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****2008/2009 District Couple of the Year****
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**FROM THE THROTTLE HAND OF THE
DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

Hello again we visited with Chapters C, G, N and as always we were welcomed with open arms,

Kathy and I and friends from Chapter N just got back from Spring Fling, we would like to thank all the TN Staff for such a great rally, the weather was great, and the show at the theater was very good.

I hope we have the good weather and the people at the Blast this year, as most of you know this is our last year, so if anyone is interested in becoming the next District Director for Ky ,please let us know so we can get you involved with the rally and the District.

Don't be shy it is a great time, and we have good staff to help you out. As for us we will always be there for anyone who needs our help.

The plaque and the Gorilla, is still traveling around, now that the weather is better, jump on you bike and go visit, Remember the RIDE IN is coming up in June, this is a good relaxing weekend, We hope you can make it, there is a lot of good fun planned along with good food, and friends. See you there.

Rally time is just around the corner.

June 12-13 Kentucky Ride In E-Town

AUGUST 6-8 Kentucky Blast In Somerset

Hope to see you there.

Couple of the year for your Chapter lets encourage them to participate in the selection process, it is a lot of fun and a chance to meet new friends.

Visit the web site, for the most up to date forms for the Blast.

Also if there is a change in your meeting place please let the web master know in plenty of time before your next meeting so, he can post it on the web.

Until next time stay safe

Ray and Kathy Conrad

Kentucky District Directors

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

Hello from the West

I hope everyone is making plans to attend the Ride In next month, you will have a blast. Got to tell you Chapter Y went to Alto Pass In Southern ILL. on April 26th for a Blessing of the Bikes and they were expecting 6,000 bikes this year. They had already had over a 1,000 by 10:00 AM and when we left for about 5 miles it was a solid line of bikes going in. The Bald Knob Cross sits on top of a large hill and you can see for miles and miles. After we had our bikes blessed of course we left and went to Gaint City State park for a family style chicken dinner. For some reason a couple of the women said they didn't want to sit by me something about not getting any chicken don't know what they meant? Hope you can get out and visit and enjoy the weather. Remember May is National Motorcycle awareness month, maybe as a Chapter you can set up somewhere and make people aware of all the bikes on the road. Remember people are watching how you ride even if your not riding with the Chapter your still representing GWRRA and your local Chapter. If you have any ideas for the Blast this year please let the District Staff know as we are always wanting to make it better. Until next time!!

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR TROOPS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ride Safe and Stay Alert

Dan Bondurant

KY West Asst. District



Mother's Day

FROM OUR DISTRICT EDUCATORS

Hello Everyone

I want to talk to you about the importance of Rider Education. This is in my humble view, the most important thing that we can do because these programs that GWRRA has can and does save our friends lives. It makes us all better riders, and makes it safer for all. The proof is that people who have never ridden together before can get together and ride safe. Read the letter at the end to prove this. We had to cancel the ARC program that we had scheduled due to not having enough people sign up. We will try to have another one this year if enough people want one (maybe in conjunction with Tennessee). We will schedule one for sure next year, and plan to have the date and time available to distribute at OPS. I know that that is a long way off, but the idea is to put the information out in plenty of time for people to make plans to take it.

I want to point out that Kentucky has people that are willing to give of their time and talents to help us if we will let them. A good example of this is the members in this state that give of their time to become CPR/First Aid Instructors, Seminar Instructors, and Rider Coaches. I personally want to thank you for all you do for the members of this state. I want to thank Asa Rouse who is a member of Chapter G, who has given of her time to put together a presentation that has aired on public TV about Motorist Awareness. Please take the time to read this letter that I received from a member in another State, and think about safety.

Standardized Training

By Allen Wessels, Ch Y Murfreesboro, TN

This past March, I experienced what one might call a drenching example of the importance of the GWRRA's Rider Education Programs and standardized procedures. The experience came while participating with a Patriot Guard Riders (PGR) send-off mission for a unit of the Tennessee Army National Guard being deployed overseas.

