



Derby City Wing Riders

GWRRRA

Kentucky District

"Friends for fun, Safety, and Knowledge"



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Individual of the Year: **Miles Finley Justice**

Louisville KY

Chapter A

July 2022



Director's Track

Ray & Angela Taylor Chapter Directors

There is, in my estimation, no greater enjoyment than riding a Motorcycle with a like-minded group of friends. The enjoyment of seeing a group of Motorcycles ahead and behind you is a beautiful sight to behold. I love group riding and then stopping for a rest or a bite of ice cream. This allows you to talk to all the other riders about the scenery which cannot be enjoyed nearly as much in an automobile or other type of conveyance. This also allows for a stretch in order not to become tired or overheated and stay fresh for the ride.

Although Group Riding is extremely enjoyable, it also presents unique safety problems that usually do not arise with single or double-cycle rides. If you should lose concentration of your position and allow large gaps in the line, or are not riding at the same speed as the others are riding, or riding above your comfort level it will adversely affect the riding and safety of the whole group.

Before you ride in group rides you should understand all the safety requirements of group riding. You can learn and understand these requirements by downloading or reading the GWRRA publication “ GWRRA TEAM RIDING MANUAL”.

Before all group rides with Chapter A, the ride coordinator will hold a meeting and describe the safety elements of the ride plus a description of the ride itself. This is in no way a substitute for not reading and understanding the manual. During the ride, there will be no doubt that some riders will not have a CB radio and will not hear certain elements of the ride. In order to accommodate these riders, there are hand signals that will use to keep them informed during the ride. These hand signals are also included in the above-mentioned manual.

The most important thing to remember in a group ride is that you do not exceed in any way your comfort level as far as speed or road conditions. If you should find yourself not being comfortable in any situation, it is your obligation and responsibility to advise the group leader or tail gunner of your situation. The leader will immediately slow down or find a place to stop in order to address the situation. Not advising the leader or tail gunner of any situation puts all the other riders in an unsafe position. One of the most important aspects of group riding is the comfort range of each rider.

There is also a great difference in handling between a two-wheeled Motorcycle and a three-wheeled Motorcycle. This should also be taken in consideration when joining a group ride. Please understand the differences and ride accordingly.

We sure are anxious to participate in another group ride. Please ride safe and never forget that motorcycles are quite different than most of our rides in an automobile. In addition, let us all advise anyone we know to watch out for motorcycles.

Assistant Chapter Directors Tom and Marlene White



It's all a Matter of Perspective!

I seem to have been spending a great deal of time this last week reflecting. This seems to be what we all do

when we are faced with a circumstance that may be completely unexpected, out of our control, and is of great importance to us. Such is the case with the pending closure of the GWRRA. Since the announcement I have heard and read many negative comments, some that I take with a grain of salt and forget, but others I may think more about. With that said, personally, I choose to focus on the positives and not get hung up on the negatives!

Since joining the GWRRA and Louisville, KY Chapter "A" a portion of my life has changed for the better. Marlene and I have become part of a group of diverse individuals whom we likely would have never met if it was not for the GWRRA. We are from different backgrounds, have different beliefs and opinions, look, act and talk differently, but as a result of the GWRRA we have all come together as a group. We have learned (and are continuing to do so) to not get hung up on the small things but rather to remain caught up on the big things, putting aside our differences and focusing on what makes us alike and what we like to do.... ride! As a result, those of us in Chapter "A" who I guess you could call "the regulars" (the ones who remain actively involved) have and are continuing to form relationships/friendships that will surely last our lifetimes. Not only has this happened at our local chapter level but also with others we have met throughout the state. If you look at our ChapterA.org website, you can see all the places we have gone together during the last couple of years. This would not have happened had it not been for the GWRRA because most of us likely would have never met. Even with the latest news we are still planning rides and get-togethers.

To me there is so much positive that has been achieved during the years that it cannot be ignored. Sure, things may not have always been perfect and maybe things could be better, but let's look at the big picture. For all these years there have been friendships forged, rides taken and lives changed as a result of the efforts of those leading and participating in the GWRRA. We may not know exactly what may happen going forward but this one thing I do know, if we want to perpetuate and be a part of change then we must be actively involved in our local chapters. If we are not actively involved but simply pointing out the issues, then we are nothing more than a journalist!

Thanks, GWRRA for the many years of service to so many! I can't wait to see what is next!!!



Ride Coordinator Don Price



Assistant Ride Coordinator Kent Risen

It has certainly been a hot June this year! When we take off for rides in the summer, remember the tips below for a more enjoyable and safer ride.

Pre-hydrate and Stay hydrated – be sure to drink plenty of water before and during the ride, the CDC recommends 1 cup every 15 to 20 minutes when working in the heat.

What drinks to avoid – Water is the best to maintain hydration, you should avoid drinks containing alcohol, caffeine, or sugar. Be sure to carry extra water with you. NISOH does not recommend taking salt tablets.

Wear appropriate clothing – a base layer of moisture-wicking clothing and light-colored mesh protective clothing is ideal. For extended rides in the heat, an evaporative vest will help keep you cooler.

Avoid riding in the hottest part of the day and take frequent rest breaks. On longer trips consider taking a day off as a rest day.

