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HOT OFF THE SHELF – MARY ADAMS DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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One of the basic functions we have in our organization is the monthly gathering. It is very easy to get in the "rut" of how we operate these gatherings. Getting out of the "rut" is very difficult. We have become comfortable in that "rut" and it is very hard to change how we do things, especially when we have done the same for so long. The main function on the monthly social is just that "socializing". All Chapter "business" should be done at the team meetings. Deciding where you are going, who is leading etc, etc is what should be done at the team meetings. Information on upcoming rides and



Rider Education should be a big part. So is the FUN part, who rode where?, who did what?, mileage games?, motorcycle trivia? the list goes on and on.

SO...here what GWRRA says about Chapter Gatherings.

What is a Chapter Gathering?

The Chapter gathering is the most important aspect of what we strive the hardest to accomplish; educating our Members in ways of safety, skill, knowledge and the FUN OF GWRRA.

Properly done, a Chapter gathering is the perfect medium to carry out our prime responsibility for our Members. It provides them a place to come to gain fun, friends, knowledge and camaraderie. It provides us the opportunity to "sugar coat" the pills of safety so we can teach our "family" the tools and skills that will enable them to live longer and to better enjoy their chosen hobby —Motorcycling.

Our immediate goal is to entice our Members to come to a monthly activity with their "family." We do this by making our

Chapter gatherings FUN! We make it a relaxed, non-political, non-religious, friendly place where there are No Strangers... good food, interesting people and educational programs.

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If we can motivate our Members to attend a Chapter gathering, we must then insure that the gathering is so good, so interesting, so entertaining, so rewarding and so much FUN that they will return every month. They will also “talk it up” with their friends, thereby helping GWRRA receive the positive publicity that goes a long way in attracting new Members into our “family.”

Good FUN Chapter gatherings cannot be overemphasized. They are the backbone of a successful Chapter. Good luck, and may all your efforts be amply rewarded.

Thank you, ***Mary Adams Illinois District Director - Every member counts!***

Winter Warm Up Recap

Winter Warm Up was amazing this year!!!

I want to thank everyone who attended Winter Warm Up. The participation levels were fantastic and it was so great to hear all the laughter every day. The seminars were well attended for the most part. Joey Watson, State Police Motorcycle Division was a packed house. A big Thank you to Dan & Martha Ribbing and Jean Potwora for the craft seminars. Their continued dedication to the members is appreciated more than words can say.

The Friday night dinner was very well attended and the Grog Bowl was a big hit. I thought it was funny noone wanted to go to the grog bowl but afterwards they drank it all up. It didn't taste too bad either! The costumes that were worn were amazing! The work that some put into them was incredible. Whole chapters dressed. This is what makes it all worth while for everyone.

The games were all brought by Chapter B2. They created and made most of the games. They also worked most of the time. A big thank you for those. The tricycles were loaned to us by MO Chapter Z and the catapult was loaned from MO Chapter I. They were used in the Chapter Challenge. You could hear the laughter in the lobby. If you are short like me you couldn't see through all the people in the hallway watching and playing. All the games were well played and everyone enjoyed the challenge some of them brought.

The pajama party was overwhelming, so many people participated that we had to rethink the games we were going to do. It was amazing to see everyone enjoying themselves. The thought and work that went in to some the pajama's was unbelievable! Who would of thought putting on pajamas would bring out so much FUN!

I loved all the feedback that was given afterwards. Thank you! The District team is here to serve you the members. We want to be sure to give all the FUN and knowledge that we can. We know there were some glitches, there always are but we make the best of it and move on. Hopefully we learn from our mistakes. Wait till you see what we are going to do next year!!

See the next page for just some of the activities that took place. !!!!



Trike Jousting , Matching PJ's and the Gang from the PJ party



GWRRRA ILLINOIS DISTRICT EDUCATORS - DAN & LINDA SUE DAVIS

Hello to everyone,

I hope everyone enjoyed their selves at the Winter Warm Up. There were enough events happening to keep everyone busy.

A big thank you to Chapter B-2 for all the games, they seemed to always be busy with a crowd of people.

How was your Friday night dinner? Was it finger licking good! Linda Sue and I had a great time at dinner. I heard there were offers of three or four dollars for a fork or napkin.

TV:

I can't say THANK YOU to all of you enough for the support with the Rider Education raffle. The TV was a total success and thanks to everyone. The extremely sad part is I forgot to write down the name of the winner. I know he was from B-2, first name Dave, and the ticket was a presale by Kris Andre. So congratulations and I hope you enjoy it as much as Rider Education did giving it away.

SEMINAR PRESENTERS:

At closing I presented seven new Rider Education seminar presenters to the district. They all did an outstanding job presenting all the seminars at Winter Warm Up. Call upon them for your rider education seminars

MASTER TOUR RIDERS:

Rider Education also presented 14 Master Tour Riders to the district. These fourteen members have made to ultimate decision to ride safe. They have committed to wearing all the gear all the time, maintaining CPR and first aid training, and to stay current in Rider Courses.

