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HOT OFF THE SHELF – MARY ADAMS DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Spring has sprung! For us it means getting out there to ride. We must remember the 4 wheelers are not watching for us yet. They don't think the way we do. So many places to see and so many roads to ride again or find new ones!! There are also a lot things to do along the way.



The MAD Poker run will be out and we will be searching for the Unique places each chapter has sent in. Snap your picture and mark it off your sheet. How many will you complete this year?

The new financial form is out and all Chapters should be using this form. If you are not sure you are using the correct form please call me. All end of year financials must be submitted on this form, not the old one.

Looking forward, the Illinois District Summer Rally is coming together so well. We have added a small dinner on Thursday night to go with the Ice Cream Social. It is taco in a bag or walking tacos as I have heard, with all the fixins'. Rides on Friday, along with the parade Friday night. On Saturday Dan Davis is going to have a road captains course, bike show, on bike games, hospitality room and so much more. Keep an eye on the District website for updates.

Hope to see most of you at Chapter C's "Meet the Chapters".

Mary Adams Illinois Sr. District Director Every member counts!



GWRRA ILLINOIS DISTRICT EDUCATORS - DAN & LINDA SUE DAVIS



Our Mission

To Save Lives Through Quality,
World Class Education.

Our Slogan

“Safety Is For Life



The riding season is here!!!!!! Now is the time to check your bike or trike for any needed repairs or upgrades.

For all of us traveling please insure that your motorcycles and trailers have been checked over and are all road ready. If you have to ask yourself can I get a few more miles out of the tires than it is time to change them. I know the cost of tires is only increasing, but what is the value of your and more so your co-rider life. Spend the few extra dollars and have peace of mind during your entire travels.

As you travel this summer season remember to continually keep an eye on the weather conditions. It seems as through storms are popping up out of nowhere this summer. If you are like me and enjoy listening to satellite radio, don't forget to listen to your AM/FM radio stations for news and weather reports on a regular basis. This way hopefully you won't have a storm seek up on you.

This time of the year our best friend on the motorcycles is water. We all need to remember to drink plenty of fluids, before, during and after the rides. While traveling try to enjoy a light cool meal for lunch as it will allow you to feel much better during your afternoon travels. Once you have reached your evening distinction or stop over continue to drink fluids so you can be ready for the next day's travel.

As always remember ATGATT Dan and Linda Sue

GWRRA ILLINOIS DISTRICT COY/IOY COORDINATORS - DAVE & SANDY GINGER



I wanted to put out a plea to all the chapters that have not submitted there COY/IOY to get there names and pictures to us, so we can put them on display at Neihaus Days on May 13&14 and so we can keep the District website updated. After all you nominated them because you thought they were special enough. Give them the recognition they deserve and have earned through your Chapter.

We have not gotten our message out enough about the passion that we both have about this program. We joke about adding zeros to our volunteer pay checks. But, this is one of the best ways to recognize those within our chapters that do go above and beyond to shine within this organization.

If there is anything we can do to assist you in submitting your paperwork, please feel free to contact us.

The District website is up to date with the most current resume paper work. Please download it and fill it out and send it to us @dginger1975@yahoo.com.

Dave & Sandy Ginger COY/IOY Coordinators

GWRRRA ILLINOIS DISTRICT MAD COORDINATOR LARRIE & KIMI WIGGAND

As we are looking at the end of March and April right around the corner, spring is officially here! Though it may not always quite feel like it. Have you gotten your bike out yet and done any riding? We have had some nice days for it, at least here in the south! I have been trying to ride as much as possible, in fact the other day I was out and someone made the comment that they thought it was a bit too cool yet. I said you are just not a diehard cyclist, and his reply was that he a smart rider because he was going to be in his nice warm car. What he doesn't realize, with all the equipment and protection we have, plus if you are dressed properly, you can be comfortable riding.

So as we prepare for the coming riding season, are we taking the necessary steps to prepare ourselves as well as our bikes? We know how much fun they can be and how much enjoyment that we can get out of them, that is what other people don't realize. Until you have ridden on a bike, you haven't really travelled. So much enjoyment by being out there in the wide open spaces and not being in a car, you see so much more and experience a great deal more. So many people are in such a hurry to get from point "A" to point "B" that they miss a great deal. Life goes by quick enough that we need to just slow down and "smell the roses". Which you can do on the bike! That being said, it is really important for us to do our best to make ourselves seen by our fellow drivers on the road.

