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**** 2009/2010 District Couple of the Year ****

Glen and Wanda Creech

**** GWRRA's Hall of Honor ****

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

Hi everyone. We hope you are well and that your riding season so far has been exciting and full of wonderful memories. Just think, we still have the autumn season ahead of us. Autumn in KY always gives the most colorful riding experience that anyone could ask for.

First of all, we would like to let everyone know that we have a new grandson, Tanner Combs. He arrived on Aug 17th. He was 6 lbs 14 oz. Our daughter did have some complications before and after his arrival but both are doing fine now. We want to thank everyone for your prayers.

This year's KY Blast was just that, "A BLAST". From the ice cream social, to the seminars, to the hot dog/dance party, to the closing ceremonies, everyone seem to enjoy themselves and had a good time. Everyone showed up for the hot dog/dance party in their best 50's outfit to dance the night away. We even had a guest appearance from the "King" and his beloved! And what about the "Twist" contest. Let me tell you, those Wingers can dance! We want to thank everyone that attended and all the volunteers that helped out during the rally. We are very proud of our District Team for all their planning and hard work. They put in many hours to make it a great rally. It was truly a genuine good time.

As always, when one rally ends, plans for another one is in the works for next year. If anyone has any suggestions, please let us hear from you. Our goal is to plan our rally for the participant's enjoyment.

The KY traveling plaque is an incentive for chapter participants to go and visit other chapters and try to capture a plaque and take it back to their chapter. The traveling plaque for the 2009-2010 competition was awarded to Chapter KY-W at the rally. They had accumulated the most points. But let me tell you, it was a close race between them and several other chapters. The KY traveling plague for 2010-2011 was started at the rally again this year. The winner was determined by putting the names of all chapters present at closing ceremonies in a hat and drawing out one name of the winning chapter. The winning chapter was KY-H. The same rules as last's year will apply this year. For a complete set of these rules, please visit our web site.

In closing, we would like to say that we are coming to the completion of our first year as KY's District Directors. We have truly enjoyed working with our District Team and all the participants of all the chapters. We are here to for our members and to help in any way possible. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

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

David & Jeannie McKenzie

Kentucky District Directors

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

Hello from the West

Hope everyone had a good time at the Blast. Thanks to everyone who worked to help us have a great Blast this year. Remember it's your Rally and if you have any ideas to make it better please let one of the District Team know. I know you've heard this before but if you don't attend YOUR Rally then when the attendance is down the vendors don't attend and it just snowballs. It's nice to finally have a break in the temps. as we had 30 something days of 90-100 degree temps. Better get out and enjoy the cooler weather because in know time some will be saying it's to cool to ride. Congratulations to Ch. W for winning the Traveling Plaque again this year, Chapters get out and visit and try and beat Ch. W next year I promise you'll have a lot of fun doing it.

Ride Safe and Stay Alert

Dan Bondurant

KY West Asst. District



FROM OUR DISTRICT EDUCATORS

Well, by the time you read this another Blast will have come and gone. I hope everyone had a great time this year. There was a tremendous amount of time put into making it happen. Buddy and Jennie spent countless hours working on this so that you, the member could have a great experience. We had four Rider Education Seminars this year, and from all indications were well received. Believe it or not, the planning for next year's Blast starts now so if you have suggestions, comments, or expectations of what you would like to see at next year's Blast let the staff know. If there are certain Seminars that you would like to see, again, let us know. Blast is your event, and my goal is to give you the educational experience that you want.

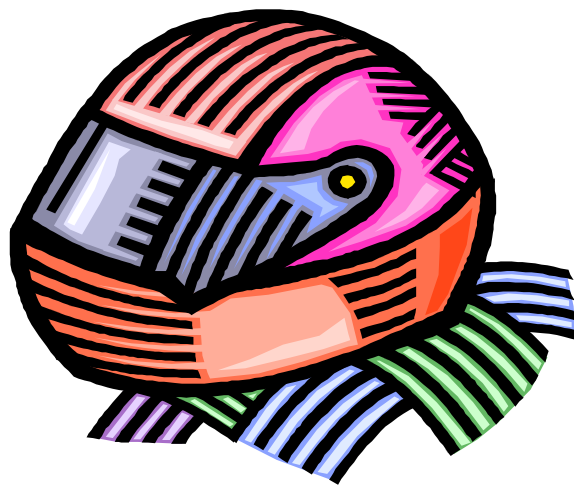
We had a Trike course as well as an ARC at this year's Blast, and to my knowledge, this is the first time that these have ever been offered at our rally. We also had a crash scene reenactment done as this year's event that was witnessed by 49 members. This is one of those things that we hope never to see for real, but need to know what to do just in case.

