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## FROM THE THROTTLE HAND OF THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Hello again all,

We visited with chapter N and V for the month of August. Well, we pulled off another rally, we had a great time it was nice to see familiar faces again, but we were disappointed that the numbers were down again this year even more than last year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the KY chapters, and all the region N staff, the other districts for their help and support. At the rally, we also were approached by several members about starting a new chapter back up in Somerset, once we get the information we will let you know. Well, as you know as of November 1<sup>st</sup> **David (Buddy) & Jeannie McKenzie** will be taking over the District, I have had a great time but it is time to step aside and let some new ideas come aboard. Please give them your support, they will announce their staff when they take over. We will be personally taking the 2009 plaque to Chapter W at their August Get Together, there was a mix up at the rally and we would like to apologize for that, we will be keeping track of the new one so if you capture the plaque you need to let us know either by email or phone, my cell is 859-801-4439 my email is rconrad@wkybb.net The next rally will be Wings over the Smokies in Fletcher North Carolina, it is always a great one. Once again thanks for all your help at the Blast. Until next time ride safe. **We also want to welcome the new district couple to the staff Glen and Wanda Creech from Winchester KY Chapter W. They are very outgoing and friendly I know they will do a great job.**

Until next time stay safe

Ray and Kathy Conrad

## Kentucky District Directors



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

Hello for the West,

Hope everyone had a great time at the Blast if not it's your fault (like they say you get out what you put in, so get out and have fun) there were plenty of fun things to do. Ice Cream, seminars, cookouts, Vendors and lots more. Congratulations to Chapter W on cleaning house at the Blast, their Chapter Couple won the District Couple of the Year congratulations Glen & Wanda Creech on being the new KY District Couple of the Year!!!! Also Chapter W won the traveling plaque for the year with the most visits to capture the traveling plaque. Again like I said elsewhere in the newsletter I won't to apologize to Chapter W for getting my wires in my little brain crossed. I was thinking it was like we had discussed that every time you went after the plaque if you got it, you received 2 points and if not you got 1 point **so far so good** but I was thinking that gave you more tickets for the final drawing that way more Chapters would go after the plaque ALL YEAR. BUT I WAS WRONG AND AFTER CHEKCING WITH JEANIE I REALIZED THAT and I APPLOGIZE TO CHAPTER W FOR THE MISTAKE!!!!!!!!!!!! Congratulations to Bubby and Jeanie McKennize for stepping up and taking the District Directors job I think they will do a fine job please help them out. If you have any ideas for the District please contact one of the District Staff we are always looking for new ideas and help. I want to thank Ray and Kathy for doing a great job the last three years as District Directors!!!! As of this writing Ch. A has the plaque and meet on the 3rd Sat so get out have a nice ride and try to capture the plaque.

Ride Safe and Stay Alert

Dan Bondurant

## **KY West Asst. District**

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An addition to Dan's article:

I want to apologize to Chapter W on the mix up at closing on the awarding of the traveling plaque. I got things wrong and was thinking that you got 2 points if you captured the plaque and 1 if you went but didn't get the plaque so far so good. Then at the Blast everyone recieved a ticket for each point they had to have a chance at the plaque so that Chapters would travel all year at the plaque even if one Chapter got ahead on points. But I was WRONG and after it was brought to my attention I checked with Jeanie who had the rules and learned I was wrong and it was to late to announce it as everyone was leaving. So I ask that this be put in the District Newsletter and again I was wrong and I apologize to Chapter W and want to congradulate them on alot of hard work going after the plaque like they did.

Ride Safe & Stay Alert!

KY AD/D West

Dan Bondurant

## FROM OUR DISTRICT EDUCATORS

Well, Blast has come and gone for another year, and personally I believe that it was a great rally. The turnout for the Rider-Ed seminars was very good. We had a total of 61 people take seminars during the rally. Those who did take the seminars seemed to enjoy (and learn from) them. I didn't hear any negative comments about any of them.

I want to thank the seminar presenters that stepped forward to conduct them for us. I had the opportunity to sit in on most of them and see for myself just how good these people are. I think that Kentucky is very fortunate to have people of this quality giving of their time and talents to present seminars for us. I want say a special Thank You to John Williams. He was there to help me at every turn, and as this was my first Blast as District Educator his help and wisdom was indispensable. Because of his help, I had the time to see seminars myself including some seminars presented by LTD. If you need any seminars, CPR/First Aid, ETC.... please let me know so that we can get them set-up.

