

# The Bluegrass Journal



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## Kentucky District Team

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*To be announced*

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## *From the Director's Desk*

We have been members of GWRRA since May, 2008 when we purchased our 1988 red Goldwing with a 2003 MotorTrike Conversion. We were so very fortunate to join this organization and become members of VA-Y in Leesburg, Virginia. Our first chapter set the high bar for our expectations as GWRRA members and developed our desire to become INVOLVED members and potential future leaders in the organization.

In the fall of 2008, we were given the opportunity to move home to Kentucky. Pat very quickly contacted the first name in the Gold Book for Shelbyville (Rick Broadway). Very shortly thereafter, Rick took Pat with him to Chapter A's meeting in Louisville. Everyone thought I was a figment of Pat's imagination since I was still working in Virginia till early 2009. I did eventually get back home and joined Pat in participating in GWRRA events. In May 2010, we were part of the group starting Chapter H in Shelbyville. We started there as the Rider Educators. We then traveled to West Virginia to become certified as Medic First / CPR instructors. Next, we went to Tennessee to become qualified to be leadership training instructors and rider education seminar presenters. And yes—there is a pattern developing – we were (and still are) excited about the training opportunities available through GWRRA. And yes, we were frustrated about having to travel so far to be able to participate in that training. One of our goals became to do whatever we could to see that these opportunities become available to the Kentucky district membership. In July 2011, we took a step toward that goal when we became the Kentucky Leadership Trainers. Along the way, we have been enthusiastic, involved, and active. We have traveled to almost every convention in our region, have visited almost every chapter in our district and participated in training opportunities as often as possible. That enthusiasm and involvement has made such a huge impact on us. We can't begin to tell you how many wonderful friends we have made, how much fun we have had or how much we have learned while being a part of GWRRA.

On November 1, 2011, we were appointed as the new Kentucky District Directors. We hope to bring the enthusiasm and love of this organization along for the ride during our tenure. It is our goal to serve the membership of Kentucky with a servant-leadership mentality. We aren't gullible enough to believe we will make everyone happy but we certainly hope to share the fun, excitement and pride with our members in Kentucky. Our contact information is on the district website and we'd love to hear from you regarding positive ideas and suggestions for our district. We look forward to initiating and further developing the GWRRA programs that are available in the Kentucky district.

We can hardly wait to build on the momentum already started. There has been a very successful "Horizon" program. In November (with ALL Kentucky participants), seven new leadership trainers/rider education seminar presenters (and again---ALL Kentucky members) which will make it easier to make training available at the chapter level. We have a rejuvenated district team, exciting plans for the Ride-In and---OH MY---the changes in store that are going to make the Kentucky Blast, "Derby Days", 2012 a real BLAST!





**W**e are so very excited about the future for GWRRA in Kentucky and we are thrilled to be a part of it.

**W**e would like to take this opportunity in the first newsletter of 2012 to introduce our district team:

**District Directors:** Pat and Lorelee Coe, KY-H

**Assistant District Directors-Logistics:** Jack and Janice Dozier, KY-S

**Assistant District Directors-West:** Dan Bondurant and Rita Adams, KY-Y

**Assistant District Directors-Central:** Allen and Lisa Merritt, KY-U

**Treasurer:** Jan Rasey, KY-H

**Rider Education:** Rick and Michelle Andreen, KY-S

**Membership Enhancement Program Coordinators:** Mike and Mary Trice, Ky-H

**Leadership Training** (pending): Mike and Dedre VanHoose, KY-C

**District Webmasters:** Darrell and Terri Webb, KY-S

**District Newsletter Editors:** Don and Renee Vier, Ky-A

**KY Blast Vendor Coordinators:** Cliff and Sandy Planck, KY-C

**I**t is part of our goal that our district team be available to our members. We hope to visit each of your chapters often and hope to see all of you while participating in Kentucky GWRRA events throughout the year.

**C**ome along for the ride.....

***Kentucky Proud,  
Pat and Lorelee Coe***



***\*\*The Kentucky District Operations meeting will be January 7<sup>th</sup>\*\****

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604 S Wilson Road  
Radcliff, KY 40160-1630 ([map](#))**



## *From the Southern Desk*

**H**i Everyone. Hope you all had a great Holiday Season. We sure did. Just to let you no a little bit about us, we our Allen & Lisa Merritt, Assistant District Directors South.

**W**e have been members of GWRRA since 1996. We ride a GL1500 and we have been active with two different Chapters. We started in TN S and then helped get Chapter U started in KY. Since then we have been members of KY U and been involved with them over the years and have held a few staff positions and Officers Positions. Started out as chapter historian, held that position for 3 years, then News letter editor 5 years, then ACD 3 years, then CD 3 years and also Senior CD for 3 years. Came on District Staff under Rich and Sabina Miller, stayed on with Ray and Kathy Conrad, as MEC, was asked to stay on with Buddy and Jeannie as MEC then became MECP. Then Buddy asked Allen to become an ADD South. Now we are getting the opportunity to work with Pat and Lorelee Coe as ADD South on their District Team.

**W**e have been to quite a few Rally's in both KY and TN over the years. Have been to one Region N Rally and one Wing Ding, several Winter Events in KY and TN and too many chapter events over the years to mention them all.

**A**llen & I met on a dare. A friend of Allen's, Bobby Hite, dared me to talk to Allen and we have been together ever since. I tease Allen I tell him, "He had to come to Tennessee to find someone to put up with me," and he says, "No, I had to find someone in KY who could handle me." We have been married 29 years and counting. We have 3 kids, 7 grandkids, each boy has 2 and our daughter has 3 kids. Our grandkids are our *Pride and Joy* and they are spoiled rotten and we our proud of that, that's what they are for.

**A**llen works at Berry Plastics and has been there for 39 years. He makes different kinds of tape and is an assistant slitter operator. Lisa works for Quad/Graphics. She has been there 10 years and drives a tow motor moving products. She loads trucks with news insert like Sears, Toys R Us and so on...the things that most people throw in the trash.

**A**s ADD South we would like to see the chapters in the south get more involved with each other, support each other more. As ADD we would like to get more GW members in our area involved with chapters that are already in existence or start new ones in the at area. We hope to pass on our passion for GW TO ALL MEMBERS. With the help of the most important people, you the members of GWRRA of KY, we can accomplish our GOALS.

See you down the road. Ride safe,  
*Allen and Lisa Merritt*



## *Upcoming Kentucky District Events*



***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](#))***

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

**T**o 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.

**ALL** such submissions **MUST** be received no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to appear in the following month's newsletter.

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

**R**ide safe and make them grin,  
***Don and Renee Vier***

