

# **Derby City Wing Riders**

**GWRRA** 

**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 June 2021

**Director's Track:** 



Our 2021 District Ride-In gathering is now history. We as Chapter "A" have received many accolades from many different entities regarding our performance as a chapter and realizing that it has been only a few short months since our new beginning. This can only happen through having good and resourceful members.

I want to personally congratulate all of you and thank you for all for the effort that each one of you have contributed to our chapter.

As a result of our performance as a chapter, we have been asked to sponsor the 2022 District Ride-In and we have accepted the challenge. The 2022 Ride-In is tentatively scheduled to be held in Bardstown Ky on the first weekend of June.

Don and I will be making a trip to Bardstown soon to initiate the process and create an unforgettable Ride-In. To create a memorable event, we will need the help and co-operation of all chapter members. I certainly look forward to working with all of you in this endeavor. Your suggestions will be extremely helpful and welcome, and I look forward to hearing from each of you.

As per GWRRA, visitors are now permitted at all chapter gatherings. We can expect visitors at our meetings, and we will be expected to reciprocate by attending other Chapter's meetings. We will try to have chapter rides that will include the visitations. With our very bright and visible Chapter A logo shirts, we will definitely be noticed at meetings!!

Don Price, our Ride Coordinator, will continue to plan great rides and he appreciates any suggestions for places that you might like to visit on our upcoming rides. Also, Don is planning to incorporate some overnight stays into our rides to some interesting places.

We certainly look forward to a very enjoyable Summer and Fall riding season. Remember that this is your chapter, and we would like your input! We aim to have many happy members who will enjoy our riding and social gatherings!

See all of you on the road.

Ray & Angela Taylor Chapter A Directors

## **Ride Coordinator Don Price**





Chapter Director's Ray & Angela Taylor attended Chapter G's camping event at Barren River State Park on Friday May 21st. A good time was had by all!!!!

Chapter A had several fun rides this past month with all the nice weather!!!

Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> Lunch Ride to Taylorsville KY



# Saturday May 29th Lunch Ride to Whistle Stop in Glendale KY

With every good ride there comes a good story... On our Way to the Whistle Stop, Chapter A wanted to be sure that the small "Road Closed" sign really meant what it said.



We finally made it but had to wait for a table, which was just enough time to warm up with a coffee at a local coffee spot and hit the small stores nearby. Another, great ride in the books!

## Sunday May 30th Ride to Old Court Days in Madison IN

We had a nice ride to Madison IN which included motorcycles, beautiful weather, a great lunch spot on the river, a little shopping, and good friends!! And maybe another U Turn but guess what nobody is perfect!!



## Saturday June 12th Impromptu ride to Gallrein Farms

After Saturday's monthly meeting, Chapter A decided to take a short ride to Gallrein Farms and then hit the local DQ.
Thanks, Don, for coming up with a quick Impromptu Ride for us!!

## From the Editor's desk Karen Risen

I hope everyone is enjoying the newsletters for Chapter A. Please let me know if you would like to see anything else included in your Chapter's Newsletter. Also, I just wanted to say I am enjoying all the rides and the company of Chapter A. We have a great group that makes our rides and events FUN! I forgot how much I love to ride! Thanks to our Officer's and Staff for all their hard work organizing and executing rides, leading meetings, maintain websites and social media, keeping track of the funds, handling t-shirts, calling, and recruiting members, and just riding!! I am proud of Chapter A and look forward to more rides and more fun times!!



# 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!!!!









For more info on this challenge check the Ky District Website!!

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

# Friday June 4th Kentucky District Ride IN

Chapter A attended the Kentucky District Ride In at Big Bone Lick State Park hosted by Chapter G. Thankyou Chapter G for a fun and successful Ride In and most of all for the great rides!!!! Some of us rode up Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> together and visited Rabbit Hash Kentucky and then had lunch at a local spot called Boonedocks. We got to Big Bone Lick in time to check in and participate in the 3:00pm guided ride which was awesome. Later, Roxie



Wilkinson won the 50/50 drawing and the Boone Co Dulcimer Society played for us. The next day there were more games, more riding, and more socializing. On Saturday Kim Hedger won the 50/50 drawing and there was local Pizza and later popcorn and a movie at the campground. Great time!!!



