



Derby City Wing Riders

GWRRRA

Kentucky District

"Friends for fun, Safety, and Knowledge"



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Louisville KY

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



Chapter A April 2021

Director's Track:



Well it is April, and many days of sunshine are upon us. The only problem that I have now is finding the time to ride as much as I would like to. With the grass growing so fast and having to be mowed, plus other warm weather things biting into my bike riding time, I had to pass on 3 lunch rides this week alone and I am not happy about that. Then when I finally have time to ride, it rains.

Such is the story of Motorcycle Riding and I am not happy about not riding as much as I would like to. The only answer seems to be to get up earlier, get work done and be ready to ride by noon and hope that works out! That will be my new schedule and we will see how it plays out.

I mentioned mowing grass and grass is something that can be very dangerous to a person on a motorcycle. Freshly mown grass that gets blown onto the highway can be as dangerous and slippery to a Motorcyclist as fresh ice on the highway. As a matter of fact, blowing mown grass onto the highway is against the law. But as we all can see, there are a lot of people who are not aware of that. Please be aware of grass on the highway and take care especially when going around a blind curve. This situation can cause a big hazard during the summer months.

Currently, Don is still in the process of setting up pleasurable rides. If you know of a ride you would like to do, please mention it to Don and he will make an excellent ride using your suggestion. Hope to see all of you on the road and at the meetings. Please stay safe and enjoy our fantastic sport!

Ray & Angela Taylor
Chapter A Directors

Ride Coordinator news:



PAST RIDES: Chapter A did a short lunch ride this month to Henryville, Indiana and stopped at a great Mom and Pop diner for lunch called Huckleberry's Country Kitchen. We were joined by New Albany, Indiana Chapter members Tom and Marlene White as well. We loved having them and a good time was had by all.

Our ride Coordinator, Don Price, had originally planned a ride to French Lick, Indiana with a stop at West Baden after lunch but due to Covid restrictions French Lick and West Baden were only allowing people with reservations to come onto the properties. Stay tuned for a reschedule of that ride when we can actually go into the beautiful hotels!



FUTURE RIDES:

District Rides:

Come and join Chapter A for a **District Ride Shamrock Tour** in beautiful **Bardstown, KY**. **Don Price, Chapter A's ride Coordinator**, has put together this Shamrock Tour that will include a different route each day over 4 days. If you can't make all 4 days try and pick a day or days that work into your schedule and join us. The dates for this ride are **Friday April 23, Saturday April 24, Sunday April 25, and Monday April 26**. Each day will include fuel/break stops, a local lunch stop, and a couple of special attractions thrown in as well. For more detailed info please see our Facebook page: **Chapter A Derby City Wing Riders** or our new Web page: ChapterA.org.

Also don't forget to book your **stay at the Sure Stay Best Western in Bardstown**. The hotel will still give you the discounted room rate of \$72 a night with taxes the rate will be \$79.38. In order to get the discounted rate please mention you are with the Bardstown Shamrock Tour. Stay tuned for details for riding up to the event on Friday April 23rd with the group.

Also, if you are unable to make this Shamrock tour Don is working on another 4-day Shamrock event for the near future. Stay tuned for upcoming details on that one as well!!

2021 Ride In "Old Fashioned Fun" June 4th and 5th Big Bone Lick State Park



Chapter A is attending this first weekend in June event hosted by Chapter G of Northern, KY!! We will ride up as a group on Friday June 4th from our normal meeting spot, Roosters on Shelbyville Rd. Meet at 8:30am and depart at 9am. We will ride to Rabbit Hash General Store and then on to Big Bone Lick State Park.

For those staying overnight at the State Park, there is a campground at 3380 Beaver Rd, Union, Ky 41091. Reservations for camping can be made online at www.reserveamerica.com or by calling (859)384-3522. Camp sites are \$30 per night and Campground events will be around the loop of Campsites 2-14.

