

# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

## KENTUCKY DISTRICT CORNER



FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY, AND KNOWLEDGE

## UPCOMING EVENTS

KY "BLAST" CONVENTION

August 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

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## FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

**Jack & Becky**

Hello fellow wingers. On behalf of the Kentucky District Team and members, we want to extend an invitation to join us at the 2017 Kentucky Blast District Convention, Aug 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> in Cave City, KY. The theme for this year's rally is "Salute to Our Military". We hope that you will come and enjoy yourself and take advantage of all the activities as well as take time to visit all the shops and sites around the area. We are sure that the time you spend with us will be exciting! Flyers and Registration forms can be found on the District website. More details to come.

At this time, Becky and I would like to thank each and every one of the members of Kentucky for all your support and hard work that you so gratefully give to GWRRA. We have enjoyed being the District Directors. We could not have done it without a great staff. We want to personally thank them for being there to help. But now it is time to step aside and welcome new leadership. Rick and Liz Broadway has accepted the District Directors position. We know they will do a good job and bring new ideas with them.

We will still be a part of GWRRA and will see everyone on the road.



Ride safe and have fun

*Jack Dozier*

## ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTORS/VENDOR COORDINATORS

**Ray & Kathy Conrad**

Hello all, what a great Ride In! The weather was great and it was so good to see a good turnout, this year. A big thanks to Jack and Becky, for doing a great job, on getting everything organized. Ray and I would also like to thank Jack and Becky for being such good District Directors, and would like to welcome Rick and Liz, for coming onboard. We are looking forward to the Blast this year, we know it will be great as always, so get you registrations in and be prepared to have fun.

**Ride Safe**

*Ray & Kathy Conrad*

**KY ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTORS & VENDOR COORDINATOR**



## THE DISTRICT CORNER

### Rick & Liz Broadway

Greetings all! Liz and I hope you are doing well. What a great ride it's been with the Chapter H family. Liz and I have had such a great time with our Chapter H family. It's hard to make the choices whether to stay the course or try new adventures. We have been offered many opportunities over the years. Most of them we passed on because we wanted to stay with the Chapter and continue to grow with all of you.

A new opportunity has been offered to us and it's really scary and at the same time very exciting. As you know by now we will be the new District Directors for KY starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. We have some really big shoes to fill. Jack and Becky have done a fantastic job for KY. Liz and I hope we can do a good job for all of the Chapters in KY and take the work Jack and Becky have done to the next level.

We have made a number of changes in the District Staff. Most of them will take place at the closing ceremonies at The Blast in August. They are as excited as we are to get the ball rolling. One thing that we looked for in picking this staff was new and fresh eyes and ideas. The other was putting a team together that wants to work and have a lot of fun together. It was not easy to pick the staff as there are a lot of great choices in KY. That made it very difficult to pick just a few out of so many great people in the District. The Kentucky District is one great big family and together we all make up a great team. It will take all of us working together to make Kentucky better and complete any challenge put before us. Liz and I look forward to working with you to have the most fun possible.

Rick and Liz Broadway

## THE DISTRICT TRAINER'S CORNER

### Michael & Dedre Vanhose

Rally season has begun, so has the opportunity to attend some trainings. I am in hope that you have had the opportunity to get a sample of the new University modules we are teaching. Several modules has been presented at the rallies and were well received.

The new Instructors Training Certification Program (ITCP) has been scheduled for Oct. 7, 2017 in Shelbyville, KY. Those interested in taking the program, please let me know so that I may send you the link to the 4 seminars you are required to watch followed by a debriefing just to be eligible for the ITCP. The number of class participants is limited. This program is unlike anything else you have ever taken in the GWRRA. Be prepared to work for this one!

I will be more than happy to set an OCP class for those interested in taking the course. It is a great opportunity to learn how to become the best officer you can be.

On the district website is the paperwork to nominate a Trainer of the Year for our district. I have yet to receive any nominations. Please commit to get those to me ASAP.



