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HOT OFF THE SHELF – MARY ADAMS DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Happy New Year!

Every year we make New Year's resolutions that we never seem to accomplish. This year lets look at what is reasonable and attainable. How about participating more at the Chapter level, find that the road you have never been down because you didn't have the time and ride it, or come to Winter Warm Up!



Illinois has 11 new Chapter Directors this year! A big Thank you to all those who have stepped up to this leadership roll. I'm excited to see what new ideas will come from these new leaders. Changes can be hard for some. Please remember that we are volunteers and we are only trying to full fill the roles we volunteered for.

Illinois is unique in that we have 2 rallies each year and they are completely different. Winter Warm Up is just around the corner. It is at the Chateau, Bloomington. This is the same place we had our 25th Anniversary. They have plenty of space and lots of rooms for seminars. The agenda is posted on the district website. Check it out and make your plans for the weekend. We have something for everyone.

This is an Anniversary year for the Illinois District! 35 years is something to celebrate! We plan to celebrate in Style! If you haven't been to a District event before this is the year to come and join us. I know you will have a great time.

Mary Adams Illinois District Director - Every member counts!



Everyone is Welcome

GWRRA Illinois District

Winter Renaissance

January 23rd & 24th

Chateau, Bloomington, IL

Join us for seminars, games, challenges,
food and merriment!

Friday - Dress as your favorite Renaissance Character.
Dinner, Skits, Couple and Individual Costume Judging

Saturday: Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year Selectic
State Police Seminar presented by Joey Watson.

Chapter Competitions, Chapter Challenges

Saturday Night: After Closing - Pajama Party

Wear your favorite PJ'S! Crazy Slippers Contest, Games & Prizes



Chateau Hotel & Conference Center

Room Rate \$89

309-662-2020

Ask For Goldwing Road Riders Group Rate

Cost \$50 per person
(Includes 2 meals)

Register online

www.gwr-ra-ildistrict.com



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WINTER WARM UP AGENDA — SEE YOU THERE

Saturday January 24, 2015

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Where</u>
6:30am-8:30am	Breakfast	Bon I, II
8:30am-9:00am	COY/IOY Holding Room	Clem/Tally
9:00am-11:00am	COY/IOY Selection	Bon I, II
9:00am-1:00pm	Registration	Lobby
9:00am-1:00pm	Summer Rally Registration	Lobby
9:00am-1:00pm	Ticket Sales	Lobby
9:00am-1:00pm	Patch Shop	Lobby
9:00am-1:00pm	Kissing Booth	Lobby
9:00am-4:00pm	Rider Ed Table	Galeria
9:00am-4:00pm	Vendors Galeria,	Lobby
11:00am-11:30am	COY/IOY Reception	POE
11:00am-12:30pm	Scrapbook Class	Clem/Tally
11:00am-12:00pm	Seminar TBA	Richleau
11:00am-12:00pm	Seminar TBA	Lafayette
11:00am-12:00pm	Motorcycle Crash Scene	Auditorium
11:00am-12:00pm	Games	Bon I, II
1:00pm-2:00pm	Member Benefits	Richleau
1:00pm-2:00pm	Co-Rider	Auditorium
1:00pm-2:00pm	Public Speaking	Lafayette
1:00pm-2:00pm	Seminar TBA	POE
1:00pm-2:00pm	Seminar TBA	Clem/Tally
1:00pm-3:00pm	Competition Judging	Bon I, II
1:00pm-3:00pm	Vendor Walk	Galeria, Lobby
2:00pm-4:00pm	Speaker-Joey Watson	Auditorium
2:00pm-4:00pm	Games	Bon I, II
2:00pm-4:00pm	Hospitality	POE
4:00pm-5:30pm	Movie	Auditorium
06:00:00 PM	Banquet	Bon I, II, III
07:00:00 PM	Closing	Bon I, II, III
08:30:00 PM	Pajama Party	Bon I, II, III

NEWSLETTER

1. At least one Chapter representative must be registered at the Illinois District Winter Warm Up.
2. Only newsletters from the previous 12 months (2014) are eligible for competition.
3. Must submit at least 4 entries for viewing.
4. Newsletter judging criteria are based on content as outlined in the Membership Enhancement Program Chapter Newsletter Award

Guidelines:

Chapter Name, GWRRA Logo, Region, District, Chapter Letter designation

Inclusion of information from National, Region, and District newsletters

Rider Education safety information, Stories submitted by members other than officers

SCRAPBOOK GUIDELINES

REMEMBER: THE WHOLE OBJECT OF THIS IS TO HAVE FUN WHILE COMPILING THE GOOD TIMES AND FUN THE CHAPTER HAS EXPERIENCED, INTO A CHAPTER SCRAPBOOK.

