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Notes from Ken's Korner.....

As listed in GWRRA's motto safety is a priority. Effective January 1, Motorist Awareness has been elevated from a Division to a Program. Instead of MAD the Motorist Awareness Program will be known as MAP. Marlene's Cloude's new title is MAP Director, however, her responsibilities have not changed. Marlene will continue to

file the quarterly N23 Motorist Awareness Activity Form compiling information submitted by the Chapters on either a monthly or quarterly basis. Let's help Marlene fulfill her duties by providing the necessary information in a timely manner.

The latest Snap Shot reports submitted by several Chapters requested Officer Certification Program training. The program is currently going through some revisions and there is not yet a date when that will be completed. Stay tuned.

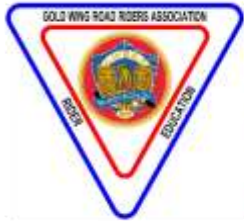
Spring Fling is just around the corner - March 4th at the Inn at Grand Glaize. A complete agenda is being sent out with this newsletter and it will be posted on the District Web Site. Look forward to a full day of fun and learning as there will be lots of games, seminars and competitions. Registration will begin Friday, March 3rd at 4pm and resume Saturday morning at 7am. A buffet breakfast will be served Saturday morning from 7:00-9:00. Anyone registering prior to 8:30 Saturday morning will receive a ticket for a FREE breakfast.

If you're out for a ride on some of these warm January days, watch for sand, salt and other loose impediments on the roadway.

Hope to see you at Spring Fling!

Ken Leuckenotte and Jan Schanbacher
District Directors





GWRRA RIDER EDUCATION

OUR MOTTO

"Safety Is For Life"

OUR MISSION

"To Save Lives Through Quality, World Class Education"



Sharing some thoughts.....

While this month's article does not directly relate to some safety aspect of our bikes or our riding, I thought I would take this opportunity to say "THANK YOU", to all of the Chapter Educators in the Missouri district, that continue to assist me with the Rider Activity reporting for each of their chapters.

I know many of you might say this is not something so noteworthy as to need mention, but I rely heavily on the men and women, who have volunteered to take on the responsibilities of helping each of their chapters with the Rider Education directives of this association.

While a lot of the duties of Rider Educator for the chapter are glamorous and highly sought after, some of the responsibilities are simply the reporting of everything that goes on with each of the members as it relates to rider education or motorist awareness, so we can maintain our status as a not-for-profit tax-exempt association. You might enjoy dealing with the IRS, but I hope to delay that encounter for as long as I possibly can. Did you know that anytime you are out-and-about wearing your GWRRA shirts and vests, and relating to the general public, that it can be counted as a M.A.D. (Motorist Awareness Division) event? Since we are interfacing with the general public and "hopefully" showing the positive side of being involved with our association, in essence, we are ambassadors to the public, showing them we are normal people and to watch out for us on the roads.

These functions, along with the safety seminars, newsletter articles, monthly safety "chats" at the meetings, and promoting the Levels of the Rider Education Program, are all important aspects of that the responsibilities that volunteer Rider Educator has taken on to support his or her chapter members, and I for one want to again say "THANK YOU"!

As always, I'm looking forward to learning new stuff!

Take care and God bless you and yours.

Marty Hall

MO District Rider Educator



District Membership Enhancement

Missouri District Couple and Individual of the Year

It is once again time for Missouri's Spring Fling. Therefore, get out those chapter colors, dust them off and let's get ready to cheer on our Chapter Couples & Individuals of the Year.

The Chapter Directors will be introducing their 2017 Chapter Couple and Individual of the Year.

Then they will again introduce the 2016 Chapter Couple and Individual of the Year and then we will begin the selection for the 2017 Missouri District Couple of the Year and 2017 Missouri Individual of the Year.

BC and Sheryl Coleman, the 2016 Missouri District Couple of the Year, and Marlene Cloude, the 2016 Missouri District Individual of the Year, have done a fine job representing Missouri this past year and hopefully will tell us some of their interesting facts of their travels and visiting with other GWRRA members , chapters, districts and regions. They will be representing Missouri at the Region E Selection in Williamsburg, Iowa in August.

Here are the new Chapter Couples of the Year and Individuals of the Year as we now know them.