### **FUTURE RIDES**

You can find more information for future rides on the Kentucky District's Website: <a href="http://www.gwrraky.com">http://www.gwrraky.com</a> or the Kentucky District's Facebook page: **GWRRA of Kentucky**Member's Page and on the GWRRA National website: <a href="http://www.gwra.org">http://www.gwra.org</a>. We hope to see everyone at future events!!!

2021 Wing Ding June29th-July3 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 <a href="www.wing-ding.org">www.wing-ding.org</a> or <a href="www.GWRA.org">www.GWRA.org</a>



## **Kentucky Blast District Rally August 19-21**

American Legion Post 34, 725 W Broadway St Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

The Kentucky Blast is being held August 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> in Lawrenceburg, KY. Thursday night the band, Puncheon Creek, and food trucks will be in downtown Lawrenceburg to kick off the event. Friday and Saturday will have several outdoor vendors, games, and couple of the year interviews along with local rides planned through the beautiful hills of central Kentucky. Early registration is \$25 per member and ends July 1, 2021. After July 1, registration is \$30 per member. Best Western located at 200 Plaza Drive, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342 is blocking rooms at a discounted rate for Gold Wing members. King and Double rooms are \$90.50 per night and you can reserve a room by calling (502) 839-3444. T-shirts for the event are also available for purchase. To register please visit the gwrraky.com web site and search KY blast for the Registration form.

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

## 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 June 12th. There were approximately 21 people in attendance at our June meeting including some of Chapter G members!! We were all glad to see Connie and Mike back and hope they will be riding with us soon. We were also glad to see Rob and Lynn Petry back as well. It was so nice to Socialize once again. Chapter G told us about some of the upcoming Ride In Events in neighboring states and also invited us to their ride next weekend to Bernheim Forest to see the Giants.



## News and Anouncements:

CPR Class was held for Chapter A on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Kentucky District
Chapter Director, Leah Cridlin came down to teach 9 of us. Thanks, Leah, for making the trip for and for the awesome training!! And thanks to
Butch for reserving the Firehouse to use for the class!!





GWRRA has begun allowing Chapter Visits again! All Chapter's are invited to visit and attend Chapter A's meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!!

# <u>District Rider Education Director</u> Rider Education Report by **Richard Artmayer**, **KY District Educator**



Motorcycling is a perishable skill. And while the basic concept of riding changes little over time, our bodies and our environment are constantly changing. Every athlete competing in the Olympics, the MLS, the NFL, and others, goes to a gym, a stadium, or a field to practice daily for hours and hours before the meet, the match, or the game. As motorcyclists, most of us do not have a "practice" location to improve our skillset. Most of what we

learn is in the "arena" of the real world, commuting to work, touring on our weekend ride, or riding to find ice cream. Every day is game day. So where can a committed rider and/or corider get their practice?

GWRRA offers many different and interesting courses, both theoretical and practical, for all its members at very reasonable prices. I recently completed the new and improved beta version of the GWRRA Advanced Rider Course. Otherwise known as the ARC, this course offers both theoretical (classroom) and practical (on-bike) instruction to supplement and improve your motorcycle operating knowledge. You may wonder, what is a beta version? A beta version a new program or course of action that is made available for testing, typically by a limited number of users outside the organization that is developing it, before its general release. In other words, it is a practical application of a theoretical design. Several GWRRA dignitaries were present for the ARC, both as observers and instructors, and I had an opportunity to discuss the course after I completed it and offer my opinion and suggestions. I believe much was learned on both sides and I encourage you to experience the ARC for yourself.

You may also ask; how does this new version differ from the old one? Unfortunately, I cannot answer that question. All my previous formal trainings were under the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) formats. But I found many similarities in both programs. Both present realistic scenarios which motorcyclists experience every day, and both encourage the importance of forward thinking; planning for what might happen instead of reacting to what is happening.