*Michael & Dedre Vanhose*

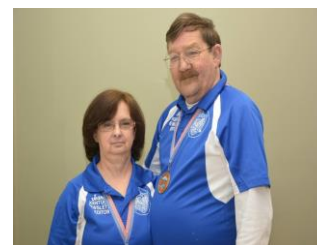
**KY DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINER**



## FROM THE TRAINERS CORNER

### Jeannie McKenzie

Have you ever wonder about what all the hype is about with the GWRRA University or what is involved? Below is just a small sample of the new GWRRA University (taken from the GWRRA University website).



### THE NEW GWRRA UNIVERSITY!

GWRRA University is a brand new way GWRRA views, designs, delivers and tracks all education and training for the Association. It requires the formation and development of teams trained and motivated to work together to achieve the organization's trademark mission of Friends for FUN, SAFETY, and KNOWLEDGE. Programs and finances must be managed properly for organizational and legal reasons. Meetings and events need to run smoothly and efficiently so the members only see and experience the fun, family and food they came to enjoy. Lives are saved through some of the best rider education and skill development programs on the planet. And, because we deal with human beings there is always the occasional problem, conflict, or disagreement about something that has to be handled in a way that resolves the issue and still creates harmony among the Members. This is only possible when the leaders have been well-trained, coached and mentored.

One of the two main purposes for the University—a vibrant, dynamic source from which well-trained leaders can continue the practice of education, coaching and mentoring. The second is to provide Members access to some of the finest safety, professional and personal education and training in the world. This is the education and training they would have to pay thousands of dollars for somewhere else. The University is to become the keystone supporting the organization as it is today and developing leaders for the organization of the future.

The University is real, it is alive, it is rejuvenated! Come join the team.

*Jeannie McKenzie*  
*Asst. District Trainer*



## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

### Jeannie & Buddy McKenzie

We encourage you to visit the Gold Wing Road Riders Association's Kentucky District web page at [gwrraky.com](http://gwrraky.com). The purpose of the page is to keep you informed of recent happenings within our state. Find out about Chapter meetings in the area, rallies and other district and chapter events. We hope you find this page informative and helpful. Our goal is to make the Kentucky District of GWRRA the best it can be and to uphold the motto of GWRRA.

**"FRIENDS FOR FUN SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE".**  
*Jeannie & Buddy McKenzie*



## KY DISTRICT RIDER EDUCATORS Jim & Sharon Strickland

While speaking with the members, we are reminded of the number of our members who are in need of Rider Education courses as well as CPR/1st Aid to remain current or advance in the levels program. With some advance coordination, we can conduct trainings in your area. KY has several certified GW University Trainers who are willing to conduct training and seminars. Please see your Chapter Educator with any questions you have about the Rider Education.

It is very important to show your Chapter Educator any seminar, rider course, or 1st Aid completion card you have been presented with so that the appropriate paperwork can be completed so that you can either remain current at your present level, or advance in the levels program. Your Educator is not a mind reader and the only way to ensure that your information remains accurate in the database is to present your card to your Educator and request that he/she submit the information so that it can be updated in the Rider Education database with your information. This is especially important if you attend a course outside of Kentucky. The only way we know to do that is by receiving the appropriate paperwork from your Chapter Educator. The only exception to this is for courses taken at a District or Region rally, or Wing-Ding, where they have begun to upload the information immediately into the database.

Sharon and I are also available to answer your questions and our contact information is located on the District website. We are really looking forward to this year and it is our sincere hope to see you all at one of your monthly gatherings.

## LOOK TWICE AND SAVE A LIFE

Jim & Sharon Strickland

KY DISTRICT RIDER EDUCATORS

## FROM THE MEPC *Jerry & Luanne Williams*



WOW--month #6 on the calendar so you better enjoy that bike while the weather holds for our travels. But you know with summer months we also get a chance to take some time and visit family and friends and not always are we able to take our motorcycles. So enjoy the summer no matter what your plans are!!

We know during those summer days when you can't ride fast enough to cool off it is a tough choice to wear something that is hot and making you sweat. You may want to consider trying some of the rider safety gear that offers a way to flow air thru it or covers a little less. Whatever rider protection you use just stay safe and enjoy your motorcycle. Always keep a look out for motorcyclists that you meet on the road and invite them to your Ice Cream Rides, if applicable, or your next Chapter Meeting.

Quote: On a motorcycle no one ever asks "Are we there yet?"

