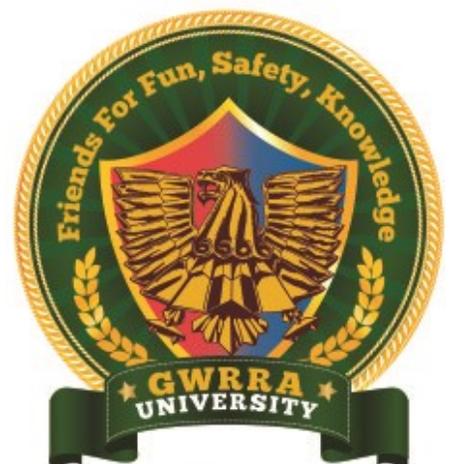


GWRRA Ohio District August 2018 Newsletter

OHIO, It's not the Destination, it's the Ride.



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From the Director's Corner

The last 6 weeks have been hectic to say the least, but we have things pretty much in hand now and our goals for the next year are set. So it's time to take a quick look back and talk a little bit about Buckeye Rally 2018.

The contests old and new were well a big success. The District Team golf cart decorating contest was well liked and I don't think that Randy will ever be called anything but Tater now. Members are still talking about "Tater's Towing." The mascot contest had nine Chapter entries this year and one individual entry. They were all well done and dressed for the theme of a 1950's Birthday party. The poker run through the vendors was a huge success and the vendors themselves enjoyed being a part of it. Everyone seemed to enjoy the pizza party and we had enough pizza left over to feed the children at a local shelter who otherwise would not have had dinner that night. There was no one to cook for them.

Shiny Side up and Amazing Team challenge were well attended with participants and viewers. It's always fun to watch the experts put their bikes through their paces. I've always enjoyed hearing the comments from others especially outsiders who do not realize what our Gold Wings can do on the courses.

The University had 91 members go

through the seminars and modules and Ohio can now boast of 31 new Road Captains. Congratulations to all of you and a huge thank you to all of the instructors who took their time to train members in leadership and rider education. Your hard work and dedication is what makes GWRRA a success.

Enough of the past, it's time to look to the future. Buckeye Time Out is coming up the 3rd weekend in September. This as you know is the District Camp out. It will be again at Past Time Park in Plain City. Please see the flier for more details. We promise all of the fun from the past and a few new things to do for more fun.

For those of you going to Wing Ding, we hope to see you there. Remember Ohio has Pre-registration duties on Saturday September 1st from 8am to 11am. If you can help during that time, please let us know.

Remember, "It's not the destination, it's the ride." As always ride safe.



Assistant District Directors

North Central Section

Doug & Lynn Kerst

What a busy month July has turned out to be for us in the north central section and district. We have attended three out of our six chapter gatherings since taking over Buckeye rally. We are planning on attending two more next month and hoping to hit the last one the following month.

We would of hit all the remaining three in August but we have prior commitments for family. We also attended the northeast sectional picnic and had a blast seeing a lot of members from another section. Lynn and I are also planning on heading to the southwest picnic on the 11th of August. Doug went for a ride with chapter Y and B3 on July 28 and enjoyed the company of both chapters and the 350 mile ride. We are having a fun time traveling to these events except for the middle of the month where the rain was off and on so we took a break for the week. There is only two events that are coming up in the near future that I have read about that we should put out there. The first one is Wing Ding at the end of the month in Knoxville, Tn. Ohio district has preregistration on Saturday from 8-noon. We have a hand full of members so far but if you are going and can give a hour of your time please stop by and see if you can help out.

The last time that we were notified, the district can still use members from 9-noon. The second thing coming up is in September and is a relaxing time is Buckeye Time out. More details will be coming out in the next couple of weeks. The cost of camping is \$28 and is worth the time to visit and enjoy friends. Be safe and see you in the future on a ride or event.

We hate to hear bad news but one of chapter Y charter member had a motorcycle accident and passed away on August 4th. Larry was a very dedicated member and would help out whenever he was asked or volunteered. I know that GWRRA will not be the same without him. They were members for 30 years and was a very informative member to ask questions about GWRRA. Please keep the Huffman family in your thoughts for losing a wonderful person.

Assistant District Director

South East Section

Robert Vogel

Good Evening,

As I write this, I began thinking about all of the rides that have happened, new friends made, and old friendships renewed around this great district. After meeting you all I wish I could be part of everything each chapter offers and never miss a thing.

GWRRRA makes it so simple to have fun, go on great rides, enjoy the chapter you're in, and visit other chapters. This, my friends, is how we make new friends and keep GWRRRA alive and prosperous for the future.