One of the ways to do that is by education. That is what the MAD program is all about, educating the motoring public. One of the ways that we can do that is with the windshield wash program. During the month of May, which is Motorcycle Awareness month, several different chapters in our district will be participating in this event. It is an easy program to get involved in and there is always room for volunteers to help out. Simply setting up at your designated rest stop that has been approved by IDOT, volunteers approach drivers as they enter the rest stop and ask if they would like to have their windshield cleaned. Many want to give a donation, but we explain that it is not for the money, but to help make drivers aware of motorcycles as they are out driving. Part of the program also includes handing out literature explaining the program and helping to educate those riders. A lot of people like to check out the various bikes that are parked there, as a lot of volunteers from the chapters have ridden their bike there that day. It does create a lot of interest, and hopefully it will start to make people a little more aware of bikes being on the road. If your chapter hasn't gotten involved in this worthwhile event just yet, please inquire about it and we will see to it that you get the information that you need to get you started. This is a fun chapter event and many after the event then go on a chapter ride. What a fun day and worthwhile event to participate in and also to get the message out to as many people as we can.



[District MAD Coordinator](#)

[MFA/CPR Instructor](#)

[Larrie & Kimi Wiggand](#)

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I would like to acknowledge those chapters who are participating in this worthwhile event and give you their information. If your chapter isn't involved yet, perhaps you could help to volunteer at one of these events listed. If you are not on the list, but are participating, it is because I haven't received your information. If you let me know, I will try to get it out. I would like to thank all of those chapters who do participate and their members, you really do make a difference. Here is the list:
Chapter "E"

May 7/ from 9:30 -11:30a.m. / Coalfield Rest Area, Southbound/ mile marker 64 on I-55 south of Springfield/ Wayne Schmidt, Chapter Director, wayneschmidt50@gmail.com

Chapter "O"

May 1/ from 10a.m.-12p.m./ Homestead Rest Area, Southbound/ mile marker 30 on I-55 south of Hamel/ Larrie and Kimi Wiggand, MAD Coordinators/ mad@gwrra-ildistrict.com

Chapter "Q"

May 7/ 10a.m.-12p.m/ Rend Lake exit 79, Southbound, I-57

Willie and Carlene Kohlenberger, MAD Coordinators/ tourontwo@gmail.com

Chapter "S"

May 6/ from 10a.m.-12p.m./ Green Creek Rest Stop Southbound, mile marker 165 on I-57, 4 miles north of Effingham near Neoga, Cyndi Eubanks, Chapter Director/ cydeub67@yahoo.com

Chapter "Z"

May 15/ 1-3p.m./ Funks Grove Rest Stop/ 10 miles south of Bloomington on I-155, mile marker 149/ Tony Lasher/ MAD Coordinator/ tlasher@mchsi.com

This is the list that I have. Again, I would like to thank everyone for participating and making this a very successful endeavor.

I would also like to bring to everyone's attention to our MAD poker fun run again for this year. We believe we have a good one that everyone can participate and have a lot of fun with. Our theme this year is unique or unusual sites. It has been done in the past as oddities. We have compiled quite a list, which should make it easy for everyone to be able to participate. Also we have added a little twist to it, so check out the website for the district under MAD for the rules and also for the various sites to visit. The main thing that we want to encourage is for everyone to get out and have fun and to participate, participate, participate! Here's wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable riding season!

Larrie & Kimi Wiggand

Illinois District MAD Coordinators

Friends & Family



Charles & Nancy Mallett
Membership Enhancement
Program Coordinators

Each day, we look at the chapter calendar to see if there is something going on. This is our guide to see what is in store for us in the coming days. We really enjoy having dinner, going on rides, or having card parties with our friends/family. It has come to our attention several times over the last 30 years of being a part of the GWRRA family, we spend more time with the GW family than our immediate family. We never know who we are going to be interacting with at each function since we have a large GW family and not everyone goes to everything (including us). However, we never fall short of having a good time and good conversation with whoever arrives at the destination.

We also have other chapters, otherwise known as extended family, in our area and throughout the district and the country that we can go to visit. IL Chapter C is offering their yearly Meet the Chapters event. This encourages all of us to go and visit other GW chapters and get to know them. All chapters in the IL District are invited to participate. The Chapter pays a small fee and everyone in the chapter gets a card to have signed when you go to the various chapters. It is Chapter C's hope that all chapters participate. Even if you didn't make it to their Kickoff on April 2nd, you can contact Chapter C and they will inform you how to get the cards for your chapter participants.