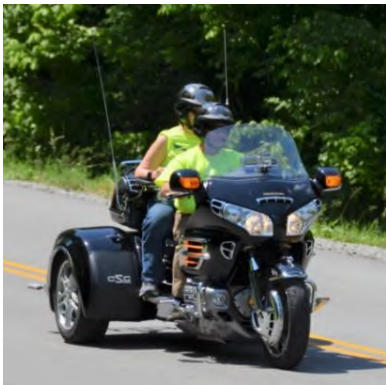
I'm looking forward to some great rides this summer, hope we all have a fun and safe summer!

Kent

Staci Wilt (Sept 10, 2020) <https://ridetofood.com/tips-for-riding-motorcycles-in-hot-weather/>

Greg Drevenstedt (Aug 4, 2015) <https://ridermagazine.com/2015/08/04/10-tips-to-stay-cool-on-hot-motorcycle-rides>

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/mining/UserFiles/works/pdfs/2017-126.pdf>



Membership Enhancement

Dean Miller

We've all heard the news by now so here's my take on it...

Stand by more to follow, we'll be right back, stay on the line, just hang in there, bear with us, don't touch that dial, keep your head on a swivel, further updates will follow, sit tight, await further instructions, stick with us, but most of all be patient and don't panic because as baseball legend Yogi Berra famously said "it ain't over till it's over" and personally I'm excited to see what tomorrow brings!



Taken from ridermagazine.com:



The Gold Wing, *Honda's* flagship touring motorcycle, was launched in 1974 as a 1975 model. The original GL1000, powered by an in-line Four with shaft final drive, was the second most powerful production motorcycle at the time, runner-up to the venerable Kawasaki Z-1. It had no fairing and no luggage, but it was so smooth, torquey, and reliable that it became popular with touring riders and has evolved over six generations. (*Read our 2021 Honda Gold Wing Tour DCT road test review*).

Just a few years after the Gold Wing was introduced, the *Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRRA)* was founded. The GWRRRA's annual gathering is called the *Wing Ding*, and the 43rd and final event took place June 28 – July 2, 2022, in Shreveport, Louisiana. At Wing Ding 43, it was announced that GWRRRA would shut down as of July 31. The following is a press release issued by American Honda.

Gold Wing Road Riders Association founders Paul Hildebrand and Shirley Stevens-Garcia announced last week during Wing Ding opening ceremonies that the organization will be closing. American Honda is saddened by the news and thanks the GWRRA for its dedication to one of Honda's most iconic models.

Founded in 1977, the GWRRA grew through the heyday of motorcycle touring to the point that it eventually had approximately 80,000 members in 53 countries, and with over 800 active chapters managed by 4,000 volunteer leaders. Headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, the GWRRA has called itself "the world's largest single-marque social organization for owners of Honda Gold Wing/Valkyrie motorcycles," and it adopted the motto "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge."

A dedicated, family-like group that published its own magazine (*Wing World*, whose September issue will be the last), the GWRRA worked hard to improve the image of motorcycling and prided itself in being a not-for-profit, nonreligious, non-political organization whose members covered a broad spectrum of backgrounds, but who were unified by a love for owning and riding Honda's legendary touring model, the Gold Wing.

RELATED: Honda Gold Wing Timeline: 1972-2018

"We would like to thank our members, vendors and advertisers for 45 years of unwavering support," said Abel Gallardo, COO of GWRRA. "We truly could not have made it this far without all of you. To our rider-education program, we cannot begin to place a number on the lives touched by your efforts. To our leadership-training and motorist-awareness programs, thank you for educating our members, officers and public to keep our riders safe and enjoying the ride."

The GWRRA will officially close on July 31. In the interim, it will offer prorated refunds on prepaid memberships.

"For nearly five decades, the GWRRA has set the powersports standard for a grassroots organization based on a single model, and Honda will be forever grateful for the enthusiasm the club's members demonstrated and generated for the Gold Wing," said Bill Savino, American Honda Senior Manager of Customer Engagement. "While the GWRRA's closure is undeniably the end of an era, we want to make sure their members and all Gold Wing enthusiasts know that Honda remains committed to the Gold Wing model and these customers for years to come."

Chapter Visits:

Saturday, June 18th Chapter A rode East to visit Chapter C in Lexington, Ky, and won Smokey back. We also had a nice ride after the meeting. A good time was had by all!



Chapter Visits:

Tuesday July 5th Kent and I took Smokey to Chapter G's meeting on Tuesday night in Florence, Ky to make him available to other COY couples. John and Mary were the only COY couple in attendance, so they got Smokey back for the week. Lots of great info was discussed after GWRRA's announcement to close its doors the previous week. Some questions were answered but lots of new questions as well.



Sunday July 10th Chapter A rode South to Elizabethtown, Ky to try and win back the Traveling Plaque! Way to go A!!!!



Chapter A past rides

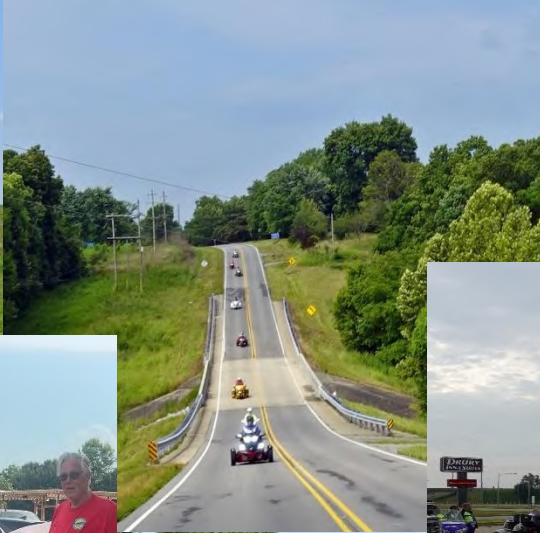
Saturday, June 25th Chapter A rode to the Overlook Restaurant in Leavenworth, IN to have lunch with members of Chapter K from Henderson, Ky. Chapter K had posted the ride and we love the Overlook and Chapter K so it was a win-win!!