I recently decided to grow my beard back and I have met a great group of new bearded men through social media. They have proven what friendship, family, and brotherhood is. Now I know what you're thinking; what does this have to do with GWRRRA? Well let me tell you.

I came to realize that yes, we have many great people out there. We have a great group of people we call friends and some that are closer than family. But spreading the word of GWRRRA to as many people as possible takes a bit more effort. We have to reach out and let people know about all the great changes in our organization. Let them know they are welcome no matter what bike they have – or even if they don't currently have a bike. Give them peace of mind that they will have fun even if that means directing them to another chapter. We must give all chapters any help

we can when it comes to recruiting, and we are all in this together. Whether its growing a beard or growing a chapter, it takes some work.

In the month of August, we have Wing Ding coming up. I hope everyone who is going this year has a beautiful and safe ride. We also have the Southwest Section Picnic on Aug 11, which was so much fun for me last year I am hoping for a bigger turnout. I hope to see more faces and meet some new people this year.

Please be safe, ride smart and have fun. I hope to see each and every one of you someday somewhere on the open road.



Assistant District Director

South West Section

Darrin Ebright & JJ Hooker

Hello From The Southwest

If you don't like the weather in Ohio just wait five minutes as the saying goes. Except it seems like June and July all it did was rain, or at least on my days off. And now the weather has been beautiful. Comfortably temperatures comfortable humidity, and low rain fall. Which means we get to ride!! YAY!

Chapter F had a great 3 day Ride to South Bass Island and Marblehead area That was Awesome

Chapter E2 had their annual Drive in night (where they had a Motorist Awareness table set up) nice job

Chapter T2 had a dinner ride to a local favorite Mell-O- Dee restaurant

Chapter N2 Is Planning there chapter Picnic and attending the SWO Picnic (more on that in a bit)

Chapter X2 Had an Snake Independence day ride Lead By Jeff and Becky Weddle. Unfortunately they had an accident on the way home and are both still in the hospital and Therapy. X2 has set up a go fund me account to help with expenses. go [fundme.com/](https://www.fundme.com/) Weddle Motorcycle Accident Recovery. for more info and if you would like to donate But keep them in your prayers they have a lot of healing to do.

Coming up of course is the SWO Section picnic/Corn Roast On August 11th at Rotary Park in Beavercreek, Ohio 45434

This is always fun I get corn that is picked that morning I get you all to shuck it while I set up

the roasters and we cook it right there fresh, then we have lunch

Also don't forget Buckeye Time Out is September 14-16 At pastime park in Plain City Call the campground yourself to reserve the site. and sit back and enjoy the weekend with GWRRA friends There will be the euchre tournament and corn hole tournament and chili dump as always .

Until next time Keep the shiny side up and stay safe.



Assistant District Director

North West Section

VACANT

As most of you know we, your District Directors, are looking for Assistant District Directors for the North West. Why do we need an assistant with only 4 chapters left in the Northwest? It's very simple, we can't be everywhere and the 4 chapters in the northwest deserve the very

So what does an ADD do? The position is not difficult and can be done by anyone who is dedicated to preserving chapters and GWRRA. We ask that you try to visit each chapter quarterly so about 4 times a year. Let us know if any of the chapters have an issue or if participation in events or rides is dropping. We ask that a newsletter article is written for the district newsletter monthly. Twice a year you get to attend the Officers meeting and we ask that you attend the various District events such as Buckeye Rally, Cabin Fever and Buckeye Time out. The hardest part of being an ADD is deciding which of the chapter newsletters and web sites are the best for each quarter. They are all good and each newsletter editor and web master is doing the best that they can. I know that if we end up making that decision for the second quarter, it's going to be really, really tough.

Anyone can be an Assistant District Director. You do not have to give up your position in your chapter. You do not have to give up chapter life. If you are a CD or an ACD, think about all the fun you have with your chapter. We had twice as much fun as ADD's while still being CD's of our home chapter.

There's a plan for the northwest that we are hoping to implement starting early next year. We want to encourage new chapters to form in the area. To succeed in that we will need help from someone local and help from the local dealers. If you are fairly new to GWRRA, don't let that stop you. Our team is fairly young and they are enthused. That's what we are looking for; enthusiasm! Don't let being in GWRRA a long time stop you-there's nothing like experience. We need experienced people as well.

Think about it. Let us know if you are even remotely interested. We would like to talk to you.

Remember: It's not the destination; it's the ride.

Roy & Becky

District Directors

Assistant District Director

North East Section

VACANT

We want to thank all of the chapters who showed up at the Northeast Picnic and made it a success. We hope you had as much fun as we did and the Birthday Banners were great. Congratulations to all of you, you did a fine job. I hope that you took them back and shared them with your chapters.