1. At least one Chapter representative must be registered at the Illinois District Winter Warm Up.
2. Judges will also be looking for creativity, captions, the general theme of GWRRA, layout, quality of photos, and artistic qualities.
3. Scrapbooks should be in a chronological order. The scrapbook tells a story of events and achievements of the past year of the Chapter.
4. Title or description of events-detailed vs brief; consistent vs random

Mascot

1. At least one Chapter representative must be registered at the Illinois District Winter Warm Up.
2. Must provide identification as to owner.
3. All entrants must possess a sense of humor.
4. Mascots cannot be live.
5. Mascots must be able to be safely attached to ride on a motorcycle.
6. Must show GWRRA Chapter location, pin, patch, etc...
7. Promotes Safety

BANNERS

1. At least two Chapter representatives must be registered at the Illinois District Winter Warm Up.
2. Banners will be judged on use of the GWRRA initials, or full name of the association, or helmet logo, District name or initials, Region name or initials and Motto.
3. Chapter nickname or logo.
4. Points will be awarded for artistic content and ease of identification.

Chapter Shirt

1. Shirt may be a dress shirt, polo or t-shirt as long as it is one provided by a registered chapter member at Winter Warm Up.
2. Must be accompanied by a chapter picture of the members all wearing a chapter shirt.
3. Must be displayed on the chapter table.

Chapter Hat

1. Must be a registered member at the Winter Warm Up.
2. Must show chapter designation.
3. Must be displayed on the chapter table.

Chapter Display

1. Display may be not larger than 36x36x36.
2. Must be a castle going with the theme of Winter Renaissance.
3. No water, sand, or live animals may be used.
4. Must have a Chapter Crest on the Castle.
5. Must have a guard for the castle.
6. May have moving parts and/or lights.

BAKING

We will have 5 categories:

- Cookies - Drop
- Cookies - Cutout
- Brownies
- Cakes – Sheet
- Cakes – Layered

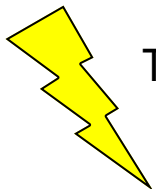
ALL MUST HAVE:

1. Must be homemade, not professional, by a registered member at Winter Warm Up.
2. Recipe must be shown with display.
3. Chapter / Baker identification clearly marked.
4. The use of nuts or oils containing nuts must be displayed.
5. Presentation should be in theme.
6. Members may participate in more than one category.

ALL CAKES * Must be a deposable container. - will not be returned

- Must have a cupcake along with it for tasting
- MUST BE DECORATED IN THEME
- All cakes may be bought in a silent auction on Saturday at closing.

HAVE FUN AND GREAT YOU STUFF READY TO GO !!!!!!!



The National GWRRA home office would like to get pictures of members and their Gold Wings, Chapter activities, rides, etc.

If anyone who wants to send in a picture or pictures please to send them to:

pictures@gwrra.org

GWRRA ILLINOIS DISTRICT EDUCATORS - DAN & LINDA SUE DAVIS

Welcome to the New Year and a fresh start for your Rider Education Program in Illinois.

Hasn't the winter been great so far? I know the bikes have been on the roads up here in the northern part of the state, which is very unusual for this time of the year.

Are you planning to attend Winter Warm Up? I sure hope so; we have a lot of great things planned for all three days.

We have rider education seminars planned for all to attend. Joey Watson will be returning again this year. We have set aside two hours for his "Summit" Seminar. You won't want to miss it. It is outstanding and you will really enjoy it.

I have just returned for the Illinois Department of Transportation's annual winter conference. The state of Illinois has determined that the new slingshot will require a Class "D" license to operate it. The class "D" license will also be required for the thoroughbred (stallion). If you are planning on installing a Tow Pac or Voyager package on your motorcycle and don't have a Class "M" endorsement you will be limited to your Class "D" license. This means that if you do not have an "M" endorsement and test with the Tow Pac or Voyager installed you will be limited to operating that motorcycle only with the two extra wheels installed.