We hope your chapter is planning some fun events on your calendar including rallies, rides to various points of interest, dinners, parties, picnics, campouts, etc. Be sure to have these on your agenda: Region E Rally – June 24-25 in Cedar Rapids, IA; Reno Rendevous in Reno, NV – July 7-9; IL District Summer Rally – July 22-23 in Pontiac, IL; and Wing Ding in Billings, MT – Aug 31-Sept 3. You not only will have some grand family reunions, you will see different parts of the country!

If you are going to Wing Ding, check out the IL District Ride to Billings. Information is on the District website.

Let the good times roll!!!

Nancy & Charles Mallett

GWRRA IL District MEP Coordinators ildistmec@gmail.com



ASSISTANT ILLINOIS DISTRICT DIRECTORS —STEVEN & DIANE GOTTSCHALK

Greetings from Southern Illinois

Who likes to attend motorcycle rallies? Here it is April; Diane and I have already attended GWRRA rallies in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Texas this year. We have had a terrific time participating at each one!

We enjoy the fellowship and fun at each rally. Each one is different; some concentrate on fellowship, some on riding, some on having fun, but the best have it all. You'll notice how everyone is accepting of visitors and when they notice your district or chapter shirt they'll strike up a conversation.

When sending in a rally registration we will normally write on the form that we'll volunteer to help any way they need us. This is especially helpful to the rally coordinators. They are always looking for judges outside their district to help with all of their competitions. Participation, really does add the fun to it. When we arrive the folks at the registration desk will introduce us to the rally coordinators so we can find out our assignments.

When we visit other rallies we are also on a mission to find new fun ideas to bring back to Illinois and use in our rally.

Speaking of Rallies our Region E Rally is being held in Cedar Rapids Iowa, June 24-25. They will be selecting our new 2016/2017 Couple and Individual of the Year; this will be held on Friday afternoon from 1-3 PM; please come and support Bryan and Debby King from Chapter Z, our IL District Couple of the Year. This year the Region will also be holding a Talent Show on Friday evening from 7-9 PM; we hope to see Chapters from the IL District participate and have some fun.

Steve & Diane, Assistant IL. District Directors



Steven and Diane Gottschalk
Assistant Director, IL District
MEC Coordinators, IL District



ILLINOIS DISTRICT COUPLE OF THE YEAR—BRIAN & DEBBIE KING

Brian & Debbie's Great Adventure

Chapter 2

Well Brian and I are on the road again! This month we visited chapter PI in Paris Illinois. Toney and Carol Buzick and Melody House went along for the laughs. We had a snow storm south of us but the roads were clear and we had no problems getting there once we figured out which restaurant were supposed to be at. By the way if you're ever near Paris check out their court house, it is beautiful. PI had some very good ride ideas that they are doing and "Z" will be looking into some of them.



On March 4, 5 & 6 we went to the Missouri Spring fling and once again we had a great time. It was beautiful spring weather with the temperatures in the low 70s. It is amazing how having those medals around your neck will draw people to you to talk and ask if you want to help with anything. We ended up judging the chapter tables, centerpieces and my favorite the cookies. It really was fun once Brian figured out how to Keep his score sheets separated. I attended a few craft seminars and learned how to crochet! Participate, participate, participate, it really is true the more we get involved, the more fun we have. Saturday evening wrapped up with a Hawaiian theme. This event is a nice break from the drab winter and it is in a very nice setting. Next year when the winter blues are getting to you I recommend heading to the spring fling for some early spring relief.

Happy Trails

Brian ~N~ Debbie King



ILLINOIS DISTRICT ANNOUNCES 2016 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. By Dave & Sandy Ginger COY/IOY District Coordinators

GWRRRA Proclamation



**ILLINOIS
COUPLE OF THE YEAR 2016
Brian & Debbie King**

GWRRRA Proclamation



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

Illinois ~ Chapter Couple / Individual of The Year Recognition for 2016

Chpt	Couple of Year	Individual of Year	Chpt	Couple of Year	Individual of Year
B-2			N		
C			NW		
C-2			O		
D-2			PI		
DK			Q	James & Tonya Lampley Beggs	Reid Hansen
E			R		
F			S		
G			T		
G2			U		
H2	Daniel & Alvah Fryer	Jonnie L Mohr	Y		
I			Z		
L	Gene & Annette Shields	Laurie Richards	Z2	Danni & Don Schwieger	Doug Koglin

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



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Wisconsin: www.gwrra-wi.org	Iowa: www.gwrra-iowa.com	Missouri: www.mogwrra.org
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PARTICIPATION PROGRAM TO RUN AGAIN IN 2016 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 District Web Site for full details and rules which are few. It will run January 1st - December 31, 2016.

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 2017 Winter Warm Up.

PRIZES: New prizes for this year