Since we stepped up to be the new District Directors for Ohio, we cannot fully give the Northeast section the attention that the chapters deserve. All of our chapters deserve the very best that we can give them, so we are looking for someone to be the new Assistant District Directors for the Northeast.

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Being the NEADD was one of the best rides of our lives, we are hoping that being the District Directors is even more fun. We want to thank the NE chapters for all that they did to make our jobs as your ADD's easy. We were always welcomed at all of the chapter gatherings and events. Keep up the good work all of you.

Remember: "It's not the destination, it's the ride."

Roy & Becky

District Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Rob & Amanda Stufflebeam

Greetings Ohio District!

Through GWRRA we have found so many great friends, mentors, and even a little brother. Rob has all brothers in his family and I have one older sister - I always wanted a brother and now I have one.

We have never found in another organization what we've found in GWRRA – the comradery, friendships and support is nothing short of phenomenal. When we triked our Goldwing a little over a year ago, we were going to rent a trailer to take our bike to the vendor we'd chosen (KD Cycle out of Gadsden, AL). It was a long trip and a pretty big undertaking. We were talking about our plans at a Chapter event, and one of our great new friends offered to let us use their enclosed trailer instead. At the time, we were fairly new to Chapter B-3 and this simply amazed us. It was a truly generous and altruistic gesture, and our gratitude was immense. Later, after we started riding on three wheels it was a huge adjustment but the wonderful mentors in our chapter took us out to practice and relieved so much anxiety.

We say all this because as MEC's and members it is everyone's job to recruit and welcome new people. The MEC's are required to contact each new member and make contact with them. We know this can be awkward to

some and it's not an easy thing to do but making sure each prospective person is contacted and actually reached is vitally important. This is how prospects become new members. If we miss out because we do not want to bother someone then we are missing out on the chance to have a new brother, sister, friend, or mentor. As we said above, said this is not just for the MEC's – we need the members help as well. Anyone in a chapter can make phone calls, send cards, or visit new and prospective members.

Let's all make our very best effort to keep our GW family growing.

District Educators

Bill & Pat Stiles

This month I am going to cover the levels Program and how easy it is to obtain each level.

Explanation of the GWRRA Rider Education Levels Program...

Purpose

The GWRRA Rider Education Program (REP) is intended to make the motorcycle environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities and increasing motorcyclist skills and awareness. The REP does not propose to have all the answers. However, our close-working relationship with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), as well as additional GWRRA programs and studies, has provided a wealth of information for use in establishing a comprehensive Rider Education Program. Through Commitment, Education and Application, we can reduce our accident rate significantly. Listed below are several benefits of a fully implemented GWRRA Rider Education Program at the Chapter level:

- Increased rider knowledge
- Increased rider safety skills
- Prevention of accidents Reduced injuries
- Reduced fatalities
- Improved general public image of motorcyclists
- Enhanced enjoyment of motorcycle riding

The motorcycle community is already realizing many positive benefits from the GWRRA Rider

Education Program. Through the efforts of the Rider Education Officers and participation of the membership and others, we will reach our goal of establishing the safest motorcycle environment possible.

Level 1: Safety by Commitment - The first big step to success

Level I of the Rider Education Program is also referred to as Safe Miles. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or the Co-Rider to practice safe motorcycle operation whenever they operate their motorcycle.

Safety is a state of mind which can only be attained through total commitment. Every successful accomplishment begins with a commitment to reach the intended objective. This is true of the Rider Education Program and includes a promise to learn for the sake of Rider, Co-Rider, friends and family, and others on the road.

Though there is no mileage requirement to enter Level I, the commitment to safe riding is tracked by the number of accident free miles since joining GWRRA. Accident free miles are accumulated in 5,000 mile increments and may be updated at yearly intervals.

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Bill & Pat Stiles

Requirement: Verbal commitment to ride safely at all times. No cost to sign up.

Patches available at \$6.00 per participant
Receive: "Safe Miles" patch, Rider (or Co-rider) Rocker, and mileage pin.

Level II: Safety by Education

Level II of the REP is also referred to as Tour Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or CoRider to be safer motorcycle riders by taking approved motorcycle riding courses at regular intervals.

GWRRA has chosen several educational training programs for the Riders and Co-Riders such as the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) programs, the United Sidecar Association course, the CSC (Canadian Safety Council) programs, and the GWRRA's Advanced Riding courses.

Completing these courses provides the foundation and skills for your quest to be a safe motorcycle rider. All recognized programs are taught by qualified and nationally certified instructors.

