

# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



## KENTUCKY DISTRICT CORNER

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### 2011 Kentucky District Couple of the Year Jim & Madge Reising



#### Message from Jim & Madge

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the District Team and selection committee for selecting us as the 2011 KY District Couple of the Year. Madge and I were both shocked and honored at the time of the announcement. We hope we can live up to the expectations and the precedent set by our predecessors. Now a little about us, we have a red 2003 Goldwing which Jim rides as much as he can. Jim is a level 4 Master Tour Rider, a Kentucky MSF rider coach, a member of the Patriot Guard, likes to golf, and is always celebrating any victory of the Pittsburgh Steelers. We are retired and live in Benton KY. We are members of Chapter "Y" in Mayfield KY. We have been GWRRA members since 2007. The first several months as members were spent trying to meet and learn new friends. That was a lot of fun with all the members of Chapter KY-Y being friendly and welcoming us into their collective arms as friends. We have attended several District events and have met so many new people. Since joining chapter "Y" we have been the Membership Enhancement Coordinators and currently the Educator. Jim was honored when GWRRA Membership Enhancement Directors, Ed & Linda Johnson, publish an article that Jim had written "EVERY MEMBER MATTERS" in the National Membership Enhancement Newsletter. We feel that the best way to keep members involved is to always point out the fun and positive things from each activity.

Madge's back problems have prevented her from participating in many of the rides. However that has not stopped her from joining in on the fun and fellowship. She does attend events in her four wheeler for dinner rides and extended trips. There have been times when her car has been a welcome dry spot for several co-riders on the way home from an outing. Madge is a fiber arts quilter and a member of the Needlechasers quilt guild. She enjoys vegetable and flower gardening, preservation of the garden produce, and also, loves trips to Wisconsin and North Carolina to visit and babysit grandchildren.


We feel that by being KY District Couple of the Year, we will be able to continue to meet and make new friends. It will also give us an opportunity to continue spreading the word about GWRRA and the fun we have.

## FROM THE THROTTLE HAND OF THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR


Kentucky District is full of a lot of great people who have great talent and splendid people skills combined with a desire to work within the frame of GWRRA principles and policies. When you combine those elements with a desire to “chip-in” and volunteer whenever and wherever possible, it makes for great leaders in this unique Association. That’s the formula for which Chapter Directors should always be watching; volunteers who like being involved. When you see those qualities in people and you will if you’re watching, you’ll see the potential for leadership at the Chapter level. District Directors will see the potential for future team members and so on throughout the Association. I know that many of you have “been there, done that” and aren’t interested in getting too involved again. But let me ask you, why not? I don’t think there is anything worse in this organization, than allowing a Chapter to flounder and perhaps even die for lack of volunteers to step up and do a bit of work. I hear that all the time; “There’s no one to step up; no one wants to take the position.” Maybe we as Directors should be looking for that special combination in our choices for team members. Maybe we shouldn’t be too concerned with filling ALL the staff positions too quickly. Maybe we should be concentrating more on having fun and getting good training for safety and leadership. Maybe we should use more energy on giving back to our members. Think about these suggestions and start watching your members chipping-in and helping at your events. And I’ll bet when you start putting members first, you’ll have less problems finding volunteers to take a stab at being on staff. You see, the Chapter level is where the real fun is created and takes place. It’s the level where all of the GWRRA programs are geared to be their most effective. It’s where they are put into practice to round-out the social lifestyle that GWRRA offers it’s members. I know that it is a struggle to come up with something new and different or put a new twist on an old idea. Chapter Directors needs to listen to the Chapter members, run ideas past them and if they give a thumbs down, then go on to something else. When the chapter gives you thumbs up, more than likely they’ve already starting to get ideas in their heads on how to make it work. When that happens, then the chapter starts acting as a finely-oiled machine, working in the best interests of all involved. A CD should never, ever feel that he is the only decision-maker in the Chapter and should NEVER feel threatened by Chapter members that have a better idea than he does. Heck, he should always be discussing ideas and taking surveys to get the heart beat of the Chapter and determine the best direction for the Chapter concerning Fundraisers, Dinner Rides, Day Trips, Rally participation and then plan on trying to meet EVERYONE’S ideas. If all the chapter membership wants to do is get together and ride, then that should be the main activity for the chapter. I know you can’t do it all, so take a broad cross-section and do all that you can. That’s part of what being a Director is all about; leading people in a Fun direction. As long as the chapter members are having fun, that is all the matters.