I want to make a special Thank You to Chapter G educators, Julie and John Harris for taking care of the on bike games again this year. There is a lot of work that goes into this and with them taking care of this it made for one less thing that I had to worry about. I would also like to thank all the chapter educators that helped with the Rider Education Booth this year. This event couldn't be pulled off without you.

Ride Safe, Ride Longer

Steve & Vicki McDuffee

District Educators



FROM OUR VENDOR COORDINATORS

Hello All it was good to see everyone at the Blast. Plans are already in the works for next years Rally, so keep watching the web site and the news letter for updates, the next rally we are going to try and attend is Wings over the Smokies hope to see you there. Ride safe.

Until next time stay safe

Ray and Kathy Conrad

Kentucky Vendor Coordinators

FROM OUR M.E.D COORDINATORS

Hay Gang

Lisa & I would like to thank each and everyone that helped out at the Blast and at the MED table. Seemed like everything went well.

Thanks to the three chapter couples for coming and helping out it was greatly appreciated.

Chapter Directors please let your chapter couples know that the mascot is still out there to be captured and is given to permanent home at the District Ops Meeting first of next year.

Chapter Directors please get feed back from your members good or bad about this years Blast and any suggestions that they may have for next years rally and get it to any district team member or give it directly to Buddy and Jeannie.

Due to the changes in the way we Honor our new district couples of the year selecting, the new District Couples will be announced and done at the District Ops Meeting! Around the first of next year, we have people checking out the couples all the time.

Ride Safe & Be Safe,

Allen and Lisa Merritt

KY District MED Coordinator

FROM OUR DIST.COUPLE OF THE YEAR

No article for this month.

Glen and Wanda Creech

2009-10 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

Kentucky Trainers

Pro Tem



Leadership Training Program

"Alive in Kentucky"

Thanks to the hard work of Buddy & Jeannie McKenzie and the entire GWRR Kentucky District Team we enjoyed another fun "Kentucky Blast".

We were able to deliver Leadership Training seminars on "How to Have Fun at a Rally", "Newsletter Seminar", "How to Show and Judge a Bike", "Managing Change", "Self Esteem-Key to Success", "Chapter Communications Plan" and "Planning a Chapter Event".

We would like to express a special thanks to all of the members who took the time to increase their knowledge by attending a seminar. We have received notes and e-mails of thanks for offering a variety of LTP seminars at Kentucky Blast.

A special thank you to each of the following instructors for their help during the rally :

Ed Grazier -TN District-Region N-Membership Enhancement
Beth Ann McCormick-WV-District Trainer
Pam Meador-VA-Region N Trainer
Bill McCormick - WV District Membership Enhancement

Tommy Meador-VA District-Region N Trainer
Pat Hasiak-VA District-District Director
Alan Little- NC - Former International COY
Buz Mower- WV- District Director

You may notice that none of the LTP instructors are from Kentucky. Thus this brings to mind the need for trained instructors in Kentucky GWRR.

We would like to arrange for an Instructor Certification & Development Program in Kentucky in the fall or winter of 2010. If you would be interested in signing up for the class, please contact us via e-mail (wingse@msn.com) . Also if you may know of a central location within the state where we may have the class, please provide us with that information.

We are here to serve you, the members and officers. You as members want quality leaders and officers and we, as Trainers are here to help provide the help you chapter and GWRR membership experience be the best that it can be through **KNOWLEDGE !**

Pam & Tommy Meador
Kentucky Trainers Pro Tem

FROM OUR ASST. DISTRICT EDUCATORS

From The Assistant District Educator

This month I would like to tell you about the other day when my wife and I were out for dinner (there is a point to this).

We were waiting for our food when my wife looked at the other table next to her that had received their food, and there was a gentleman that appeared to be choking. Well she hesitated a moment to observe the man and then told me what was happening. I looked over at him and got up and asked him if he could breathe and he shook his head NO. So I was able to get behind him and to help him remove the Foreign Body Obstruction from him. Well everything came out as we are taught in the Medic First Aid Classes and the gentleman thanked us and he was able to continue on with his meal after a bit.

The point of all this rambling is to remind all of our members that you can use the Medic First Aid training at any time not just for Gold Wing stuff.

The other point to this is to remind all of the Chapter Educators to start planning to have a First Aid Class scheduled for the winter time. This is the best time to schedule our MFA trainers for your event. To schedule a class please contact our MFA Coordinator **John Harris**, he is Chapter G's Educator.

Also be thinking about having one of our seminar so we can schedule one of our presenters to come to your gathering for a seminar. Maybe one on Team Riding, Co Riders, or on Trailing . There are many seminars that are available that can be given in a short period of time. Also the BEST time to have one is at a winter gathering.