*Ride Safe, Ride Longer*

Steve & Vicki McDuffee  
**District Educators**



## FROM OUR ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTORS KY/ EAST

Hello from the east side of the state. Hope everyone is enjoying the summer. Before we know it, winter will be upon us.

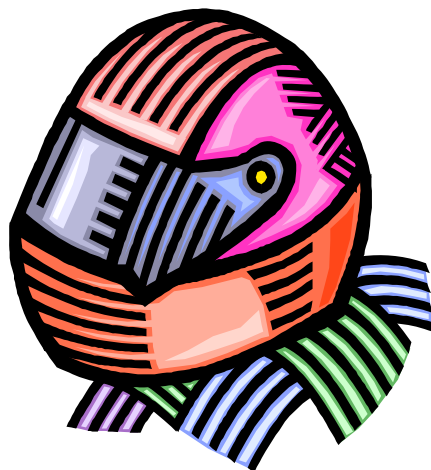
We would like to personally thank each and every person who helped out during the KY Blast Rally. There is no way that the district staff could have done it alone. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication from the chapter members as well as district staff to be able to make it all possible. Everyone pitched in and made sure that all stations were covered. We are so proud to be a part of such a great TEAM. Also, we would like to thank everyone that attended the rally. It is because of the attendees that we give our all to put together a rally packed full of fun and knowledge. Hope that all will make plans to attend again next year. If you have any suggestions or ideas for next year, please let us know. We want to hear from you.

Don't forget to go on line at [www.gwrra.org](http://www.gwrra.org) and check out your data for the Gold Book. If any changes needs to be made (address, phone #, etc.) please do so before the Oct 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Also, visit KY District web site at [www.gwrraky.com](http://www.gwrraky.com) to see the latest updates on the traveling plaque.

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

**David & Jeannie McKenzie**

**KY East Asst. District**



## FROM OUR M.E.D COORDINATORS

Hi everyone,

We want to thank everyone for a job well done, and all the hard work for this years rally.

THE NEW DISTRICT COUPLE IS:

GLENN & WANDA CREECH

HOME CHAPTER W

We will have an article on them in next month's news letter.

Remember to send us your chapter's news letter so we can keep up with the News and events. We need them so we can get them in the district news letter every month.

If there is anything you need from us let us know and we will see what we can do to help you out. The new guide lines for Couples of the Year will be announced at the Ops Meeting in January.

As we find out we will be passing them along, remember to think about who has had the most fun, helped your chapter and represented your chapters in a positive way when you are choosing a new couple.

Again Congratulations to all couples a WELCOME TO GLEN & WANDA to the district staff.

Ride Safe & Be Safe,

Allen and Lisa Merritt

**KY      District      MED**  
**Coordinator**



**FROM OUR DIST.COUPLE OF THE YEAR**

No article for the month.

Glen and Wanda  
Creech

**2008 10 District Couple**

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

No article for the month.

Jack Dozier

**ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

**FROM OUR DISTRICT TREASURER**

No article for the month.

Kristy Williams

**District  
Treasurer**

**DISTRICT NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Hi,

I can't believe that summer is just about over and fall is on the way. I'm excited about the cooler weather, but we must be more careful.

I hate that I was unable to attend Blast this year. Due to my change in grade levels, I couldn't take off. I hope that next year I will be able to be there. Congratulations to Glen and Wanda Creech!! We are thrilled to have you on District Staff.