July 2nd Ride to Sikeston, MO

Chapters A, S, and K all took a nice overnight ride to Sikeston, MO. We stopped at Patti's Settlement at Land Between the Lakes for lunch and then headed on to Sikeston. Chapters K and S ate dinner at the famous Lambert's Restaurant and got rolls thrown at them. The next morning there was more riding to the Cave in the Rock State Park and lunch. 31 people attended the event with 17 bikes. What a great turnout and a fun trip. We even managed to avoid all the rain in the area!!







From the Editor's desk Karen Risen

Hello All,

A sad week with the announcement of GWRRA closing but never fear your Monthly Newsletter will go on in some form as long as we gather and as long as we ride.

Ride on my friends!!!!

The newsletter is published to keep our GWRRA members informed about events in your local Chapter and throughout the district.

KY District Newsletter: <http://www.gwrraky.com/newsletters-page/>

2022 Chapter A Future Ride Schedule:

September 3-5th Labor Day Weekend Ride to West Virginia

We will be riding to Glen Ferris, White Sulphur Springs, and Williamson, West Virginia with stops at Cathedral Falls, Babcock State Park, and the Greenbrier Resort riding on scenic backroads. Hotels: Glen Ferris Inn and Mountaineer hotel in Williamson, WV. There are cheaper options in these areas if anyone does not like the prices at these stops. More details on Chapter A's Facebook page. This event is open to all Chapters. Contact Kent Risen for more info or questions.



September 9th-18th Chapter Ride to Harrison,

AR We will leave Friday evening and ride 3hrs to overnight in Paducah, Ky. Then Saturday morning leave early to arrive late afternoon in Branson, Missouri. More details and routes are posted on Chapter A's Facebook page. Contact Don Price

for more info or questions.

You can find more information for future rides on Chapter A's Facebook page and on the

Kentucky District's Website: <http://www.gwrraky.com> or the Kentucky District's Facebook page: **GWRRA of Kentucky**
Member's Page and on the GWRRA National website: <http://www.gwra.org>.

Kentucky District Events:



**Rick and Leah
Cridlin**

Kentucky District
Directors

Kentucky Blast District Rally August 25th-27th 2022

The Kentucky Blast will be held this year at the Showroom in Danville, Ky. The theme is 'Hawaiia Doin' in Kentucky " with a Luau Friday night and an Advanced Rider Course, Trike Course, and a Medic First Aid course all held on Sunday, August 28th. The ARC and TRC will be held from 8:45 am to 5pm. Please see the Kentucky District webpage for more information on Hotels and Registration for this event. Hope to see everyone there in August!!



August 25-27, 2022

The Showroom, 2405 Lebanon Rd, Danville, KY 40422

Hawaiia Doin' in Kentucky?

Join the KY District on a **new date**, in a **new place**
and some **new rides!**

A Luau -Vendors- Food Trucks – Games

Couple of the Year Selection-Wingo

Daily 50/30/20 - COY Social Hour

Master Rider Coffee Chat – Chapter Challenges

Bike Show - **Rider Courses** and **MFA Course**.

There is really something for EVERYONE!

Accommodations:

Hampton Inn (859)236-6200

100 Montgomery Way, Danville, KY 40422

King&Double Rooms \$109.00 per night + tax

Mention Gold Wing Blast to get the discounted
rate.

Chimney Rock Campground (859) 936-0271

Contact Leah for campsites (limited)

220 Chimney Rock Rd

Harrodsburg, KY 40330

\$40.00 per night (14 miles away)

Full Registration Fee Includes:

Year Bar (Convention pin for first time attendees)

Bike Display/Peoples Choice

Bike Parade (Proper Riding Gear Required)

GWRRA University Courses

On Bike Games/Chapter Challenges

Light Up the Bikes Show

Statistical Awards are based

Registration Information

Rider: _____

GWRRA# _____ Exp: _____

Co-Rider: _____

GWRRA# _____ Exp: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

State/Chapter: _____

Miles to Rally: _____ One Up: _____ Two Up: _____

*******Pre-Registration Ends on July 29, 2022*******

For PRE-REGISTRATION and STATISTICAL AWARDS, your
registration MUST be postmarked by 7/29/2022.

GWRRA Member: \$25.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

Non-Member: \$30.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

Life Member: \$20.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

Is this your First KY Rally? _____

Is this your first Rally of any kind? _____

******* Registration after July 29, 2022*******

GWRRA Member: \$30.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

Non-Member: \$35.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

Life Member: \$25.00 x _____ Total: \$ _____

Day Passes Sold on-site: \$15.00

T-Shirts will be available for pick-up at Rally

June 28-July 2, 2022, WingDing Shreveport, LA



GWRRA announces it will be closing operations on July 31, 2022. GWRRA Inc. will remain active until December 31, 2022.



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

Chapter A Monthly Meet!!



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



Chapter A has new business cards!! See Assistant Chapter Director, Tom White if you need any!!