Want to spend one dollar and maybe win a flat screen TV? Come to the Winter Warm Up and Buy some raffle tickets from rider education. Every penny you spend buying tickets goes right back to the membership for the rider education program. This keeps the cost of our rider courses and seminar training program at a very low cost to you the membership. So, please stop by our tables and help your rider education program.

I will be holding four rider courses in Illinois this year. Two will be in Vandalia and two in Sterling. Vandalia's courses will be April 17th and 18th while Sterling's courses will be the 2nd and 3rd of May. I will have registration forms at the rider education tables during Winter Warm Up. These courses are going to fill up fast so sign up early.

Until next month, ATGATT

Dan

As always remember ATGATT Dan and Linda Sue



Our Mission

To Save Lives Through Quality,
World Class Education.

Our Slogan

"Safety Is For Life"



GWRRA ILLINOIS ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIR. -GENE & ANNETTE SHIELDS

Dear Wingers,

Here we are at the start of 2015 and no riding to be done. Bikes in the garage clean and polished. The gear is stored for the long winter stay. With images of chrome and lights fill our days. I am sure most have done the same by this time of the year.

We, like many have been attending Christmas Parties not only for our chapter, but for many other chapters also. We attended the Chapter C-2 Party, the Chapter G, Chapter DK and today we are attending our home Chapter L party. We had so much fun at each of them. Great People and Great Friends.

We have many things to be thankful for and been blessed from over this last year. A lot of new friends we made and a lot we got to see again. Many rides we took both as a chapter and individually. Of course there was all the rallies and Wing Ding. They took us to Wisconsin four times this year, starting with the Region E OPS meeting, then the Wisconsin District Trifecta, which included the Wisconsin Rally, Wing Ding and District Rally. We also had a lot of fun at the Illinois District Rally in Mt. Vernon, IL. I don't know right now how many chapter meeting we attended over the year but it was quite a few.

We are already looking forward to next riding season and the events we have planned to attend. Of course the big one is Wing Ding at Huntsville, AL. We plan to take a few days riding down to Huntsville just to take in some great scenery along the way both to and returning home. The Illinois District Winter Warm Up, Illinois District Summer Rally and we are thinking of going to the Missouri District Rally, the Wisconsin District and possibly Iowa District Rally. A Lot of planning to do while the weather is cold and snowing.

Annette and I would like to wish Everyone in Illinois District, Region E including all the other Districts, and our members at the National and International Level,

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Until we see you again, may the blessings continue to come.

Gene & Annette

Gene & Annette Shields
Assistant District Directors
Northwest Illinois



Gene & Annette Shields
Assistant Director, IL
District

ASSISTANT ILLINOIS DISTRICT DIRECTORS —STEVEN & DIANE GOTTSCHALK



Steven and Diane Gottschalk

Assistant Director, IL
District

MEC/COY/IOY
Coordinators, IL District

Greetings from Southern Illinois:

Now that the New Year party is over it is time for the District Team to outline our 2015 goals. The District Team gives their time and energy throughout the year to serve you, the members. We want to get everyone involved with their Chapter activities this year.

We want to stress to each and everyone, the District Teams' commitment to you and to GWRRA. As prior Chapter Directors, certified trainers and instructors, we have the leadership skills to help with whatever problem you may encounter. We are always available to listen, discuss, and to solve issues. The bottom line is you are part of the IL District family.

As I mentioned last month we want the Chapter Directors to facilitate their Chapters with minimal oversight from the District. We will provide any requested help; be it Rider Education Training, Leadership Training Classes, or teach a seminar from the Member Enhancement Program. We are in place to ensure all Chapters Directors have access to the tools to make your Chapters safe, knowledgeable, and fun.

Chapter Directors don't forget to notify the Couple of the Year Coordinators of your Couple and Individual of the Year selectees.

2015 will be a fun year for all! The District Team is in the midst of planning some great fun filled activities and events for everyone to enjoy. Please feel free to contact any of the District Team members at any time.

Ride Safe and Have Fun!

Steve & Diane Gottschalk, Assistant Directors

Happy New Year Fellow Goldwingers!

