

KENTUCKY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



GWRRRA KENTUCKY

Inside Kentucky

The race for the plaque is on and everyone seems to be having a great time chasing it !

We seem to be in a little bit of a rut with the plaque moving from Chapter S , to Chapter C, and then back to Chapter S. Those two chapters don't seem to mind, but Chapters A and G are in hot pursuit and are anxious to get hands on that plank of wood. I like to think that it's not so much about the plaque, but it's more about the FUN of the chase. Either way, we are really enjoying spending time with everyone.



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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District Directors Report



**Rick and Leah
Cridlin**

Kentucky District
Directors

Greetings Kentucky! Leah and I asked Donita to hold off on publishing the newsletter until after the Operations Meeting so we could include information from the weekend activities in our article, so here goes. We want to start off by thanking everyone who attended and we couldn't be happier with the participation and interaction from everyone present. We want to send out a special thank you to our staff for all the help preparing and for sharing your expertise in the breakout sessions. So far, we have heard nothing but positive feedback. I say, "so far," to leave time for any and all comments concerning the whole weekend. We certainly welcome and encourage your feedback.

The weekend started with attending the Cincinnati Cyclones vs the West Virginia Nailers hockey game on a bitterly cold Friday night. Everything heated up inside the arena as we cheered the Cyclones on to a 7-2 victory. We even managed to have one of our own emerge as a local celebrity, when Roxie Wilkinson was featured with a full-length solo projection on the Mega-Tron screen while showing off her smooth moves to the Village People singing YMCA!!!!

The Operations Meeting was held at the Historic Burlington Courthouse and everyone in attendance participated by either presenting information, or sharing in dialogue to pass on experiences and ask or answer questions. We managed to stay on schedule and shared information about the 2022 calendar of events, with highlights focusing on the Ride-In, which will be hosted by Chapter A in Bardstown this year. The Blast was also discussed and all information concerning these events can be found on the District Website at www.GWRRAKy.com, which will be continuously updated as needed.

The Newsletter of the Year award was presented to Chapter G. Congratulations to newsletter editor Mary Eicher and all of Chapter G. Newsletters are an excellent tool for sharing information and we have some wonderful work being done each month by some very talented newsletter editors throughout the different chapters. Do yourself a favor and check out a couple other chapter newsletters each month. You can find them on their chapter website, or through their chapter link on the district website.

All of the chapter Couples of the Year (COY) and Individuals of the Year (IOY) in attendance were introduced and the COY mascot was unveiled. Greg and Marilyn Leslie of Chapter K had their ticket drawn and have the privilege of starting off the COY mascot program, which continues until The Blast.

A COY raffle was also started to support the COY program. Each Chapter COY will be selling tickets to win a new 22 inch Blackstone Griddle, which will be given away at The Blast. The winner need not be present to win and I will personally deliver the Griddle to the winner if you are on your bike or cannot take it home from The Blast.

District Directors Report—Continued



Rick and Leah Cridlin

Kentucky District Directors

Following the Operations Meeting a Sock Hop was held during the evening, which included a fantastic catered dinner consisting of Burgers, Foot-long Hot Dogs, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Baked Potatoes, Salad, Desserts, and out of this world milkshakes, sodas, and floats. There was a DJ spinning music from decades past, most of which were requested by the members prior to the Sock-Hop. There was dancing and even a dance class conducted by Bruce & Kathy Hensley, and Dean & Cheri Brown of Chapter K. They did a great job and even yours truly was out on the floor learning to shake my groove thing!

Everyone looked great at the Sock-Hop and the majority in attendance was dressed to reflect the era. There were awards given for the following categories:

Sock Hop King: Ron Harper

Sock Hop Queen: Leah Cridlin

Best Dressed Male: Rick Artmayer

Best Dressed Female: Roxie Wilkinson

Dance Off Competition Winner: John and Robbie Feldkamp

Congratulations to all the winners and to everyone who participated!



Again, Leah and I want to sincerely thank everyone who attended and helped make the weekend a success. We truly recognize that any ride or event is only successful if members attend and participate. I have found out first-hand that the more you participate, the more fun you have and I encourage each of you to take a look at your chapter's ride and events schedule and plan to have a great time. You can also check out the District or other Chapter websites and feel free to participate in anything you find of interest.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

Stay safe!



2022 Ops Meeting





District Educator Report



Rick Artmayer

District Educator

Have you ever purchased a product that indicated “some assembly required”, like a small table or computer desk? How was your experience with putting it together? Most of these items include some sort of instruction manual, a materials list, and maybe even a list of tools required (usually a considerably basic list) to help you through the process. Reading the manual through before starting the assembly is always recommended so you can prepare and be informed for what is required.