Until next time, ride your own bike and be safe,

*David & Jeannie McKenzie*  
*Kentucky District Directors*



**The KY Ride In will be May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at the Elizabethtown Crossroad Campground again this year. Please include this on your chapter’s ride schedule. Also the KY District Convention will be held again in Somerset, Aug. 11-13. This is a week later than last year’s event. So make your plans now. Registration forms for both events can downloaded from the District’s web site.**



## From The District Educator

This month I would like to tell you about the other day when my wife and I were out for dinner (there is a point to this).

We were waiting for our food when my bride looked at the other table next to her that had received their food, and there was a gentleman that appeared to be choking. Well she hesitated a moment to observe the man and then told me what was happening. I looked over at him and got up and asked him if he could breath and he shook his head NO. So I was able to get behind him and to help him remove the Foreign Body Obstruction from him. Well everything came out as we are taught in the Medic First Aid Classes and the gentleman thanked us and he was able to continue on with his meal after a bit.

The point of all this rambling is to remind all of our members that you can use the Medic First Aid training at any time not just for Gold Wing stuff.

The other point to this is to remind all of the Chapter Educators to start planning to have a First Aid Class scheduled for the winter time. This is the best time to schedule our MFA trainers for your event. To schedule a class please contact our MFA Coordinator **John Harris**, he is with Chapter G.

Also be thinking about having one of our seminar so we can schedule one of our presenters to come to your gathering for a seminar. Maybe one on Team Riding, Co Riders, or on Trailering . There are many seminars that are available that can be given in a short period of time. Also the BEST time to have one is at a winter gathering.

Look forward to the coming month's challenge to the Chapter Educator's. This will be something that will play out at this year's Blast.

## LOOK TWICE & SAVE A LIFE

Rick & Michelle Andreen

*Kentucky District Educators*

## The M.A.D Corner

This is the time of year when the motorist start to get complacent about looking for us as motorcyclist, and we as motorcyclist also start to get complacent about looking out for the motorist. We need to regain our focus on our riding skills and that includes using the **S.A.A.** that is taught in the Rider Courses. This is the time of year we as riders to have to wear more layers of clothing to stay warmer than we had to back in the summer. Our bodies aren't adjusted to the cooler weather and remember that the older we get the more warmth that we want the less mobility that we will have. In the past, we have seen too many accidents happening that could have been prevented if the riders and the Motorist were looking out for each other. The best way to do this is:

**1)** bring it to our attention and **2)**we as **ambassadors** to the motorcycling world, need to bring it to the attention of all of our friends to start looking out for the **MOTORCYCLES** again. And for us as motorcycle enthusiast to come back to our basics of riding and start using the **S.A.A.** which is **SEEK** what is going on around us, **ANTICIPATE** what we need to do at all times and **ACT** if there is a incident that needs to be avoided. We need to relate the problem to **ALL** motorist that drive around motorcycles so that the number of motorcycle accidents start to back down as the trend was showing in the last year.

## **FROM OUR ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTORS KY/WEST**

Hello from the West, was glad to see everyone at the opps meeting. All the old friends and the new ones that are just starting out as officers. Congrats to the Treasurers and MEC's for now being Officers. Buddy and Jeanie did a great job as always putting this together with special thanks to our Region Director and Region Educator for coming and helping out also. You can go to the web site and see the updated list of Chapter Directors, Assist. Chapter Directors and get-together locations. Please send me your info on your Treasurer or MEC. Thanks to all that has already got the info to me and for doing a great job.

For the one's stepping up congratulations and thanks for stepping up, it's work but A LOT OF FUN ALSO!!!!!! You get out what you put in and as the District Team we are here to help you any way we can. Look forward to seeing everyone at the rallies and chapter gatherings. Please send in your ideas for Ride In and Blast to the District Team. We are always looking for ways to make it better. As always you can still get out and visit now just everybody pile in a car and go together, it's fun and hey you find more good places to eat. By the time you turn around twice the weather will be breaking and it will be riding time again. Some of us ride all year as long as the roads are clean but some are more fair weather riders and that's ok too. Just want to wish everyone a Happy Valentines Day (hey guys maybe this will help cover you if you forget ha-ha)

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS**

Ride Safe and Stay Alert

*Dan Bondurant*

*KY West Asst. District Director*

## **FROM OUR M.E.D COORDINATORS**

Hope everybody enjoyed the District ops meeting and had a great time! The District team appreciates you taking time out of your busy life to come to ops meeting with us.

