

# KENTUCKY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



## GWRRA KENTUCKY

### Inside Kentucky

John Conner, ride coordinator of Chapter C –KY, had a very memorable riding adventure in West Virginia with friends back in October. He highlighted his trip in the December edition of the KY-C newsletter. <http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/December-2020-newsletter.pdf>



John and a group of Gold Wing friends spent the days riding the mountain backroads of the Cannaan Valley, and the evenings enjoying food, fun and conversations at cabins in the woods.

The scenery was incredible and there was even time for good eats! Good times and good friends are what our chapters are all about. Make your plans now to get out and ride in 2021.



### 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&>



### 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/>

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## Chapter Directors Report



### **Rick and Leah Cridlin**

Kentucky District  
Directors

Happy New Year Kentucky! Leah and I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and that the new year gives us the opportunity to return to some sort of normalcy. I have started to fill in my 2021 calendar with the Ride-In, Wing-Ding, The Blast, and several surrounding state's rallies with the anticipation and excitement of getting back to spending time with our GWRRA friends.

As mentioned last month, we are moving forward with plans to host the District Operations Meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>. We are still unsure of the format (in-person or Zoom), which will be mandated by COVID guidance from the Governor's office. We ask you to save the date and keep checking the District Website for updated information.

Leah and I were reflecting on 2020 the other day and realized that although we had to cancel many of our chapter events (as Chapter G Directors), we still had a lot to be grateful for, and that we actually did quite a bit as a couple or as a family. Leah and I trailered the bike to Custer, South Dakota, where we were able to ride and visit many of the popular sites, including the Badlands, Wall Drug, Sturgis, Deadwood, Spearfish Canyon, etc. We introduced our 3 oldest grandchildren to camping, and we were able to enjoy several weekends with them, which helped us to decide to purchase a toy hauler later in the year. They love it, and to be honest, we do too! We also welcomed our 4<sup>th</sup> grandchild on August 8<sup>th</sup> and were able to get in a weekend in Pigeon Forge in November. That was supposed to be a shopping trip taken via a four-wheeler, but the weather forecast was too good to leave a bike at home. Since we had reservations at a resort, we trailered the bike and I was able to ride while Leah shopped on one day, and we both rode most of the day the next. Talk about a great compromise! We were not able to have our traditional family Christmas, but once again compromise worked and we were able to spend time with our boys, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren, and we hosted our "traditional" extended family gift exchange via a zoom call. It wasn't ideal, but at least we had the chance to "see" everyone open their gifts.

Leah and I officially ended our tenure as Chapter G Directors on December 31<sup>st</sup> and we want to welcome Randy and Kim Pommier as the new Chapter G Directors. We know they will do a great job.

As former chapter directors, we understand first-hand the struggle each of the Chapter Directors had over the past year dealing with the restrictions caused by the pandemic, and we want to extend our sincere appreciation to each of them for all they have done to keep the chapters together. We encourage you all to keep in touch with your Chapter Director and their staff and share with them any ideas you may have for the new year.

As a reminder, please check the district web site often at [www.GWRRAKY.com](http://www.GWRRAKY.com). There you will find updates on activities as well as current newsletters.

Happy New Year and Stay safe!

## District Educator Report

### 5 Resolutions for Motorcyclists



**Rick Artmayer**

District Educator



1. Put your safety first. We know the endless safety tips and warnings get old, but a single lapse in judgment on your motorcycle could send you to the hospital or worse. Make it your goal to reduce your risk factors and leave behind any bad advice you have picked up over the course of your riding career. It goes without saying that you should never operate any type of vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Make a pact with your riding buddies to hold each other accountable and keep the roads safe. Consider riding with proper safety gear.

2. Learn a new skill. Motorcyclists of any experience level can benefit from taking a riding course. This is especially true for us in Kentucky where winter weather keeps many of us off the road for several months. Some insurance companies and manufacturers will even cut you a deal for taking the time to brush up on your skills.

3. Get out more often. Practice makes perfect. Dedicate yourself to making the most of this valuable time. Try commuting to work on your bike and carve out time every weekend to hit the road for an hour or two. Convince a loved one to give riding a try or find some new riding buddies to give you another excuse to get out on your bike. Find a deserted parking lot, like a school lot on the weekend, or your church lot during the week, and practice your slow speed skills.

4. Ride somewhere new. Have you always dreamed of taking off on a cross-country ride? This is your year to make it happen. Do you only have time for a weekend adventure? Check out a popular destination closer to home. Even if you cannot leave your state or city, there are bound to be many roads you have left untraveled. Take a new route to your go-to hangout or ask a friend for suggestions. New routes present new challenges, and new challenges are opportunities to learn.

5. Support a cause. Whether you are passionate about helping children or supporting America's heroes, there are endless ways you can give back to your community while you ride. Get your crew together and sign up for an upcoming charity ride or poker run in your area or organize your own event to benefit a cause that is close to your heart.



**Leah Cridlin**

District MFA Coordinator/  
Instructor



## District Medic First Aid

According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death in the U.S., killing over 100 people every day. And, with the holiday season in full swing, more families are traveling to visit loved ones or using quick car trips to safely get out of the house during this COVID-19 pandemic.

