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**FROM THE THROTTLE HAND OF THE
DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

Hello again we visited with Chapters G, N and T, and as always we were welcomed with open arms, as for visiting the traveling plaque is back again at Chapter W and the Gorilla is at Chapter Y, please encourage your members to visit and try and get the plaque and skip the dog. We want to thank the Chapters who are visiting, and hope to see more along the way of are travels. We are looking forward to the spring fling which is the next rally coming up, hope to see a good turn out from Ky Members, it is a time to see old friends and possibly meet new ones. As most of you know this is our last year as District Directors, so if anyone is interested please let us know, so we can help you get involved with the district to take over when we step down.

Rally time is just around the corner.

April 23-25 Spring Fling – Pigeon Forge, TN

June 12-13 Kentucky Ride In E-Town

August 6-9 Kentucky Blast

Hope to see you there.

Couple of the year for your Chapter lets have all KY Chapters with a couple this year, also encourage them to participate in the selection process, it is a lot of fun and a chance to meet new friends.

Remember to work on your logo for the Blast the Theme is [KY GOES HOLLYWOOD](#),

Let us know of any things you think we could change to make the rally better.

ALL Chapters please send you news letters to David & Jeannie McKenzie
Asst. District Directors
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E-mail: mdaveandjeannie@aol.com

Phone: 606-297-3568. They are in charge of the selection process for the chapter of the year program for KY. Without you newsletters they have no idea of what events your chapter has done, so please help them out by sending them your news letter. Thanks
Ray

Until next time stay safe,

Ray and Kathy Conrad

Kentucky District Directors

**FROM OUR ASST.
DISTRICT DIRECTORS KY/WEST**

Hello from the West

Well it's starting to get nice and I know everyone is happy to start getting in some riding but please don't forget you're a little rusty, so check the bike out and your self take it easy the first few rides. I taught a CPR First Aid Class for Chapter Y this past month but didn't get to do any visiting hope to get out more this month. Some of us in Chapter Y that are Patriot Guard Members did a Mission for a fallen Soldier last month and by the time you ready this will have done a send off taking a group to Fort Campbell for a send off. I know I've said it before but check out the Patriot Guard and how they HONOR THE TROOPS at patriotguard.org it's free and it gives you a great feeling to know that you made the troops feel a little better. Chapter Y still has the Couple of the Year Mascot so I'm hoping to see some Chapters come and visit to try and take him home with them this month. Hope everyone is making plans for the Ride In either to camp or city camp (in a motel) it's lots of fun until next month.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR TROOPS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ride Safe and Stay Alert,

Dan Bondurant

KY West Asst. District



FROM OUR DISTRICT EDUCATORS

Hello everyone

Good riding weather is almost here and I want to take this time to remind everyone, especially those who haven't done any riding as of yet to be sure and do a complete T-CLOCK before riding. As many of you already know, after your bike has been parked all winter your tire pressure will be low, and this will cause the tires to heat up and fail. Another very important reason for doing the T-Clock is in many cases we may have had something that needed to be done to the bike, and because of winter put it off until spring. If any of you are like me, I don't remember what happened last week, let alone three months ago. By doing the T-CLOCK you should find those things and other problems that you didn't even know about.

When going out for your first few rides of the season, take the time to reacquaint yourself with the handling characteristics of the bike because all of our skills get a little rusty when we have been off the bike for awhile. This is one of the reasons that we have scheduled the ARC course for this spring. These courses will help get us back up to speed on our riding skills. I am including a copy of the registration form in this article again this month. Please make your members aware of this class, and emphasize how much benefit these courses can be to them.

One last thing is to remind you that at this time of the year, the cars have grown unaccustomed to seeing us on the road and don't look for us. Please ride like you are invisible because they are not looking for us. This is still yet another reason for getting your riding skills up to speed. If I can be of help to any of you, please feel free to ask.

Ride Safe, Ride Longer

Steve & Vicki McDuffee

District Educators



FROM OUR M.E.D COORDINATORS

Hello from Your Friendly Med's

Well another month has come and went by and Lisa and I are still trying to get out and visit when we can. We got to go to Chapter Y of TN fund raiser for ST. Jude Children's Hospital this past month. WE had a great time seeing everyone again this year. It was the first time we got to go and they sure know how to have a good time in Chapter Y of Tenn. got to see old friends and make some new ones.

Lisa wants me to thank every one for the call's to check on her while she is down in her back. It is nice to know we have such caring friends and family.

Last month when we put out the names for Couple of the Year for this years chapter we left out someone and we are so sorry for this. **CHAPTER Y: STEVE McALPIN & JAN PICARD**

Remember if you are going to visit a chapter call the Chapter Director or Asst Chapter Director and make sure they are still having their meetings. Also tell them if you have any one coming with you and how many.

If your Chapter Couple goes after the Couple of the Year stuffed animal Congo the Gorilla please let us know so they will get a point. They get one every time they go after it and if they capture it they get two points. Please keep us informed on who has it and when it will back up for grabs we will contact the District Web Master and he will put it on the District web site so every one will know. WE will also put it in the district news letter so we can keep you all informed on where it is and when he will be up again for grabs.

Right now he is at Chapter Y with Steve McAlpin and Jan Picard they are having fun with him but they will have him available for grabs at their meeting this month it is the First Thursday of the Month. They meet at the Dinner Bell on HWY 45 N Mayfield, KY. Eat at 6:00 Meet at 7:00 if you need directions contact Chapter directors Randie & Martha Baldree 270-658-3862 or email them at randieb@vci.net. We would love to see a lot of couples go after him. Congo will be given away at Blast just like last year.

