



# WV District Newsletter

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**FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY & KNOWLEDGE**



# Greetings from the District Directors

Buon giorno!!

To say that this past month has been a whirlwind would be an understatement – so many things happened to us during the month of August and first part of September we aren't sure where to start. At this writing we have just returned from our trip to Italy and boy what a great time we had – a trip of a lifetime for both of us. Bill isn't much into museums and art but he really enjoyed the wonderful food (pasta especially!!) while Beth Ann loved all things Italian (the art, building, monuments, people, gelato, and especially the Murano glass!) The one thing they can both agree on is not to drive again when they go back. If you think drivers in NYC are bad, every day is a circus if you drive in Italy. They do drive on the same side of the road that we do, so that wasn't a problem when we chose to rent a car, it was how many roundabouts and scooters you had to contend with and how fast everyone drove (thankfully Bill didn't understand the language!!) We did see two Goldwing's on a side street in Florence while we were driving our Smart car (yes, one of the smallest cars they have, there is one smaller if you can believe it). We had a fleeting thought about renting a scooter for two, but after watching how they drive in the middle of the road between two cars at the same time, the thought quickly disappeared. We don't think they practice good rider education while on scooters or motorcycles because they went down wrong way streets, on sidewalks, and anywhere a car couldn't go. They did wear helmets so that was one good safety point but other than that safety went out the window. We did tons and tons of walking, so much so that we did lose a little weight but probably made up for it with all of the wonderful food that was available to us (everything was homemade and soooooooo good!!) Beth Ann hadn't been able to do much walking in the last 5 years since her surgeries and Bill had just had knee injections, so we ended up with blisters on our feet, but you basically have to walk everywhere unless you don't want to see anything. If you are ever given the chance to travel abroad take it – you won't regret it – you will see sights that you only see in books and on postcards.

We had made the choice to go to Italy and booked our trip before knowing about Wing-Ding so we were not able to join the group that did go to Huntsville, AL. According to Geoff, our district representative, a nice group of workers helped out at Onsite Registration on Saturday afternoon and did a really great job. We want to thank everyone who helped out the WV District in their duties and hopefully everyone had a great time at Wing-Ding. Next year Wing-Ding will be in Billings, Montana and they are offering a discount if you book by October 5<sup>th</sup>, so if you are planning to attend take advantage of the discount, it's worth the savings. It will also be in September again before they make the decision whether to move it back to July or keep it in September. This affects our rally because we are still trying to determine whether we want to stay in July, like this past year, or move back to June, like it was in the past. When we get a chance to speak with the CD's this will be one of our questions we will ask them, so if you have any concerns or problems you would like to express, make sure you inform your CD of them so they can pass it on to us in our meetings. We also want to wish Glenda Keough and her husband Alan BIG congratulations on being named the new Region "N" Director. We know Glenda very well and know that she will do a fantastic job in her new position. We will give her whatever assistance she needs and look forward to congratulating her in person in Virginia at "Rally in the Valley" in October.

We attended the Chapter H & J Funday which had a nice turnout at Cedar Lakes. The food was good and we actually went home with one of the ladies basket and the men's basket by playing the card game. We took an extra passenger along for the ride and she was able to surprise her parents – she is welcome to go with us anytime! It was a really nice day and the weather cooperated for those that took part in the Corn Hole tournament. Fun was had by all and the men looked fabulous in their colorful shirts as they modeled their winning door prizes.

We are looking forward to the Chapter I Funday at Cooper's Rock and who knows what they will be auctioning off – you'll need to come and see! Food, baskets, door prizes, and a grill are being given away in the card game. I'm sure that if you win the grill they will get it to you. The chapter Fundays are a great time to catch up with old friends and meet new ones and the comradery is great – isn't that what GWRRA is all about (Friends for FUN, safety & knowledge). Try to make it the Fundays and rallies within the district, region, and national because you never know who you may meet.

