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KENTUCKY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

GWRRA KENTUCKY

Inside Kentucky

This month we're catching up on some nice rides that KY chapters have been enjoying this summer.

Chapter A made rides to Taylorsville, KY, Glendale. KY, Madison, IN, and Gallrein Farm





Chapter Y to a trip down to Rutherford, TN to the Davy Crocket Museum.

Links of Interest

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATIO

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

Chapter S had a great day touring covered bridges around Kentucky.



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District Directors Report



Rick and Leah Cridlin

Kentucky District Directors August already! As you read this I hope you have finalized your plans to attend The Blast in Lawrenceburg. Leah and I, and the district staff are looking forward to seeing you there and are anticipating a good time. The city has opened their arms for us and are anxiously awaiting seeing our beautiful bikes and trikes rolling through the streets. The events starts on Thursday, August 19th with registration open from 1-6 pm at the American Legion, and a concert by Puncheon Creek on The Green at 7 pm. There will be food trucks and dessert shops in the area. The Green is a grassy field with a stage, so you will need to bring your own chair, or a blanket to sit on if you prefer not to stand. Registration and the vendors open at 8 am on both Saturday and Sunday. A full itinerary will be posted on the district web site in the near future, so keep checking it out at www.GWRRAKy.com.

Leah and I had a great time at Wing-Ding and couldn't be more proud of the participation and support from the members of Kentucky. We received so many positive comments about how Kentucky came through with working all the different positions during the event. The riding in the area was spectacular and to top it off we had 31 members from Kentucky ride to Branson and attend the showboat dinner cruise. We had an amazing time!

As previously mentioned, both the visitation and traveling plaque programs have been back on since June. Any points earned in June and July will rollover for next year. Both programs offer excellent reasons to ride and an opportunity to either connect or re-connect with fellow members throughout the state.

Are you finished with the crossword puzzle? I now only have 2 more clues left to get, and I have a plan to get them in plenty of time to make the deadline and have the completed puzzle turned in to Donita Nardi by The Blast.

There is plenty of riding season left this year. Ride often and ride safe!

District Educator Report





Rick Artmayer

District Educator

Happy August greetings to the members of the Kentucky District. Many of us are back from Wing Ding 42. I had a good time and I hope those of you that attended did too. Even though this was my 10th Wing Ding, I have often wondered about the people who say they are excited to see their old friends and make new ones every year. Now I know. Being a volunteer puts you in direct connection to other like-minded volunteer members. For example, I helped stage the parade, and met several of the Maryland District members who were also there. I also went to the Rider Educator's Forum and had the chance to greet in person many of the Educators I had only met on Zoom.

This month I want to relate some of the information I have learned from both Wing Ding and the July District Educators Zoom call. One of the people I was able to meet in person is Lorrie Thomas, Director of GWRRA University. In discussion, she explained that if we have a need for trainers, she has some that will travel. She also

gave me a challenge; to put together an opportunity in our District to host the GWRRA 101 course. I am hoping that everyone will want to experience this opportunity to learn the facts and dispel the rumors of how and why we do what we do in GWRRA. I hope every Chapter Director will discuss this in their upcoming Gathering and send me a list of interested members by the middle of September. It would be helpful if there would be a recommendation of a venue as well. I would like to get this organized to be on the books by the middle of November, before the holiday crush.

The effects of the Pandemic are still causing some consternation with Members' status in the Levels program. While there are increasing numbers of opportunities to obtain the training one needs to stay current, many of these courses are out of our District. We are not the only District in this predicament. Because so many instructors have not had the opportunity to train (an instructor must be current in his achieved level to teach a Rider Ed course), they have become expired. For the Members, because of the difficulty of having to travel to find courses, the grace period has been extended one last time through June of 2022. So, if your Level status has expired <u>after</u> January 1, 2020, completing the necessary Rider Ed course will bring your status back to current, with no lapse of time. If you need an on-bike course and this is your normal year to need the full course (both classroom and range) this year you can take a range only class again to bring your status current.

I have also learned of the importance of having your medical and emergency contact information where someone on a group ride can find it. While some of us keep this information in a small tube in our left fairing pocket, others may not be comfortable with this personal information being available to anyone. For this reason, it is critical for a responsible member of the group to have a ride participation roster with emergency contact information on it. Any GWRRA group ride needs this roster to be made. Just because you wish it, does not mean that something is not going to happen on your ride. If something were to happen to you, how long do you want your loved ones to wait to find out? Why make the EMT have to guess what to do for your condition? It is also a good idea for someone on every official GWRRA group ride to have a GWRRA Accident/Incident Report form. Completing this form as soon as possible while all the details are fresh will help to protect everyone involved.

Hopefully, everyone knows they can check the Rider Ed data base to confirm their status in the Levels Program. If you do not, please contact me and I will send you the instructions, and/or call you and talk you through it. I will also be working to check the database each quarter and send a report to each Chapter listing the members who are expiring and need to retake one or more classes.

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District Membership Enhancement



Dave and Roxie Wilkinson

District MEPC and 2019-2020 District Couple of the Year We left home for eight days in July and visited some of our best friends from Minnesota Chapter G in Minnesota. We also got together with Dave's cousins, then our daughter and grandson and we took a nostalgic tour of the four houses where we lived in White Bear Lake and St. Paul. (all on four wheels).