*Jerry & Luanne Williams*

KY DISTRICT MEPC

**ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTORS/  
COUPLE OF THE YEAR COORDINATORS**

*Allen & Lisa Merritt*



Hi everyone,

We are excited to let everyone know that we have received resumes for the District Couple of the Year Selection Process. All of the KY Chapter Couples of the Year are awesome. We know we have the best of the best here in KY.

We want to encourage the Chapter members to attend the Blast and show support for your Chapter's Couple as they participate in the District Couple of the Year selection process. Remember, it is your chapter that they are representing and they need your support. See everyone at the Blast.

**ALLEN & LISA MERRITT**

**DISTRICT COUPLE OF THE YEAR**

*Beth and John Flaherty*



Hello Kentucky District!!!

Rally season is in full swing! Looking forward to seeing as many of you from the Kentucky District as possible at the other District Rally's coming up. Closer to home, we are truly looking forward to the Ride-In and intend to have lots of FUN! It may be over before this letter gets published but we hope to see a lot of you there and hope you enjoy the relaxed atmosphere. As we stated before we intend to attend each District Rally and the next 2 are coming in July, there's the Rally In The Valley (RITV) Virginia's Rally July 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and then there's Mountain Memories The West Virginia Rally July 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. We look forward to making new friends and catching up with the old friends! Hope to see you on the Rally circuit!

Until next time! Have FUN!!!

*John & Beth Flaherty*

**The Kentucky COY Mascot**

Where is GW and where has he been? Check out the District website for the latest info. To all you Couples of the Year, join in on the fun by visiting other chapters and take GW home with you. He loves adventure!!





## *The Kentucky Traveling Plaque*

The Kentucky Traveling plaque is making its way through the state. What better way is there then to go visit friends and enjoy the fun of trying to earn the chance to win the plaque and take it back home.



## **KY CHAPTER GATHERINGS**

**Chapter A:** Meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month at Mark's Feed Store at 6501 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40291. They eat at 11:30 am and meet at 12:30 pm.

**Chapter C** Meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Roosters, 124 Marketplace Drive, Lexington, KY 40503. This is at the intersection of Nicholasville Road and Man O'War Boulevard in front of Wal-Mart. They eat at 11:00 am and meet at 12:00 pm.

**Chapter G** Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at The Hot Spot, 6415 Dixie Highway Florence, KY 41042. They eat at 6:00 pm and meet at 7:00 pm.

**Chapter H** Meets on the 1st Friday of the month at the UK Shelby County Extension Office, 1117 Frankfort Road, Shelbyville, KY 40065. They meet at 6:30 pm.

**Chapter S** Meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Shoney's, 1046 Executive Drive, Elizabethtown, KY 42701. They eat at 4:00 pm and meet at 5:00 pm.

**Chapter T** Meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Carriage House Ramada Inn, Paintsville, KY 41240. They eat at 6:00 pm and meet at 7:00 pm.

**Chapter Y** Meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at Majestic Family Restaurant, 700 S. 6th Street, Mayfield, KY 42066. They eat at 6:00 pm and meet at 7:00 pm.

## **2017 KY Blast District Convention in Cave City**

August 18th-19th, 2017

This year the Blast theme is

**"Salute to Our Military"**



## CONVENTION/RALLY SCHEDULE



**April 20 – 22, 2017**  
Tennessee Spring Fling  
Ramada Inn,  
Pigeon Forge, TN



**June 9 – 10, 2017**  
Kentucky Ride In  
Etown Crossroad Campgrounds,  
Elizabethtown, KY



**July 6 – 8, 2017**  
Virginia Rally  
Holiday Inn,  
Tanglewood, VA



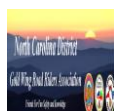
**July 20 – 22, 2017**  
West Virginia Rally  
Elkins, WV



**August 18 – 19, 2017**  
Kentucky Blast  
Cave City Convention Center,  
Cave City, KY



**August 29 – September 2, 2017**  
Wing Ding 39  
Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center,  
Grapevine, TX



**September 28 – 30, 2017**  
North Carolina Rally  
Haywood County Fairgrounds,  
Waynesville, NC



**November 2 – 4, 2017**  
Region N Fall Finale  
Holiday Inn,  
Johnson City, TN