If camping isn't for you, then you may stay at the Holiday Inn in Florence, KY located at 7905 Freedom Way, Florence, Ky 41042. You can call the hotel directly at (859)980-1700 and ask for the KY ride in block of rooms for a special \$89.99 rate for a King room or two doubles for \$99.99 a night. The hotel number is (859) 980-1700. Registration for the event is \$10 per person. You can find more information and a schedule of events along with a registration form on the Kentucky District's Website: gwrraky.com or the Kentucky District's Facebook page: **GWRRA of Kentucky Member's Page**. We hope to see you there!!

2021 Wing Ding June 29th-July 3 Springfield, Missouri

Chapter A is hoping to attend! You may contact Member Services at 1-800-843-9460 with questions. For registration forms and a schedule of events go to www.wing-ding.org or www.GWRA.org



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 April 10th. There were approximately 18 people in attendance. We were honored to have Kentucky Chapter Director's Leah and Rick Cridlin from Chapter G attending. They informed us of all the GWRRA's exciting events coming up at both the State and National level. Some of these events include the Shamrock ride in April which is the first Quarter District Event, the Tennessee Spring Fling in Pigeon Forge in May, the Kentucky Ride In at Big Bone Lick State Park in June, the Wing Ding in Springfield, Missouri in June/July, and the Kentucky Blast in Lawrenceburg KY in August. These are just a few of the exciting upcoming events. Please check Chapter A's Facebook page, the Ky District Facebook page, or the National GWRRA page for more details on these awesome events.



News and Announcements:

Dean Miller, Membership Enhancement Coordinator



Chapter A is excited to have two new members. Please give a warm welcome to Tom and Marlene White who have decided to join our Chapter. We are glad to have you and look forward to fun times and lots of great rides!!

First Aid Class for Chapter A Sunday May 16th. There is possibly two or maybe four open spots if anyone is interested, please check with Chapter Director, Ray Taylor



Chapter A Highest Mileage Competition!! Prizes awarded Top 3 Riders!!
Post your Starting mileage photo to our Facebook page. \$5 per rider \$5 per Co-rider!! FUN!!

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



I like to get up early to run a few miles before I go to work, at least three times a week. Of course, the coldest time of the day is just before dawn. When it gets close to winter and the pre-dawn temperatures stay below freezing, I bring my running indoors. The scenery is constantly changing when I run outside, but as I cannot keep myself focused with the never changing view that is the wall in front of me, when I run indoors, I watch movies.

I have watched many movies, some many times over, and even though the beginning, middle, and ending of any given movie is always the same, I always seem to see something new each time I watch it. The thought occurred to me that motorcycle rides are like movies. When I go on a ride, I always have a route and destination in mind. But even if I have ridden that route many times before, like when I ride to work each day, I see something new each time.

Every ride has variables. Some we can control, like the route we take, or the gear we wear, the music to which we listen, and the speed at which we ride. Some variables we cannot control, like the actions of the car in front of or behind us, the wild animals that come from all sides, the amount of cloud cover and its effects on lighting, the road debris left by careless yard maintenance, or the inconsiderate highway maintenance technicians who scatter their cold patch material everywhere around the pothole. Because of all the variables, it is important to approach each ride we take like it is a movie we are about to see for the first time. When I watch a movie for the first time, I am alert for nuances from the action, the background music, and the actors' dialogue, and I am always thinking about what this might suggest for the next scene. When I take a ride, I am always looking for movements from off the highway, changes in the road condition, and the sounds around me as I roll down the highway. The machine I use most often to watch movies is a DVD player. It has a fast forward button to get me through the senseless dialogue, a pause button for when someone walks into the room and requires my attention, and a rewind button for when I miss the importance of the shadowy figure hiding behind the shed. The machine I use for rides is a motorcycle. Unlike the DVD player, there is no fast forward button to preview what is around the next curve before I get there. There is no pause button when things start happening faster than I can process them. And there is no rewind button if I am not alert and miss a clue that could have prevented a mishap.

