



Derby City Wing Riders

GWRRRA

Kentucky District

"Friends for fun, Safety, and Knowledge"



Meet the Officers and Staff:

Louisville KY

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Couple of the Year: **Danny and Beverly**



Chapter A September 2021

Director's Track:



WE are now into our Fall Riding Season and are looking forward to many enjoyable rides. When you are a member of GWRRRA you are expected to ride and as Chapter "A" Louisville, KY we do just that. Today we just completed an 1800-mile, 8-day trip To Lake Erie, Niagara Falls, NY, Gettysburg, PA, Skyline Drive, VA, then on to the Blue Ridge Parkway, getting off near Roanoke, VA, and proceeding on through West Virginia and Kentucky and back home to Louisville. The weather was not always good, but we rode on continuing our planned trip.

As weather conditions continue to change when riding, we must always be aware of one very important issue and that is **SAFETY**. Safety is a combined effort of all those participating. Each person has their own skill level and personality when riding and for the ride to remain safe, we must constantly adapt the ride based on the weakest link in the riding chain. This is something that can be very challenging and must be constantly monitored and evaluated by the individual rider. Only the individual rider can know their own strengths and weakness and communicate to the other riders their willingness to continue at the chosen pace. If there are circumstances that the rider feels are a safety limitation for his or her Self or for other riders, it is that rider's responsibility to communicate this to the Ride Coordinator, another rider, or the Drag person. Also, if communication is lost and hand signals cannot be seen, it is also the rider's responsibility to pull safely off the road. Once the rider has pulled safely off the road, then it is the

responsibility of the Drag Person to pull off as well with that rider. The rest of the group will continue ahead until the Ride Coordinator can find a safe place for all the riders to pull off. The group then waits until communication can be reestablished by the Drag Person and the Ride Coordinator.

The most important aspect of the ride rests solely on the individual and their ability to decide, all the while thinking of the safety of the group. Some of the first considerations should be visibility, conditions of the road, Bike malfunction, type of machine and medical condition. If we keep these things in mind and individually address them, we will continue have great rides with great friends.

I as the Director will continue to keep all advised of upcoming programs which are designed to provide GWRRA members with many facets of safety, riding education and equipment information.

One additional item of Fall Riding is fallen leaves. These can be very slippery especially when wet and can cause a loss of control in a split second.

Please drive safe and have consideration of all those who are riding with you.

Hope to see you on our next great ride.

Ray & Angela Taylor Chapter A Director

Ride Coordinator Don Price



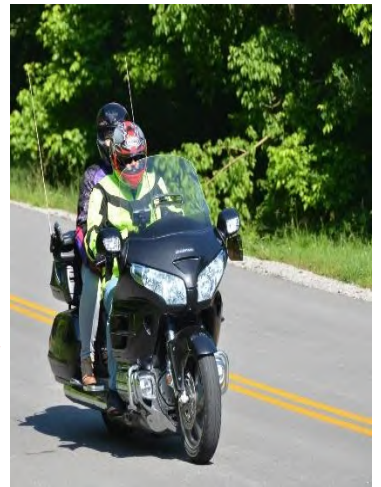
Past Rides

From the Editor's desk Karen Risen

Well, it looks like everyone had a great time at the Kentucky Blast!! Kent and I were sorry to miss it but hope to attend next year.

It's finally September, the summer has flown by, and we are looking forward to great fall riding weather. So much to see and do before the cold months creep in.

Chapter A traveled 1800 miles this month. Niagara Falls, the Shenandoah Skyline drive, and the Blue Ridge Parkway were just some of the highlights. Rick Cridlin, Ky District Director, joined us for the last part of the ride. A good time was had by all! Looking forward to more rides



2021 Kentucky Ride Challenge

It's time for some FUN!!! This year the District Staff is issuing a riding challenge to our members with the hope that you will get out and enjoy the beauty and wonder of our great state, and have FUN doing it!

The challenge was issued at the annual operations meeting marking the beginning of the event. Members will have until The Blast in August to complete the puzzle. This will give everyone the entire riding season to make the trip, and it may take that long for some. Although it's true that it is only a crossword puzzle, this one will not be a daily endeavor. The resident county of all Kentucky chapters each contain destination points for the puzzle clues.