We hope the information everybody got will help make things easier for everyone in the long run. Give it time and it all will work out, changes are hard to do and accept, but attitude is everything.

As announced at the Ops meeting, the Member Enhancement Coordinators are now officers within GWRRA.

Reminder when you appoint an M.E.C. at the chapter level, Lisa & I need their contact info, and they will need to sign a M.O.U. Since this is new that they are officers we need one from everybody, new officers and old officers.

If they have already been officers before (CD, RE, etc.) then they should have already signed this before but we need one on file for them as current officers. Also Chapter Directors, please send your chapter's Couple of the Year Nomination form to us by the end of February. Full resume with a copy of their membership card and a photo needs to be sent in by the end of April. If anyone needs help with this, please call. We will be glad to assist.

We want to personally thank each of the Chapter Couples of the Year for coming to the ops meeting and taking time out of your busy schedules. The District team and all the chapters members would like to say "Thank You" for all you do!

Congratulations to Jim and Madge Reising for being honored as the new KY District Couple of Year for 2011. Their home chapter is KY Y out of Mayfield Ky. We know they will enjoy it and that they will have a lot of fun! I'm sure we speak for the District Team in saying we look forward to working with them this year and that they will represent KY with honor. Welcome to the best District Team in the region N KY District Staff!

Ride Safe & Be Safe,

Allen and Lisa Merritt

*KY District MED Coordinator*

## FROM OUR FORMER DISTRICT EDUCATORS

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the educators in Kentucky that have helped me over the last 2 + years. As many of you know, I stepped down as District Educator January, 1<sup>st</sup> due to health issues. This has been one of the most rewarding jobs that I have ever had the privilege of performing, and I hope that time will say that I have done a reasonably good job of moving Kentucky's education program forward.

Please give Rick Andreen the same encouragement that you have given me as he assumes the job of District Educator. He will carry Rider Education in Kentucky to levels never seen before. He has all the necessary skills for the job. He comes to the job with some new ideas I'm sure, and new ideas is how we progress. Throughout the year, Rider Education within this great organization will be going through some great changes that will make it better for all. I still plan to be around to help in any way that I can. You all feel like family to me, and as a result, please call if I can be of help to you.

Again, thank you for all you have done to make my life more rewarding.

*Ride Safe, Ride Longer*  
Steve & Vicki McDuffee

## FROM OUR VENDOR COORDINATORS

Hello well I don't know about you but this winter is for the birds, I will sure be glad when it is over.

I am getting cabin fever more and more each day, Maybe there will be some good out of this winter after all, and bring the rally attendance up.

I know everyone will be ready to get out and ride as soon as the weather breaks, so this could be good for the rally's this year, so far we have already been contacted by three vendors for the Blast.

We are going to try and get some vendors there for the ladies this year. I am going to post an ad in the Somerset news paper for craft vendors and more of a variety for all.

There will still be the normal vendors for the guys and gals, but I think we need to mix it up a bit, to attract new members. We will be out at the Rally's this year to try and get as many there as we can.

We will keep you posted on the list as we get new vendors. Any Vendors that you know would like to come to the Rally just give them the web site information or my Cell # I will be glad to get back in touch with them..Any and all suggestions are always welcome. Visit the Web page for any updates: [www.gwrraky.com](http://www.gwrraky.com)

Ride safe  
Ray and Kathy Conrad  
*Kentucky Vendor Coordinators*



**Please check out KY  
District Web Site at  
[www.gwrraky.com](http://www.gwrraky.com)  
for Chapter activities  
and upcoming events.**



# The 2011 Convention Schedule



Tennessee "Spring Fling" 2011  
**Davy Crockett Days**  
April 14-16, 2011  
Sevier County Fairgrounds, Sevierville, TN



**DOWN HOME RALLY 2011**  
THE WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT PRESENTS  
"Come Play With Us" JUNE 16 - 18, 2011  
SUMMERSVILLE, CONFERENCE CENTER  
SUMMERSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA



**WING DING 33**  
THE GWRRA NATIONAL OFFICE PRESENTS  
"Rollin' on Rocky Top", JULY 6 - 9, 2011  
Knoxville Convention Center  
Knoxville, Tennessee