We would like to introduce ourselves. We are Nancy and Charles Mallett, the new IL District Member Enhancement Program Coordinators. Over the 30 years that we have been members of GWRRA, we have served in many different capacities. We've been chapter officers and staff, and officers in Region E, as well as international officers in GWRRA. Member Enhancement is a new area for us. Having been very active in our local chapter, which we chartered 30 years ago, we hope that we have some experience for this area also.

As members of GWRRA, we need to keep wearing our happy faces and promote what GWRRA is offering to those who are not familiar with it. Folks out there who own Gold Wings and other brands of motorcycles and are not currently members, don't know we have great benefits including discounts, a magazine, conventions, an informative website, fun runs and friendships. If you are enjoying yourselves, it is easy to promote it.

Let us also remember that we are representing motorcycling in general when we are in the public eye. There are a lot of people who have an interest in our motorcycles. When we are somewhere and are asked questions about our motorcycles, it gives us the opportunity to project a positive image. Good public relations is good for us all!

We look forward to our new position and hope to see all of you at the upcoming Winter Renaissance at the Chateau in Bloomington!!!

Nancy & Charles Mallett

GWRRA IL District MEP Coordinators

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MEDIEVAL MESS DINING-IN TRADITION

As with most ancient traditions, the origin of the Medieval Mess Dining-In is not clear. Formal dinners are rooted in antiquity. From pre-Christ Roman Legions, to second century Viking warlords, to King Arthur's knights in the sixth century, feasts to honor military victories and individual and unit achievements have been a custom.

Some trace the origins of the Dining-In to the old English monasteries. One of the most traditional parts of a Dining-In has been the "Grog Bowl." The history of the "Grog Bowl" has become obscured with time. Today's "GROG" is more symbolic; it encompasses the age old custom of sharing comradery within the unit.

RULES OF THE MEDIEVAL MESS DINING-IN

1. Thou shalt not be late.
2. Thou shalt make every effort to meet all guests.
3. Thou shalt move to their seat when the Assistant Director bangs the gavel and remain standing until seated by the Director.
4. Thou shalt not murder the Queen's English.
5. Thou shalt not leave the Mess while it is convened. Medieval Mess protocol overrides all calls of nature.
6. Thou shalt participate in all toasts unless thyself or thy group is being honored with a toast.
7. Thou shalt ensure that thy glass is always charged while toasting.
8. Thou shalt keep toasts and comments within the limits of good taste and mutual respect; however, good natured needling is ENCOURAGED.
9. Thou shalt always use the proper toasting procedures.
10. Thou shalt consume thy meal without the use of utensils in a manner becoming gentile persons.
11. Thou shalt not laugh at ridiculously funny comments unless the Director first shows approval by laughing.
12. Thou shalt not question the decisions of the Director, otherwise known as caviling.
13. When the Mess opens or is adjourned, thou shalt rise and wait for the head table to take their places or depart.
14. Thou shalt not begin eating a course of the meal before members of the head table have begun.
15. Thou shalt not engage in verbal exchange whilst another member has the floor.
16. Thou shalt enjoy thyself to the fullest!

MEDIEVAL MESS PROTOCOL

1. Members of the Mess arrive and socialize with guests.
2. When Assistant Director bangs the gavel members stand behind their chairs. Members of the head table go to their table and be seated.
3. The Director formally opens, and presides over the Mess according to the agenda.
4. Each time the Mess is adjourned and reassembled, members enter the Mess and stand behind their chairs until members of the head table are in place, and the Director reopens the Mess.

GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSING TOASTS

If a member of the Medieval Mess wishes to propose a toast, use the following procedures:

- Stand and face the Assistant Director
- Address the Assistant Director by saying:
- “Assistant Director, a point of order.”
- After being recognized, identify himself/herself:
- “I am xxxx xxx from (Example IL-Q)

The Assistant Director will then inform the Director and once her approval is received, the Assistant Director will then ask the Mess to please stand. After allowing time for all members to rise, the toast will then be given by the member who proposed it.

It is not necessary (nor is it proper) to drain the glass at the completion of each toast. A simple touch of the glass to the lips will satisfy the ceremonial requirements.

