

# The Bluegrass Journal



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## *From the Director's Desk*

**WOW.** It's been a busy month. We have several new chapter officers off and running and the tax paperwork is flying through the wires. With the upcoming OPS meeting, the District Staff is busy getting their presentations together. As the district staff gets our programs up and running there will continue to be a LOT of information coming to the chapters--so the next few months in Kentucky will be BUSY.

**We** had a great leadership training day in Shelbyville. We certified six new Leadership Training Instructors! Lorelee and I are proud to announce our new District Leadership Trainers -- Mike and Dedre VanHoose. They are very excited to be on staff and it shows by how much training planning they have already done. Our goal as a district is to bring the training TO the chapters. Mike and Dedre are way ahead of the game on getting this going. You will enjoy what they have planned. The Rider Education program is in full speed ahead as well. Rick Andreen, our District Rider Educator, has several training days planned ranging from CPR to rider courses so be sure to check the district web page for dates and locations.

**With the Ride In and The Blast** right around the corner, we are happy to have all the major details worked out. The **Ride In** this year will be one you won't want to miss. We have a few changes that we think you will enjoy. There will be a steak dinner (\$10 per person) for those who register for it. The registration is on the District web site. You will get a ticket for your steak dinner. There will be hot dogs and chili, at no cost, for those who chose not to register for the steak dinner. No one will go hungry and a great time will be had by all! **The Blast** is building up to be one for the books. The host hotel is 75 yards from the Convention Center and we are already receiving registrations. If you want a room at the Capital Plaza I would book now as they are going fast.

**This** year is going to be a great year for Kentucky and we hope you will enjoy the ride with us.

*Kentucky Proud,  
Pat and Lorelee Coe*



## *From the Western Desk*



**H**ello our names are Dan Bondurant and Rita Adams from Mayfield. I joined GWRRA in 1996 as an associate member then got my Wing and became a full member. I was a member of Chapter B in Paducah. In 2002 I became the Chapter CD. I laugh and say that in the first 6 weeks of 2002 I became Chapter CD, Chapter Couple, District Couple and did a Mall Show...and I haven't slowed down yet! After about 16 months as CD for Chapter B, I helped open and became the Charter CD for Chapter Y in Mayfield. My first position on the Kentucky District team was with Rich Miller as ADD and I have stayed on with Ray Conrad, Buddy McKinzie and now Pat & Lorelee.

**I** am engaged to a *wonderful lady*, Rita Adams, and have spring wedding plans. Rita is the office manager for her church and has about five more years till she can retire.

**U**nfortunately, Kentucky has lost several chapters in the western part of the state. Hopefully we will be opening some new ones before long as we are talking with some people now. We hope to help Kentucky grow and continue to be a great GWRRA District. As the old saying goes, *YOU GET OUT OF YOUR CHAPTER and DISTRICT WHAT YOU PUT INTO IT!!!!* So please help your District Staff work and make this District a growing and better place to be. Please get out and visit the other chapters and see and meet new people.

**H**ope to everyone at the Kentucky Ride In in May and especially in August for the Blast!!!!

**Ride Safe and Stay Alert**  
**KY ADD**  
**Dan Bondurant & Rita Adams**



## *From the Educator's Spotlight*

**W**e are Richard (Rick) & Michelle Andreen. We were appointed District Educators in January 2011 and have been working since to help our District chapter members to become safe riders and drivers when out on the roads.

**W**e have been married for a number of years and have five children and five grandchildren. Unfortunately, our children and grandchildren all live in Michigan where we are originally from. Rick has worked for DuPont for over 30 years which is ranked as the leader in safety for the large chemical companies in the world and this is where he gets his safety background and the reason we moved (were transferred) to Kentucky a few years ago to stay with DuPont until Rick's retirement.

**O**ur mission as a team is to educate not only the motorcycling community but also the non-motorcycling community about the motorcyclist. We do this through the MAD presentations and talking to all about motorcyclist on the roadways throughout the year. Rick is also a Rider Course instructor for GWRRA, a Medic First Aid instructor and a Seminar presenter. We are very committed to the Education of the Kentucky District members.