Chapter A met Saturday July 9th *Chapter C and G were in da House! District couples Dave and Roxie and Rick and Leah and their grandchildren also attended!! Chapter A presented Rick with an "honorary" Chapter A shirt to show our appreciation for all he and Leah do as District Directors and their awesome support of our Chapter!! We also enjoyed having their Littles!!*



Marble Game Winner: *Danny Drane* had the winning ticket for the Marble game but did not draw the winning marble. \$799.00 is up for grabs next month!!



50/50 Winners:

1st Place Winner: *Dean Hedger* from Chapter G **\$33**

2nd Place Winner: *Roxie Wilkinson* **\$25**

(Thanks to all who played!)



Chapter A's Next Meeting Saturday, August 13th!

Birthdays:

Brenda Snook July 6

Butch Kuchenbrod July 14

Happy Birthday!



Anniversaries:

Don & Janet Price July 12





District Rider Education Director Rider Education Report

It has been very encouraging for me to see the increasing interest in Rider Education and the Levels Program in our Kentucky District. I know several members have asked about training, especially the ARC and the TRC, and we will have one of each at the KY Blast in August. These courses, and the others in the Rider Education program that are similar, on-bike type courses, require a GWRRA instructor to present the classroom material, demonstrate and oversee the range exercises, and provide constructive evaluation. These formal types of education are full of information and opportunities to gain experience in proper riding techniques in a controlled environment. But with the pool of instructors continuing to shrink each year, and the difficulty of finding a suitable location for these courses, what can the average Member do to work on their technique in the interim? The solution is called Shiny Side Up.

There are 15 “Shiny Side Up” exercises that, unlike the ARC, TRC, and other Rider Education courses, are published and available on the GWRRA.org website, in PDF format.

This link: <http://www.gwrro.org/regional/ridered/L-O-A/League-of-AcesMotorcycle-Range-drawings-1050-21-May-16.pdf>, will provide the dimensions and cone placements for each exercise.

This link, http://www.gwrro.org/regional/ridered/L-OA/Descriptions_of_Shiny_Side_Up.pdf, will explain the performance and goals of each exercise.

And most importantly, this link, <http://www.gwrro.org/regional/ridered/LOA/N.26%20GWRRA%20Rider%20Course%20Waiver%202020.pdf>, will provide the form that must be completed and signed by each participant, in case of an incident.

These exercises may be used by Chapters and Districts in a variety of ways. On the Chapter level, a single exercise could be used as a skills practice prior to a ride. On a District level, groups of exercises could be used as a fun or competitive event. The exercises can be used in any combination and order as determined by the District Educator.

If used as a competitive event scoring is involved. Scoring is generally a style of “demerit” scoring. This scoring uses a “points off” system with points being deducted for crossing lines, hitting/skipping cones, putting a foot down, etc. Rather than dictating the scoring that a District or Chapter should use, the scoring should be designed by the presenter of the event based on how competitive they would like the event to be.

Richard Artmayer
KY District Educator



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Chapter A's Couple of the Year:

Hello All,

Sad news from GWRRA this month that they are closing their doors. I feel like Chapter A was just getting started. So many fun memories have already been made within our Chapter and with other Kentucky

Chapters as well I know several of you have been involved a lot longer than some of the rest of us but most are saddened by this announcement. However, a lot of time when one door closes another door opens and with all the members of GWRRA that still ride and gather I know we will go on in some form or another with our friends for fun, safety, and knowledge.



**Allen and Lisa
Merritt**

District COY Coordinators

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We had a great time at the Ride-In. We had 2 couples turn in their resumes for District Couple of the year selection on Saturday morning at 9 am, at The Blast. Looking forward to this year's selection process. We also had a lot of good ideas given to us for next years mascot. All ideas are welcome. Looking forward to seeing everyone at The Blast. We have made a few changes to the couple of year selection process. It should not take very long to complete the selection process. Please come and support your chapter couples.

**Note: COY selection will be at 8am, not 9.
Please attend and cheer on your favorite couple!!**

WIN THE GRILL!!

**Support the KY District Couple of the Year Program,
win a Blackstone 22" Portable Griddle
just \$2.00 each ticket!!**

Drawing at the closing ceremony of the 2022 KY BLAST
Need not be present to win

All Couples have been given a packet of tickets to sell
More tickets are available from the District Directors

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Smokey Report:

The Kentucky COY Mascot



Smokey has been having lots of fun traveling around. He got to spend some time with John and Mary Eicher from Chapter G in June and the beginning of July and then back with Kent and Karen on July 9th. Smokey got to travel with Chapter A on our Sikeston, MO trip where he got to eat at Patti's Settlement at Land Between the Lakes, shop for fudge (his favorite!), and hang out by the River at Cave in the Rock State Park. He also got to visit with Greg and Marilyn from Chapter K who were also on the trip. He then celebrated July 4th back home in Louisville!! What a busy little guy but we love every minute!!



Smokey is currently with Kent & Karen Risen from Chapter A. They plan to make him available at the Chapter C gathering on 7/16/22. They meet at Roosters, 2640 Richmond Rd Lexington. They eat at 11:00am and meet at 12:00pm.

Chapter A's Individual of the Year:



Miles Finley Justice

By now everyone should be aware of the impending close down of GWRRA. I can only imagine how deeply saddening this news is for life members and others who have belonged to the association for many years. After all, I am taking it hard after only being a member for 2 years. When I initially joined, we were in the first year of the pandemic and all I heard was that visitation was shut down by GWRRA in the interest of member safety. As a result, I spent much of my first-year riding with and getting to know my Chapter A family.