SPECIFIC GROG GUIDANCE

1. Assistant Director preparing the grog will drink the first cup (full) while demonstrating the proper reporting procedures to the Director.
2. The grog must be opened and closed by the Director.
3. The grog will be open for a maximum of 20 minutes during the program. The Director will close the grog by stating “Although violations are rampant, I feel enough have been dealt with and justice has been served. The decorum of the Mess has been restored.”
4. All violations must be in keeping with the rules of the Mess and in good taste.
5. Members directed to report to the grog will use the attached procedures.

GROG BOWL PROCEDURES

1. Members directed to the grog will, without talking any further, proceed directly to the grog bowl
2. Take a cup of grog (at least 1/3 full), face the Director, raise the cup and say “To the Director,” and drink the contents of the cup without removing it from the lips.
3. Tip the cup upside down over your head.
4. About face, replace the cup, and return to your seat.



Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Announcement: New Assistant Director of Training

A part of the vision Paul Hildebrand, our Founder, has always had for GWRRA is to provide high quality, relevant education and training to its Members. We see it in our motto-Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge. Our plan is to continually expand on his goals for our Members to have access to the best information and training available to keep us safe and help us in all areas of our lives. To make sure this happens, we need great people who have a passion for training and our Members.

I am very excited to announce Anita Alkire has been appointed as the new Assistant Director of Training. Anita holds 7 teaching credentials, and has an impressive GWRRA resume. She and JR joined GWRRA in 1999. Their home chapter is CA1F in San Diego and they love playing with their GWRRA family at home. They started right off as Dinner Ride Coordinators and within 6 months were asked to be Assistant Chapter Directors and their Chapter's Couple of the Year. A year later they were Chapter Directors. Then, from Asst. CA District Directors, to Directors to Region F Directors to now being Deputy Directors taking care of the "I"ncredibly "F"un Regions in the West. Throughout this journey they became Seminar Presenters, SI061 and 62 for Rider Education. They also pursued Leadership Training, rising to the level of Master Instructors and now through Gold Wing University (GWU) they have added Membership Enhancement. As you can see, they always enjoy sharing experiences and knowledge with their GWRRA family.

Anita will continue in her Role as Deputy Director, with JR working with her to take on more of her Deputy responsibilities, and now gets to experience "the best of both worlds," she says, "my love of Directorship and the passion for training and coaching." Anita's main role as Asst. DOT will be to help with the restructuring and rebuilding of GWRRA's Gold Wing University. She has already been extremely valuable in helping develop new ideas and programs around leadership and how we can be strategic while maintaining our GWRRA family and fun feel.

Help me welcome and congratulate Anita to a position she is so well suited for!

Joe Price
Director of Training

ILLINOIS DISTRICT ANNOUNCES 2014 COY / IOY

Congratulations to all Participants

Be sure to get you chapter couple selection process started and keep us informed so we can recognize the folks here.

GWRRA Proclamation



**ILLINOIS
COUPLE OF THE YEAR 2014
Wayne & Shirley Schimdt**

GWRRA Proclamation



**ILLINOIS
INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR
2014
Nancy Hutchings**

Illinois ~ Chapter Couple / Individual of The Year Recognition for 2014

Chpt	Couple of Year	Individual of Year	Chpt	Couple of Year	Individual of Year
B-2	George & Gail Kam		N	Terre & Nancy Burlington	
C	Jerry & Sue Allhands	Joan Stemke	O	Mike & Karen Morgan	Bernie Lavezza
C-2			PI	Pam & Tom Waller	
D			Q	Charlie & Rose Basden	Gary Kohlenberger
D-2	Marvin & Linda DeBolt		R		
DK			S	Brian & Cindy Eubanks	
E	Rick & Maggie Filson		T		
F			U		
G	Bob & Nicki Fowkes		V		
G2	Jim & Judy Letarte	Jim Fairman	W		
H2	Bob & Brenda Stretcher	Larry Heil	Y		Pamela Tucker
I	Bob & Cheryl Gerhold		Z	Larry Cindy Horton	Donald Mallinson
L	Dave & Sandy Ginger	Heide Lanier	Z2	Steve & Alice Willuweit	John Meyers

These will be updated as new couples are recognized

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**MEET THE ILLINOIS DISTRICT
TEAM FOR 2014**



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Special Note *** Want to get more involved ? Ask to be part of one of the greatest volunteer organizations in the country GWRRR and help make it even better as there is no ceiling on improvement.