



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

GWRRA ILLINOIS DISTRICT NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER

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HOT OFF THE SHELF – MARY ADAMS DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Greetings All;

The District OPS meeting is fast approaching. So what is an OPS meeting? It is a District meeting where all chapter officers are asked to attend, but is open to all members. It is mostly beneficial to the Chapter Officers. It is a time to turn in new Officer paperwork, bring your charter fee for the next year, and receive any new news from the District.



We will have registration available for Winter Warm Up, and information on all the Winter Warm Up Competitions, and the agenda.

Our Patch Lady, Nancy will be there to take any orders for the next year.

We have once again divided it up North and South to help with the travel time. You are welcome to which ever one you would like to, or both!

We will be ordering off the menu at the Rt. 20 Bar and Grill, Freeport for the Northern Chapters.

We will be at Niehaus Cycle Sales for the Southern Chapters.

We will serving a meal there. Cost \$5 each.

The District team will be there to answer any questions you may have. If we don't know the answer we will get it.

Ride Safe Thank you,

Mary Adams Illinois Sr. District Director - Every member counts!

Winter Warm Up January 22nd, 23rd, 2016

"Boots, Chaps and Cowboy Hats"

President Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center

701 Adams St Springfield, Illinois

217-544-8800 Room Rate \$85.00

Ask for the GWRRA Illinois District Group Rate.

Please make your reservations soon.

Save the Date! Illinois District OPS Meeting

**Saturday November 7th, 2015 Rt. 20 Bar & Grill,
Freeport, IL**

**Sunday November 8th, 2015 Niehaus Cycle
Sales, Litchfield, IL**



GWRRA ILLINOIS DISTRICT EDUCATORS - DAN & LINDA SUE DAVIS

Another month of good riding and group gathering has taken place.

Linda Sue and I had the pleasure of attending the Southern Ride In this year.

This is our third year to attend. I can't tell you how much we enjoyed the entire weekend. We arrived to the State Fair grounds on Wednesday night and the camp ground was already filling up. We were still able to get a great camping spot and enjoy the entire weekend. Linda and I along with other GWRRA members took part in a guided ride to Flamm's Apple orchard on Friday. The route chosen was outstanding as was the exceptional leader. I was extremely impressed with his information passed onto the rider's in the group. During the ride one of the bikes had problems with his tail lights, brake lights, and turn signals. At the midway stop we were discussing this and he said that he would ride in the trail position if it was problem for anyone. I believe it was an entire group answer of NO you continue to ride in the middle of the group. We know you have a problem and are aware of it. The car or cars following us don't know and may very well hit you.

On Saturday Linda Sue and I once again took part in the guided ride. Willie K was the leader and what a fine job he did. All I can say is "Once again, another GREAT Southern Ride In".

If you have never been to the Sothern Ride In you need to mark next year on the calendar and be there.

It's beginning to become that time of the year when we need to start winterizing our motorcycles, trikes and other motorized equipment we won't or can't use during the winter months.



Our Mission

To Save Lives Through Quality,
World Class Education.

Our Slogan

"Safety Is For Life"



As always remember ATGATT Dan and Linda Sue

GWRRA ILLINOIS DISTRICT MEP COORDINATORS - CHARLES & NANCY MALLET

Go Team Go!!

We're talking about going for the title of Chapter of the Year in the District of Illinois!!! Your chapter could be the next one! Check out the program guide on the Illinois District or GWRRA website under Membership Enhancement. Print it off and go back over what your chapter has accomplished for the year. It is easier if you have been keeping track along the way, but it's not impossible to get caught up.



Charles & Nancy Mallett
Membership Enhancement
Program Coordinators

Don't say, our chapter isn't big enough to participate against a larger chapter. Not so! The scores are based upon the average participation at your monthly meetings. You will calculate your average at the end of the calendar year. Then you go back to see what your attendance was at the various activities to see if you met or exceeded your average. You could be pleasantly surprised!

You get points for having officers, newsletters, website, visiting other chapters, holding chapter activities, turning in ARL, Rider Ed and MAD reports, having a couple of the year, attending seminars (Rider Ed, MAD, LTP – from 1/1/13 – 12/31/15), have members that participated in ARC/TRC or ERC classes and more!!!

When you add up your total points, you could be in one of the following categories.

- Gold Level Chapters.....421 & > Points and higher
- Silver Level Chapters.....283 to 420 Points
- Bronze Level Chapters..... 121 to 282 Points

So, what are you waiting for? Get the printer going and start filling in the blanks. Completed paperwork is due to us on or before February 1, 2016.