The fortune cookie this month says – "You will soon receive an offer you cannot refuse!" Buy a card, or two, at the Chapter I Funday and you could go home with a new grill and don't forget the basket tickets – who knows what you could get! Check out the October issue of Wing World – we got a really big surprise when we sat down and looked through it – there may be a few people you may know in the issue!!

Ciao and Arrivederci for now!!

## ***Bill & Beth Ann***

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*"What you will do matters, all you need is to do it!!"*

## West Virginia District Educator News



Hello folks,

Another month has come and gone. Hopefully everyone has a chance to get out and ride. With the high temps we have been experiencing we need to prepare for our rides. Always make sure to hydrate properly. Make sure to take something to drink. You should take water due to the fact that coffee or pop does not properly hydrate you. Make sure you have long sleeves to keep from getting sun burned. If you take medications, make sure you have them with you. Always do your T-clocks before the ride. With the high temps we have had it is hard on the tires. The roads already have heat built up in them, then you factor in the high temps, and this will cause more concerns for your tires. Towing a trailer can also add more heat to your tires on your motorcycle. So always check your tires and your trailer tires because having a flat or blow out can be the end of a great ride. Always keep your Gold Book with you just in case. Hopefully everyone that was able to go to Wing-Ding had a great and safe time. Don't forget Rally in the Valley in Virginia will be coming up soon. Keep a close eye out in the school zones. Parents dropping off and picking up their children can be distracted and not looking out for motorcycles. The kids can also be distracted and not looking out for motorcycles. We all need to try and keep the public educated and aware of motorcycle riders no matter what brand someone chooses to ride. Safety is the key to having a safe and enjoyable ride. I would like all members to get their safe miles to their Chapter Educator or to me so I can get the Rider Ed Database up to date. Any courses that are needed please let me know. That is all for now. Ride safe and often.

Mike & Kelly Means

WV District Education/WV District Motorist Awareness Coordinator

# Membership Enhancement



Hello Fellow Goldwingers!!!

The Memberships Enhancement Program is comprised of several programs within GWRRR. They include: ARL (Area Report Listing; monthly and quarterly), newsletter award, Chapter of the Year, and Couple of the Year. This month's article is going to focus on the Area Report Listing (ARL) program of the Membership Enhancement Program. The ARL is forward to the District Membership Enhancement Program Coordinator (MEPC) on or around the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, and then is distributed to the Chapters. The monthly report is due back to the Region MEPC by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the next month. It is the responsibility of the Chapter Director to ensure that each new and or prospective member is contacted each month and that the contact information is relayed back to the District MEPC to submit to the Region MEPC.

The following is taken from the *R&R Tools, the Area Report List Seminar*.

The Area Report (ARL) is a listing of all members in GWRRR broken down into two separate reports (Full and Monthly).

The intention of the Full ARL is to let the Chapter Directors know what Members live in his/her assigned Zip Code area.

The intention of the Monthly ARL is to provide an updated list of New Members, Expiring Members, Prospective Members, Expired Members and Unassigned Zip Codes.

The ARL contains Personal Members Information that should be safeguarded. Only those who have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or a Confidentiality Statement may have access to the data.

A complete listing of all GWRRR Members distributed Quarterly (January, April, July and October).

The ARL lets Chapter Directors know what Members live in his/her geographical area.

Can be used to assist in the assigning or reassigning of zip codes and contains Unassigned Zip Codes List to help in determining need for a new Chapter in an area. It also contains Additional Members that live outside your Home Region.

Monthly report is distributed primarily to show the list of new and prospective members that should be contacted each month. The Region MEPC should break down the Region Report by District and forward each District's report to their MEPC. The District MEPC should highlight the District Report by Chapter and forward the entire report to each Chapter MEPC and Chapter Director in his/her District. The Chapter MEPC should contact each New and Prospective Member assigned to his/her Chapter and report contacts to the District MEPC. New and Prospective Members not assigned to a Chapter can be contacted by any Chapter. In areas with multiple Chapters, New and Prospective Members can be contacted by more than one Chapter. Unassigned Zip Code (UA) Members are not assigned to any Chapter and can be contacted by any Chapter. Reporting Requirements, Monthly ARL; Chapter MEPC to contact New and Prospective Members; make contact as soon as possible after receiving ARL; telephone call is preferred. Follow-up with email as needed; fill out the last three columns documenting contact; return to District MEPC by their deadline; Chapter Director should contact New & Prospective Members if the Chapter does not have an MEPC; District MEPC compiles and returns to Region MEPC; and the Region MEPC compiles and returns to Assistant Directors MEPC Recruiting & Retention.

