



Derby City Wing Riders

GWRRRA

Kentucky District

"Friends for fun, Safety, and Knowledge"



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Chapter A May 2021

Director's Track:



Riding Season is finally here and after a year of lockdown, everyone is anxious to hit the road and enjoy riding. And with GWRRRA the main emphasis is on safe riding. Safety starts with the riding gear, GWRRRA states that you should always ride with "all of the gear all of the time". Naturally, the helmet protecting the head is the primary concern. We must make sure that the helmet is within safety limits. An out of date "old" helmet may not have retained all its shock absorbing ability and may put you at risk in the case of an accident. If you should fall off your bike, there are three prime areas of concern. Your head & face, your hands, and your ankles. We have mentioned the helmet for head and face. The next important area is the hands. If you are falling, it is natural to put your hands out to protect the body. This will cause your hands to hit the ground first and if this is pavement, it will cause serious damage. To help in protection of the hands, you should always wear gloves.

The next area of concern is the ankles simply because they protrude out from the leg and usually meet the ground after the head and hands. You should never ride with shoes that do not cover the ankle. Shoes that cover the ankle are often described as high tops. You do not always have to be in an accident to fall from your bike especially as we get older and do not have the same agility and balance that we used to have. It is not uncommon for riders to fall when mounting or dismounting the bike for a multitude of reasons. One culprit is shoelaces being caught on the bike. Trikes and other three wheelers are inherently safer than two wheels,

but caution must be taken with all of them.

Another safety concern, often overlooked, is Sun Burn. It is very easy to get a sunburn as you are riding due to the cool breeze blowing across your skin making you feel as though everything is "cool". Then once you stop, you realize that your skin has been burned. Make sure that your clothing will prevent sunburn and always use sunscreen on exposed areas.

Planning on safety prior to the ride will assure a ride full of enjoyment and not regrets. The GWRRA levels program will help in achieving the safety level that will give you more confidence and make safety a habit that you will be invaluable on each ride. You may access the GWRRA levels program by following the procedure as listed: Go to GWRRA website. Go to Programs. Go to rider ed. Go to riders ed levels program.

I look forward to many safe and enjoyable rides for the coming season. See you on the road.

Ray & Angela Taylor

Chapter A Directors

Ride Coordinator Don Price

Backroads Riding Safety

The weather is finally starting to cooperate so we can enjoy those backroad rides we so love to do, riding along enjoying the view of a road like this. And this would be our perfect world where we can see anything that might cross our path or come our way.



That would be the perfect world and oh how we know we do not live in a perfect world! Instead, just like life, we have blind curves that we cannot tell what is coming or approaching hills that we cannot tell what might be over the top.



These are the situations we must be constantly thinking about. What will we do if a car swings wide in the curve or comes over the top of the hill partially in our lane?

For those of you who have played baseball you always had to be thinking ahead of what to do if the ball was hit to you. You had to consider all the variables such as runners, number of outs, fly ball or a grounder. You had to be ready to react.

It is the same riding a motorcycle regardless of back country roads or interstate. What will I do if the car in front of me slams on his brakes, or a car swings wide in my lane? When you decide to start riding motorcycles you immediately became a defensive driver. Always on the lookout and planning your next move. As you ride new roads this year keep something in mind. Always leave yourself an out. Be prepared, expect the unexpected.

PAST RIDES: Chapter A enjoyed the First District Ride of 2021, the Bardstown Shamrock tour that lasted 4 full days in April. Unfortunately, the Second day was rained out and unsafe to ride but the other three days were amazing!! Good times, good friends, and lots of curvy roads!! Our ride Coordinator, Don Price did a wonderful job organizing and leading this ride. Thanks to Don for all his hard work!!

Shamrock Tour Day 1 163 Miles Roxie and Dave from Chapter S joined us!