Make it an individual or group ride, or even a chapter event, but don't forget your required "thumbs-up" photo. And most of all, HAVE FUN!!!!



2021 Kentucky Ride Challenge Winner:

Congratulations to Rick Cridlin for winning the Kentucky Ride Crossword Puzzle Challenge and Thankyou to Donita Nardi for putting this awesome challenge together. I know Chapter A had lots of fun with the challenge. We are looking forward to more in the future!!

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FUTURE RIDES

You can find more information for future rides on the Kentucky District's Website: <http://www.gwrraky.com> or the Kentucky District's Facebook page: **GWRRRA of Kentucky Member's Page** and on the GWRRRA National website: <http://www.gwra.org>.

Kentucky Blast District Rally held August 19th-21st

American Legion Post 34, 725 W Broadway St

Lawrenceburg, KY 40342



The Kentucky Blast was held August 19th-21st in Lawrenceburg, KY. Thursday night the band, Puncheon Creek, and food trucks were in downtown Lawrenceburg to kick off the event. Chapter A rode down Friday and stopped to visit Shaker Village and have lunch before ending up at the KY Blast. Chapter A also attended the event on Saturday as well....



*Wild Turkey and Bungee jumping,
what could possibly go wrong??!*



*I'm not sure but I think something is about to go down
because these guys look like they're up to something...*



Chapter A was in it to win it!!





Lots of photos of the KY Blast borrowed from GWRRA of Ky and Chapter A's Facebook page, thanks everyone for all the great photos shared!! Special thanks to Roger Early and all his pictures!! It looks like a BLAST!!

Niagara Falls Trip September 5th-September 12th

The Niagara Falls trip was a big success with lots of beautiful rides and fun times with good friends. Special thanks to our Ride Coordinator, Don Price for all his hard work getting us there and our awesome Chapter Director, Ray Taylor. WE couldn't do it without YOU!!





Watch Chapter A Derby City Wing Rider's Facebook page or check <https://chaptera.org> for weekly dinner, movie, and upcoming weekend rides

GWRRA has begun allowing Chapter Visits again! All Chapters are invited to visit and attend Chapter A's meetings the 2nd Saturday of every month at Roosters 10430 Shelbyville Rd in Louisville KY. We meet at 11am to socialize and lunch at Noon. Hope to see you there!!

Chapter A Monthly Meet!!

2nd Saturday every Month Roosters 10430
Shelbyville Rd Louisville, KY 40223
11am Meeting begins at Noon.



Chapter A met on Saturday September 11th. *There were approximately 3 people in attendance due to most of the Chapter being on the Niagara Falls trip. Thanks to Danny Drane for stepping in and leading the meeting in Ray's absence.*





District Rider Education Director Rider

Education Report by **Richard Artmayer, KY District Educator**

On any given day, each of us has a need or a want to accomplish any number of tasks. Some are simple, and some more complex. Some tasks can be completed only with our hands, while others require using certain objects to reach the intended goal. We call the objects we use to complete the task “tools”.

By definition, a tool is a device or implement that is used to extend a person’s ability to modify the features of the surrounding environment. If you are like me, when someone says “tool”, you think of a hammer or screwdriver, or some other examples of a tangible object that you control and manipulate to affect the desired outcome. Perhaps your life

experience has you thinking of power equipment like lawn mowers and weed eaters. Maybe you have used specialized tools in your career, like a transit level used by a surveyor to measure property.

Not all tools are solid objects. I work for a company that builds radio remote controls for industrial equipment. My job is to design the control layout and machine interface. I use tools for this, but they are all on the computer, and are otherwise known as application software. One of the tools I use allows me to accurately arrange all the required switches, buttons, and levers in a way that is safe, convenient, and comfortable to use. Another software tool allows me to calculate the price of the equipment by adding the cost of the components I used in the design.

Most of the tools I have ever used have come with an instruction manual, and all of them have required practice to use effectively and efficiently. I have even gone to school to learn to use many of the tools I have operated in my lifetime. These manuals and classes are necessary due to the complexity of the design of the tool

Our motorcycles are tools, we use them to travel from one place to another faster than we could ever travel by walking. They allow us to carry additional equipment and supplies we could not otherwise include on our journey. They supply us with entertainment and information during the trip. And they are complex. The first-generation Honda GL1800 contains more than 20,000 different part numbers, more part numbers than the same year Honda Accord automobile. Every motorcycle comes with an owner’s manual. These documents provide basic requirements for maintenance and operation. But additional classes are recommended to become proficient and effective in their operation.