Kelly Means

WV District Membership Enhancement Program Coordinators

# Couple of the Year



**HAPPINESS IS NOT A PLACE TO TRAVEL TO – IT'S A WAY OF GETTING THERE!!**

Hello Fellow Wingers!

We wish we had lots of exciting news to give you but this past month has been a little uneventful except for life's unexpected curves! We did however have a few good moments that we can share. Willy and I attended Chapter C's August gathering at the I-Hop in Barboursville, WV. There were also other GWRRA members from Chapter H and J to show their support. It was a great gathering but also a little sad under the circumstances with the loss of Glenna Frame, spouse of John Frame whose Chapter C's CD.

Unfortunately we missed several events in August, one of them being Chapters H & J's Fun Day, August 22, not to mention our own Chapter B's gathering due to having injections in my neck and something went wrong and I was down for a week and a half in pain! Yikes! Good to go now!!

If you read our article in last month's District Newsletter, then you will know what I am talking about when I mention Betty Albright. I called Betty as promised I would but she wasn't home so I left a message telling her that we would be in touch soon to take her for another ride on my Goldwing. This is the lady that we met in Sugar Creek, Ohio, Amish Country. She is 84 years old and I had taken her for a ride on my Goldwing Trike! The pleasure I had gotten from giving her a ride was so rewarding!! Betty acted like a teenager full of life and excitement!! Anyway before I keep rambling on, Betty called back but I missed her call but she stated she couldn't wait until Willy & I came to visit her and take her for a longer ride!! So there you go!! You are never too old to ride on a Goldwing!!!! ☺

Wing Ding is up in the air at this time but we are trying to work it out. We definitely going to attend the Virginia Rally in the Valley starting October 1, God willing and the creek don't rise!! LOL! Willy wants to take the ARC Class and I want to take the TRC Class.

Be Safe!! It's a jungle out there!!  
Willy & Rosalie Boyles  
2015-2016 District Couple of the Year

# Vendor Coordinators

Pete and Sherry McMullen are the District Vendor Coordinators. They work very hard at getting vendors for our District Convention/Rally and visit a lot of venues where vendors are set up. If you have anyone that would be interested in becoming a vendor at our next rally, please contact Pete and Sherry and they will make it happen!! They are a great couple to work with and they handle all of our vendors with a lot of care.

# District Treasurer's

Hello West Virginia, this has been a crazy month. I went to Chapter C's meeting in August on my bike. I was on my way home on I77 north bound, enjoying a cool ride. My feet were up on my highway boards and the cruise was engaged. The music was on and I was scanning for deer. BOOM the rear tire blows out. That will get your attention, when suddenly you're riding a thousand pound bucking bronco. The rear kicked out from behind me. Thank you lord for the angel on my shoulder and my training for keeping me upright. I was able to tap the rear brake and get the rear back inline. I just kept tapping the rear brake until I came to a stop. I was in an uphill curve and when the bike settled on the rim it threw me on to the guardrail. The bike landed on the crash bars and I on my rump. No damage to bike and I dislocated my ring finger on my right hand. I feel exceptionally lucky, as it could have ended a whole lot worse.

I also made it down to Wing Ding 37 in Huntsville Alabama. It was a good trip down. I traveled with Pete and Sherry McMullen. I had a bit of trouble with my trailer blowing a fuse on the bike. I had checked all my lights before I left but it blew my fuse before I got out of the county. We made it to Huntsville Thursday. We only ran into rain the last 20 miles getting there and just enough to get soaked and dirty. The rest of the trip was clear and hot and humid.

