



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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HOT OFF THE SHELF – MARY ADAMS DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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September is one the most pretty months to ride and I hope to get out there and add some more co-rider miles onto the year. The only problem for those of us in the rural areas is farm machinery. It is the time of the year we see more and more tractors and trucks on the back roads we love to travel. Be careful out there, stay alert.



September is now the month we will be associating from now with Wing Ding! Although we are not going this year, we are looking forward to next year in Billings, MT. Watch for more information on a District trip out to support our Illinois/Region E couple, Bob & Nicki Fowkes.

Lots of information to come on this!

This is also the time of year we start looking towards next year. Are you staying on as a Chapter Director? Is someone taking over? How will you leave the position, will you help the new director to lead the chapter or will just say not my job and leave the chapter hanging? How you leave is just as important as how you have led the chapter over the last couple years. Helping the new Chapter Director for the first few months is

very important, but having an open mind is more important. The new Director will have their ideas they are wanting to try and you need to let them try. Support it even if you think it will fail. If you show support others will follow. Two ears, one mouth and no rolling eyes is very good advice. I was told this and it works, but it must be practiced.

Looking forward we have the Fall OPS meeting coming up in November. All officers should attend. All paperwork will be turned in at this time for next year. All Charter Fees should be paid at this time.

November 1st. You can bring it to the OPS meeting if you like!

We will be sending out emails on the Chapter competitions to all Chapter Directors and MEC'S. It will be posted on the District website also.

The District website now has an month calendar for all events to be posted. Please forward all information to Roy and Cheryl Miller and they will get it posted ASAP.

Ride Safe Thank you,

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

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**

More information to come.



GWRRA ILLINOIS DISTRICT EDUCATORS - DAN & LINDA SUE DAVIS

Here it is September and I checked the mileage on my bike, a grand total of 516 miles. So why has the mileage been so low this year. It was caused by something disrupting my life unexpectedly. I can be grateful that this disruption happened when I WAS NOT on the bike.

But, so many times because of our over relaxing while riding we can create our own disrupting situations. We must always be riding our great machines on the defensive. Does this mean we should be constantly worrying while riding, No. It means we should always be mentally and physically fit to operate our motorcycles and trikes.

The last time I rode my bike, any distance, this year was prior to June 12th. I did try to ride while at the Region E rally, however, I very soon decided to wait a little longer before I begin riding again.

Since having retinal surgery I have had to be patient and wait for the eye to heal completely. If I decide to rush or push the issue it could very well end with me or someone else being injured.

Linda Sue and I are pleased to announce another great addition to the District Rider Education staff. Steve and Jeannie Brungard have accepted the position of Assistant District Rider Educator, Seminars. So when you see these two great people tell them thank you and congratulations. Oh, yes Steve you did get a pay raise for this position. Two extra zeros on your paycheck from District.

Until Next Month

As always remember ATGATT Dan and Linda Sue



Our Mission

To Save Lives Through Quality,
World Class Education.

Our Slogan

“Safety Is For Life



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.

GWRRA ILLINOIS DISTRICT MEP COORDINATORS - CHARLES & NANCY MALLETT

Couple and Individual of the Year Program

We want to congratulate Bob and Nicki Fowkes (IL) and Vicki Holst (MN) on their being selected as Region E Couple and Individual of the Year, respectively, at the Region E Rally in Wisconsin. They will be great ambassadors for GWRRA and Region E. There were a lot of great couples and individuals. It was Nancy's first time to be a judge, and she found it interesting and entertaining talking to all of these great people. They are all winners!!



Charles & Nancy Mallett
Membership Enhancement
Program Coordinators

Now, we need to turn our thoughts on the IL District Couple and Individual of the Year. It is time for the current chapter couples and individuals to make the decision as to whether or not they would like to move forward to the next level – District. There are a lot of great couples and individuals that have been recognized and honored by their chapters in the State of Illinois. It is our hope that they will be interested in continuing in the program and move to the District level.

Chapter Directors – Have a conversation with your couples and individuals to see if they are interested in moving on. Have them contact the District Couple and Individual of the Year Coordinators, Dave & Sandy Ginger @ dginger1975@yahoo.com or sandy_gingr2000@yahoo.com or contact Charles & Nancy Mallett at ildistmec@gmail.com. Make sure pages 2 and 3 and the resume are turned in. Forms can be found on the GWRRA website under Membership Enhancement Program. All are due by October 1st.