**F**ebruary 11, 2012 we are having an all day Rider Ed Seminars in Radcliff at the Fire Station and then again on February 25, 2012 at the Stratford Center in Shelbyville will be the Medic First Aid class for a refresher or the first timer. This is to help our members stay current in the levels program and/or to advance in the levels program. It is great course and *very* good information to know not just for our GWRRA members but for family, friends, or even a stranger that needs help before the EMT's of Ambulance can get there.

### **LOOK TWICE AND SAVE A LIFE**

**Ride Safe & Ride Aware**

**Rick & Michelle Andreen**

**Kentucky District Rider Educators**





## *From the MEPC's Notebook*

**H**ello Fellow KY GWRRA Members,

**W**e are so honored to have been appointed this position and are looking forward to meeting and greeting all of you.

**W**e were married in February of 1985, bought a house, sold two houses and bought a Goldwing by the end of March, 1985. We have since owned six gold Wings are now the proud owners of 2007 silver. We were members of Tennessee Chapter G, "Volunteer Wings", and served as Assistant Area Rep/Secretary Treasurer until June of 1987. Mike's job transferred us to Nashville where we became members of Tennessee Chapter D, "Music City Wings" until his job moved us yet again to Louisville in June of 2006. We were members of Kentucky Chapter A, "Derby City Wing Riders", until 2010 when we became members of Kentucky Chapter H, "Saddlebred Wings".

**W**e were selected as Tennessee's Chapter D's Couple of the Year and in 1990 we competed at the TN District Rally for the District Couple. We didn't win, but the couple that beat us went on to be the International Couple of the Year. We have held every position in Chapter life except Rider Education. Mike rode on the Middle Tennessee Precision Drill Team from its inception until 2003 when it became dormant. We have held two different positions on the Tennessee District Staff, Assistant District Director Middle TN and TN District Membership Enhancement until we moved to Kentucky. We have been dedicated to GWRRA our entire married life. We have made so many friendships and had so many laughs which we would hope to pass on.

**T**he COY program is very important to us and we hope to add to its mission this year. As the area reports, aka ARLS, and hot sheets are a very integral part of GWRRA for retention and recruitment, we will be asking each CD, ACD and MEPC to participate in getting the information gathering process. There will be a Recruitment Award which will terminate at the Blast. We will have a Newsletter of the Month, one for each quarter that will be sent to Region for that award. One more program that we would like to see participation in is the Chapter of the Year for National consideration. Details on all these programs will be available at the OPS Meeting but always remember if you have any questions and/or problems, please call.



**Kentucky Proud,  
Mary and Mike Trice  
KY District MEPC  
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## *Upcoming Kentucky District Events*

**\*\*The Kentucky District Operations meeting will be February 4th\*\*  
*Frankfort Convention Center  
405 Mero Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601 ([map](#))***



***Kentucky Ride In  
May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>  
Elizabethtown Crossroads Campground  
209 Tunnel Hill Rd  
Elizabethtown, KY 42701 ([map](#))***



***Kentucky Blast  
“Derby Days”  
August 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>  
Frankfort Convention Center  
405 Mero Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601-1921 ([map](#))***

# *Fun in the Bluegrass*

## **Chapter A's traditional *January* Christmas Party**



**\*\* A note from Kentucky District Newsletter Editors\*\***

### ***To ALL Kentucky Chapters***

**I**f your chapter is having a special event such as a bike show, poker run or even just a nice dinner ride and you would like to invite other chapters to join you, submit information on the event and it will be added to the District Newsletter. Be sure to include date, time and meeting location.

**W**e will be discussing the “Fun in the Bluegrass” section of the District newsletter at the February 4<sup>th</sup> District meeting.

**A**LL such submissions **MUST** be received no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to appear in the following month's newsletter and should be emailed to the address below.

Email to: [kydnews@yahoo.com](mailto:kydnews@yahoo.com)

**Ride safe and make them grin,  
Don and Renee Vier  
KY District Newsletter Editors**