We got in about 2:00 and got our registration done. I had to check in at the LTP booth so I could teach my class at 4:00. I thought my first class at Wing Ding. I had a good class with good questions.

It was a good time seeing many friends I've not seen in a while and meeting a few new ones. That is my main reason to go. We had a good group down there. I want to thank everyone that helped with onsite registration on Saturday afternoon. We had fun and signed up a few new members.

I hope everyone that traveled down is now back safe and sound. It is confirmed that next year is in Billings Montana. That is a ways to go, 1700 miles one way.

I want to remind everyone that needs to, get Bill McCormick on your bank accounts. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Geoffrey and Susan Austin  
WV District Treasurer.



# Leadership Training

During Wing-Ding there was a Trainer Forum and many changes were discussed for the future of the GW University. I will be having a conference call on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> with Jim Rambo, Region N Trainer, who will be explaining the changes that are coming our way in training. At this time I do know **ALL SEMINARS** are being moved to the University. In other words, there won't be any REP Seminars, MEP Seminars, or LTP Seminars. There will just be Seminars. Rider Education **will** be a part of the University, however, they will be concentrating on keeping us safe, skilled, and trained in CPR and First Aid. They will also continue

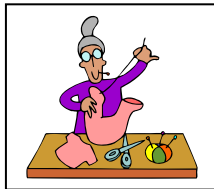
keeping the motoring public aware of us. In other words, the REP will be focusing on On-Bike Course Work, MFA, and Motorist Awareness. Membership Enhancement **will not** be a part of the University. They will be focusing on all of the FUN stuff that they do (i.e. Couple of the Year, Chapter of the Year, Public Relations, Recruiting & Retention, Newsletters, and the Area Report List (ARL). Everything that is included in the University is **CLASSROOM TRAINING**.

I will pass on more information after the conference call which will consist of some lively discussion from all of the district trainers.

Take care and try to learn something new every day of your life!!

Beth Ann McCormick, WV District Master Trainer

PLEASE CONTACT KELLY FOR ANY  
PINS AND PATCHES  
YOU MAY NEED!!  
(304)639-4012



**THE 2015 TRAVELING CHAPTER MASCOT**  
IS CURRENTLY AT CHAPTER I AND WILL  
BE AVAILABLE AT THEIR FUNDAY ON  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

### **WEST VIRGINIA UNUSUAL FACTS**

Moundsville is the site of the continent's largest cone-shaped prehistoric burial mound. It is 69 feet high and 900 feet in circumference at the base and was opened on March 19, 1838.

The first electric railroad in the world, built as a commercial enterprise, was constructed between Huntington and Guyandotte.

The first memorial building to honor World War I veterans was dedicated on May 30, 1923, in Welch.

On September 10, 1938, the Mingo Oak, largest and oldest white oak tree in the United States, was declared dead and felled with ceremony.

# WV Chapter FunDays

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Chapter I – September 19<sup>th</sup> at Cooper’s Rock, Morgantown, WV

# 2015 Rally Schedule

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<p><b>Tennessee District</b></p> <p><b>'Spring Fling'</b> </p> <p><b>OVER UNTIL NEXT YEAR!!</b></p> <p><b>East Ridge Tennessee</b> April 23 - 25 2015</p>	<p><i>Experience the Adventure at</i> <b>WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES</b> CHEROKEE, NC JULY 9-11, 2015</p> <p><b>OVER UNTIL NEXT YEAR!!</b></p> <p><small>www.gwrranc.org</small>  Wings Over the Smokies, North Carolina District</p> 	<p><b>West Virginia District</b></p> <p><i>Down Home</i></p> <p><b>OVER UNTIL NEXT YEAR!!</b></p> <p>Summersville WV July 24 - 25 2015</p>
<p>KENTUCKY DISTRICT PRESENTS <b>THE 2015 BLAST</b></p> <p><b>OVER UNTIL NEXT YEAR!!</b></p> <p>Frankfort Convention Center Frankfort Kentucky August 13 - 15</p>	<p><b>ROCKET CITY ROAD TRIP</b></p> <p><b>OVER UNTIL NEXT YEAR!!</b></p> <p>Huntsville, Alabama SEPTEMBER 3-8, 2015</p> 	<p><b>Virginia District</b></p> <p><b>ROUTE 66</b></p> <p><i>Discovering America</i> 1-3 October 2015</p> <p><b>RALLY IN THE VALLEY</b> Holiday Inn — Tanglewood Roanoke VA</p> 

