

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

KENTUCKY DISTRICT CORNER



FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY, AND KNOWLEDGE

UPCOMING EVENTS

KY Ride-In
May 20th – 21st

KY District Ride
May 27th – 30th

KY "BLAST" CONVENTION
August 20th – 21st

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FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Hello fellow wingers. The District Operation Meeting was held on Jan. 10th in Frankfort. I was glad to see so many members from the Chapters. There was a lot of valuable information that shared by all in attendance.

The District Staff have been busy with working out details for this year's District events. First of all, the Kentucky Ride-In will be May 20th – 21st, 2016. This will be held again at the Elizabethtown Crossroads Campgrounds. We will have guided rides in the area, games, music, and of course, food. We will be serving a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning and supper on Saturday evening. If camping is not your style, there are several hotels less than 3 miles from the campground. Check into the hotel then come to the campground for all the fun and fellowship. Flyers and Registration forms can be found on the District website.

On behalf of the Kentucky District Team and members, we want to extend an invitation to join us at the 2016 Kentucky Blast District Convention, Aug 19th -20th in Cave City, KY. 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.

Jack Dozier

Kentucky District Director

Mark your Calendar!

The 2016 District Ride will be held Memorial Day weekend – May 27-30. This year will be a historical ride will be the perimeter of West Virginia. Mike Vanhoose has posted the route information on the website so you can join along the way if your schedule does not permit all three days. Look for info on the district website as it becomes available and let Mike know that you'll be coming. (m.vanhoose@aol.com)

THE DISTRICT TRAINER'S CORNER

Now that riding season has arrived, we get to start making plans to attend district events across our region. April starts us off with the Spring Fling in Tennessee. One of the many attributes of those rallies are the educational opportunities afforded our membership.

Usually, a lot of training is done while our bikes are down for the winter. In Kentucky, we have had very few requests for those training opportunities. To that end, we are offering a UTDP (University Trainers Development Program) on July 9 at the Kentucky United Methodist Children's Home in Versailles, KY. We have request for this from the other districts and we hope to get new trainers certified before the new changes take effect. This will give those interested in becoming a university trainer that opportunity. This is a one-day course that you will find insightful and FUN!

In June, the national office of the GWRRA is sponsoring a Lead Like You Ride program in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. This program is designed to give officers and trainers a fresh initiative in the way they manage training and the membership. This information is available on the KY District website. A new ITCP (Instructor Trainer Certification Program) is being offered on that Sunday which is open by invitation only. This course is for those "First Wave" trainers to become certified under the new GWRRA University. We will have many new workshops to offer under new training guidelines. These trainers will be qualified to teach those workshops, and in the future we hope to see other trainers come under those ranks. Looking from the outside in, you will be surprised by the changes undergoing the University. Please stay tuned for more information.

To schedule a University training opportunity, please contact your district trainer. We will make every effort to optimize your experience.

Michael and Dedre VanHoose

KY DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINERS

THE DISTRICT RIDER EDUCATORS

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

Hello Kentucky District, we hope you are enjoying your spring so far!! We would like to remind each of you that every GWRRA member is so important and that you need to ensure that your Chapter keeps in touch with all of your members. Think about what would be the best way to reach new members in your area. Our current and new members keep our District growing and growing - please ensure that their memberships are kept current.

Reach out to your members to find out what they would like to see both in the Chapter and District Level and never hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments or feedback.

Thank You For All You Do,

Jerry and Luanne Williams
KY DISTRICT MEPC

ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTORS/ VENDOR COORDINATORS

Hello fellow wingers! We are getting geared up for the District events that are coming up. We hope to see a good turnout at the Ride In at the Crossroads Campground in Elizabethtown. It is a good time to rest and relax with friends. Next event will be the Blast. There is a lot of fun stuff planned this year and with the new location in Cave City, it is really going to be a BLAST! We are working on securing vendors for the Blast. If you know of any one that would like to be a vendor at the rally, just download the form from the web site and have them to send it to me. Also, if any chapter members would like to be a vendor, just let us know.

We are looking forward to warmer weather, to do some riding, and visiting.