GWRRA has a long and varied list of tools you can use, many at no cost, to learn about and become more proficient in the operation of your motorcycle. Some even come with manuals you can reference in the future. And each includes an instructor to assist with absorbing the information they offer. Participation in the Levels Program yields yet another tool you can use. The Rider Education Data Base could be thought of as a “toolbox” to track your status and review the list of “tools” you have learned to use. Not currently participating? Contact your friendly District Educator to get enrolled and start filling your toolbox.



Chapter A's Couple of the Year: Danny Drane & Beverly Decker-Blunk

Good day folks!

Danny and Bev here with some thoughts on the fall season and riding.....well one, LET'S RIDE. Having said that, I have 2 sites (internet) that I have been looking thru for some possible day rides.



<https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/kentucky/walk-behind-a-waterfall-for-a-one-of-a-kind-experience-in-ky/?fbclid=IwAR0LVhGLFMnNb0u57YZS541ZHWUNxuN4dSoJzuDCTNrJgyov-jNrNmAYb9Y>

https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/kentucky/clear-water-beach-ky/?fbclid=IwAR1hsHh0mkNqulqI-zbsLybMlo9uGtGaJKXGIvsYHNBddmMBQxehktr_Pw

<https://www.facebook.com/Mammoth-Cave-Cabin-Rentals-114457186963042/>

These are just some places that I thought might be a great fall ride during the day or even overnight. Remember too that the National Park system is open for business and usually have great fall scenery and most importantly a great restaurant also. Bev is still in Hawaii as I write this but will be home Thursday. That's all I have for now.

Danny and Bev
2021 COY Chapter A

District Couple of the Year Newsletter Article:

"Digger", the Couple of the Year traveling mascot for 2019-2020-2021 has made the rounds for Kentucky chapter visits during those months when he was safely able to do so. Those who held him during his travels kept a photo log book of his escapades and some helped to add to his wardrobe. He's looking like a very fine frog as he goes to his new "forever home" with Chapter H. Rick and Liz Broadway gave him his ride home, backpack and all.

There will be a new Couple of the Year mascot coming to the District at the OPS meeting (probably in January, 2022?). Will it be a fierce one or a tame one? Will it be a large or small animal or a bird or a reptile or a fish? Will it be clothed or naked? *You'll just have to wait and see* **and** you'll need to be ready for a visit from the chapter Couple of the Year who brings it for a visit to your chapter. You can look forward to having a lot of FUN and FRIENDSHIP with this in 2022!

KY District Pins n' Patches

John Keiter



Greetings!

The Blast and Wing Ding are in the rear view mirror, but there is still time for many more rides. The weather is still good (even if it's a bit hot) and lots of miles to be ridden. I have new flags for your bike and I can get shirts and hats as well.

Our Chapter is the best of the bunch; let us all do our part to keep it that way. Remember - hearing protection is an investment in yourself! Ride safe.

September Chip Game Winner:

September 50/50 Winners

Chapter A Birthdays:

September 9	Ray Taylor
September 11	Kent Risen

Happy Birthday!



My apologies to Marlene White who for some reason I renamed last month as Marlene "Thomas", apologies to Tom White as well.

Chapter A Anniversaries

Kent and Karen Risen October 13th



Chapter A's Membership Enhancement Dean Miller



District Membership Enhancement:



**Dave and Roxie
Wilkinson**

District MEPC and 2019-
2020 District Couple of the
Year

We're taking this opportunity to thank Rick and Leah and the District team for the **ABSOLUTELY GREAT** planning and presentation of the 2021 Kentucky District Rally, **THE BLAST!**. Everything went on without a hitch!

The event space worked well and the program contained what we think is everything that a district rally should have in order to be complete and successful.

The Thursday evening concert on THE GREEN was given by a talented group of musicians and we ate dinner from food trucks as we listened to music until dark. There were some great scenic rides led on Friday and Saturday, a people's choice bike show, a police led bike parade through Lawrenceburg and two seminars were presented. There were receptions for all who have been an Individual or Couple of the Year, and for those who have attained the Masters Level.

