

KENTUCKY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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Inside Kentucky

GWRRRA, the organization that brought us all together, is coming to an official close as of December 31st. After much research, and discussion, all Kentucky Chapter Directors have agreed with our District Directors and have chosen to align with Wing'D Riders organization. So, the biggest news inside Kentucky right now is this...



We will all be busy over the next few months swapping logo's and learning what new adventures await us with this new organization.



Wing'd Rider Rally pre-registration has begun on the website and the commemorative rally pins have been designed and are on schedule for delivery in late December or Early January. (Make sure to pre-register for the rally prior to 12/31/2022 to preserve your pre-registration discount)

Links of Interest

- **KY District:** <http://www.gwrraky.com/>

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District Directors Report



Rick and Leah Cridlin

Kentucky District
Directors

Well Kentucky, here we are in December. As we all look forward to Christmas and all the fun activities that goes with it, we also face the finality of GWRRA, which officially closes on December 31st. Fortunately it isn't the end of our time together as the district and all chapters have decided to move forward with Wing'D Rider. We took the leap and started the process of aligning the district and Leah & I formally accepted the appointment as State Directors. We are now in the process of finalizing the behind the scenes tasks needed to align the chapters. I won't bore you all with that. What I am excited to report to you is that as members the transition should be seamless. For those of you who have already joined Wing'D Rider, I say thank you. Thank you for the vote of confidence and your support to both your chapter and the district being able to continue to provide you with all the events, activities, and programs you have grown to love. We truly believe that our alignment with Wing'D Rider will allow us to continue to enjoy each other through rides, monthly gatherings, social events, and educational opportunities. I also want to emphasize that all we have to offer is open to anyone, no matter what they ride, or even if they are no longer riding. Our chapters and the district were all formed and continue to operate because of the members, and each and every member has contributed to our successes and we value everyone.

For those who are undecided about whether or not to join Wing'D Rider, I would like to offer this thought. Had GWRRA not closed, would you have renewed your membership? If so, why? What kept you as a member of GWRRA? With that I ask you to apply the same reasons to join Wing'D Rider as you will see all the same benefits, for actually less money. Remember, GWRRA eliminated the basic roadside assistance program several years ago, so membership in GWRRA gave each member: A magazine, a rally, and helped provide insurance to cover activities and events, at a cost of \$55.00 for a single membership and \$85.00 for a family membership. Rescue Plus was at an additional cost. Membership in Wing'D Rider gives each member: A magazine (including the same Work Bench author), a rally, and helps provide insurance to cover activities and events, at a cost of \$39.99 for individual membership, and \$59.99 for a couple membership. So you are getting all the same things you were getting with GWRRA for less, and helping the chapters and district continue to provide activities where insurance matters. This is something we all as members of GWRRA never had to think about and took for granted, but it is a reality we have to look at if we want to continue to operate moving forward. Leah and I are asking you to join and help your chapter and district teams continue to provide you with all the things you have grown accustomed to. We are also at the threshold of something new and have the opportunity to mold our programs and activities to have even more fun. Our programs and activities cannot succeed without membership participation. That was true with GWRRA and moving forward with Wing'D Rider.

District Directors Report—Continued



**Rick and Leah
Cridlin**

Kentucky District
Directors

We are continuing to plan for 2023 and are starting off the year with our annual operations meeting on February 25th at the Historic Courthouse in Burlington, KY. It is also going to be an event weekend starting on Friday, February 24th with some fun at the newly opened Turfway Park, where there will be live horse racing, restaurants, and a casino. The operations meeting will be on Saturday, February 25th, and then we will offer a murder mystery dinner. All activities are open to everyone. Stay tuned for more information on how to register.

Leah and I wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We look forward to continuing to serve you.

Stay safe!

Assistant District Directors Report



**Dan and Rita
Bondourant**

Kentucky Assistant
District Directors

We hope everyone survived all the Turkey and trimmings. Rita and I did but in a sick way. One of our Sons brought us plates as we were sick with the flu. Starting to feel better now. Looking forward to our Chapter Y Christmas Party on the 10th always a great meal and great time.

Rita and I are looking forward to 2023 and everything it brings and the new Wing'D Rider Organization and things settling down on that front. We want to thank Rick and Leah for all the hard work studying and figuring out the best route for Kentucky!!

We hope you all have a **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND THANK THE GOOD LORD FOR ALL YOUR BLESSINGS.**

**Merry
Christmas**



Rick Artmayer

District Educator



District Educator Report

Happy Holidays everyone. Riding season has ended and many of us have put our motorcycles away until next year. We are now busily focused on our holiday party planning and gift giving. For those of you who find it difficult to plan effectively or find that perfect gift, you are in luck. I have some timely suggestions to hopefully make your life better.