If you are going to set up table or something like that of information on MEC please contact National to see if they have any extra information they can give you. Make sure you find a place to do this that is traveled a lot with traffic coming and going.

Here are some suggestions on what you can set up: Welcome to GWRRA brochure is a great place to start, Make sure you explain the 5 W'S: Who – What - When – Where - Why

Who we are – What you all do together – When you meet and how often – Where you meet for events and rides – Why you meet, to give out information and socialize.

Old Wing World magazines, Poster of events and rides your chapter does.

Make sure you let them know the Benefits they get for joining not just your chapter but for joining GWRRA. You can go on the District Web Site and print out a Chapter Map and Location have it enlarged to show the many different chapters in the area There is a lot of information in the packets we gave the Chapter Directors to pass on to you at the Ops Meeting. You can go on the internet and download one of these manuals to. Have a new Member Orientation Guide handy to show them. If your chapter has a scrap book or photo album check with who ever is in charge of it and see if they would be willing to bring it along. If your chapter has won any trophies or Plaques or any recognition see if you can some how set them up. People like to be seen and see what is going on. DON'T FORGET YOUR BIKES AND TRAILORS GREAT TIME TO SHOW THEM OFF!

Wear your chapter shirts and if possible ask someone on the District staff in your area to show up and help promote GWRRA and your chapter. If there is anything Lisa or I can do to help you get this information please let us know and we will gladly do what we can to help you, that is part of our position here in KY

You maybe able to get your news paper to come out and do a story or maybe a radio show can do a guest spot while you are there. There is a lot of possibility the main things is to get out there and try.

It is part of Lisa & my job to put the fun back in the rally along with the rest of the District with your help. SO to do our part we have come up with another CHAPTER CHALLENGE. Also we have come up with a new game a spin off of THE AMAZING RACE!

We plan on coming up with another game just not sure yet what it will be. When we have more details we will let you know.

WE are working with Jack Dozier and Chapter S's Couple of the Year Robert & Cathy Williamson to have a Couple of the Year ride at the Ride In in June. This will be for present and past couples when we have more details we will pass these on to you all.

We all know that part of our GWRRA MOTTO is Friends so I found these Friendship Quotes on the Internet and decided to share them with you all, some of them really will make you think about our friendship with each other.

A FRIEND IS ONE WHO WALKS IN WHEN THE REST OF THE WORLD IS WALKING OUT.

STRANGERS ARE JUST FRIENDS WAITING TO HAPPEN.

FRIENDS ARE THE BACON BITS IN THE SALAD BOWL OF LIFE.

FRIENDS ARE GODS WAY OF TAKING CARE OF US!

IF YOU JUDGE YOUR FRIENDS, YOU HAVE NO TIME TO LOVE THEM!

FRIENDS ARE BORN NOT MADE!

LAUGHTER IS THE SHORTEST DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO FRIENDS.

THE ONLY WAY TO HAVE A FRIEND IS TO BE ONE.

FRIENDS ARE THE SUNSHINE OF LIFE.

A HUG IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS, A FRIEND IS WORTH MORE!

FRIENDS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT INGREDIENTS IN THIS RECIPE OF LIFE!

ONLY A REAL FRIEND WILL TELL YOU WHEN YOU'RE FACE IS DIRTY!

A TRUE FRIEND WILL TELL YOU WHEN YOUR FLY IS DOWN.

A TRUE FRIEND IS SOMEONE WHO THINKS THAT YOU ARE A GOOD EGG EVEN THOUGH THEY KNOW THAT YOU ARE SLIGHTLY CRACKED.

FRIENDSHIP IS NOTHING TO TAKE LIGHTLY OR EVER FOR GRANTED IT CAN BE GONE IN A WINK OF AN EYE!

ENJOY OUR TIMES TOGETHER AND GET OUT THERE AND MAKE MORE FRIENDS THAN YOU CAN STAND.

Ride Safe & Be Safe,

Allen and Lisa Merritt

KY District MED Coordinator



FROM OUR DIST.COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Hi Ya'll, It is finally spring, maybe we can all come out of hibernation and start riding, We are sure looking forward to putting many miles on our trike. We looked for some couples at our chapter Y meeting to capture Congo, the couple traveling Go- Rilla, Steve & Jan of chapter Y got Congo. He will be available for capture on April 2nd at the Dinner Bell on highway 45 across from the old General Tire Plant in Mayfield, KY. We eat at 6:00 & meet at 7:00, hope to see you all there. Have fun in this lovely weather & ride safe.

Ralph and Sally Ulery

2008-09 District Couple

**Asst. District Directors
KY/Central & District M.A.D. Coordinators**

No article for this month

Jack Dozier

Asst. District Directors Central



FROM OUR DISTRICT TREASURER

No article for this month

Kristy Williams

District Treasurer

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Hi to everyone,

Boy this weather is enough to drive you nuts. One day warm, next day it is cold. I'm ready to ride. Ha ha ha I hope everyone is doing well and getting their bikes ready for riding season again. Please try to be safe out there when you do ride.

If you want to add something to our newsletter, please send me a message with what you want added. I'm not sure if what you're sending me is for the newsletter. If you would just add a note telling me to put it in the newsletter, I would greatly appreciate it.

Have a great day,

Vicki McDuffee

District Newsletter Editor



Vendor Coordinator / District MAD

No article this month.

David Hamilton

Vendor Coordinator & MAD Coordinator