The primary reason for the trip was to attend the Minnesota/North Dakota District rally. It was really good to get together with more of our old GWRRA friends. Sure we were on four wheels we didn't go on any of the rides that were offered. There were daily luncheon and dinner rides. There was a river boat ride offered on both Friday and Saturday.

There were a couple of things missing from the rally that we wish might have been included, but overall it was a fun time. Especially fun for Dave was the "Bean Bag Baseball" tournament involving six teams that competed against each other. (It was friendly). There were about 36 or so participants plus score keepers and referees. The games were timed so they didn't last forever. Dave got two doubles and a home run during these games. (also a few strike –outs!)

The take-away from the MNM/ND rally is this: We can hardly wait to come to the Kentucky District BLAST!! Please join us there for all the FUN with FRIENDS!!

C O Y

District Couple of the Year

We're coming "down to the wire" for a Chapter Couple of the Year to jump into the pool and swim toward the District Couple Award! It's an easy thing to write a resume and even easier to interview. (no pressure) Just let us know if you want help! Our Kentucky District really wants to have a 2021-2022 Couple of the Year. GWRRA says that current District Couple of the Year can not stay on for another year. We're looking forward to having another Chapter Couple join the District Team.

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District Vendor Coordinators

The Blast will be here in just a few weeks. We hope to see you all there. Our vendors are ready, so come and get it!! Now let's get together and have some fun!!

Ray and Kathy Conrad

Kentucky District Vendor Coordinators



District Pins and Patches

Hey to all-

The Blast is almost here! We sure hope for a great turnout... Don't forget to email/text/call me if you need something for your Chapter. I will be at The Blast and I'll have things for sale. Get out and ride!

John Keiter

District Pins n' Patches



Newsletter of the Month

The Kentucky Chapter newsletters are looking pretty awesome. It's great to see everyone out and enjoying this year. The pictures you are sharing are worth a thousands words. Keep up the good work!

Newsletter of the month and the quarter are announced by the 10th of the following month. Dave and Roxie will make the announcement as soon as the decision has been made. Thanks for sharing your chapter events with the state and keep-em' coming!!

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District Medic First Aid

I will be facilitating a Medic First Aid Course in the Fall. If your certification has expired, and you want to attend a course, please let me know so I can include you on future correspondence once a date is set.

Leah Cridlin District MFA Coordinator/ Instructor

Wing Ding 2021 Recap

Kentucky was well represented at Wing Ding Springfield, MO. To my knowledge we had 37 members from KY in attendance. 4029 members were in attendance overall. 210 members participated in the parade and GWRRA gained 35 new members. There were some very interesting bikes entered in the light show. I always enjoy seeing the creativity that is put into the bikes.

Wing Ding was a different experience this year. Every year it is different. That is not always a bad thing. Just like everything else in life the experience is what you make it. We had some challenges in our hotel stay, but we still had fun. If you have never attended, I hope you consider making plans for Shreveport, LA next year. We don't know what to expect, but you can bet a good time is waiting to happen!

2021 Kentucky Ride Challenge

Time is about up for this challenge. The winner will be drawn at The Blast. If you have your crossword complete, please email it to me at newsletter_editor@gwrraky.com. The puzzle is all that you need to send. If your name is drawn, you will be asked to submit a randomly picked "thumbs-up" photo, so please don't delete them yet.

I hope you have enjoyed the fun of the challenge. Maybe next year we'll do it again!

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Fun at Wing Ding 2021



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There is still plenty of fun to be had—Make Plans to attend one of These great rally's

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



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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 GWR-RA 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).

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Our Kentucky Chapters

Visitation is officially open! It's finally time to go see our friends again. We all now know how precious this privilege is. Let's get out and enjoy it.

KY -	MEETING DAY	TIME	LOCATION	WEBSITE
A	2nd Saturday	11:00am Eat 12:00 pm Meet	Roosters 10430 Shelbyville Rd. #7 Louisville, KY 40223	
С	3rd Saturday	11:00am Eat 12:00 pm Meet	Roosters 124 Marketplace Dr. Lexington ,KY 40503	<u>www.kybluegrasswing</u> <u>s.org/</u>
G	2nd Tuesday	6:00 pm Eat 7:00 pm Meet	American Legion Post 4 8385 US Hwy 42 Florence, KY 41042	www.chapterg.org/
Н	lst 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	<u>www.shelbyvillegoldw</u> ings.com/
К	3rd Sunday	1:00 pm Eat 2:00 Meet	Shoneys 2452 US 41 Henderson, KY 42420	
S	2nd Sunday	4:00 pm Eat 5:00 Meet	Shoney's 1046 Executive Dr. Elizabethtown, KY 42701	
Т	3rd Saturday	6:00:00 PM Meet	Carriage House 624 James Trimble Blvd, Paintsville, KY 41240	www.facebook.com/ Gwrra-Chapter-KY-T- Big-Sandy-Wings- 128027183940433/
Y	lst Thursday	6:00 pm Eat CST 7:00 pm Meet CST	Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S. 6th Street Mayfield, KY 42066	<u>www.freewebs.com/</u> <u>yducks/</u>

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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Ride Safe

Be Safe

Visitation is on!

We can't wait to see you at the next gathering!

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