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# KENTUCKY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

#### **GWRRA KENTUCKY**

### **Inside Kentucky**









On October 19th an Honor Flight carrying 85 Veterans took off for an amazing day of sight-seeing and remembrance in Washington, D.C. Among those on the flight was Jack Redd of Chapter

"G" . It was a day he will never forget.

The Honor Flight Network is a national network of independent Hubs working together to honor our nation's veterans with an all -expenses paid trip to the memorials in Washington, D.C., a trip many of our veterans may not otherwise be able to take. Participation in an Honor Flight trip gives veterans the chance to share this momentous trip with other veterans, to remember friends and comrades lost, and share their stories and experiences with each other.

The event takes place all in one day and when the flight arrived that night, at nearly 11 o'clock on a week night, there were hundreds men, women, and children cheering on the Veterans. Bagpipes played, flags were waves, and our Veterans received some much deserved thanks.

November 11th is Veterans Day. Make it a point to thank all the Veterans you know and meet. In fact, that's not a bad idea the other 364 days of the year either!

#### **Links of Interest**

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

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### **District Directors Report**



### Rick and Leah Cridlin

Kentucky District Directors October provided more riding opportunities and I am glad to say that I was able to take advantage of it. The highlight was being able to attend the Virginia District Rally with our District Educator, Rick Artmayer. This was my first time participating in the Virginia District Rally and I had a great time! Rick and I were able to visit the vendors, attend a directors meeting, participate in a guided ride, and attend closing ceremonies. We also managed to get in a self-guided ride, and visit the historic Appomattox Courthouse. The weather was perfect for riding and the only rain we encountered was while we were attending the directors meeting. Our bikes were nicely cuddled in the parking garage where they stayed dry. The ride to and from Virginia was amazing and we even saw a black bear cross the road in front of us on our way home. I share this story as just another example of the many opportunities we have to ride and experience new things as GWRRA members.

November is a time for Thanksgiving and for honoring our veterans. It is also the time when chapters finalize plans for their Christmas party and begin thinking about next year's riding schedule. The district staff is not different in that regard, and plans are already underway for next year's events, starting with the District Operations meeting. This year is going to be a bit different than before. We are still having the informative meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>, but we are also turning this into a fun weekend. On January 28<sup>th</sup> we will be attending a Cincinnati Cyclones hockey game and we will be having a Sock Hop dance on the evening of January 29<sup>th</sup>. We are still working on the details, but want you to be able to save the dates now. The District Operations meeting and the entire weekend is open to everyone. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun and informative weekend.

Remember that chapter visitation and the traveling plaque are both great reasons to get out and ride, while getting to know some other GWRRA members, and have fun!

Ride safe!



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**Rick Artmayer** 

**District Educator** 



### **District Educator Report**

I had the privilege last month (October) to attend the Virginia District Rally in the Valley in Lynchburg, Virginia. I had never been to this rally and was not sure what to expect. The area has some nice roads, including the Blue Ridge Parkway. I was able to experience a decent number of miles on it and enjoy the tremendous views it offers.

This was not my first experience on the Blue Ridge Parkway, and I hope it is not my last. This road is smooth and well maintained, has a comfortable speed limit of 45 mph, and with so many turns of various radii, it is really a perfect place to use the training GWRRA Rider Education (and other rider programs) offers. It seemed like I was endlessly slowing, looking, pressing, and rolling, trying to be just as smooth as I could, going from outside to inside and back to outside again. Just as I was trained and practiced in the Advanced Rider Course.

Another experience this rally afforded me was a guided ride organized by the Virginia District. While not particularly long at about seventy-eight miles in total, the nine motorcycles that participated enjoyed some curvy sections, with several elevation changes to keep things interesting. What impressed me most about the ride was not the roads chosen, but the riders in the group. In the pre-ride instructions, crash scene response was discussed so that everyone was made aware who would take responsibility if there was a need. The riders in our group were from different Chapters of Virginia, Maryland, and Kentucky, yet we all rode as if we had ridden with each other for years. When the lead called for a change from staggered formation to single file, and vice versa, every member held up his hand to signal the change, even though every bike on the ride had a radio. Most everyone was signaling road hazards too, and the lead and drag had complete freedom to use the radio as needed. From my position as bike 5 of 9 (center of the group) I observed no spacing issues between the bikes. Everyone seemed to hold their spacing as normally recommended. For me, this built trust in the others and made the ride relaxed and stress-free.