Shamrock Tour Day 2

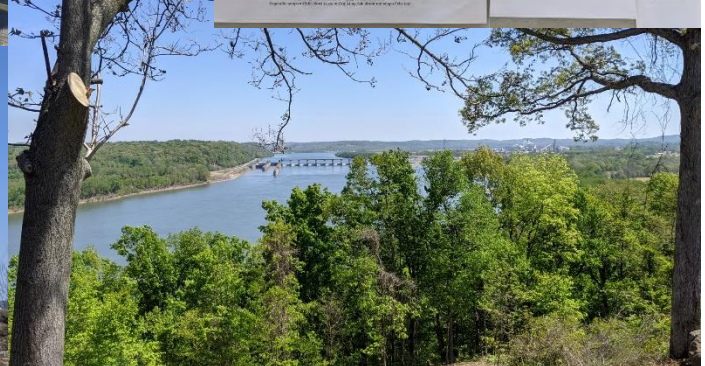
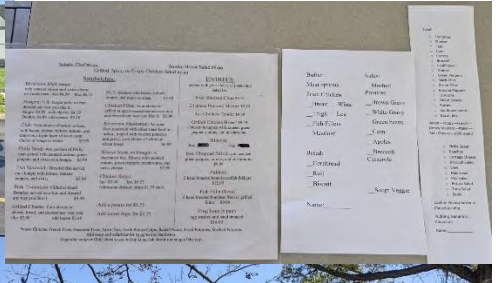
Rain may have stopped us from riding, but it did not stop us from planning more_rides!!



Shamrock Tour Day 3 212 Miles Roxie and Dave were back today, and we were also joined by Julie and Lynn Tucker from Chapter C!!



Shamrock Tour Day 4 225 Miles Julie and Lynn Tucker were back today from Chapter C!!



Saturday May 1st Lagrange No Train Ride

Chapter A took a short ride Derby Day to La Grange, Kentucky to visit the Railroad Museum and have lunch outside at One Nineteen West Main in downtown LaGrange. If you look on the La Grange Ky visitor's Web page, it states that "up to 30 trains a day roll through this county seat of Oldham County". Our ride Coordinator, Don Price, told us that he had never been to La Grange and not seen a train!! Well guess what happened?!! NO TRAIN!! So now we have come to call this our "La Grange No Train ride". The great thing is we must do it again so we can see a train!!





FUTURE RIDES

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: **GWRRRA of Kentucky Member's Page**. We hope to see you there!!

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 www.wing-ding.org or www.GWRA.org



Kentucky Blast District Rally August19-21
American Legion Post 34, 725 W Broadway St
Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

The Kentucky Blast is being held August 19th-21st 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 Chaptera.org 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.



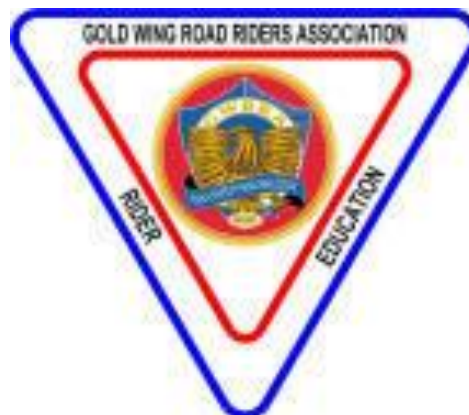
Chapter A met on Saturday May 8th. There were approximately 16 people in attendance. We started back the fun and popular “Chip” game. Butch had the winning ticket to draw the chip. Unfortunately, he did not win so we have \$174.00 up for grabs next month.

Also, back by popular demand was the 50/50 Game which benefits Our Chapter’s proceeds! Karen won the first prize of \$16 and Dr Dave won the second prize of \$15. Let’s all get in the game for fun, prizes and a chance to help our Chapter!!