Chapter Level Responsibilities

- Prepare the Chapter of the Year packet which should include:
 - o Completed Chapter of the Year Score Sheet
 - o All Chapter Monthly Gathering Sign-In Sheets (to the District Level Only)
 - o List of participants that attended the District Convention
 - o List of participants that attended the Region Convention
 - o List of participants that attended Wing Ding

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- o List of participants that attend other Conventions
- o All Event/Ride Schedules
- o All Chapter Visitation participant lists
- o All Extraordinary Chapter Events/Activities participant lists
- o All Planned Recruiting participant lists
- o Copy of written Retention Plan
- o All Membership Enhancement Seminar Rosters
- o All Monthly Chapter N.6 Reports
- o All RE Seminar Rosters
- o All PLP Rosters
- o All Rider Course Completion Sheets
- o All Quarterly Chapter N.23 Reports
- o All Motorist Awareness Seminar Sign In Sheets
- o All CD & ACD LTP Training Records
- o All Chapter LTP Seminar Rosters
- o Horizon Completion Certificates for Chapter Participants

We look forward to hearing from you. Let the good times roll!!

Nancy & Charles Mallett

GWRRRA IL District MEP Coordinators ildistmec@gmail.com



ASSITANT ILLINOIS DISTRICT DIRECTORS—EASTERN IL. TOM & PAM WALLER

Hello from Eastern IL,

Hey, what happened to the time ??? October is heading our way, fast. Seems like it was just January and I couldn't wait for nice weather to ride and now the year is almost over. Funny how fast time flies as you get older.

Chapter PI has been keeping busy the past few months. Our big ride was to Georgia on August 7th and 8th. We had four members ride down and attend Chapter D's meeting in Cumming. We also found our new chapter mascot, Baby Guin. Who also became a chapter member. Ask me about that the next time you see me.

Some of you may have met the CA Ambassadors - Denny and Jinny Allison and Neal Graham. They live in Flat Rock IL part of the year. They hosted a Peach BBQ for several Chapters. The food was good and the BBQ'd peaches were awesome. The day was a little sticky, but the company was fantastic.

If you ever get a chance to go to Crawfordsville IN, there is a revolving jail museum you should check out. It is the only one left in the US that can still turn. There is also a great place to eat called Creek Side Lodge.

We didn't get to attend Wing Ding this year. I was a little bummed about that. Next year is in Billings MT. Now that could be a ride not to miss. A person could add a few more states to their map patch.

Our most exciting event of the month was the Ronald McDonald ride on September 20th. PI took home the traveling Ronald doll by having the most in attendance. I had just made the comment that we would not win and then they called our Chapter. Needless to say, there was some very loud screams from our section. I would like to thank everyone who attended for taking the time to support this event, it is for a very good cause.

We have a couple of rides planned for October. Check out our newsletter for more info. What? You don't get our newsletter! Just ask and you shall receive. We would love to send you our newsletter.

Until next month.

Tom and Pam Waller Eastern IL ADD

Until next month

Tom and Pam Waller Assistant District Directors See you soon.



Tom & Pam Waller
Assistant Director,
Eastern IL District

ASSISTANT ILLINOIS DISTRICT DIRECTORS —STEVEN & DIANE GOTTSCHALK

Greetings from Southern Illinois,

Diane and I recently attended the Southern Illinois Ride In and had a great time! We took advantage of the fun and games, as well as the rides, but the one thing that we noticed throughout the campground was fellowship.

Friends gathered in lawn chairs around campfires, around tables in the pavilion, and under shade trees to catch-up on what has been going on in the lives of their friends and reminiscing the past.

GWRRA offers a lot of things that make use become better riders, leaders, and trainers. But the main thing is it offers us to become part of a group of like minded individuals that look forward to being friends. Even those of us that no longer ride still enjoy coming to rally's for the friendship.

What about those rally hugs and handshakes? It is not a coincidence that GWRRA members do this; we initiate this greeting and quickly become friends.

Friendship is enjoying laughing and talking about past, present and future events. Friendship is thinking up little things to make your friend smile. Friendship is simply knowing if you were ever in any type of trouble they would be there for you and you for them. Friendship is keeping in touch no matter where life takes you or how far. Friendship is being able to simply sit back and remember the good old days. This is what we call a friendship and we are fortunate to be involved in many of these!

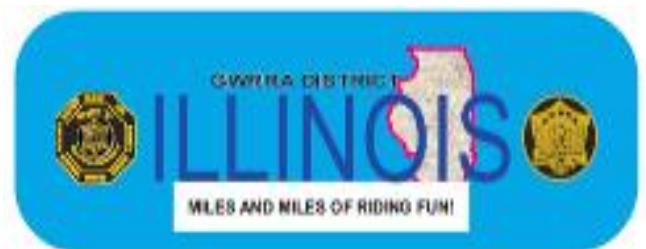
Give your friend a hug or handshake today!

Steve & Diane Gottschalk, Assistant Directors



Steven and Diane
Gottschalk
Assistant Director, IL
District
MEC/COY/IOY
Coordinators, IL District

Ride safe and have fun! Steve & Diane Gottschalk Assistant Illinois Directors



Our Mission

"To Facilitate A Reduction In
Motorcycle Crashes With Other Motor Vehicles."

Our Moto

"Share The Road"



Saw an article the other day that brought back memories of one who hung many clothes by the old-fashioned way of drying them on a wire-coated clothesline between two posts. Who else remembers?