Usually the first page (or pages) is dedicated to the warnings and dangers associated with use of the product. I was once told that for every warning message listed in the manual, or on a sticker on the product, there has been some legal action taken against the manufacturer. These warnings are usually considered “common sense” by many people but are still important to know. And repetition is a terrific way to learn.

Some manuals are nothing but pictures; two-dimensional likenesses of the parts with arrows indicating how the items are to be put together. Other manuals may include some words or sentences about the assembly, while still others go into complete detail and give advance warning about an otherwise unforeseen hurdle to help you bring the parts together smoothly. The best instruction sets in my opinion use pictures and words and offer links to videos so one can see the actual assembly performed.

After finishing your project and admiring your accomplishment, have you ever wondered what the author of the manual was thinking? What were the thought process behind the document that was produced for you and everyone else who would buy the product? Did they build the item themselves before (or during) the writing of the manual? Was your success in assembly based on the instructions or on your experience?

Operating a motorcycle is similar in many ways I think to assembling furniture. There are many steps involved in a successful ride. And while the motorcycle comes with an owner’s manual and maybe a list of basic accessories, the bike is only the tool we use to assemble the successful ride. There is no manual for your commute to work, or the ride to dinner. And even though we may take the same path for each of these rides over and over, each experience can be new and different, because so many variables exist that can change from day to day. Assembling a good ride will only be as successful as the experience we bring with us.

As members of GWRRRA we are fortunate to have a reliable source of information and others’ experience in the Rider Education Program. The classes, seminars, and on-bike training opportunities often come with documents that include both pictures and words, and sometimes even links to videos we can watch. They will provide the opportunity to learn the skills and knowledge to help you “write the manual” for your next ride.

District University Coordinator



Jeannie and Buddy McKenzie
District University Coordinators

Happy New Year GWRRA! I hope everyone starts 2022 with renewed energy. First, I want to say how excited I am to be appointed the District University Coordinator for Kentucky! I am also a University Instructor. As the DUC, my responsibility is mostly administrative.

DUCs oversee Training Days and Rally trainings, receives training requests from chapters, helps with scheduling of all classes, sends information out about upcoming classes, and assigning instructors for the trainings making sure all Instructors get a chance to teach. DUC's also keep the Members in the know of upcoming classes by posting classes on the website and in the District newsletter. It is an important function of the University Team.

The GWRRA University has so much to offer. They provide so many chances to learn new things, improve skills, and have fun doing it.

At Chapter Gatherings: Training done before or after a Gathering is one of the simplest ways to put together a presentation. Remember, attendance is not limited to your Chapter Members; invite surrounding Chapters. Training is also not limited to Members. Invite those who might be interested in becoming Members. A great way to recruit

Up Coming Trainings in KY....

CPR/MFA class

March 5, 2022

1:00 pm

Class will be held in Versailles.

Contact: Leah Cridlin imJustLeah@aol.com

Training Day - GWRRA 101

March 26, 2022

More details to come...

If you would like to set up a class for your chapter, please click on the link below, submit the request form and we will get the classes set up.

[GWRRA University Training Request Form](#)

Stay safe and have fun



District Membership Enhancement



Dave and Roxie Wilkinson

District MEPC and 2019-
2020 District Couple of the
Year

We're pleased that our wonderful Editor allowed us to submit our article after the District OPS meeting in Burlington.

It was a wonderful EVENT that gave us a new format that was really informative, lots of 'meeting and greeting', and TONS OF FUN!

Some of us came Friday night Jan 28th to the Cincinnati Cyclones hockey game where we enjoyed a really fun game in which the Cyclones won. There were a lot of fights by opposing team members that brought penalties for the fighters but the play continued on! Roxie even made the big JUMBO-TRON with her MN WILD Jersey, and Dave and Roxie had a pictured taken with Captain Marvel!

Saturday was the "operations" part of the weekend with introductions, announcements, well led breakout sessions for Chapter Directors, Membership Enhancement, which included COY & newsletters, University class on chapter life and training. Introduction by Chapter Directors of each of their new Couples and Individuals of the Year for 2022 along with the new 2022 COY MASCOT.

After lunch there were more breakout sessions for treasurers, pins & patches, ride coordinator and group activity and then GWRRA University. 50/30/20 winners were next.

Then a break to get ready for the really, really fun part...dinner, dancing (and learning new steps)...ala Chapter K members! What fun that was!

OH, WOW!! We had dinner, floats, shakes, and super desserts! All of us dressed in era 1950's style, some with saddle shoes, boots, poodle skirts, etc. ALL SOCK HOP STYLE!! Music and a super DJ! And some winners of the "BEST DRESSED", "KING AND QUEEN" of the HOP"

Let's do it again next year and hope for no snow so everyone will be able to attend.