First, regarding your motorcycle, be sure to check the list that the factory made for you in the owner's manual. Being that it is a machine, your motorcycle has parts that wear out and need to be replaced. Buying the right parts and replacing them on time will keep you, your co-rider, and your bike very happy and your relationship drama-free. Maybe you should even give your machine an early present and start placing fuel stabilizer in the tank now with every fill-up. This way you are sure the stabilizer will be everywhere it needs to be if your season is suddenly cut short and the bike needs to sit for longer than expected. If you are a DIY mechanic, perhaps there is a new tool that will help you perform a maintenance task better or more easily.

Second, regarding you the rider, be sure to check the list your factory gave you when you were built. OK, you are correct, no child of which I am aware comes with an owner's manual. Being the new grandparent that I am, I checked with the parents of each of my grandchildren, and they confirmed their newborns did not come with a manual. All our technological improvements, and still no manuals for newborn children? Hmm. But as adults we often get a "list" after each doctor visit. I know my report sometimes reads like a maintenance checklist. For all you DIY riders (and as I am not aware of any motorcycle currently produced with Autonomous Driving Technology, we are all "do it yourself" riders) there may be some suggestions on your "lists" for things you should have that will keep you riding safely.

And third, regarding your interaction on the road with others, check your Riders Education database history. In essence, it is your DIY rider's toolbox. Here you will find listed all the tools you have collected and the ones that need to be resharpened. Being an educated rider is your gift to others. It allows you to be more aware and more prepared for when you interact with other road users, even to the extent that you can prevent any drama from occurring. This is because you recognized in the moment the potential for disaster and took the necessary actions to avoid it, all due to the tools you learned through your training.

As we all navigate through this Holiday season, I want to wish everyone good cheer, and look forward to continuing our relationship in the New Year. I am making my lists to be sure to include my gifts to you. I am hoping you will do the same for me.

Couple of the Year Coordinators



Lisa and Allen Merritt

District COY
Coordinators

First off, we want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Next, remember when you announce your 2023 couples and individuals we need to be notified. We prefer that you not to wait until the last minute to send us couples and individuals names. Also the state is working on a new design for the medallions. We hope to have it by the Ops meeting in February. The State is supplying them this year. Everything goes by State now ,not District, but it all means the same thing, so when I say state I mean District.

The Annual Ops Meeting - A KILLER Good Time

It's the event of the year! The lavish dinner to follow a three day ride around the great state of Kentucky, and as a participant , YOU are invited. It was a year in the making, and another wonderful event planned by our own; Don Price. But one of our riders didn't return, and now, everyone is a suspect...



Make plans now to attend the very first Kentucky Road Rider Operations Meeting, February 24 and 25 at the Burlington Courthouse, Burlington, KY. Friday night will be an evening at Turfway Park for a night of horse racing and gaming. Saturday morning will be all business, providing all the information you need to lead and participate in a successful 2023 chapter. Saturday night we bring back the FUN with a delicious Italian meal and mystery that you won't soon forget.

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District Couple of the Year



Kent and Karen Risen
District Couple of the Year

Well, it is the end of an era with GWRRA closing after 45 years!! Kent and I joined GWRRA in 2011 and I couldn't have told you what GWRRA even stood for. When we joined, we were helping to raise Kent's stepson, so he was at our house one night during the week and sometimes on the weekends. I was also working in Elizabethtown, so I was driving an hour each way five days a week. When the weekend rolled around, we didn't have a lot of time to ride and honestly, I had had enough of being on the road all week. It wasn't until we joined Chapter A that we got more involved with GWRRA. Ray Taylor, who is longtime friends with Kent called and asked us to come to Chapter A's monthly meeting, so we did. We met a lot of nice people and we started to learn more about the planned rides and the different Chapters. We started riding almost every weekend with the group. I realized I had forgotten how much I love to ride. There is such a feeling of freedom and peace out on the backroads in the middle of nowhere. It is good for the mind and the soul and it's something Kent and I can do together.

As we spent more time with the group we heard of something called the Traveling plaque that each Chapter tries to get by attending their meetings. When I first heard about "chasing the plaque" I thought that's crazy, we're not doing that!! We also started hearing about "couple of the year" and we were like whaaaat?? We were selected as our Chapter Couple of the Year our first year with Chapter A. That same year Ray asked me if I would do the Newsletter. I accepted thinking ;what am I getting myself into. Then Kent was asked to be the Assistant Ride Coordinator which he also accepted. A funny thing happened, the more we got involved the more fun we had and the more great people we met.

Once we became our Chapter's couple of the Year, we decided to run for District Couple of the Year. We had met so many great people around the state we wanted to represent GWRRA Kentucky and work with our great District Staff more closely. We even had ideas of going for International Couple of the Year. When we filled out the resume for the District Couple of the Year there were places to list any and all GWRRA training you had received. Kent and I had already traveled to Tennessee to complete the GWRRA Road Captain course so we could lead Chapter rides so we decided to get as many courses and training as we could with GWRRA. We also wanted to move up in the Safety Levels program by the time we interviewed for the District Couple of the Year and who doesn't need more safety training. I mean, you can't really have too much. We drove to Michigan and attended their Wingless Weekend event in order to get the Co-rider Class. We also attended the accident training class and the hills and curves class. Once again, we met a lot of great people not only from Michigan but from Indiana and Illinois as well. We were slowly learning what GWRRA was all about.