It is also time to start thinking about next year's chapter selection. No chapter should be without them.

The Top 10 Reasons

Why Your Chapter Needs a Couple of the Year

(These suggestions were compiled after many discussions in Couple of the Year seminars over a 3-year period and then were prioritized by seminar participant. They are presented in their order of importance as determined by those members.)

From GWRRA MEP Website:

- Selecting a Chapter Couple of the Year is a way your Chapter can “give back” to a couple who has worked hard for the Chapter and deserves recognition. Being Chapter Couple of the Year should be viewed as an honor and not a job.

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GWRRRA ILLINOIS DISTRICT MEP COORDINATORS - CHARLES & NANCY MALLETT

- Visitation with other Chapters by the Chapter Couple of the Year can increase inter-chapter activities and improve relationships with other Chapters.
- Chapter spirit can increase when Chapter participants show support and demonstrate their pride for their Chapter Couple of the Year.
- Selection as Chapter Couple of the Year often leads to personal growth for the couple, and they usually take on other Chapter leadership positions.
- The Chapter Couple of the Year can bring more awareness within the community about our association which ultimately leads to new members. Wearing a shirt or vest with their Couple of the Year designation often causes others to ask about the title. News articles about them and public appearances by them can also bring awareness.
- Through participation in the District Selection Process, a Chapter Couple of the Year can help gain recognition for your Chapter within the district.
- As your Chapter Couple of the Year visits other Chapters, Couples of the Year from those other Chapters will, in turn, visit your Chapter and probably bring others with them. Increased visitation translates into several positive things including increased revenue for your Chapter through 50/50 sales or other means.
- Your Chapter Couple of the Year can promote your Chapter's upcoming events as they visit other Chapters.
- Chapter Couples of the Year can, and often do, provide support to their Chapter through Recruiting and Retention efforts such as contacting potential members and those about-to-expire. It's a natural activity since the honored couple is likely to be enthusiastic about GWRRRA and their Chapter, and eager to "spread the word."
- With the excitement and enthusiasm usually exhibited by Chapter Couples of the Year, they often are found serving as cheerleaders for the Chapter Team and can be important in maintaining strong Chapter morale.

Have a great time at Wing Ding in Huntsville, AL! Let the good times roll!!!

Nancy & Charles Mallett

GWRRRA IL District MEP Coordinators ildistmec@gmail.com



GWRRA ILLINOIS ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIR. -GENE & ANNETTE SHIELDS

Greetings:

Where has this summer gone? With so many things happening it seems like summer and the riding season is disappearing before it even got started. Yes, we have had a few very good rides but we have missed a lot also.

We find that as we get older we have a lot more things to be concerned over. One of those are HEALTH ISSUES. Since Annette and I took our Alaska Cruise back in June, we have been dealing with Annette's health issues. For some unknown reason we have not been able to control her blood pressure. Sometimes it is low and other times it is high. This in turn has caused her to fall and sprain her ankle and required two hospital visits. On one hand, they run tests and did an angiogram. With those tests they found her arteries have no blockage to her heart and kidney. That was good news. But still she has been unable to control her blood pressure by changing her medications. She is having some more tests done next week.

That brings me to my point, are we really ready to take that ride on our motorcycle. Have we been having health problems that would affect the safety of ourselves or those that we ride with? Annette and I have decided that we would not be doing any two up riding until her condition has been brought under control. That included our planned trip to Wing Ding Huntsville. After all the preparation for that trip we had to cancel our reservations, one because we don't want to be on the bike if she has a problem. And two, we don't want to be out in the country far away from good medical services in case of a serious problem.

Going along with that, how many of you have your medical history with you when you ride? I have found that now we keep our medical history, including any prescription medicines and over the counter meds we take along with a description of the med, strength, dosage and have it on our iPad that we take along (password protect that information). I also have that information on the "Cloud" so I can access it from my iPhone. I know it would be almost impossible to remember everything each of you take each day or your medical history. Yes, not everyone has access to our iPad, but that is why we carry a med ID card on the bike and in our wallet. With your allergies, meds contact people and any other valuable information that would allow emergency personal to start treatment, if needed, and keep you from having a more severe problem if they give you a medication that reacts unfavorably to others you are taking. That even includes over the counter non prescription drugs and supplements. So plan to keep your medical information on the bike and on your person at all times. Remember the old saying, "The Life You Save May Be Your Own" or in this case your loved ones.