The weather was overcast with an 80% chance of scattered showers, and the temperature was 61°. About forty miles into the ride, we encountered light to moderate rain and the air temperature started to fall to the mid fifties. As the convoy was approaching the Tennessee River, east of Paris, TN, we got caught in a thunderstorm with heavy rain and high winds. Visibility, due to rain and fog, was reduced to around 150 feet.

Besides myself, there was John Caccavale of Tennessee Chapter Y, as well as twelve bikes and one trike from Kentucky Chapter Y, all but one with CB radios; there were also eighteen other bikes and trikes, and one sidecar outfit. During the ride, we would communicate with each other about road conditions, changes in speed, turns, lane changes and Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) motorcycles hurrying past on the left as they leap-frogged forward along the route to control the intersections.

When we encountered the thunderstorm, the THP motorcycle officers and fifteen of the other bikes had to drop out of the ride. The remaining riders, most of whom are also GWRRA members, used our radios and the training from Team Riding classes, as well as the experience gained from participating in team rides, to organize ourselves on the fly and stay with the buses. When the convoy came into Clarksville, TN, just to the south of Fort Campbell, these skills and knowledge became very important, because we no longer had law enforcement to control the intersections, and parts of the group would get caught at traffic lights. Using the skills taught by the Team Riding Seminar enabled over half of the total PGR group that began the ride to finish. One of the Harley riders who didn't have a radio said part of the reason he didn't drop out was because of the way the rest of us were hanging together.

By participating in the Rider Education levels program and taking riding seminars that are available from GWRRA, John and I were able to ride safely with, and function within, another chapter from a different district. Although we had only met as a group that morning, the Rider Education skills we had all learned made it possible for us to ride smoothly as a team, even in severe weather.

I would like at this time to thank Randie Baldree, Senior Chapter Director KY-Y and the participants of Purchase Area Wings that were on that ride. Their level of skill, knowledge and experience made what could have been a very bad experience into an exciting adventure for sharing with others at rallies and events in the future.

Ride Safe, Ride Longer

Steve & Vicki McDuffee

District Educators



FROM OUR ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTORS KY/ EAST

No article this month.

Until next time, ride your own bike and be safe,

David & Jeannie McKenzie

COORDINATORS

KM East Asst. District Directors

Hay every one,

There has been one change to the Couple of Year Gorilla Congo, and we want to make everyone aware of it. The change is on the District Web site we also sent it out to every Chapter Director and Couple that we have email for.

Because of times being so hard for both couples to get off from work and go after the Gorilla here is the change. **It does not take both parts of the couple to go after it, as long as they are with two more members from their chapter. They will have as much a chances as any one else has.**

Just remember to let the chapter directors know who the others are, that are with you.

We have only received one resume back from the Couples. We need these back either **Yes** we will be in the selection Process or **No** we won't. It does not take two minutes to fill these out. They are in the front of the Couple Packets we gave out at Ops Meeting also you can download them off the Region Web or National.

We are hoping that some of the couples would love this Honor as going thru the selection process. We will be contacting the Couples again to see what they think about this. Please make sure you have turned in their email address and phone number, we still have not heard from every one.

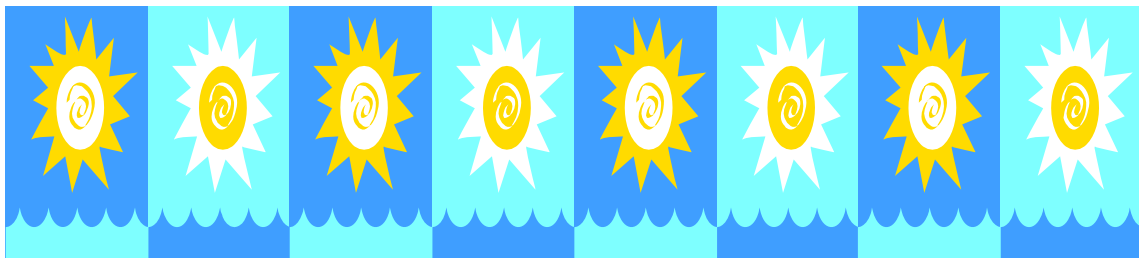
See you all at Ride In. Remember we are planning a Couple of Year Ride at Ride IN any one that is a past or present couple may join in on this ride.

