. If you have some time to spare and would like to enrich your life, please consider volunteering in your Chapter or District. Volunteering is good for the soul!





FOR MORE INFO ON BENEFITS, VISIT [GWRRA.ORG](http://GWRRA.ORG)

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

# TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

**4** *Free  
Months*

## You will receive:

- Rescue Motorcycle Towing of 35 miles
- 4 months subscription to *Wing World* magazine
- Opportunity to participate in Chapter Life

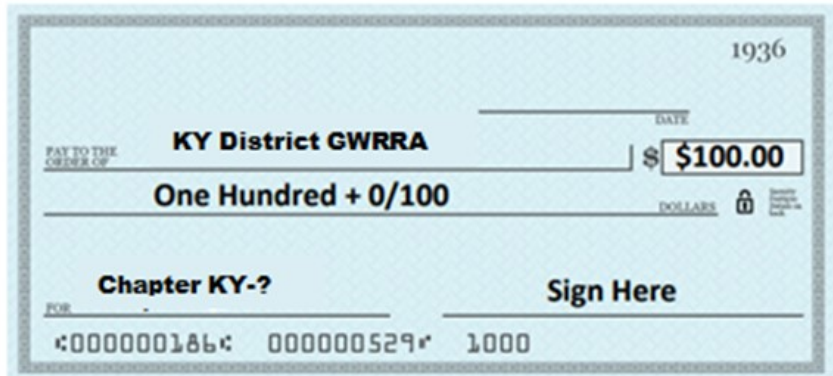
**Charter Fees are Due  
By November 9<sup>th</sup>**

Chapter Charter Fees: \$100.00

Mail to:

**Luanne Williams  
949 Palomino Drive  
Villa Hills, KY 41017**

Make Checks payable to:  
**GWRRRA of Kentucky**





Gold Wing Road Riders Association

# Recruit




**Get a Year Free**

**How it works:**

**Start Date: 2/1/2020**

Recruit **1** Household

 = **1 month free membership**

Recruit **2** Households

  = **1 additional month free**

Recruit **3** Households

   = **1 YEAR FREE MEMBERSHIP**



[www.GWRRR.org](http://www.GWRRR.org)  
1-800-843-9460

## Get on the Level

### ***GWRRA Level System***

Basically there are four levels:

1. Safety by Commitment
2. Safety by Education
3. Safety by Preparedness
4. Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness

### ***Gold Wing Road Riders Association***

Rider Education Levels Program

**"THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF RIDER EDUCATION"**

**Each level requires that you are a member of the GWRRA and you have completed the previous level. The rider and co-rider requirements for each level are as follows:**

#### **Level 1: Safety By Commitment**

##### Rider and Co-Rider requirements:

- The expressed commitment of the Rider or Co-Rider to strive for and practice safe riding.

#### **Level 2: Safety By Education**

##### Rider requirements:

- Have 5,000 safe miles.
- Have a current motorcycle license.
- Have completed an approved on-bike Rider course within the past three years.

##### Co-Rider requirements:

- Have 5,000 safe miles.
- Have completed an approved Two-Up Rider course or GWRRA Co-Rider seminar within the past three years.

#### **Level 3: Safety By Preparedness**

##### Rider requirements:

- Completed a formal approved on-bike Rider Course within the past three years.
- Maintain current First Aid, CPR **or** MEDIC First Aid certifications.
- Carry a First Aid kit on the motorcycle.

##### Co-Rider requirements:

- Completed an approved Two-Up Rider course or GWRRA Co-Rider seminar within the past three years (a sanctioned PLP is not allowed to be used for this Level).
- Maintain current First Aid or CPR **or** MEDIC First Aid certifications.

#### **Level 4: Safety By Commitment and Preparedness**

##### Rider requirements:

- Have been current in Level III for at least one full year.
- Have ridden a minimum of 25,000 safe miles.
- Be current in both First Aid **and** CPR certifications.
- Wear proper riding apparel at all times while riding.
  - *Proper riding apparel, a.k.a.: proper riding "gear" will include, at a minimum, a DOT (FMVSS 218)/Snell (M2010) / ECE 22.05 approved helmet (approved standard applicable to the local area), eye protection, long sleeved jacket/shirt (no "riding pull on/off sleeves"), long legged sturdy pants, full fingered gloves and over the ankle footwear. Some have coined the acronym ATGATT standing for All the Gear, All the Time.*

##### Co-Rider requirements:

- Have been current in Level III for at least one full year.
- Have ridden a minimum of 25,000 safe miles.
- Be current in both First Aid **and** CPR certifications.
- Wear proper riding apparel at all times while riding (see definition in the Rider section above).

## Team Kentucky

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## Our Kentucky Chapters

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

KY -	MEETING DAY	TIME	LOCATION	WEBSITE
A	2nd Saturday	11:00am Eat 12:00 pm Meet	Mark's Feed Store 6501 Bardstown Rd. Fern Creek, KY 40291	
C	3rd Saturday	11:00am Eat 12:00 pm Meet	Roosters 124 Marketplace Dr. Lexington ,KY 40503	<a href="http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/">www.kybluegrasswings.org/</a>
G	2nd Tuesday	6:00 pm Eat 7:00 pm Meet	American Legion Post 4 8385 US Hwy 42 Florence, KY 41042	<a href="http://www.chapterg.org/">www.chapterg.org/</a>
H	1st Friday	6:30 pm So- cial Time 7:00 pm Meet **Dinner to Follow	UK Extension Shelby County Office 1117 Frankfort Rd, Shelbyville, KY 40065	<a href="http://www.shelbyvillegoldwings.com/">www.shelbyvillegoldwings.com/</a>
K	3rd Sunday	4:00 pm Eat 5:00 Meet	Golden Corral 1320 North Green Street Henderson, KY 42420	
S	2nd Sunday	4:00 pm Eat 5:00 Meet	Shoney's 1046 Executive Dr. Elizabethtown, KY 42701	
T	3rd Saturday	6:00:00 PM Meet	Carriage House 624 James Trimble Blvd, Paintsville, KY 41240	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Gwrra-Chapter-KY-T-Big-Sandy-Wings-128027183940433/">www.facebook.com/ Gwrra-Chapter-KY-T- Big-Sandy-Wings- 128027183940433/</a>
Y	1st Thursday	6:00 pm Eat CST 7:00 pm Meet CST	Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S. 6th Street Mayfield, KY 42066	<a href="http://www.freewebs.com/yducks/">www.freewebs.com/ yducks/</a>

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**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**  
**GWRRAKY.COM**

**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!**

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