Newsletter of the Month

Congratulations to Chapter A and editor Karen Risen for being named Newsletter of the Month for the month of January. All the newsletters are looking great so please keep up the good work.

Newsletter of the year was presented to Mary Eicher of Chapter G at the annual Ops meeting. Congratulations to Mary, and big thanks to all editors for all of your hard work.

District Couple of the Year



The Couple of the Year Program has been greatly improved for the year 2022!

Let us re-introduce Lisa and Allen Merritt as the returning KY District Couple of the year Program Coordinators! Thank you, Thank you for saying 'YES' They always did a super great job in the past and after a couple of years of "retirement" they have agreed to come back and do it for another year!

If any of you need information about the District Couple of the Year Program you'll be able to find it on the KY District website or from Lisa Merritt at merritt1569@gmail.com or from Allen at 270-647-0205. ALL the 2022 Couples have received their packets with the pertinent information.

The 2022 Couple of the Year MASCOT began it's life with Chapter K in Henderson. You can try to "adopt: "Smokey" Feb 20th , eat at 12pm central time , meet at 1:00pm central time at Golden Corral in Henderson (address is: 1320 North Green Street)

NEW TO THE COY PROGRAM

Support the KY District Couple of the Year Program, win a Blackstone 22" Portable Griddle just \$2.00 each ticket!!

Drawing at the closing ceremony of the 2022 KY BLAST
Need not be present to win

All Couples have been given a packet of tickets to sell
More tickets are available from the District Directors

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Y

Dave and Roxie Wilkinson

District MEPC and 2019-2020 District Couple of the Year







Leah Cridlin

District MFA Coordinator/
Instructor



District Medic First Aid

There are two Medic First Aid Classes available in Kentucky.

March 5th, 1:00pm - 5:00pm in Versailles, KY. There are 4 spaces available.

April 2nd, 9:00am - 1:00pm in Murray KY (Mayfield area) There are 6 spaces available.

The cost is \$30.00 per person. Contact Leah Cridlin 859-866-3173 or kydistrictgwrra@gmail.com to register.



Luanne and Jerry Williams

District Treasure

District Treasurer

We want to thank both Rick and Leah Cridlin and the District Coordinators for organizing the wonderful Kentucky District Operations Meeting. The location was beautiful and unique – the former Boone County Courthouse where one of our Chapter G members, Asa Rouse, presented many cases in this very room as a lawyer.

It was informative, entertaining and definitely FUN!! The Sock Hop had wonderful decorations, lots of dancing with great music and the shakes, root beer floats and food was delicious.

We hope you can join us next year – you never know what Rick and Leah will come up with next January 2023?

Thank you to Roxie and Dave Wilkinson for selling the Raffle tickets.

Here are the winners of the 50/30/20 Raffle– CONGRATULATIONS:

1st Place – Dan Bondurant (\$62.00)

2nd Place – Leah Cridlin (\$37.00)

3rd Place – Karen Risen (\$24.00)



Welcome To Our New District Staff Members



Dan and Rita Bondurant

Kentucky Assistant District Directors



Jeannie and Buddy McKenzie

District University Coordinators



Lisa and Allen Merritt

Couple of the Year Coordinators



Don and Janet Price

District Ride Coordinators

For Sale



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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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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.

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).



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\$25
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Renew your membership by calling **800-843-9460**
or renew online at **www.membership.gwrra.org**

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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	www.chaptera.org
C	3rd Saturday	11:00am Eat 12:00 pm Meet	Roosters 2640 Richmond Rd Lexington, KY 40509.	www.kybluegrasswings.org/
G	1st Tuesday	6:30 pm open 7:00 pm Meet	American Legion Post 4 8385 US Hwy 42 Florence, KY 41042	www.chapterg.org/
H	1st Friday	6:30 pm Social Time 7:00 pm Meet **Dinner to Follow	UK Extension Shelby County Office 1117 Frankfort Rd, Shelbyville, KY 40065	www.shelbyvillegoldwings.com/
K	3rd Sunday	12:00 CST Eat 1:00 CST Meet	Golden Corral 1320 N Green St. Henderson, KY 42420	Www.facebook.com/GWRRRA Chapter K. Henderson KY
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	www.facebook.com/Gwrra-Chapter-KY-T-Big-Sandy-Wings-128027183940433/
Y	1st Thursday	6:00 pm Eat CST 7:00 pm Meet CST	Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S. 6th Street Mayfield, KY 42066	www.freewebs.com/yducks/

District Newsletter

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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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