There were some AWESOME games and game prizes, seven beautiful chapter baskets to raffle off and many, many door prizes to give away. AND the Vendors gave us plenty to purchase. We hope they will all come back to next year's Blast.

The closing ceremony was fun and fantastic and very well presented by our Kentucky District Directors!

Oh, by the way, we were so very pleased and privileged to contribute our meager share (\$\$'s) to the 50/50 drawings for all of those lucky winners!!

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Training/Events

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ID	Type Class	Class Date	District	Event Information
5516	University	09/26/2021	Tennessee	U.10-Road Captain Course
5517	University	09/17/2021	Oklahoma	U.10-Co-Rider
5518	University	09/17/2021	Oklahoma	U.10-Bad Apple – Toxic People
5519	University	09/17/2021	Oklahoma	U.10-Retention
5522	University	09/18/2021	Oklahoma	U.10

Upcoming GWRRA Chapter Events:

Grand Prize Dunlap E4 Tires
Scenic Surroundings

ST. FRANCISVILLE, LA
ca 1807

RIDES
3 Days Of Guided Riding

RIDES
Visit Actual Locations Where Easy Rider Was Filmed

LOUISIANA

RIDE IN

November 11th, 12th & 13th
Ride GREAT Louisiana Backroads
Bonus Ride Sunday November 14th
Host Hotel: The Lodge At The Bluffs
Address: 5903A Magnolia Lane
St Francisville, Louisiana 70775
225-634-5222 ask for GWRRA Rate
Special Rate 3 night Min \$317
Additional nights \$99 per Night
Book Through The Hotel Only

Visit Plantation Homes

Gumbo Cook Off Included With Registration

Visit The Museum At Angola Penitentiary

ALABAMA DISTRICT RALLY
SEPT 30 TO OCT 2, 2021

MONSTER MASH

LAKEPOINT LODGE
EUFAULA, AL

Cruising in GRAND Style

S.S. VIRGINIA

Rally in the Valley
2021

LYNCHBURG, VA
OCTOBER 14-16, 2021

Lynchburg Grand Hotel
601 Main Street, Lynchburg Virginia 24504



**Ray and Kathy
Conrad**

Kentucky District
Vendor Coordinators

District Vendor Coordinators

Hello all. We hope everyone is doing well. Things are slowly getting back to normal, if we even know what normal will be anymore.

When summer got here so did the heat. We hope everyone that ventures out is taking extra steps to stay cool. We are looking forward to finally seeing everyone at the get-togethers again. As far as the plaque and visitation, we will post who is the winner, then we will start all over for the new year.

Maybe in the fall we will all be able to get together for another outing, Probably will still need to practice what we all know so well, social distance, and mask wearing, but at least we will be able to see each other again and enjoy some time together. I guess I will close for now. Be safe and take care.

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GROUP RIDING SIGNALS

FOLLOW ME



Arm extended straight from shoulder, palm forward.

SPEED UP



Arm down to side. Fist clenched. Twist as if turning throttle.

STOP OR SLOW



Arm extended straight down, palm back.

YOU LEAD



Arm extended down, palm forward. Swing forward from hip in arc.

HAZARD IN ROAD



Point immediately with emphasis. Sometimes done with right hand.

SINGLE FILE



Arm and index finger extended straight up.

DOUBLE FILE (STAGGER)



Arm extended straight up. Index and pinky form "Ram's Horn" sign.

CHECK HEADLIGHT



Tap top of head with open hand, palm down.

NEED FUEL STOP



Arm out to side. Point to fuel tank.

NEED FOOD, COFFEE STOP



Arm out to side, fingers closed, thumb pointing to mouth.

TURN SIGNAL LEFT ON



Repeatedly open and close hand with thumb and fingers extended.

PULL OFF



Arm raised as if for right turn. Hand then swung down toward shoulder.

COME ALONGSIDE



Start same as "You Lead" but ending pointing to side.

NEED COMFORT STOP



Upper arm extended, forearm straight up and down, fist clenched. Short up and down motion like pulling a lamp cord.