Once visitation was officially opened back up after Covid it was a whole new experience. Members literally rode (or drove) to the meetings of other Chapters to visit their members. During these early visits, some of the long-term GW members would talk about how they have met some of their closest friends - extended family really - through the organization. I particularly recall Roxie Wilkinson talking about how she had experienced this, first in Minnesota and now in Kentucky. I would think to myself, yeah things worked out like that for you but for an introvert like me (seriously I am shy), it could never happen. But you know what? Over the next year, something exciting occurred. Suddenly, I was being introduced to folks all over the state, learning their names and stories, and sharing a passion for riding, primarily Goldwing's but other motorcycles as well. The GWRRA motto began to make sense to me. I made friends with a lot of awesome people whom I would never have met without GWRRA. I stepped out of my comfort zone to not only take several GW University courses and a Rider Ed Trike Course, but also to become trained as a University Instructor.

Through GWRRA, I also learned more about safety than I had known in my past 20 years of riding. Most importantly, I had a ton of fun!!! In short, I began to live the motto - "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge." Although the announcement is quite sad, it is also an instance of the type of unexpected change we often deem negative. As I learned in my first GW University Course at my first ever Blast last August, change is neutral, and our perception of the change determines how we approach it. Change can certainly be uncomfortable, especially when we have become accustomed to a specific aspect of our lives being a certain way. However, it can be an opportunity for a "do-over" - a chance to make tweaks and modifications to do things differently and maybe improve on the former. Many recognize that the demise of GWRRA can be traced in part to the association's failure to recognize societal changes and adapt to them. Hopefully, the next version of our organization will be more adaptable and can endure for the long haul. Until we know more about the future of our riding community, let's have a ton of fun in these last 6 months of GWRRA!

Pins and Patches Miles Finley Justice



Considering the closing of GWRRA, I do not expect many requests for pins or patches during the next 6 months. However, if you want to complete your vest or collect pieces for historical purposes, let me know as I still have a good amount of stuff.



BE VISIBLE
BE COLORFUL!

LIGHT IT UP

BE NOTICED!

GARAGE TALK:

HELP MOTORISTS SEE YOU!



Studies show that silver, white, yellow and high visibility colors are the most visible colors on the road. Black is the most difficult to see, especially at night. Brightly colored jackets, helmets, and riding pants increase your visibility and safety.

- **HEADLIGHTS**— Turn your headlights on high beam during the day. Modulating headlights also increases visibility and are legal in all 50 states.
- **BRAKE LIGHTS**— Flash your brake lights several times before you stop. Brake light deceleration devices are available, and they warn motorists that you are preparing to slow down or stop.
- **TURN SIGNALS**— We all know how to use turn signals, but make sure you turn them off after a turn is completed. Motorists don't always know that many motorcycles do NOT have self-cancelling turn signals.



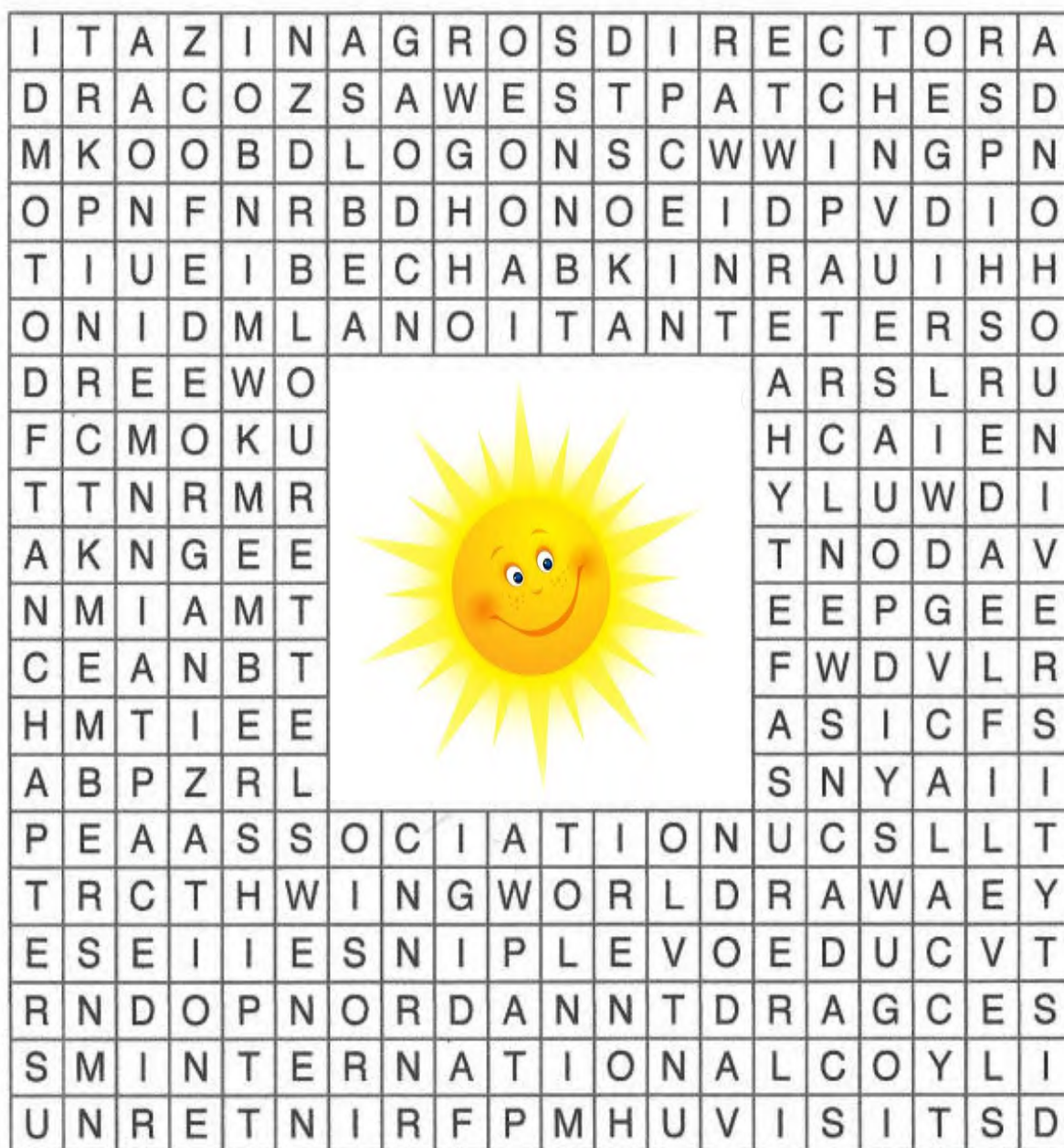
LANE POSITIONING IS CRITICAL IN TRAFFIC. MAKE SURE YOU ARE NOT IN A DRIVER'S BLIND SPOT!