Look forward to the coming month's challenge to the Chapter Educator's. This will be something that will play out at the next years Blast.

The M.A.D Corner

This is the time of year when the motorist start to get complacent about looking for us as motorcyclist, and we as motorcyclist also start to get complacent about looking out for the

motorist. We need to regain our focus on our riding skills and that includes using the **S.A.A.** that is taught in the Rider Courses.

This is the time of year when the weather starts to change and we as riders start to have to wear more layers of clothing to stay warmer than we had to this past summer. Our bodies aren't adjusted to the cooler weather yet and remember that the older we get the more warmth that we want the less mobility that we will have.

In the last month we have started to see too many accidents happening that could have been prevented if the riders and the Motorist were looking out for each other.

The best way to do this is **1)** bring it to our attention and **2)** we as **ambassadors** to the motorcycling world, need to bring it to the attention of all of our friends to start looking out for the MOTORCYCLES again. And for us as motorcycle enthusiast to come back to our basics of riding and start using the **S.A.A.** which is **SEEK** what is going on around us, **ANTICIPATE** what we need to do at all times and **ACT** if there is a incident that needs to be avoided.

We need to relate the problem to ALL motorist that drive around motorcycles so that the number of motorcycle accidents start to back down as the trend was showing in the last year.

LOOK TWICE & SAVE A LIFE

Rick & Michelle Andreen

Asst. District Educators

GOLD BOOK DUE! DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31, 2010

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN... TIME TO UPDATE THE GOLD BOOK SERVICE DIRECTORY!

Having the Gold Book Service Directory at your fingertips is just one of the many great benefits of being a GWRRA Member. Please make sure that you're not left out of the Gold Book by checking the codes you have listed in your membership record. You must have at least one code checked to be listed. The deadline to register or make changes to your selection for the Gold Book Service Directory is October 31, 2010.

You can check your membership record at www.gwrra.org and then click on Manage Your Membership. Or, if you prefer, you can contact Customer Service at (800) 843-9460 Monday-Thursday, 6:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. MST and one of the friendly agents will be happy to assist you.

The 2011 Gold Book will be delivered with the March 2011 issue of Wing World magazine.

The Couple of the Year Program

The Couple of the Year award should be given for the right reason. At the Chapter level, it should be presented to a couple for their dedication, accomplishments, and participation within the Chapter and GWRRA during the past year. What this means is that they receive the honor for what they have done, not for what they are going to do. The "Couple of the Year" is an award, not an assignment. Currently, KY Chapters announce their Chapter Couple of the Year at the end of the year. Therefore, they are recognized throughout the following year as a Chapter Couple of the Year.

In the past few years, Kentucky has selected the District Couple of the Year at the District Rally in August. This selection process was formerly done at Winter Wrap-up. The District Couple of the Year is selected from the current year's Chapter Couples of the Year. The current District Couple of the Year for Kentucky was selected last year at rally. They will be eligible to participate in the Region N Couple of the Year Selection Process this year. The selection process will be held at the VA Rally in Oct. Per the Couple of the Year manual, the couples must serve as Couple of the Year a minimum of three months prior to the next level selection process.

Kentucky has changed the Couple of the Year Selection Process from the District Rally to the District Ops Meeting which takes place in January. What this means is that the current District Couple of the Year will remain through the end of the year (after Region N Selection Process)

and a new District Couple of the Year will be selected in January. The couple chosen in January will be eligible to participate in the Region N Couple of the Year Selection Process next year.

By changing the selection process to January, the Chapter Couples of the Year will have a whole year before going through the District Selection Process. By doing this, they will have adequate time to prepare, attend rallies or other events, and get to know other Couples of the Year. It will also give the Selection Team time to review each couple throughout the year as to what the couples have done since being named Chapter Couple of the Year. In other words, the Couples of the Year would only need to continue doing what they got honored for in the first place. We will still follow the Couple of the Year requirements for selecting the District Couple of the Year in January. We will have the selection team observe each Couple at the rallies and events that they attend on how they interact with the members and their participation at the rallies.

In the past we have to struggle to get couples to take part in the Couple of the Year program. By doing this, we will be able to select a District Couple of the Year who is deserving of the honor. If chosen for the right reason, any Couple would be honored to receive this prestigious award.



Julie Zahn, Alan Little, & Tommy Meador participate in an training exercise in the "Self Esteem-Key to Success" seminar at the 2010 Kentucky Blast



A full class of member participants at the Kentucky Blast 2010, attend the "How to show & Judge a Bike" seminar.



Beth Ann McCormick presenting the "Newsletter Seminar" at Kentucky Blast 2010



Kentucky Blast 2010- Alan Little speaking at Closing Ceremonies