So, it's important drivers and their passengers are prepared for adverse weather conditions and stay vigilant when on the road.

The [AAA Exchange](#) recommends the following cold weather driving tips:

- **Keep a bundle of cold-weather gear in your car.** This includes items like extra food and water, warm clothing, a flashlight, a glass scraper, blankets, medications, and more.
- **Make certain your tires are properly inflated and have plenty of tread.**
- **Keep at least half a tank of fuel in your vehicle at all times.**
- **Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.**
- **Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface.** This includes ice and snow.
- **Accelerate and decelerate slowly.** Apply the gas slowly to regain traction and avoid skids. Keep in mind that it takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- **If you get stuck in the snow, stay with your vehicle.** Your vehicle provides temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you.



Happy New Year to all. 2021 will bring many updates and improvements to the University. Online classes will return and there is even training being prepared on how to present classes online. Lorrie Thomas, the University Director, and her team are working hard to provide training for chapter leadership and members alike. Good Stuff is coming soon!

## Training Workshops

### The Horizon Program

The Horizon Program is a fast track “hands-on” training of practical applications, and an excellent class for all members. Horizon is also a great class to learn more about teamwork, self-awareness, interpersonal communication, and building better Chapters. Members learn about how to have FUN in GWRRR in a challenging day workshop with lots of surprises.

### Lead Like You Ride

Lead Like You Ride is a program in the University not to teach leadership but give a new way to look at it. During the one day workshop the participants will make connections; new connections between what they know and what they don't know. They will acquire universal principals to use everywhere while having FUN and interacting with everyone in attendance.

### GWRRR 101

This 9 section one-day workshop presents for discussion on the functions, programs, structure, policies and procedures of GWRRR. The workshop's target audiences are Team Members, and any Member who has an interest in knowing more about GWRRR. The sections include activities, small break out groups and interaction from the participants.

### Instructor Training and Certification

The Instructor and Certification Program is a program in University Curriculum that is an in-depth training workshop with “hand-on” training and coaching for Members who wish to become Certified Instructors of modules in the GWRRR University. The ITCP is a one day fast paced interactive workshop which gives candidates the knowledge, skills and ability to be Certified Instructors.



## **Dave and Roxie Wilkinson**

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

## **District Membership Enhancement**

While we will miss Rick and Liz Broadway's presence with us in the future, the passing of the baton to Rick and Leah Cridlin is keeping us in good hands. Now the MEPC baton is passed from Luanne and Jerry Williams to us. Just as much information and tradition has transferred from the past DD to the new DD it is in the same way that much information and tradition has passed from previous District MEPC to the new District MEPC. We have a lot to learn but we're getting great help from Luanne and Jerry. We hope to continue making our GWRRA Chapters and District a time that's rich in relationships and rich in FUN! We have other District team members to lead us in our knowledge and safety and they will all do a great job!

Several Kentucky chapters have, in the past, and maybe this coming year, had some special January rides to bring in the New Year. Maybe we could join them. Check out their newsletters! NO GUTS, NO GLORY!

Although many of us are "of a certain age" we still have a long way to go and maybe we can use some of the tools we have for recruiting and possibly gain some more new members. More on that can come at another time. Just sayin'... In the mean time we can all take a few deep breaths and focus on the year 2021!

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## **District Couple of the Year**

We're looking forward to some kind of "meet & greet" with the Chapter couples and individuals of the year 2021. We know how much you are valued in your chapters and we think it would be fun to visit with you and get to know you a little better. It would be wonderful to see you all in person but the chances are good that it would need to happen on ZOOM. Keep checking your e-mails for possible dates and times!

## Vendor Coordinators



**Ray and Kathy  
Conrad**

Kentucky District

Vendor Coordinators

Happy New Year to all! We hope everyone enjoyed the Holiday season and that you are all doing well. With the pandemic there is not much going on right now, but we are hopeful that in the near future we will get back to some kind of normal.

I am sure your chapters are doing what they can to stay together, while following the guidelines, in our great state of Kentucky.

Thoughts and prayers go out to all that have been affected by this virus,. We hope that all have a full recovery, stay safe, and we hope to see you at an upcoming event.

## Save the Date

The Kentucky District Ops Meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2021. The Location is yet to be determined and so is the format. Stay tuned for more information, but please mark

the date on your calendar. **FEBRUARY 6, 2021**





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

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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# TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

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**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



## 2021 GWRRA Events

### Ride In



The 2021 Ride-In is scheduled for June 4th and 5th at the Big Bone Lick State Park. Campground reservations can be made at [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com). Campground events will center around the loop at sites 2-14. Details about hotels will be available at a later date. Please check back later for more details.

### Wing Ding 42

Wing Ding 42 will be held in Springfield, Missouri June 29th through July 3rd at the Springfield Expo Center. Register now online at [www.GWRRA.org](http://www.GWRRA.org)



### The Blast



The 2021 Blast is scheduled for August 19th through the 21st in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. It will be held at the American Legion Post 34, 725 West Broadway Street. For more information about Lawrenceburg, please go to [www.visitlawrenceburgky.com](http://www.visitlawrenceburgky.com). Please check back later for more details.

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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