Ride Safe

Ray and Kathy Conrad
KY ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTORS
VENDOR COORDINATOR

COUPLE OF THE YEAR

With Blast fast approaching, we need to discuss a few things with you.

First off:

If you are interested in participating in the District Couple Selection Process, we need your resumes by May 20th. You can hand deliver them at ride in. WE have to have a paper copy. Or you can mail to. If we do not receive your paper work by May 29th, you will not be eligible to go for District. We have to have time to get the paperwork to the judges to look over. You may get the resume off the National Site. Please remember we need a picture and a copy of your membership card. Please send to:

Allen & Lisa Merritt
415 Robey St
Franklin, KY 42134.

WE need each couple to sale 50/50 at Blast for at least an hour on Friday and an hour on Saturday.

We will be selling chances on a quilt to be given away at Blast. Tickets should be available at th Ride In.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Allen & Lisa Merritt
KY District Couple Coordinators.

From the National Desk

HELP ME GET OUT OF THE GARAGE!

Yes! It was me whimpering every time you came in the garage. The snow has melted, spring has sprung and I am really ready to get back on the road again. So get me uncovered and wipe of the dust, clean my windshield, do a good T- CLOC inspection on me (T-CLOC stands for tires and wheels, controls and cables, lights and electrics, oil and fuel, chain/ driveshaft and chassis) and let's go join our friends and go for a ride. Don't forget, after the monthly gathering, there is the Chapter ride to someplace new and exciting and all are welcome. It feels so good when I can

enjoy the open road, full of new sights, sounds and even smells like new mown grass. We have so much fun together, you and I, with other GWRRA friends on all kinds of rides whether they are short, long or even overnight.

I particularly enjoy it when we have reached our destination on an overnight trip and everyone is wiping down their bikes and trikes and covering them for the night. Maybe you didn't realize it, but when you cover me up at night, it's really nice and warm and I sleep soundly.

As your close friend, I appreciate the fact that you take such good care of me. I am always happy when you show me off, all clean and shiny. Even though I am getting a little older, you have kept me up-to- date with new accessories and safety chrome and safety lights. Did you realize that every time you reach out and wave at another rider, I always wink back at the oncoming bike or trike. I'm here to tell you, most of those other bikes are green with envy. They are impressed to see not only my beauty and overall condition (for my age in particular), but how you both always ride with me wearing all of the right safety gear, all the time (ATGATT). They constantly compliment you on all of the skills you display when we are together, especially at slow speeds in a parking lot or when making a smooth U-turn. I am really looking forward to traveling with you two every chance we get during our riding season, maybe even riding to Wing Ding in Billings. Thank you for making me a big part of your life.

Signed, Your Bike or Trike

Sandi and I want to salute all of our Members who have a bike or trike in the garage for an extended time due to the weather outside. One of those bikes or trikes sent us this story. We hope that your ride is safe and brings the three of you great joy.

Ray & Sandi Garris
Your Directors of GWRRA

2016 REGION N CONVENTION SCHEDULE

TENNESSEE DISTRICT CONVENTION - SPRING FLING

Ramada Inn South, Pigeon Forge, TN
April 28 – 30, 2016

APPALACHIAN REGION N RIDE IN
HUNGRY MOTHER STATE PARK - MARION, VA
MAY 20 -21, 2016

WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION - DOWN HOME RALLY
CONFERENCE CENTER—SUMMERSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA
July 22—23, 2016

KENTCUKY DISTRICT CONVENTION - THE BLAST
CAVE CITY CONVENTION CENTER—CAVE CITY, KENTUCKY
August 19—20, 2016

WING DING 38
BILLINGS, MONTANA
August 31—September 3, 2016

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT CONVENTION - WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES
ACQUONI EXPO CENTER - CHEROKEE, NC
September 22 - 24, 2016

VIRIGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION - RALLY IN THE VALLEY
HOLIDAY INN—TANGLEWOOD—ROANOKE, VA
October 6—8, 2016

APPALACHIAN REGION N RALLY – APPALACHIAN FALL FINALE
HOLIDAY INN & CONVENTION CENTER – JOHNSON CITY, TN
November 4 – 5, 2016