- **HORN**— Use it to get attention, but don't rely on it. Some motorcycle horns can't be heard over traffic or stereo systems.
- **LANE POSITIONING**— Position yourself for maximum safety and visibility, and make sure other drivers can see you in their mirrors!
- **GROUPS**— Riding with a group can be safer than riding alone if done correctly. Small groups of 6 to 7 riders are the safest. Impatient motorists may want to pass a group of riders. If the group is too large, merging can become dangerous!

THE MORE **LIGHTS** ON YOUR MOTORCYCLE, THE MORE VISIBLE YOU ARE - ESPECIALLY AT **NIGHT**

Chapter A Puzzle Fun

Return the completed puzzle at our monthly meeting next month for an extra door prize ticket.



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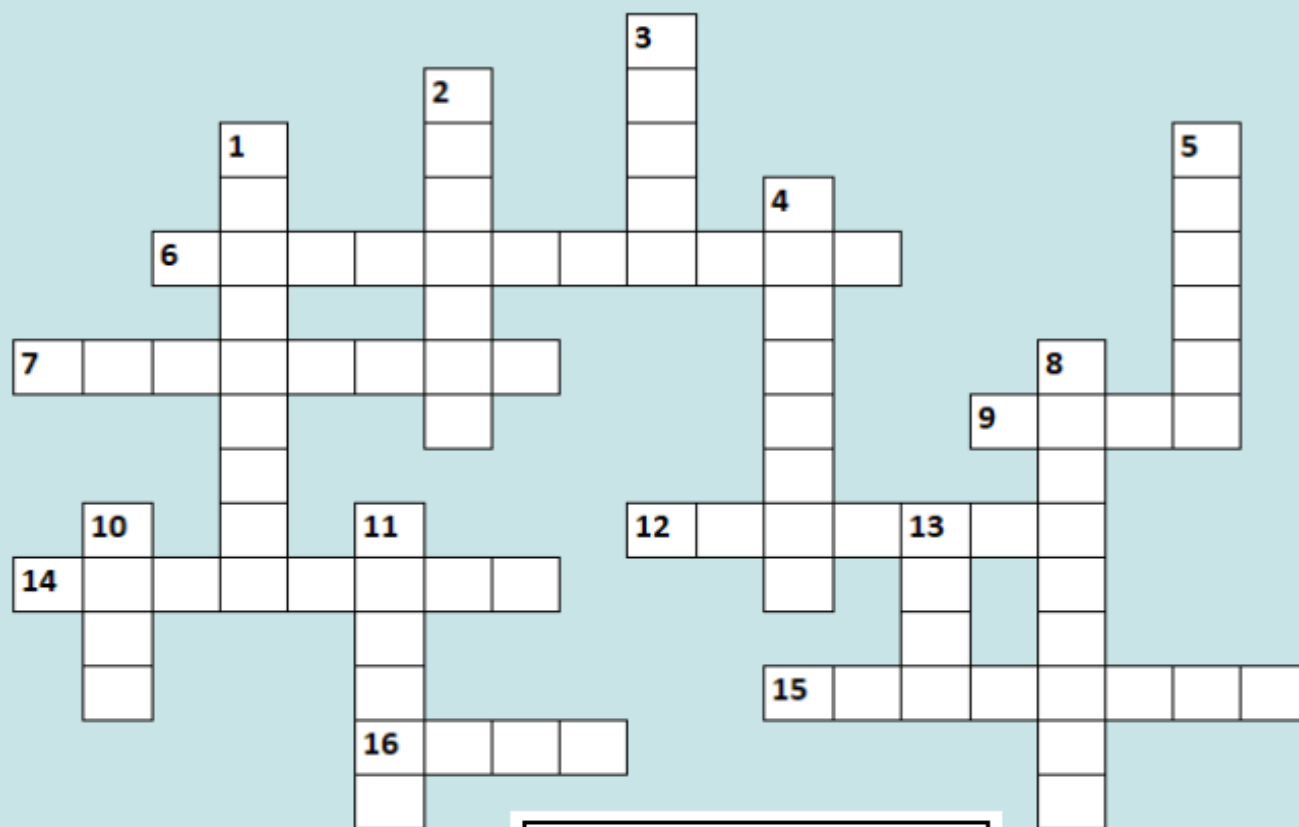
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Kentucky District Crossword Puzzle Ride Challenge is Back!! Thanks to Donita Nardi for all her hard work so we can have FUN!!