You may also think, I have taken the course before, and I have not had any incident, why do I need to rehash what I already know? There are many professions that require a refresher course be taken at regular intervals. Repetition I think is one of the best ways to learn something. The body does what it knows when there is no time to think, only time to act. The ARC and other courses allow you to practice the proper techniques in a controlled and safe environment, so your body learns what to do in an emergency. Each on-bike exercise is performed multiple times, giving each participant a chance to test themselves. And it is my opinion that one never really knows what they have truly learned until they are tested.

I recently checked the Wing Ding website, and there are many, many openings for the ARC and TRC courses. If it has been more than a few years, I highly encourage you to sign up for one. Worst that can happen is you may learn something that may save you from at least an

inconvenience, and at most what you learn may save your life and the life of your co-rider. Don't let the only test of your riding skills be when the next traffic incident occurs.



## RIDER EDUCATION EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT	
06/11/2021 - 06/12/2021	Canada-Prairies ~ ARC	
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Parkland Mall, Red Deer AB	
06/12/2021	GWRRA IL DISTRICT MEDIC FIRST AID CLASS	
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Rock Falls, Rock Falls IL	
06/13/2021	GWRRA IL DISTRICT MEDIC FIRST AID CLASS	
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Rock Falls, Rock Falls IL	
06/18/2021	Wyoming District ~Riding Mountains, Hills and Curves	
9:15 am - 10:15 am	American Legion, Buffalo Wyoming	
06/25/2021 - 06/26/2021	GWRRA CANADIAN PRAIRIES DISTRICT TRIKE RIDER COURSE (TRC)	
12:00 am	Parkland Mall, Red Deer AB	
07/24/2021	MI DISTRICT ADVANCED RIDER COURSE RANGE ONLY	
9:00 am - 1:00 pm	GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL, GRAYLING MI	
07/24/2021	MI DISTRICT TRIKE COURSE RANGE ONLY	
9:00 am - 1:00 pm	GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL, GRAYLING MI	
08/14/2021	MI DISTRICT TRIKE COURSE	
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Lake State Superior University, Sault Ste. Marie MI	
08/14/2021	Idaho District ~ Road Captain Course	
9:30 am - 12:00 pm	Kamiah Clearwater River KOA, Kamiah Idaho	

## TRAINING EVENTS

No Events

## **CHAPTER EVENTS**

No Events

# **Chapter A's Couple of the Year:** Danny

## Drane & Beverly Decker-Blunk

We all know the main drive in GWRRA is safety. It is taught in every ride and gathering. The rules are followed on each ride, and it shows to us and others that see us. I don't know of an organization that puts this much focus on riding safety.

Now to my point of this article....I broke one! I was lucky, I was safe, and I had nothing to report in injuries. My guess is the first



thing we think about is getting in an accident or getting hit by a car. But what about other dangers? I rode to IN to have our bike worked on last month. I got away without my jacket. I thought oh well it is just to IN. Please do not smack me, I did that enough. As I was going up 65 North, I got to thinking about all those trucks, cars, semi's that could at any time throw a rock out of their tires, have something fall off their vehicle or someone toss out something. So, I am now a bit paranoid and watching closer! We must watch even more closely if we want to arrive safe and unharmed.

And this year what about the Cicadas? I had one hit my helmet, it left no mark. That tells me those suckers are hard and could probably do some damage. Many hard bugs can penetrate skin at the speeds we travel. I had a good one last month in rotating my tires. The mechanic left a lug socket on my wheel! Think about that, lug socket, 50 miles per hour\_flying off and hitting a motorcycle rider.

Remember now this is a short ride, across well-known roads. But what is not the same is, all the vehicles and drivers are different. Does the guy in front of you know this lane ends, or becomes a turn only? Are his kids in the car going to toss something out the window? Is his car well maintained? The point is this, ATGATT. Some know what this means some do not. I felt unsafe on this short ride to IN. If I had just put on my summer riding jacket, I would have been protected from most anything that could have happened. Is it 100%? NO, but the only way to 100% is not to ride.

