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**** 2009/2010 District Couple of the Year ****

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**FROM THE THROTTLE HAND OF THE
DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

By the time you get this newsletter, the holiday season will be in full swing. Where did the year go??!! It seems like just last month we were out there on the highway enjoying warm riding weather. Wait, it was just last month. Now comes the long, long, winter months, indoors, waiting for riding season again. But it does not mean that we can't get out and visit with our friends, go to other chapters get-togethers, and enjoy the fellowship that comes with being a part of GWRRA.

The District Team had their first meeting last weekend. It was very successful. The team has some very good ideas and goals for the upcoming year. We will discuss these at the Ops Meeting. The Ops Meeting will be Jan. 16, 2010 in Bardstown, KY at the Civic Center. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am and should be over by 4:00 pm. We will be sending out directions via email. We would like to have all CD's, ACD's, and RE's attend. Also, if you have new Treasurers, please encourage them to attend also. We would like for everyone to bring with them their Officer Guide Books. If anyone has any questions, please let us know. We are only a phone call away.

Buddy and I wish everyone a very safe Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope that Santa brings you all the safety chrome and lights that you have asked for.

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

David & Jeannie McKenzie

Kentucky District Directors



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

Hello for the West,

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and that everyone ate too much we're wingers right! I'd like to pass on that Lonnie Pufahl a charter member out of Chapter Y lost his battle with cancer on November 26th, please keep Nancy in your thoughts and prayers. Lonnie and Nancy rode a silver trike with the green lights and always attended the Ride In and Blast I know a lot of you would know him if you saw his face. Lonnie was a life member of GWRRA and was a member of the Patriot Guard, he was always there to help or go for a ride with me to another Chapter we will miss him! To a brighter note I hope that everyone has a VERY MERRY CHIRSTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. 2009 has been a rough one and hope that 2010 will be better. I hope everyone is getting out and riding in your local Christmas Parade I know some have already parked their bikes till spring but a lot of us ride all year as long as the roads are clean. As Patriot Guard Captains Randie Baldree and myself had two missions (Funerals) last weekend and we have an escort for a unit being deployed Sunday, I talked to a Ride Captain from TN and they have 4,500 soldiers from 48 units leaving out this Sunday Dec. 6th please keep all these SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS. Again I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Ride Safe and Stay Alert

Dan Bondurant

KY West Asst. District



FROM OUR DISTRICT EDUCATORS

Hi to all,

Steve usually writes all the articles for us, so this one may not be as good as his. Ha ha ha Steve and I have had a hard time the last 3 weeks. He was in the hospital for several days and is feeling much better now. Then we got the sad news about his mother passing away late Friday night. We would like to thank everyone for the cards, food, and flowers that were sent. It is so wonderful to have such great friends!! We hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!!

Ride Safe, Ride Longer,

Steve & Vicki McDuffee

District Educators



FROM OUR VENDOR COORDINATORS

Hello well were ready to set back and take it easy from being District Directors, and ready to get started on the position of Vendor Coordinators, if any of the members have any suggestions on how to get more vendors at the rally, please give us your input, also if you know of any vendors you would like to see at the rally, send us the information so we can get in touch with them, we will try our best to get as many there for your shopping enjoyment as we can. We will also kick around with the staff about a swap meet at the rally. Any and all suggestions are welcome. Thanks

Until next time stay safe,

Ray and Kathy Conrad

Kentucky Vendor Coordinators



FROM OUR M.E.D COORDINATORS

Hi from your MEC

Lisa & I hope everyone has a safe and fun Christmas. We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Make sure you enjoy time with your family and friends because you never know how long you have with them.

Just a reminder if you announce who you are Honoring from your Chapter for your Couple of the year for 2010, **please** make sure that their membership will be up to date, during their time as your couple of year. You may name the same person again this year if you feel they deserve it. AS long as they did not go through the Selection Process at Blast this past year.

Please remember this is not a popularity contest, you should take time to consider if this couple represents your chapter in the best of light. If they have gone above and beyond in helping any way they can, but first and utmost they have had fun with the chapter and continue to have fun with your chapter. Do not just name someone because you have already used everyone else in the chapter. This should be an honor to show them that the chapter appreciates all they have done.

Once you decide on this person, check their membership number while doing this fill out their nomination form, you should have it in the couple of Year Manual we gave out last year or you can download it off the Region Web Site. In the Manual it is on Page 3 of 5. If you cannot find it let us know and we will send one to you. You cannot just turn in their names, we also have to have a copy of their **GWRRA Membership Card**, and so we can check the expiring date.

Do not worry about the resume for now we will go over it at Ops meeting in January **PLEASE** bring these forms to ops meeting. It just takes a few minutes to fill it out, we cannot add their names to the list of couples and send out to Honor them until we receive this form

The District team is working on a Survey to get out to all of you for the chapters and should have this ready by ops meeting. Your new district team is working very hard to make this a fun and enjoyable year. IF you have any suggestions or questions or just want to talk give any of us a call or email and we will get back to you as soon as we possibly can.

A small reminder we need for every chapter to please send us back their Hot Sheet reply's soon as possible, so we can go over them and then send on the Region. I do apologize for not getting Novembers Hot Sheet out but I just let family life get to me this month and forgot all about them I will try to do better in the future, Lisa Merritt

We ask that you remember that we are Voluntary's in this just as you are so we want everyone to have fun and become a big family. WE are striven to make KY the Best District in Region N.

Ride Safe & Be Safe,

Allen and Lisa Merritt

KY District MED Coordinator

FROM OUR DIST.COUPLE OF THE YEAR

No article this month.