With Annette sidelined right now, I have been able to sneak in a ride or two on the bike. But most of the recent traveling we have done is on four wheels. One ride was a pre-ride for the members of Chapter L that will be helping at the Poker Ride. I also got to do a supper ride up to the Sandburr Restaurant, Broadhead WI.

We also missed the Region E Rally because that weekend happen to fall on the weekend of my 50th High School Class Reunion. We had a great time seeing my classmates and friends that we haven't seen in a while. Next year is Annette's 50th High School Class Reunion.

Maybe we will be able to attend the Wisconsin District Rally if things get under control soon.

Still hope to see many of you out on rides or at meetings we attend. Keep Safe and Ride Often

Gene & Annette Shields NW Illinois District Directors



Gene & Annette Shields
Assistant Director, IL
District

ASSISTANT ILLINOIS DISTRICT DIRECTORS —STEVEN & DIANE GOTTSCHALK

Greetings from Southern Illinois

FUN, FUN, FUN! We want to get everyone excited to participate with your Chapter and the IL District. The District Team gives their time and energy throughout the year to serve you, the members.

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 help you and to answer questions. The bottom line is you are part of the IL District family.



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

Our goal is for Chapter Directors to facilitate their Chapters with minimal oversight from the District. We will provide any requested help; be it Rider Education Training, Leadership and 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 you safe, knowledgeable, and have fun.

2015 has been 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 in 2016. Get your Chapter ready for Winter Warm-up; it will be a week-end of FUN! Please feel free to contact any of the District Team members at any time.

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



GWRRRA ILLINOIS DISTRICT MAD COORDINATORS - DALE & DONA ANDREWS

As we approach the end of summer, it brings a close to the sweltering hot days where we enjoyed cool dips in the pool. For some of us this time of the year is perfect for long afternoon rides. For others it means our busiest time of the year with the return of students to school and mounds of paperwork. Others are using the last of their vacations and perhaps headed to Wing Ding in Huntsville.



Our Mission
"To Facilitate A
Reduction In
Motorcycle Crashes
With Other Motor
Vehicles."
Our Moto
"Share The Road"

On a recent weekend trip while riding as co-rider or 'Commander' as Dan Davis renamed us, one of my thoughts was 'Yikes, I need an article topic'. What better than AWARENESS or observation while on a trip. Besides enjoying the scenery, took notice of the variety of bikes and riders. Our group included bikes, trikes, sidecars, young, and old, even a gentleman celebrating his 75th birthday. We observed many single and group riders, concluding everyone has a different opinion of safe riding. Thought about the level of riding experience, from our seven years to riders with over 20 years of travels. Constantly was attentive to changing road and weather conditions. We traveled mostly two lane rural scenic roads that brought an unexpected detour of some sharp almost 90 degree turns. On the return we made a quick stop for raingear as the distance clouds looked ominous – fortunately just a nice steady rain, no downpour. The Rider Education classes we've experienced were beneficial in adapting to riding with a new group. If you've not taken one, consider enrolling the next time they are offered. Nothing better than the opportunity to spend time with our Goldwing friends for a weekend of fun.

Just a reminder to PARTICIPATE in the MAD Annual Fun Run. There are three months remaining to visit the Illinois chapters' favorite restaurants. If you visited the District Rally in Rock Falls, the MAD display highlighted the northern area chapters' favorites. A big thank you to sponsor Candlelight Inn for the generous Saturday meal. If you've not tried their house specialty of Chicken George with Jan Sauce, you're missing out on a great dinner. One of our recent stops was Chapter G2's pick, Little Owl in Geneva. Will be a definite return - enjoyed good food as Dale watched part of the Packers Pre-Season game. Check the website for more locations and the rules. Only takes five stops to have a chance to win. All proceeds are returned to the members.

Watch for Children and School Buses!



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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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/NL01.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 !!!!!