SENIOR AND GRAND MASTERS:

Within the district we awarded three senior masters and two grand masters. These five members have maintained their active status as a level four Master Tour Rider for five and ten consecutive years.

Did everyone enjoy Joey Watson? We had a packed house once again.

But, more so we had more members able to hear what is happening in the world of motorcycling.

RIDER COURSES:

I have scheduled four rider courses for the district this year. There will be two courses in Vandalia, a trike and a bike course on the 17th and 18th of April. The second two courses will be held in Sterling on the 2nd and 3rd of May. Continued on next page



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If you want to attend one of these courses the registration forms are on the district web site or email me and I will send one to you. All four of these courses are limited to 12 bikes/trikes each, so sign up early they are a ¼ filled as of now.

CHAPTER SENIOR EDUCATOR:

Congratulations to Terry Robinson, he has stepped up and taken on additional responsibilities within the Rider Education arena. He along with fellow Senior Chapter Educator’s are here within the district to help where needed.

Finally I need to thank you, the membership, for making the District Rider Education as successful as it is. So, to everyone within the district THANK YOU!!!!!!

Until next month, ATGATT

As always remember ATGATT Dan and Linda Sue

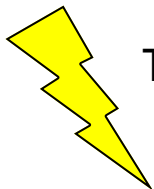


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The National GWRRA home office would like to get pictures of members and their Gold Wings, Chapter activities, rides, etc.

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

pictures@gwrra.org

ASSISTANT ILLINOIS DISTRICT DIRECTORS —STEVEN & DIANE GOTTSCHALK



Steven and Diane Gottschalk

Assistant Director, IL
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MEC/COY/IOY
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Greetings from Southern Illinois

What a great winter we've had in Southern Illinois this year, so far! We actually got to ride New Years Day and earned our polar bear pin. We picked up a few more rides with weather in the high 50's in January.

The IL District Winter Warm Up was so much fun for us and we hope that everyone enjoyed it as much as we did. So many different seminars were offered from LTP, MEP, Rider Ed and MFA and trust that you all got to take advantage of them. State Trooper Joey Watson was our guest speaker and did an outstanding job and will be back for our Summer Rally in Rock Falls.

The games were amazing and the District Team would like to thank Chapter B2 for taking over the games this year and all the volunteers that were able to help them. The Chapter Challenge was especially challenging this year! We would also like to thank Chapter Z-Mo for the loan of the 2 great tricycles and Chapter I-Mo for the catapult.

If you didn't make it to the Friday night dinner you missed a lot of fun and we actually got to eat with our fingers. The costumes were amazing and participation was great. Check out the District website to see what all you missed.

Saturday, of course was our Couple and Individual of the Year selection. Congratulations to Bob and Nicki Fowkes, Chapter G and Joan Stemke, Chapter C, as our 2015 IL District Couple and Individual of the Year. We were so happy to have 16 Chapters participate in the Couples program and 9 Chapters for the Individuals program. Keep up the good work Chapter's and choose that special couple or individual that help to keep your Chapter going.

Judging the Chapter castles was one of the hardest things, I believe, for our judges to do. Talk about thinking out of the box; one castle was made out of all sugar cubes. Chapter pride tables were also amazing.

Mary Adams wrapped up Saturday evening closing ceremonies with gifts and awards galore. The pajama party followed with at least 50 people in the parade of pj's and unusual slippers. Fun was had by all!

Ride Safe and Have Fun!

Steve & Diane Gottschalk, Assistant Directors -South

What Does That Mean?

Acronyms are something we are bombarded with daily and don't always understand them without someone explaining them. Our association has several. GWRRA, MEP, LTP, MAP, COY, IOY, MFA, REP, SIG, R&R to name a few.

While wearing our vests, we have been approached by people who ask what GWRRA is. This gives us an opportunity to tell them what it stands for, and what we do in the organization.

Do you know what MEC, COY, IOY and ChOY stand for? These are some acronyms that fall under the appointment we've accepted in the Illinois District – Membership Enhancement Coordinator.

M = Membership – members collectively, as of an organization

E = Enhancement to make greater as in value, attractiveness, etc.

C = Coordinator – a coordinate person – to set in order, arrange

Our interpretation of this is: A person is willing to help those who are participating to become more familiar with the association and to find the value of being a member. The values are found in our motto: Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge. Everything else branches from here.

We have the COY – Couple of the Year, IOY – Individual of the Year and ChOY – Chapter of the Year. Here we show the members and chapters how much they are valued by the association.

The couple and individual of the year are chosen by their chapter to represent what their chapter is all about. There are couples and individuals who have stepped up and been an asset without really trying. You see them helping out in many different capacities whether in the forefront or behind the scenes. It's our way of saying thank you for being you.

The Chapter of the Year is chosen by the activities that the chapter participates in. An active vital chapter is a healthy chapter. Fun and friendship radiates from this group when you see them.

To MEC Chapter Coordinators: Help keep the chapter vital and fun. Present little games at your monthly get together. Be in contact with new interested people and invite them to functions/rides. Spread the word about all GWRRA has to offer.

Let the Good Times Roll!

Nancy & Charles Mallett

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