For the Co-Rider, we have provided an excellent seminar and "Two Up" programs to assist in their role in the safety aspect of motorcycle riding.

Motorcycle education goes "hand in hand" with commitment. The "on bike" education by MSF, USCA, CSC and GWRRA for the Rider and Co-Rider and the "off bike" education designed specifically for the Co-Rider, provide a very effective approach to motorcycle safety.

This is when a REP participant truly begins to understand what the Level I commitment means and sees the value in the program.

Requirement: Rider - a Certified Rider Course with 5,000 safe miles. Co-Rider - certified Co-rider Seminar or 2-up Rider Course. No cost to sign up. Patches available at \$5.00 per participant Receive: "Red Triangle" patch for either Rider or Co-rider signifying Level II

III: Safety by Preparedness

Level III of the REP is also referred to as Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be prepared in the event of an accident to give aid and possibly save lives. This is done by being knowledgeable in First Aid or CPR and carrying a first aid kit on their motorcycle at all times.

It would be wonderful if we could achieve the coveted goal of zero accidents; however, we know realistically, accidents will happen. Because of this, it is important to be fully prepared to lend aid to unfortunate accident victims. It is important to always be prepared to save a life.

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Bill & Pat Stiles

Level III of the Rider Education Program was developed to deal with such circumstances by recognizing and encouraging proper First Aid or CPR training. CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) has been used to save many lives. Being trained to render CPR or First Aid is a tremendous asset to those the REP participant will come in contact with daily.

Requirement: Current in Level II and have taken either First Aid or CPR training No cost to sign up. Patches available at \$4.00 per participant

Level IV: Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness

Level IV is the most prestigious of the REP levels and is referred to as Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the highest commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to safe riding and preparedness. This commitment is shown by a demonstrated history of safe miles and current certification in both First Aid and CPR... This Master Tour Riders/Co T Riders are the finest example to every one of the highest commitment to safe motorcycle operation and preparedness.

Level IV of the REP, the Master Tour Rider, was designed for those special caring individuals who desire to "be all they can be" with regards to motorcycle safety. The requirements are more stringent than Level III and require a greater commitment. These individuals are caring, trained and prepared with the experience to back them up. It is realized Level IV is not for everyone, but for those who desire to

be of greater service to their fellow man, it is the correct prescription.

Why desire to be a Level IV Master Tour Rider? It's a worthy goal. Being prepared to save a life is a high calling indeed! These individuals are shining examples to the rest of the GWRRA membership. Others aspire to practice the same commitment as displayed by those who have attained Level IV. For that reason, because these individuals are ambassadors to the members at all levels, GWRRA provides a special gathering to celebrate the Master Tour Rider commitment each year at the District Rally, Region D Rally and Wing Ding.

Requirement: Current in Level III for one year and have taken both First Aid and CPR training. Have 25,000 Safe Miles and must be committed to riding with "Proper Riding Gear" at all times. Cost: \$35.00 for each participant (Black and Gold patch is available for another \$8.00) receive: "Special Triangular" patches with dark blue border and your individual Master numb embroidered on it.

Receive: "Certified Tour Rider" or "Certified Co-Rider" patch.

District Educators

Bill & Pat Stiles



So there you have the program structure:

- Level I Safety by Commitment
- Level II Safety by Education
- Level III Safety by Preparedness
- Level IV Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness

The GWRRA is proud to present the Rider Education Program. We encourage you to think seriously about a participant in the GWRRA

Rider Education Program. You should also remember the old cliché, "an ounce of prevention IS worth a pound of cure." Always wear protective riding apparel!

To sign up or to receive more information, contact your Chapter Director

District COY/CHOY Coordinators

Doug & Lynn Kerst

I was asked by a member if the Couple of the Year Program is still being done at the National Level. My answer to them was Yes. The couple of the year program just changed at the National level. We can answer any questions about the program at the officer meeting since we are on the national team also.

We oversee the northeast territory for GWRRA which includes 13 states. I will be sending out emails in September to all current chapter couples to see who would like to go thru the selection at Cabin Fever in February.

The program that is no longer at the National Level is the Chapter of the Year. This is only being done at the District Level if the District wishes to do it. Ohio District has decided that starting in January 2019 we will be bringing back the Chapter of the Year. We have made many changes all of which will be on the web site. Our goal is to bring this back to the fun of being a Gold Wing member and

meeting new friends.

Doug and I will be talking about both programs at the Fall Officers Meeting November 10 in Obetz. Please if you have any questions about either of these programs come to the officers meeting. If you are unable to attend, please send your questions with your CD or any member who will be there. You can also email me and I will be more the happy to answer any questions that you may have.