OK on the good side we are now able to visit and have visitors so let us show GWRRA KY how that is done! Chapter visitation is one of the other main objectives of the GWRRA.

Ride safe and long.

# **KY DISTRICT Couple of the YEAR**

Dave and Roxie Wilkinson



In 2019 we had an amazing, fantastic time representing the Kentucky District as District Couple of the Year. We visited every KY chapter get-together we could and some of them more than once (our choice). We also visited a couple of other states' District Rallies (also our choice). Then in 2020 we were devastated to be stuck at home and unable to visit anyone's cancelled GWRRA events or chapter get-togethers. But now that people can travel and attend GWRRA events, and after June 1st, visit other chapter get-togethers...WOW! LET'S GO! Chapter Couples can visit other Chapter Couples!

Any Chapter Couple of the Year who would like to be honored by receiving the KY District Couple of the Year title, and enjoy some of what we have enjoyed, (as much or as little as you wish) can still step forward. We will not hold you to the District RIDE- IN deadline this time. We need you! Kentucky needs you on the district team because this couple will be "has beens" very soon.

# **KY District Pins n' Patches**

John Keiter



Happy summer!

It is serious riding season-time to get riding and enjoy the weather. If your Chapter needs something in the way of patches, pins, etc. give me a shout; I may have just what you need. The Ride-In has come and gone; now comes Wing Ding and The Blast. A lot of good events put on by some really good volunteers!

Do your part to keep the Kentucky District one of the best there is. Ride safe-

June's Chip Game Winner: Karen drew the chip, but no one won at this time. \$174.00 up for grabs next month.

<u>June's 50/50 Winners</u>: Rick from Chapter G won \$18.00, and Tom from our Chapter won \$15.00. Thanks to all who played!!



June 30 Lora Miller





# **Chapter A Anniversaries:**

June 13 Dean and Lora Miller





# **Chapter A's Membership Enhancement** Dean Miller







Dean and Miles on the road to find new members!! Actually, Dean's bike needed work and Miles gave him a ride!!

# **District Membership Enhancement**

### **Dave and Roxie Wilkinson**



By the time you read this the Kentucky District RIDE-IN is probably in your rear-view mirror. At the time of this writing, we can only believe that everyone who attended was very happy and glad to be back with their GWRRA friends after a long year of missing each other. We know that the rides, games, food, and entertainment will have been great and the re-kindled fire of friendships truly wonderful. This event could have been called a "Membership Enhancement" event because that is what we believe it is (or was). FUN!!! Our thanks go to Chapter G for hosting this RIDE-IN event. WELL DONE!!

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Upcoming GWRRA Chapter Events:



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



# Need an idea for classes this month?

In keeping with the theme of this issue of *Insight*, I am suggesting training for those who hold positions, those who might be thinking about taking a position, or those who wish to refresh their knowledge after holding a position for awhile. Here are a few:

Chapter and District Directors: 201-02 or 202-01 Conflict Resolution

203-02 Delegation

204-01 Leadership and Decision Making

201-03 Communication

<u>Treasurers:</u> 205-01 Chapter/District Finances

MECs: 301-02 Recruitment

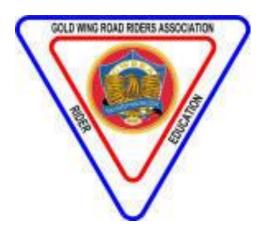
303-01 Having Fun at Socials

202-04 Retention

Editors: 201-06 Newsletters



- ...that all Seminars, including the Rider Education Seminars, can be found on the University webpage?
- ...that there are a few classes still available to present at Wing Ding?
- ...that there will be another class scheduled to learn to teach online this May?
- ...that GW101 is available to be presented online by the University?



## 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 GWR-RA 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).



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## **Area Chapter meetings in the Bluegrass State**

Chapter A
Louisville KY



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

Chapter C Lexington KY 40503



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

Chapter G Florence KY 41042



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

<u>Chapter H</u> 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



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

Chapter S
Elizabethtown KY



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

Chapter T
Paintsville, KY



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

<u>Chapter Y</u> Mayfield, KY 42066



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