News and Announcements:

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



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



In March, I reviewed Level IV in the Rider Education Program, Master Tour Rider/Co-rider. Members who reach this level have worked hard and trained well and are at the top of their game when it comes to motorcycle training and education. Level IV is the last chapter of the Rider Education chart, but it is certainly not the end of the story. Motorcycling is a sport/hobby/activity that is evolving and changing every year. The Master Tour Rider/Co-riders is someone who recognizes this and continues to seek additional education and training, both new and review. GWRRRA supports and encourages this continued attention to safety and knowledge by further recognizing the members who have reached Level IV and continue to train. Master Tour Riders/Co-riders that have remained current (Riding Course/Co-Rider Seminar/Two-up Rider Course and First Aid/CPR re-certification requirements) for increments of 5, 10, or 15 years are eligible to be awarded special recognition. This comes in the form of a Master's' Recognition patch. To check if you might be eligible, review the "Master Recognition Eligibility" found in the Educators Toolbox of the Officer section on the GWRRRA website on the Rider Education page, or contact your friendly and helpful District Educator. The three recognition levels are:

Senior Master - Members meeting a minimum 5 years of active participation and continuous* recertification as Master Tour Riders/Co-riders may be recognized and receive a Senior Master rocker upon application to GWRRRA.

Grand Master - Members meeting a minimum of 10 years of active participation and continuous* recertification as Master Tour Riders/Co-riders may be recognized and receive a Grand Master rocker upon application to GWRRRA.

Life Grand Master - Members meeting a minimum of 15 years of active participation and continuous* recertification as Master Tour Riders/Co-riders may be recognized and receive a Life Grand Master rocker upon application to GWRRRA. Application for the Master Recognition Program is made by completing the Master Tour Rider/Co-rider Application Form (N.9). The cost of the optional rocker is \$2.00 USD. The form is sent to the District Educator for verification.

*Simply fulfilling the longevity requirements does not fulfill the requirements of the Master's Recognition Program. The applicant must also remain certified during the corresponding time. Having a Master number on the eligibility list does not automatically qualify someone for the Master's Recognition program. If there is a period of time when levels are not current, or membership expires, the member needs to rejoin GWRRRA, recertify at the member's highest level of achievement, and remain current for any additional time required to compensate for any non-current time. It is the responsibility of the Master Tour Rider/Co-rider to ensure there is no lapse in the time their membership or levels are current. The GWRRRA database and District Educator can help in assisting the members in their rider education goals.

Couple of the Year: Danny & Bev

From our **Shamrock Tour** we saw these flowers and Karen I believe did some research. Got me to thinking we should know more. So, I did some digging on google and found these facts.....well if you consider google factual.

Canola is a plant that is a member of a large family of plants called crucifers. Crucifers are easy to identify because the four yellow flower petals form the shape of a cross. The canola plants grow to a height of one to two meters. The yellow flower produces seed pods that are about 5 centimeters in length. The oil from canola is used for cooking and baking at home, restaurants and in food processing plants. **Canola oil** also has non-food uses - for example biodiesel and bioplastics. Canola meal, the part left over after the seeds are crushed and the oil extracted, is used for animal feed, pet food and fertilizer. Canola oil comes from the crushed seeds of the canola plant. Canola is part of the **Brassicaceae family**. Cabbages, broccoli, and cauliflower are also part of this same botanical family. Each canola plant grows from 3 to 6 feet (1 m -2 m) tall and produces beautiful yellow flowers.



All the above is taken from a google search. Below is written by me, taking facts from canola pages. Seeds are planted shallow around 1.5 inches in the soil, planting 4 to 10 plants per square foot. Spring Canola takes about 50 days from planting time till the plants get to full height. Winter Canola take 4 months to maturity and then they are 5 to 7 ft tall. The oil is extracted from seed pods that are harvested with a combine. Seeds are crushed to extract the oil, 35 to 40% of the seed is oil. There are other uses of the plants, especially high-end livestock feed. The seeds are similar in size to the poppy seed and resemble the rapeseed but are not used in the same way. From what I can find an acre of these makes 127 gallons of oil. In this study they referred to rapeseed, so I am using educated guessing to say canola is probably close.

Danny and Bev.



Happy Birthday!