Any suggestion on making this fun or anything else to do with couples more fun please let us know.

Ride Safe & Be Safe,

Allen and Lisa Merritt

KY District M&D Coordinator



FROM OUR DIST.COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Hi Everyone,

Beautiful riding weather is finally here & we have been taking advantage of it every chance we get. Chapter Y participated in the Sedalia, Ky light show Friday night & the parade Saturday morning, Sunday morning we all headed to Alto Pass for the blessing of the bikes & a great meal at Giant City State Park. We have been on several Patriot Guard rides. Ralph is still retired, but is looking for something to do. Chapter Y still has CONGO, the couple of the year GO-RILLA, he is looking for a new family to come get him, he will be available at THE DINNER BELL in Mayfield, Ky. on May 7, so come & claim him, we eat at 6 & meet at 7. Stay safe & enjoy this great weather.

Ralph and Sally Ulery

2008-09 District Couple



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

No article this month.

Jack Dozier

Asst. District Directors Central

FROM OUR DISTRICT TREASURER

No article this month.

Kristy Williams

District Treasurer



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Hi to everyone,

I can hardly believe that it is already May. Time just flies by. I hope you all are enjoying the nice weather and getting to ride. Steve and I are planning on doing more riding during June.

If you would like to have something added to the newsletter, please send them to me at my email address. (vickimcduffee@yahoo.com) I will be glad to add them in if they are sent to me by the 25th of the month.

See you all soon,

Vicki McDuffee

District Newsletter Editor

Vendor Coordinator / District MAD

ATTENTION please

Breaking News:

To all Chapter Directors and GWRRA members in the KY District – as I stated so frequently because I was not sure if we would ride to the capital on May 9th please be advised that there WILL NOT be a ride. I'm sure you will all understand after you read the following article.

First let me congratulate Jayne Ellen Mourning half of the Rider Education team from Chapter W for her efforts concerning M.A.D. and getting Valvoline to allow a table to be set up at their world headquarters to share pamphlets and other information with people who work there and have questions about motorcycling. Jayne Ellen you're quite right when you stated that this is a good fit - for both parties. Again let me send you CONGRATULATIONS for your efforts on this accomplishment to promote motorcycle awareness and safety Jayne Ellen. Job well done.

We have some really great news this month for everyone. Today I had a meeting with Mr. Mike Hancock the Secretary of Transportation for the State of Kentucky and Mr. Chuck Geveden the Executive Director for the Office of Highway Safety. I must say I was extremely pleased at the end of our meeting concerning the dialogue and impressed by both of these gentleman's willingness to work with GWRRA – KY District concerning Motorist Awareness and Motorcycle Safety.

There were multiple topics discussed at this meeting. A few of which I shall list to tease you all. One of the topics was of course the use of the ARTIMUS signs to bring attention to motorcyclist sharing the roadways with other vehicles. Dialogue has already been started within the government about possibly using these tools more frequently and implementing the use of these signs earlier in the riding season. I'll keep you up to date on this topic as things progress. Another topic was the license plate bearing a motorcycle in the background. I don't have all the details as of this writing but now have a much better understanding of what we will need to do to see these plates become a reality. And a few other important topics which I will convey to you all as time goes on and dialogue between the people I need to work with and I communicate with each other.

One program which is already in place is the Kentucky State Patrol's Motorcycle Safety Day which will be happening on May 21st. Please check the following link for information about this program and let's join them for a great day of fun, friendship, and of course knowledge.

http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/pdf/mc_invite_2009.pdf

or contact

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Yes I know I'm putting a lot of faith in the dialogue which transpired today but believe me when I say that I truly believe that both of these gentlemen are genuine and wish to work with GWRRA – KY in a cooperative manner that will not only enhance “our” fun and passion but will also be a productive use of the programs which they already have in place in some instances as well as other programs which might be developed after the fruits of these labors regarding those programs already started have been analyzed and evaluated. So let's all give Mr. Hancock and Mr. Geveden a round of applause as well as a nod and watch as this cooperative relationship grows into something we have all wanted to see between the State of Kentucky and GWRRA - KY.