# WV Chapter Meeting Times

“FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE”

## CHAPTER A (Martinsburg)

Becky & JJ Jones

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The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday -eat @ 8 am /meet @ 9 am  
Golden Corral, Foxcroft Exit off I-81 South  
Martinsburg WV

## CHAPTER B (Clarksburg)

Bob & Debbie Slaughter

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday - eat @ 6 /meet @ 7  
Hilton Garden & Inn (across from Aldi's)  
Bridgeport, WV

## CHAPTER C (Huntington)

OPEN

Buz & Missy Mowrer

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - eat @ 6 /meet @ 7  
IHOP at Huntington Mall

## CHAPTER E (Wheeling)

Carol & Ed Horne

[Hornetrike2@verizon.net](mailto:Hornetrike2@verizon.net)

The last Saturday - eat @ 6/meet @ 7  
Perkins, Exit 2A, Wheeling, WV

## CHAPTER H (Charleston)

Judy & Ken Shivley

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The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday –eat @ 5 / meet @ 6  
Boom's Restaurant in Kanawha City

## CHAPTER I (Morgantown)

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The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday - eat @ 6 /meet @ 7  
The Green Turtle Rest., Exit 155/I-79  
Morgantown, WV

## CHAPTER J (Parkersburg)

Pete & Sherry McMullen

(304)489-2932

[rpm1@frontier.com](mailto:rpm1@frontier.com)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday – eat @ 10/meet @ 11 am  
Golden Corral, Parkersburg, WV

## CHAPTER K (Logan)

Robert & Phyllis Elliott

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday – eat @ 10/meet @ 11 am  
Logan Motorcycle Sales  
1431 Jerry W Hwy, Logan, WV 25601

*Chapter Meetings may change due  
to weather or  
road conditions.*

*Check with the CD first  
before travel!!!*



## Does Your Chapter Ride?

Does your chapter have issues planning rides?  
Here's a letter to give you some ideas.

**How to Present Chapter Rides by Rick & Madalena Buck 7-23-15**

Chapter rides are a complicated and large issue. If you look at most calendars all you see is Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Rides.

Question: Are we going to eat when we got out on a ride? More than likely yes.

Question: Are a lot of Chapters that go on Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Rides going from a KSU direct route to a restaurant? Yes

So how do we change a mind set when it comes to riding? The simple change is renaming a ride. Using names like "Just a Ride", "Mystery Ride", "Tail of the Tarpon Ride", "Ocklawaha River Ride", "Stud Run", "Full or Blue Moon Ride", "Horse Farm Ride", "Brown Bag Lunch Ride" & "Rick's Ride". If nothing else by naming a ride something other than Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner Ride people have a different perception of the ride. Did we eat on these rides...Yes! Yes we still list specific Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner Rides on the calendar but they are the exception versus the rule.

The other thing that needs to be added when it comes to rides is destinations and/or things to do. Over the last year these are some of the things we have done: Watermelon Festival, Thunder by the Bay, Manatee Festival, Kumquat Festival, Lipizzaner Stallions, Dairy Farm, Retired Horse Farm, Daytona Bike Week, Myakka River State Park, Ocala Horse Farms, Drum Circle, Tubing, Jungle Gardens, Butterfly Museum, Stain Glass Museum, Pontoon Boat Tour,

So how do you make the above work?

First thing is you have to have a Chapter Team that supports the idea and is willing to train the Chapter on the concept.

Second is you need people in the Chapter that are will to find new/interesting things to do.

One key is keeping the cost down.

Third and probably one of the most important is to have people that are will to plan and lead routes.

Rick & Madalena Buck

Southeast Region "A"

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