THE BASIC RULES FOR CLOTHESLINES OF THE PAST:



1. You had to wash the clothesline before hanging any clothes – walk the entire length of each line with a damp cloth around the lines.
2. You had to hang the clothes in a certain order, and always hang "whites" with "whites" and hang them first.
3. You never hung a shirt by the shoulders – always by the tail! What would the neighbors think?
4. Wash day on a Monday! ... Never hang clothes on the weekend, for heaven's sake!
5. Hang the sheets and towels on the outside lines so you could hide your "unmentionables" in the middle.
6. It didn't matter if it was sub-zero weather ... clothes would "freeze--dry."
7. Always gather the clothes pins when taking down dry clothes! Pins left on the lines were "tacky!"
8. If you were efficient, you would line the clothes up so that each item did not need two clothes pins, but shared one of the clothes pins with the next washed item.
9. Clothes off of the line before dinner time, neatly folded in the clothes basket, and ready to be ironed.
10. Fresh sheets on the bed guarantee a good nights' rest.



I came up with the following 'ditty' for those of us who enjoy a great ride thru the countryside where we sometimes still see clothes drying on the line.

1. You have to pre-trip your bike before riding. Walk the entire lengths of your bike to complete a thorough T-Clock inspection.
2. Plan your route in the order who wish to travel, or just journey where the "white" lines lead you.
3. Don't worry about how your shirt hangs – just be sure to be in full gear at all times. Who cares what other bikers think! Safety first.
4. Yes, do the wash on Monday. Weekends are for riding, for heaven's sake.
5. Hide your "unmentionables" in the middle between your skin and your full gear.
6. No, it doesn't matter if there is sub-zero weather – that's what heated gear is for.
7. Clean your bike after the ride – bugs and tar left on overnight become "tacky".
8. Share your ride with friends, staggered next to each other riding down the highways.
9. If you're efficient, you will finish your ride before dinner for time to enjoy a good meal and then relax, play cards or just reminisce with your riding buddies. Iron out those kinks from the day.
10. Riding guarantees a good nights' rest – especially if you've just completed a 300 mile ride in 100 degree weather. Thanks G&D! LOL!

Well, it's time to wash a load of sheets and hang them on the clothesline. Nothing like getting in between fresh smelling clothesline dried bedsheets for a good nights' sleep.

HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE!

Remember this is the last month for **the MAD ANNUAL FUN RUN!** Visit the chapters' favorite restaurants before October 31st. Complete listing and rules on the website.

GWRRA—Illinois District <http://gwrri-ildistrict.com> ~ FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY & KNOWLEDGE

ILLINOIS DISTRICT ANNOUNCES 2015 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 2015
Bob & Nicki Fowkes**

GWRRA Proclamation



**ILLINOIS
INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR 2015
Joan Stemke**

Illinois ~ Chapter Couple / Individual of The Year Recognition for 2015

Chpt	Couple of Year	Individual of Year	Chpt	Couple of Year	Individual of Year
B-2			N		
C			NW		
C-2			O	Jim & Vicki Dillard	
D-2	Roger & Jenna Moore		PI		
DK			Q	Don & Donna Harbison	Randy Price
E	Rick & Carol French		R		
F			S	Keith & Linda Kocher	
G	Matt & Margie Shore	Neil Bates	T		
G2	Craig & Lonnie Gilsinger		U		
H2	William & Patricia Fisher		Y	Artand & Geri Kryzaniak	
I	Carl & Diana Olsen		Z	Brian & Debbie King	Kevin Reeder
L	Parnell & Virginia Thomas	Bill Voss	Z2	Don & Chris Stone	Tony Sundt

These will be updated as new couples are recognized

MEET THE ILLINOIS DISTRICT TEAM FOR 2015



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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.

MEET THE ILLINOIS DISTRICT TEAM FOR 2015

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REGION "E" WEB SITES AND OTHER INFO



National: www.gwrra.org	Region E : gwrra-region-e.org	Illinois: www.gwrra-ildistrict.com
Wisconsin: www.gwrra-wi.org	Iowa: www.gwrra-iowa.com	Missouri: www.mogwrra.org
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Insight Newsletter http://mep.gwrra.org/newsletter.html	By The Book http://ltp.gwrra.org/ByTheBook/btb.pdf	Region E Newsletter Link http://www.gwrra-region-e.org/NLO1.pdf

PARTICIPATION PROGRAM TO RUN AGAIN IN 2015 IN ILLINOIS

This is a participation program to get Chapters to visit other Chapter's Events and promote fun and fellowship throughout Illinois. We are hoping many chapters will participate in this fun and easy program. Plus you can win some money for your chapter. **Check out the page in the flyers packet** for full details and rules which are few. It will run January 1st - December 31, 2015.

It is made to take into consideration those that still participate but cannot ride. The goal is to get more out visiting the other chapters and chapter events. There is no limit as to how many other chapter meetings or gatherings they can attend. Even if they only attend their neighbors they will help boost that neighbors attendance, 50/50 and door prizes. The winner will be announced at the 2016 Winter Warm Up.

PRIZES: Winner will get \$50.00 cold hard cash get some today !!!!!