NOW - what I need from the Chapter Directors is an email with updated information regarding each chapter's MAD coordinators please. My email address will be listed below as well as on the District website.

And yes – I am very excited about the events of today and I hope you all are as well. So ride safe and don't forget – **Share the Road.**

David Hamilton

Vendor Coordinator & MAD Coordinator

EVENTS AND RIDES GOING ON IN KY:

CHAPTER A:

MAY 3 – VISIT CHAPTER S E'TOWN

MAY 8, 9, 19 – RENFRO VALLEY CAMPING TRIP

MAY 9, BIKE AWARENESS LUNCH RIDE FRNAKFORT, KY 11:00A.M

MAY 31 MOONLIGHT BBQ – OWNESBORO, KY 12:00 NON

CHAPTER C:

__HOT BROWN RIDE SECOND SATURDAY IN MAY 4:00P.M.

CHAPTER G:

MAY 15 – 17 NIEHAUS APPRECIATION DAYS – LITCHIELD, ILL

MAY 16 – DINNER RIDE THE RIVERWATCH, LAWRENCEBURG, IN
5:00 P.M.

MAY 24 SUNDAY RIDE , NASHVILLE, IN. 12:00 P.M.

CHAPTER S:

__MAY 9, CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN BIKE & CAR SHOW RADCLIFF, KY.

MAY 15 – 17 CAMPING TRIP BLUE LICK BATTLEFIELD CAMPGROUND

MAY 21, BROWN BAG PICNIC BERNHEIM FORREST, LEAVE 6:00 P.M.

CHAPTER V:

MAY 9, BARDSTOWN EAT AT KURTZ DAY RIDE 8:00 A.M.

MAY 17, BLESSING OF BIKES CARMICHAELS OPEN HOUSE

MAY 23, MICHAELS RAVENNA DINNER RIDE 5:00 P.M.

CHAPTER W:

MAY 17, BLESSING OF BIKES CARMICHAELS IN WINCHESTER

JUNE W & C PICNIC RIDE

CHAPTER U:

MAY 30 MAD SET UO FOR MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

JETTERS REST ON HWY. 31W SOUTH IN FRANKLIN IN FRONT OF WAL-MART 10:00 TO 2:00

The 2009 Schedule for the Region N District Rallies

SPRING FLING 2009

THE TENNESSEE DISTRICT PRESENTS:
"1942, A USO WING TOUR" April 23 - 25, 2009
THE GRAND MAJESTIC THEATRE
PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE



DOWN HOME RALLY 2009

THE WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT PRESENTS
"IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE" JUNE 18 - 20, 2009
SUMMERSVILLE, CONFERENCE CENTER
SUMMERSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA



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THE GWRRA NATIONAL OFFICE PRESENTS
"CRUISING TO THE POW-WOW", JULY 2 - 5, 2009
TULSA EXPO SQUARE
TULSA, OKLAHOMA



THE BLAST 2009

THE KENTUCKY DISTRICT PRESENTS
"KENTUCKY GOES HOLLYWOOD" AUGUST 6 - 8, 2009
THE "CENTER" FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
SOMERSET, KENTUCKY



WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES 2009

THE NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT PRESENTS
"BACK TO THE '60's", SEPTEMBER 24 - 26, 2009
WESTERN AGRICULTURAL CENTER
FLETCHER, NORTH CAROLINA



RALLY IN THE VALLEY 2009

THE VIRGINIA DISTRICT PRESENTS
"HOLLYWOOD COMES TO THE VALLEY" OCTOBER 9 - 11, 2009
THE SALEM CIVIC CENTER
SALEM, VIRGINIA



APPALACHIAN ADVENTURE, 2009

REGION N PRESENTS
"WINGTOBERFEST" OCTOBER 29-31, 2009
APPALACHIAN FAIR GROUNDS
GRAY, TENNESSEE





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