Chapter A Birthdays:

June 30 Lora Miller

Chapter A Anniversaries:

May 8 Miles and Hilarye Justice are celebrating 23 years together. They are going off roading to celebrate so they will miss this month's meeting but be sure and wish them a happy anniversary when you see them!

June 13 Dean and Lora Miller



Happy Mother's Day to all the Mom's out there. Thankyou for all you do to make everyone else feel safe and loved!! We appreciate you! Hope your special day is full of peace, love happiness and good memories.

Membership Enhancement Dean Miller



Let's take a look at what some of our GWRRA Chapters are up to:

FLORIDA DISTRICT CHAPTER FL-1-FL2

We deliberately mix up where we sit at Gatherings and a veteran member always sits at the table with new members. We do this same seating on picnic rides too. We also always have a new member or guest draw the 50:50, ride lotto and other drawings. We did a raffle within a raffle for Gold Wing Tickets last month and we had the new member draw the winning ticket. He drew my name and I had won this same drawing at the Christmas Party three months earlier, so I said draw another name. The chapter would not hear of that. So, I split the 134 tickets with the new member who drew my name. We had a great laugh about it and he got 62 Gold Wing tickets too. Mike, Marion and myself make it a point to welcome guests and mentor any new members for several months after they join us. It has to be about the guests and new members – it's not about the chapter officers – it's about the members.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT CHAPTER X

First time in a year most of us had been able to attend. We played "Two truths and a lie". Since we we're getting acquainted again everyone played, and the group guessed what was a lie! Fun to learn some things about friends! No prizes for this but so fun!

FUN RIDES FROM OUR GWRRA MEMBERS

In Louisiana, we gather Chapters from south Louisiana in a selected town where the “Colors Ride” begins. While the Chapters are gathering in south Louisiana, the Chapters in north Louisiana are doing the same in their selected city. Bikes are grouped by color at each meeting location. Yellow, white, blue, black, red, and so forth are put in their individual groups. If you have single colors, we group them together and referred to them as the “Rainbow Group”. Ride leaders and drag bikes are selected for each group of colored bikes. If you have too large a group of any color bikes, we split them into two groups. We then start the ride. The two groups are usually 250 miles apart when the ride starts. We ride to the center of the state with each group riding 125 miles. If possible, we try to gather as one large group and ride together to our eating place. We have had the local police escort us those last 10 miles. We enjoy our meal together and depart as individual Chapters or riders and head home. Some of our riders will travel 100 miles to our starting point, 125 during our colors ride, then maybe another 200 plus miles home. A lot of riding, but a lot of fun. Bathroom stops and places to eat are found in advance.



NEW HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT CHAPTER G

John & Carole Sheehan, Marc Charette, and Dale Bickford pulled the bikes out of winter hibernation into the blue sky, sunshine filled day. The First leg was up Route 153 which was in pretty good shape, a few frost heaves but overall a nice ride. The orange Subaru slowed them down for a while but finally pulled off around Eaton Lake. Continuing into Conway they hung a left to go up the Kanc. The traffic was almost nonexistent on the Kanc but there were lots of cars parked in the pull offs with hikers out enjoying the day. It is probably a good indication that the hiking trails and campgrounds will be packed again this year.

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



2nd Saturday of the month @ Roosters 10430 Shelbyville Rd
Louisville KY 40223
11:00am Lunch. Meeting begins at Noon

Chapter C



3rd Saturday of the month @ Roosters 124 Marketplace Dr
Lexington KY 40503
11:00am Lunch. Meeting begins at Noon

Chapter G



2nd Tuesday of the month @ American Legion Post 4
Florence KY 41042
8385 US Hwy42 6:00pm Dinner. Meeting begins at 7:00pm

Chapter H



1st Friday of the month @ UK Extension Office 1117 Frankfort Rd
Shelbyville KY 40065
6:30pm Social Time. Meeting begins at 7:00pm

Chapter K



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

Chapter S



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

Chapter T



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

Chapter Y



1st Thursday @ Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S. 6th St.
Mayfield, KY 42066
6pm Dinner. Meeting begins at 7:00pm