Hand signals courtesy of Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Get on the Level

GWRRA Level System

Basically there are four levels:

1. Safety by Commitment
2. Safety by Education
3. Safety by Preparedness
4. Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Rider Education Levels Program

"THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF RIDER EDUCATION"

Each level requires that you are a member of the GWRRA and you have completed the previous level. The rider and co-rider requirements for each level are as follows:

Level 1: Safety By Commitment

Rider and Co-Rider requirements:

- The expressed commitment of the Rider or Co-Rider to strive for and practice safe riding.

Level 2: Safety By Education

Rider requirements:

- Have 5,000 safe miles.
- Have a current motorcycle license.
- Have completed an approved on-bike Rider course within the past three years.

Co-Rider requirements:

- Have 5,000 safe miles.
- Have completed an approved Two-Up Rider course or GWRRA Co-Rider seminar within the past three years.

Level 3: Safety By Preparedness

Rider requirements:

- Completed a formal approved on-bike Rider Course within the past three years.
- Maintain current First Aid, CPR or MEDIC First Aid certifications.
- Carry a First Aid kit on the motorcycle.

Co-Rider requirements:

- Completed an approved Two-Up Rider course or GWRRA Co-Rider seminar within the past three years (a sanctioned PLP is not allowed to be used for this Level).
- Maintain current First Aid or CPR or MEDIC First Aid certifications.

Level 4: Safety By Commitment and Preparedness

Rider requirements:

- Have been current in Level III for at least one full year.
- Have ridden a minimum of 25,000 safe miles.
- Be current in both First Aid and CPR certifications.
- Wear proper riding apparel at all times while riding.
 - *Proper riding apparel, a.k.a.: proper riding "gear" will include, at a minimum, a DOT (FMVSS 218)/Snell (M2010) / ECE 22.05 approved helmet (approved standard applicable to the local area), eye protection, long sleeved jacket/shirt (no "riding pull on/off sleeves"), long legged sturdy pants, full fingered gloves and over the ankle footwear. Some have coined the acronym ATGATT standing for All the Gear, All the Time.*


Co-Rider requirements:

- Have been current in Level III for at least one full year.
- Have ridden a minimum of 25,000 safe miles.
- Be current in both First Aid and CPR certifications.
- Wear proper riding apparel at all times while riding (see definition in the Rider section above).

GWRRA's National Newsletter:
<http://www.gwrra.org/enewsletters.html>




RIDE SAFE!



EDUCATION – There are classes available for both new and advanced riders. Many insurance companies reward riders for taking classes by discounting the cost of insurance. Some associations, like the Gold Wing Road Riders Association, provide their members with riding classes, practice sessions, and seminars.

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION–
Membership is open to riders of all motorcycles.
 Certified instructors provide training for riders and passengers. No cost seminars are available for group and team riding, Road Captain, and many more. Contact GWRRA for more information.

PLEASE RIDE RESPONSIBLY




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SELF DEFENSE FOR RIDERS



RIDERS ARE DYING TO BE SEEN

Here are some ways to increase your safety & visibility while on the road

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Area Chapter meetings in the Bluegrass State

Chapter A



Louisville KY
40223

2nd Saturday of the month @ Roosters 10430 Shelbyville Rd
11:00am Lunch. Meeting begins at Noon

Chapter C



Lexington KY
40503

3rd Saturday of the month @ Roosters 124 Marketplace Dr
11:00am Lunch. Meeting begins at Noon

Chapter G



Florence KY
41042

2nd Tuesday of the month @ American Legion Post 4
8385 US Hwy42 6:00pm Dinner. Meeting begins at 7:00pm

Chapter H



Shelbyville KY
40065

1st Friday of the month @ UK Extension Office 1117 Frankfort Rd
6:30pm Social Time. Meeting begins at 7:00pm

Chapter K



Henderson KY

3rd Sunday of the Month @ Shoney's 2452 US 41 North
Lunch at Noon. Meeting begins 1pm

Chapter S



Elizabethtown KY

2nd Sunday of the month @ Shoney's 1046 Executive Dr
4:00pm Dinner. Meeting begins at 5:00pm

Chapter T



Paintsville, KY

3rd Saturday of the month @ Carriage House Ramada Inn
624 James S Trimble Blvd Meeting begins @ 6:00pm

Chapter Y



Mayfield, KY
42066

1st Thursday @ Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S. 6th St.
6pm Dinner. Meeting begins at 7:00pm