Great movies are ones that start smoothly, move at a comfortable pace where things happen neither too quickly for us to understand, nor too slowly that we lose interest and stop paying attention. And great movies always have a happy ending where all our favorite characters turn out OK. Great rides happen likewise. But where the movie script was written for us, the ride is "written" by us. So please, be alert, think ahead, keep your mind on the task at hand, and have a happy ending.



GWRRA Rider Education Levels Program

According to the GWRRA's website, "The GWRRA Rider Education Program (REP) is intended to make the motorcycle environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities and increasing motorcyclist skills and awareness. The REP does not propose to have all the answers. However, our close-working relationship with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), as well as additional GWRRA programs and studies, has provided a wealth of information for use in establishing a comprehensive Rider Education Program. Through Commitment, Education and Application, we can reduce our accident rate significantly." Listed below are several benefits of a fully implemented GWRRA Rider Education Program at the Chapter level:

- Increased rider knowledge
- Increased rider safety skills
- Prevention of accidents
- Reduced injuries
- Reduced fatalities
- Improved public image of motorcyclists.
- Enhanced enjoyment of motorcycle riding

According to GWRRA "the motorcycle community is already realizing many positive benefits from the Rider Education Program." Here is a quick review of GWRRA Rider Requirements:

Level I Safety by Commitment (also known as Safe Miles)

- This level represents the commitment of the Rider and Co-rider to practice safe motorcycle operations.

Level II Safety by Education (also known as Tour Rider)

- Have ridden 5,000 safe miles since joining GWRRA.
- Completed an approved on-bike rider course within the last 3 years.

Level III Safety by Preparedness

- Completed an on-bike rider course within the last 3 years, current in Level II.
- Currently certified in First Aid, CPR, or Medic First Aid training and carry a First Aid kit on the motorcycle.

Level IV Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness

- Have ridden 25,000 safe miles since joining GWRRA.
- Maintains all Level III Requirements and safe miles for 1 year.
- Current in both CPR and First Aid training and carries First Aid kit on the motorcycle.
- Carries Proper Riding gear all the time.

Couple of the Year: Danny&Bev

Good day and God Bless.

Bev and I have been busy with family and church things this month. We miss riding but we have responsibilities that must be honored. WE do now have a second sound/video team so we will get some time off soon.



WE do plan on a couple days at least on the Bardstown Ride. We will ride in each day since we are close, and our dog does not do well alone. The cat wishes we would be gone more! We plan on riding up for the Ride In, but not staying overnight.

I am encouraged to see the posts and articles on FB from the rides. That is another great way to promote. Karen is doing well with the photos and Don's camera work is not shabby at all. I hope we can soon be in some of the photos and enjoying time with the group.

About all we have for now and do not give up on us, we will be around more very soon. Oh yeah, I am back to 100% or the new 100% after surgery. Workouts are back to pre-surgery levels and I am on goal to being increasing weight, time, and distance in my workouts next month. I do have some new limitations due to my nerve condition, but those are expected.

God Bless

Danny and Bev.

Happy Birthday!



Chapter A Birthdays

Connie Falone April 15



Chapter A Anniversaries



Member Focus:



This month a few members of Chapter A of Louisville and Chapter H of Shelbyville got together to honor a fellow Goldwing Rider turning 82 years young on his birthday. Maynard Watson of Smithfield and his wife Chrys were avid motorcycle riders but a stroke last year left Maynard with mobility issues and he could no longer ride. Chapter A's Director had just the Goldwing for Maynard, one equipped with a sidecar!! Chapter A's members including Ray and Angela Taylor and Kent Risen joined Chapter H's members Rick Broadway and Bill and Sue Mucha to take Maynard on a ride to Dairy Queen to celebrate his birthday!! What awesome members GWRRA of Kentucky has!



KY District Newsletter: <http://www.gwrraky.com/newsletters-page/>
GWRRA's National Newsletter: <http://www.gwra.org/enewsletters.html>



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