Across

- 6** N37* 36.808' W86* 30.45'
9th line 2nd word
- 7** N37* 53.563' W85* 41.937'
3rd line 2nd word (back)
- 9** N38* 25.267' W84* 51.938'
5th line 5th word (#2265)
- 12** N38* 30.934' W85* 2.731'
3rd line 2nd word
- 14** N37* 26.946' W86* 54.527'
9th line 3rd word (#1829)
- 15** N37* 10.064' W87* 41.529'
6th line 4th word
- 16** N37* 18.901' W87* 31.779'
3rd line 2nd word

Down

- 1** N37* 59.024' W85 43.044'
6th line 2nd word (#1296)
- 2** N37* 2.79' W88* 4.488'
8th line 3rd word
- 3** N37* 45.156' W83* 4.049'
1st line 5th word
- 4** N37* 3.477' W88* 6.784'
7th line 5th word
- 5** N38* 24.468' W85* 22.821'
7th line 3rd word
- 8** N37* 59.059' W83* 31.382'
4th line 4th word
- 10** N38* 23.400' W84* 32.223'
5th line 5th word (front)
- 11** N38* 3.303' W83* 56.313'
9th line 1st word (back)
- 13** N37* 55.122' W84* 16.366'
3rd line 3rd word (front)

*= degrees

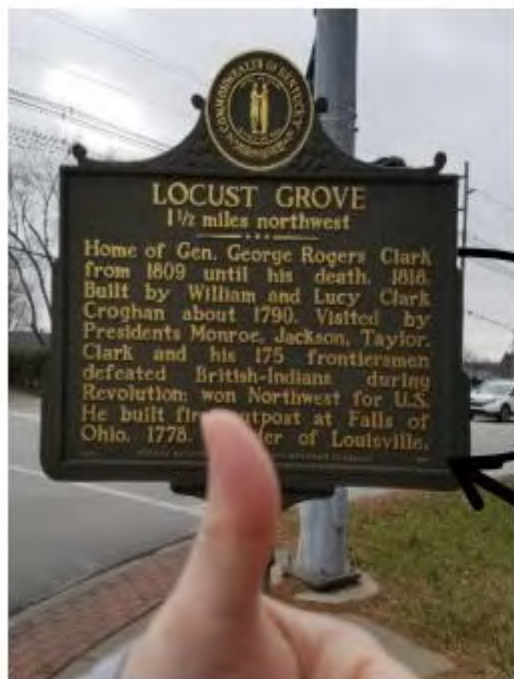
2022 Kentucky Crossroads Crossword

District Ride Challenge

Instructions

- Follow the coordinates to the destination.
- Locate the correct highway marker.
- Take a picture of your “thumbs up” in front of the sign.
- Use the text on the sign to locate the word for the puzzle. (please note that some signs have a front and back)
- Repeat the above until your puzzle is finished.
- Submit your puzzle to newsletter_editor@gwrraky.com
- If your puzzle is correct your name will be placed in a drawing at the Kentucky Blast.
- If your name is chosen, you will be required to submit your “thumbs-up” photo from a select puzzle number.
- Enjoy the ride!

Sample



Coordinates are in DMS format

Help entering coordinates in Garmin:

<https://support.garmin.com/en-US/?faq=MqzJQ9sS8r7e111Ri6Zlw5>

Help entering coordinates into Imaps:

<https://www.iphonefaq.org/archives/971696>

Count lines down and words across

Marker number in lower right corner



RIDER EDUCATION EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT
07/14/2022 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Central Canada ~ ITCP Training Best Western North Bay Hotel, North Bay Ontario
09/03/2022 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Oklahoma District ~ITCP Instructor Training Cattle Country Lodge, Stroud Oklahoma
09/04/2022 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Colorado District ~ GWRRA 101 Cattle Country Lodge, Stroud Oklahoma

TRAINING EVENTS

No Events

CHAPTER EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT
08/11/2022 - 08/14/2022 12:00 am	NY District FUN Weekend Best+Western+Grand+Victorian+Inn, Sayre Pennsylvania

JUL 2022

DATE/TIME	EVENT
07/14/2022 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Central Canada ~ ITCP Training Best Western North Bay Hotel, North Bay Ontario

AUG 2022

DATE/TIME	EVENT
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SEP 2022

DATE/TIME	EVENT
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NY District FUN Weekend at Best Western Sayre PA and Tioga Downs Resort and Casino Hosted by Chapter K

*Chapter K kindly requests your participation at the first ever
New York District **FUN** weekend!*

When: August 11th - 14th, 2022

\$65.00 Per person Pre registration

\$75.00 if you register after July 11, 2022

Included with your registration:

- Thursday evening social hour with limited hot and cold appetizers
- Saturday night banquet with ice cream sundae bar
- Guided and unguided rides on Friday and Saturday to add to the FUN
- Two 50-50 raffles, one Thursday and one Saturday
- Tickets can be purchased to win one of many of baskets Saturday night
- Possible door prize(s)



Host is Best Western Grand Victorian Inn in Sayre, PA

Switching to the Best Western gives you more for your money
and a savings of over \$300 per couple

Tioga Downs Casino is only 10 miles from host hotel

On Friday there will be a couple of group rides to Tioga Downs
for those that want to try their luck in the casino and at the track.