District Couple of the Year –Continued



Kent and Karen Risen
District Couple of the Year

In August at the Kentucky Blast, Kent and I were awarded the honor of becoming the last GWRRA District Couple of the Year for the state of Kentucky. We began our journey with GW as simply members of the national organization and in the last two years immersed ourselves, with a little help, in what IS GWRRA. We have fully experienced what GWRRA was and is to most people and for that we are grateful. When we heard of GWRRA's closing, like most people, we were shocked and disappointed. I was also a little angry that we had invested so much time for nothing. BUT it was certainly not for nothing. The rides, destinations, learning, and friendships are truly priceless and something Kent and I wouldn't change for the world. Thanks, GWRRA we will miss you but we are excited for what's on the horizon, a chance to grow and evolve into something even better.

District Pin and Patches Coordinator



John Keiter
District Pins and Patches Coordinator

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you!

We, as a state, are transitioning to a new organization, but our goals remain the same.

We have our big get together in February; I sure hope you all can make it.

The riding for next year should be great; make sure you and your bike are ready.

The crazies are out there, so ride smart and ride safe.

**Happy
New Year!**

For Sale



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



2012 Honda Goldwing—California Side Car Trike

2012—ESCA Pad Trailer

ASKING \$28,000

Triked as a new bike. We are second owners. Bought with 19,886 miles. As of 5/14/22 has 33,837 miles. Sirius radio, CB, Air Wings, cover for trailer, 2 covers for trike—full & half. Like new HJC Helmets—IS-Max-11 with J&M Elite Headsets & Lower cord Small & Large.

Contact Chris Davis (call or text): 859-332-9242

October Spook-tacular

The Jack o' Lantern Spectacular is an indescribable event in Louisville, KY. There are 5000 carved pumpkins on display, it is really beyond comprehension. It is at Iroquois Park and the walk is 1/3 of a mile (scooter/wheelchair/stroller accessible). The cost is approximately \$15.00 per person + fees. However, after the new year I will be calling to see if we can get a group rate.

We thought this would be a fun social weekend for the district/state to come together for some low key fun. We would attend the Jack o' Lantern Spectacular on Friday night (13th) and Saturday night the 14th, socialize at the campground.

We have reserved campsites and cabins at the KOA Louisville South Holiday Campground 2433 Hwy 44, E Shepherdsville, KY 40165. When making reservations please mention the Cridlin Group to receive a 10% discount off of the nightly rate. 502-543-2041. Reservations are a 3 night minimum, October 12-14, 2023. Camping Reservations must be made by January 1, 2023.

For those that don't camp, there are hotels at the exit of the campground. This way the hotel folks can come visit with the campers for socializing. We did not get blocks, but the pricing is very reasonable for you to shop which hotel you prefer to stay. Hotel reservations can be made at any time.

Garden Inn, 130 S Lakeview Dr, Shepherdsville, KY 40165

Best Western 211 S Lakewood Dr., Shepherdsville, KY 40165

Super 8, 275 Keystone Crossroads Dr., Shepherdsville, KY 40165

Motel 6, 144 Joe B Hall Ave., Shepherdsville, KY 40165

If you have any questions, please contact us, 859-534-5292 (h). A deposit is required when making reservations at the campground. They are only holding the campsites/cabins until Jan 1st. October is the busiest month of the year for this campground, we were lucky to get this many sites.

We hope you have interest in joining us. Please let us know when you have made your reservation so we can keep a list of who is attending. If you are local to the area and won't be camping or hoteling and want to attend the Jack o' Lantern Spectacular please let us know that so you can be added for the group ticket pricing.



2023 Kentucky Blast



SAVE THE DATE PARTNER

Join us August 17- 19 2023 in Danville at The Show-room for the 2023 Kentucky Blast.

Line Dancing

Vittles

And a Real Good Time



2023 Kentucky Ride-In



IT'S A BEAUTIFUL RIDE THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS TO EASTERN KENTUCKY AND THE STUNNING JENNY WILEY STATE PARK.

ON JUNE 2-3 2023 KENTUCKY CHAPTER T WILL SPONSOR THE 2023 STATE RIDE-IN.

RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE AT THE LODGE OR THE CAMPGROUND.

WE HOPE YOU WILL COME OUT AND JOIN US FOR ALL THE FUN!!

Get on the Level

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

Rider Education Levels Program
"THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF RIDER EDUCATION"

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

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	6:00 pm Eat 7:00 pm Meet	American Legion Post 4 8385 US Hwy 42 Florence, KY 41042	www.chapterg.org/
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	5:00 pm Eat 6:00:00 pm Meet	Giovanni's Pizza 261 Court St. 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/

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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!**



Like Us

Please join/like the GWRRA 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.