**THE BLAST 2011**  
THE KENTUCKY DISTRICT PRESENTS  
August 11-13, 2011  
THE "CENTER" FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
SOMERSET, KENTUCKY

Special note:  
Date  
Changed



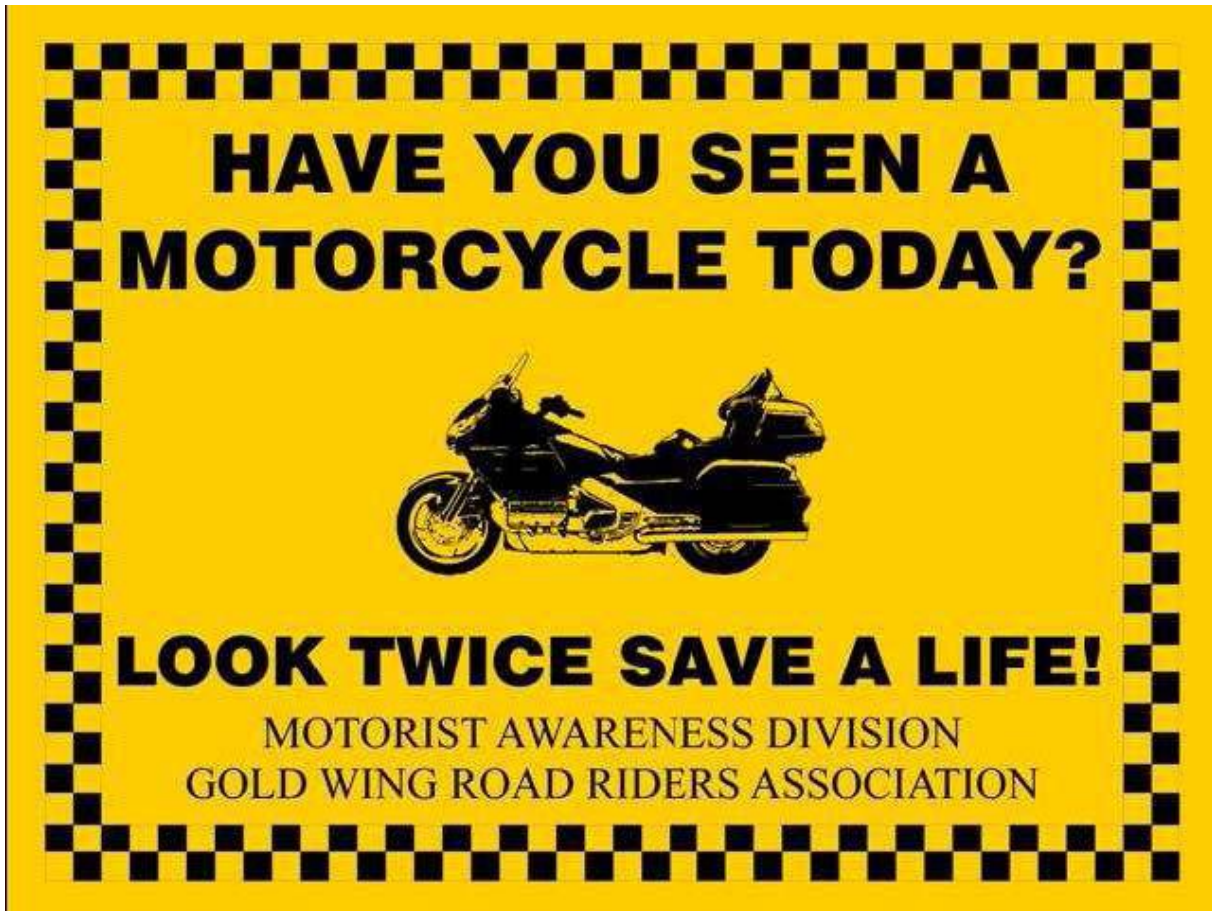
**WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES 2011**  
THE NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT PRESENTS  
SEPTEMBER 22 - 24, 2011  
WESTERN AGRICULTURAL CENTER  
FLETCHER, NORTH CAROLINA



**RALLY IN THE VALLEY 2011**  
THE VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION  
OCTOBER 6 - 8, 2011  
THE SALEM CIVIC CENTER  
SALEM, VIRGINIA



# Yard Sign



Cost \$5.00 for each sign with wire stand (24" wide and 18" tall)



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