Glen and Wanda Creech

2009-10 District Couple



**Asst. District Directors
KY/Central & District M.A.D. Coordinators**

No article this month.

Jack Dozier

Asst. District Directors Central

FROM OUR DISTRICT TREASURER

Hello everyone! Hope you had a very Happy and overeatn Thanksgiving!

Just a reminder! If you haven't sent in your COPY for my review of your financial report through 11/30/09 the deadline is Dec 5th. Please be sure to get it to me by then. I've sent out reminder emails as well as this article. I want to thank all you guys that got this in to me so quickly. Many of them came more than a week before the deadline. You have no idea how much I appreciate it! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! ☺ It will make the final reports go so much more quickly.

Last month, I mentioned using www.openoffice.org if you do not have Excel. One of our fellow treasurers is using this program and it works perfectly! Yay! If you need it and need help downloading it, let me know.

Note: Make sure you are putting information on your reports when it is generated. Use your checkbook to fill in the financial report, not your bank statements. It's ok if your bank statement does not match you ending balance on your financial report, but not ok if it doesn't match your checkbook.

Reminder that ALL final reports will be due on January 10th and should include the following:

- Completed financial report (totally filled out and signed by CD & Treasurer)
- Cover Sheet (CD review report and initials boxes A & B...CD, NOT THE TREASURER)
- Bank statement through the end of December. If your statements cut off in the middle of the month, please send me both statements that include December.
- Equipment List-both current & former side (EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY)
- The Bank Information Sheet. This should contain the information for 2010

If you don't have any of these forms or need new ones, please email or call me and I'll get them to you as soon as possible. I really need your help with getting these reports done and sent off in time.

Last thing: CDs if you have a new treasurer, or you are new yourself, please send me contact information as soon as possible so I can update my info. I need names, addresses, phone numbers & emails. I'd like to have birthdays & anniversaries as well please.

Thanks for your help guys, and if you need anything, I'm a phone call or email away.

Hope you have a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Kristy Williams

District Treasurer



The Horizon Program – Just What You May Need!

Leadership Training GWRR Kentucky

We have heard this quote from more than one GWRR member - -“The Horizon Program was the most fun that I've had in a Leadership Training seminar or program”. We, and most LTD Instructors involved in presenting the Horizon Program, share the sentiment. The program involves planning and work, but we have so much fun in teaching the program.

Recently we attended a chapter meeting where the CD made a statement that was very encouraging to us. He announced an upcoming Horizon program and went on to mention several members who had attended the program in the past; mentioned their past and present staff positions, in the chapter, as well as give the best ‘advertisement’ for fun within GWRR that we had ever heard. We were there to promote Leadership Training, but he had taken care of the job for us. He had been personally involved in a Horizon Program; saw the benefits of the program for himself, his staff and the general membership.

Is the Horizon Program for YOU?

In November, your District Director, Buddy and Jeannine McKenzie took part in the Horizon Program presented by the West Virginia District. We were able to be there, along with several members from West Virginia and Region N.

The Horizon Program was initially developed to train Chapter Officers. Five Modules in the program are intended to give the Officer the tools necessary to become a more effective leader. The program can also be used as a recruiting tool for future Chapter Officers and Staff, **BUT** that is not the goal for this series. In the new version we provide seminars that can explain to the participant what a Chapter Officer is and many elements of Chapter Life available to all members. The Horizon Program is a vehicle that opens up opportunities for members to get involved in many areas of GWRR.

Did we mention that WE HAVE FUN?

Think about getting in on the fun, the next time that you hear someone mention the subject of a Horizon Program. Ask question, and seriously consider joining up for a fun

and knowledgeable weekend program. It is a great way to spend time with GWRRA friends and make T.E.A.M. friends for life.

If we can help you in any area of Leadership Training, please feel free to call or write us at wingse@msn.com. Our home telephone number is 540-427-5449. We wish, for all of you, a Merry Christmas and blessings for the New Year.

Yours for Knowledge,

Pam & Tommy Meador
Kentucky Trainers
Pro Tem



District MAD Coordinator

No article this month.

David Hamilton

MAD Coordinator

LTD Teamwork

We had the chance to attend the Leadership Horizon Program last month in Summersville, WV. It was great. One part of the program that was covered was the idea of teamwork. We would like to share with everyone some of the things that was covered.

❖ **Characteristics of a Successful Team**

- Sense of Purpose
- Open Communications
- Trust and Mutual Respect
- Shared Leadership
- Effective Working Procedures
- Builds of Differences
- Flexibility and Adaptability
- Continuous Learning
- Effective Use of Time

The Greek philosopher/scholar Socrates was a strong believer in the idea of teamwork. He called the process koinonia – or “spirit of fellowship” and devised seven steps for achieving this spirit.

❖ **Establish Dialog**

To present your ideas, but don't try to make everybody agree with them.

❖ **Exchange Ideas**

To get all views – go around and have everybody present their ideas.

❖ **Don't Argue and Don't Interrupt**

For mutual respect. Let participants say everything that is on their minds.

❖ **Listen Actively and Carefully**

Otherwise, you might not get a full understanding of what a person is saying.

❖ **Clarify your Thinking**

Eliminate all of your biases against others on the team. Otherwise, those biases will cloud your judgment of their ideas.

❖ **Be Honest**

The only way to establish trust is by being honest with one another.

❖ **Involve Everyone**

“Teams” leaves no one behind.

“We Must Organize As Much As Possible Around Teams To Enhance Focus, Task Orientation, Innovativeness And Individual Commitment”

Tom Peters