Call (570) 888-7711 and mention GWRRA
to get the special rate. The block rates will
only be available until July 11th. Rooms
start at \$86 + tax a night.



For information contact Richard Bullis (631) 457-0562 Email
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KY District Newsletter: <http://www.gwrraky.com/newsletters-page/>
GWRRA's National Newsletter: <http://www.gwra.org/enewsletters.html>

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 VISION



Gold Wing Road Riders Association [GWRRA] is recognized as the world's largest single-marquee for safety, technical, educational and social organization for riders of touring motorcycles.

GWRRA MISSION

Dedicated to our Motto; Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge, GWRRA Members enjoy the freedom of belonging to a not-for-profit, non-religious and non-political organization.

GWRRA VALUES

- **Friends** - GWRRA Members are men and women from all walks of life with varied interests and backgrounds. We have Gold Wing and other touring motorcycle riders of all age groups. Some ride solo and many ride with small and large groups! New Members join GWRRA especially for the technical information we share; some of our Members join for the enjoyment of riding with friends and also meeting new friends. Find your future riding friends with your [Region Map](#).
- **Fun** - As a family organization, GWRRA has certain fun groups to include restaurant, picnic and campout runs. We also have GWRRA groups to include charities, parades, and small or large events across the country. GWRRA Members can participate in live or video seminars through [Rider Education Programs](#).
- **Safety** - We strive for improvement through GWRRA safety workshops. We will share technical expertise, news and tips about riding, maintenance and the best touring routes in the world. [Safety is for Life](#) on our GWRRA Rider Education Programs page.
- **Knowledge** - While generalization about a group of individuals as large as today's GWRRA is difficult, GWRRA Members are likely to be independent thinkers, fun-loving, generous, adventuresome, cooperative and unfazed by the natural challenges of riding in the rain, temperature extremes or highway uncertainties. Many Members have completed CPR and first aid training, making them the best-prepared motorcycle riders on the world's highways! Find " CPR and First Aid Training " on our GWRRA [Medic First Aid International® Programs](#).

WHY BELONG TO GWRRA?

There are many benefits to becoming a GWRRA Member. As a Member you will enjoy camaraderie and fellowship while enjoying the comfort of belonging to the largest family of Gold Wing/F6B and other touring motorcycle owners. We like to share our pleasure in the freedom of riding motorcycles with others like ourselves. Our Members strive for improvement by attending GWRRA live, video and webinar safety workshops. We offer an emergency towing and roadside assistance program called [Rescue Plus](#). This is a benefit that ensures peace of mind, day or night. Among our 60,000 + skilled and dedicated Members can find the answer to almost any question regarding the Gold Wing! Your special Membership Card signifies your membership, along with many other benefits such as; discounts at touring motorcycle dealerships, designated hotels, campgrounds and travel agencies. As a Member, whenever you need help traveling, our [Gold Book Directory](#) connects you with your nearest friends, worldwide. Our *most important benefit* is sharing how to safely enjoy motorcycling in more ways than you thought possible. Belong to GWRRA!

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A BIG
thank
you


**Thanks to anyone and everyone
who took the time to submit for the
Newsletter!!**

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.

www.chaptera.org

Chapter C



Lexington KY
40509

3rd Saturday of the month @ Roosters, 2640 Richmond Rd.

11:00am Lunch. Meeting begins at Noon.

www.kybluegrasswings.org

Chapter G



Florence KY
41042

1st Tuesday of the month @ American Legion Post 4, 8385 US Hwy42. 6:00pm Dinner. Meeting begins 7:00pm.

www.chapterg.org

Chapter K



Henderson KY
42420

3rd Sunday of the Month @ Golden Corral 1320 N Green St
Lunch at Noon. Meeting begins 1:00pm. **CENTRAL TIME**

Chapter S



Elizabethtown KY
42701

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

Chapter T



Paintsville KY
41240

3rd Saturday of the month Giovanni's pizza 261 Court St
Eat at 5pm. Meeting begins 6:00pm.

Chapter Y



Mayfield KY
42066

1st Thursday of the month @ Majestic Family Restaurant,
700 S. 6th Street. 6:00pm dinner. Meeting begins 7:00pm

CENTRAL TIME



Traveling Plaque



Chapter A has the Traveling Plaque. It will be available on August 13th at our next meeting. We meet at Roosters 10430 Shelbyville Rd
Eat at 11 am, Meet at Noon. Hope to see everyone there!!!

Check out our Webpage: chaptera.org

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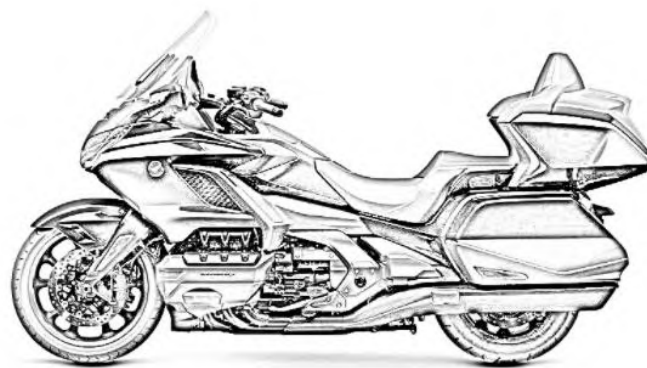
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You will also learn about upcoming rides.



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