Ride safe and see you  
soon,

Vicki McDuffee

**District Newsletter**



## **Vendor Coordinator / District MAD**

Hello All,

Well things being the way they are I know as a motorcycle rider that we all to often point fingers at other motorist and shake our heads. We wonder how hard is it to be responsible while driving a vehicle on the roadways we share. This is often a question that I ask as well as hear asked. Well I had an encounter yesterday that made me ask – how can this group of people riding be so irresponsible? Let me answer that. It was in fact a beautiful day for riding and I wish I would have been do just that but I had just gotten off of work at about 7:30 PM. Out of the nine motorcycles that cut me off not one of them actually looked to see if I was there. That's right – NOT ONE OF THEM. Being the person I am I followed this group to an establishment which didn't surprise me at all when they pulled into it. They were all getting off their bikes when I approached and seemed a bit surprised by the question I asked them. The question was simple enough – how much have y'all had to drink today? Yes there were some rude remarks made but it was worth it. I spent the next thirty minutes or so talking to this group of riders discussing topics like "How many riders have you known that have been involved in accidents or near accidents with other vehicles on the roadways?" I didn't bring up alcohol or drinking. After a few moments they started spouting out names to each other reminding the rest of that person's fate and then it was as if someone turned on a light – literally. This one large guy looked at me and asked me why I had stopped to talk to them and when I explained to them that they had "everyone of them" cut me off and not even turned a head to look and see if they were clear for a safe turn they all got this deer in the headlight look on their face. One of the other guys said he just followed the guy in front of him "assuming" the road was clear for the rest of them. That's when I reminded them that we as riders have the responsibility to make sure we are riding safely. And yes I know that the majority of us Gold Wingers won't drink and ride but there are some who probably have and some who probably will in the future. Folks we have to be responsible when we're riding. OK, so maybe one or two drinks doesn't impair us to the

point of being out of control. But it's a proven fact that alcohol does have an affect and that affect might be the same as this group that I talked to – they simply took for granted that they were riding safely. We have to share the roadways we ride on and let's face it – we have to be even more responsible than the other motorist because we don't have all the protection they have and to be honest we need every edge we can avoid an accident. The only way we can do that is be keeping our faculties about us and being a hundred percent when we are riding. That's our responsibility and we really must think about these things. So let's all be responsible.

David Hamilton

## **VENDOR COORDINATOR & MAD COORDINATOR**

### **Region N Trainers ~ KY Trainers - Pro Tem**

#### Power In Teamwork

As a youngster I (Pam) lived in the Gulf Coast area of the U. S. - Pensacola, Florida and Mobile, Alabama. We lived near a US Naval and Air Force Military Base.

Our elementary and junior high school field trips would include visits to the Naval Air Station, and several trips aboard aircraft carriers and Naval ships.

Our family loved to attend air shows and I was privileged to see the Thunder Birds and Blue Angels pilots perform on several occasions. (The teams actually did practice runs over our home). I'll never forget after one show actually getting to meet the Blue Angel pilots in their sharp uniforms, each earning the right to wear the Blue Angels Crest. As a kid I never gave thought to the demanding qualifications, screening and training that was involved to become a member of his unique team.

There is a level of trust and respect that each team member has for one another. In the Blue Angels, your teammates become closer than family. When a new member is brought into the circle, you're entrusting them with your life. Making the team isn't a one-shot deal. Once you make the team, you're responsible to fulfill your position, demonstrate your value, and pursue excellence on a daily basis. Nothing short of this extreme commitment to making the team is tolerated or accepted.

Synergy is a phenomenon where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. It helps to explain the power of teamwork. To create positive synergy, teams must have the right people in the right places, all working toward a common goal. That's why the Blue Angels have clear objectives and select from only the top qualified candidates who are capable of operating a peak performance.

As GWRRA Chapters, Districts or Regions choose a staff members, the T-E-A-M (*Together Everyone Accomplishes More*) concept should always be a major consideration.

- Are the right people on your team?
- Do you have complete trust in your team members

- Do *you* make the TEAM?

Your physical life may not ever depend on the people that are leaders in your chapter, as does the Blue Angels team, but the life of your *chapter* may well be in the hands of the leaders that are in place.

As Region N Trainers, we are here to help the District of Kentucky, as well as all of Region N.

At your recent Rally we had great participation in Leadership Training Seminars. Some of the members attend all LTD seminars that were presented. We answered a lot of questions and several of you expressed a desire to have a Horizon Program, Chapter Leadership Skills Program and Member Orientation Programs.

We would like to see more members in the Kentucky District trained as Leadership Training Instructors. One Kentucky member, Ray Herbert, completed requirements to become a certified LTD Instructor at the 2009 Kentucky Rally. We're sure that the Kentucky District will put Ray to work in the future with LTD seminar presentations.

Leadership is a key to the future success of your Chapter and District. Trained staff members help avoid potential problem solving issues and can make for more FUN in GWRRA. Isn't that what we all love about GWRRA?~ The **FUN ? !**

Please feel free to contact us at [wingse@msn.com](mailto:wingse@msn.com) or by telephone at 540-427-5449. We would love to talk with you and make arrangements necessary to help you achieve your goals in your chapter and the Kentucky District.

Yours for KNOWLEDGE,

*Pam & Tommy Meador*

Region N Trainers ~KY Trainers-pro tem

# 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