I was also able to speak with Lorrie Thomas, the Director of GWRRA University. She is committed to providing instructors for any classes we want presented, and for which we do not have any instructors that are qualified to teach. Please let me know what classes you would like to experience, and your District Team will work to make it happen for you. Page 4

### **District Membership Enhancement**



### Dave and Roxie Wilkinson

District MEPC and 2019-2020 District Couple of the Year Greetings:

What do you think of when you think of FUN? All of our chapters share some of the same thoughts and some think differently as a group. Some chapters love to do a lot of group rides and some don't ride to often. Some chapters have special occasion parties in members' home or a holiday party at a restaurant. Others may have a game night. Chapter A has, in January, a "Blackeyed Pea" run and Chapter S has a "Frozen Banana " ride.

GWRRA National has a publication called "Here's the Scoop." Chapters or Districts contribute some of the things that they have done that are fun and interesting so the rest of GWRRA can try those things for themselves if they want or can adjust them to fit their own chapter ideas. YES, KY has had several of our FUN ideas published in "Here's the Scoop." But we can try some of the other fun ideas for ourselves too. Let's hear some of your ideas so we can send them along to that publication.

### **District Couple of the Year**

#### HAPPY FALL Y'ALL! and HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

C O Y Now is the time to consider what individual and what Couple contributes a lot to your chapter life with their ideas, their help and their friendship. Those folks will be your 2022 chapter individual and couple of the year! It can be a happy surprise for them and they will see that they are valued and honored by their friends.

If they choose to do so, they will represent your chapter when they go on chapter visits and that can encourage other chapters to visit you! It's great to make new "friends for fun, safety and knowledge" and those special people in your chapter can help to make it happen! Page 5

# Let's Go Vo The Hop...and Ops Meeting

Hey Kentucky.... want to have some winter fun? Prepare yourself for an incredibly fun weekend. The details are still coming together, the vendors are extremely slow getting back to me to confirm our contracts. But here is the plan.

Friday, January 28, 2022 attend the Cincinnati Cyclones Hockey Game. Puck drops at 7:30pm against the Wheeling West Virginia Nailers. A link will be posted on our web page to purchase tickets. Stay Tuned!



Saturday, January 29, 2022, 8:30am - ?? the Kentucky Operations Meeting. Meeting will be held at the Burlington Historical Courthouse, 2988 Washington St, Burlington, KY 41005. Chapter Directors, Assistant Chapter Directors, Treasurers, Ride Coordinators, Membership Enhancement Coordinators, Couple and Individuals of the Years are highly encouraged to attend. We welcome all members to join us to learn what 2022 will look like for Kentucky. We want to pack the room. This is our annual operations meeting to collect new information, share ideas and reunite with old friends and make new ones.

Saturday, January 29, 2022, 6pm - 10pm at the Burlington Historical Courthouse, join us for a KY Sock Hop! There will be a DJ spinning the tunes, Drive-in style food, Burger, Footlong Hot Dogs, Oven Roasted and Baked Potatoes along with salad, Soda, Ice Cream Floats and Milkshakes. A Dance off winner will be crowned along with a Sock Hop King and Queen. Break out those bobby socks, poodle skirts, blue jeans and leather jackets. I'm sure a few of you greasers can't wait to slick your hair back! Gals, you may want to shop for some Dippity Do for those soft curls. The cost is \$30.00 per person and a pre-registration form is posted on District Webpage.

Hotels will be announced soon - Continue to check the District Web page for the most up to date information.

We can't wait to Rock in 2022!



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### **District Medic First Aid**

The last Medic First Aid class of the year will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2021. It will be held at the Boone County Library, Main Branch, 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, KY 41005. 12pm - 4pm in Meet-

The cost is \$30.00 per person and space is limited. Please contact me for a seat at 859-866-3173 or kydistrictgwrra@gmail.com

District MFA Coordinator/ Instructor

Leah Cridlin

### Like Us



Please join/like the GWWRA of KY Member's Page on Facebook. Here you will get last minute information, news about upcoming events and chat with fellow KY members.

You will also learn about upcoming rides.

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### **For Sale**



Lee-sure Lite with air conditioner and lots of extras -\$3500.00 Contact : <u>wquire@yahoo.com</u>

2006 Goldwing , serviced regularly with 55K miles. Runs great and is in very good condition. Asking \$8000 For more details contact Lee at : elftwo49@gmail.com



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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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### **Team Kentucky**

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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.

	MEETING			
KY -	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	6:30 pm open 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> <u>ings.com/</u>
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/ <u>Gwrra-Chapter-KY-T-</u> <u>Big-Sandy-Wings-</u> <u>128027183940433/</u>
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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