Chapter	COUPLE'S NAME	INDIVIDUAL'S NAME
B	Bob & Becky Wilkerson	
B2	Jay and Marty Yoder	Tim McShane
G	Gary & Noraleen Hord	
I	<u>Dennis & Donna Albee</u>	Mike Starkey
K		
O		
P		
W		
W2	Enrico & Linda Della Croce	<u>Patty Neff</u>
Z		



Warm Hugs,
Glenn & Carol White
Membership Enhancement

District Couple of the Year

Our time is running out as your District Couple of the year 2016. We have enjoyed meeting new GWRRA family & friends on our journey as Couple of the Year. We want to thank everyone for their support they have given us during this time. Although we were not able to travel as much as we would have liked we hope that we can continue to visit other rallies in the future.

Spring Fling is just around the corner. It is a fabulous time to enjoy seeing our family and friends, play games, dress up in costumes, perform skits, and have a great time but it also time to honor each of the Chapter Couples of the Year as well as Individuals of the Year. And, it is time to select a new District Couple of the Year for 2017. As we assist in the process, we want to wish the new District Couple of the Year a fun-filled journey in the process. It is truly all about having fun.



So, we are looking forward to Spring Fling and hope that you are ready for an awesome day. The district team does as outstanding job in planning the event and if you have not had the opportunity to attend - save the date and come have some FUN!!

BC & Sheryl Coleman
MO District Couple of the Year



Motorist Awareness Program

MAYbe SOME FORWARD THINKING

Well it's hard to believe, but it would appear that my position has changed and I am now being considered for the Missouri District Motorist Awareness Program Director in Region E position. Further, I have learned that the former Motorist Awareness Division (MAD) is in the process of rebranding and will now be known as the Motorist Awareness Program (MAP). I will try to channel down more information on this revamping as it is made known to me.

In the meantime, we all know that the month of May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Proclamations have been signed in many cities and states across the nation. The Proclamations emphasize the need for motorists to share the road safely, urging all motor vehicle drivers to be on the lookout for motorcycles while also reminding motorcyclists to ride responsibly.

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY

It's not too early for Chapter Directors, Educators and Motorist Awareness coordinators to begin thinking about opportunities to bring awareness to the public in May. This can be done by hosting windshield washes at rest stops and/or grocery store parking lots. Many states allow coffee breaks at area rest stops. Contact your local Department of Transportation to reserve your location early and fill in necessary paperwork. Civic organizations are often in need of guest speakers and presenters at their monthly meetings. Are you a member of the Elks, Moose, Eagles, AARP, Senior Centers or other organizations? Contact the head honcho and see if you can set up a day to present a motorist awareness program to their members. I have requested a list of presenters and when I receive the information, I will pass it along to Chapter Directors.

Arrive Alive – SaveMOlives.com is the Missouri resource for public handouts. Click on the following link, then click on the Quantity Motorcycle Safety line and it will give you instructions on how to obtain Missouri awareness items for your chapter. They are FREE. Do it now! There is a 2-4 week lead time for delivery of the materials ordered. <http://www.modot.mo.gov/OrderSystem/pub/displayOrder.do#>

National GWRRRA also has brochures available. However, you will need to tap into your own resources to print them.

http://gwrra.org/regional/ridered/PDF%20Files/motorist_awareness_brochure.pdf

http://gwrra.org/regional/ridered/PDF%20Files/MotoristAwareness3_8.5x11_trifold.pdf

Finally, if you have a website, you can also add links to audio sound bites produced by motorist awareness groups:

http://gwrra.org/regional/ridered/MAD/Save-A-Life_PSA_Radio.wav

<http://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/modot-audio/WatchOutforMotorcycliststaggged.mp3>

<http://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/modot-audio/MotorcycleSafety-WhosUndertheHelmet.mp3>



May is our month to shine and it's never too early to prepare for our moment. Let's not miss out, because...

Ultimately, we are responsible for Arriving Alive

Marlene Cloude

District M.A.P. and District Individual of the Year



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2017 Calendar of Events

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January

1/28/2017

Chapter P--- Fish Fry
77 Hughes Ford Road, Sullivan, noon
Contact Jerry Blatt, 636-536-4840

February

Please send your February events to the Webmaster Dale Kaiser to be included on the calendar.

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

March

3/4/2017

District Spring Fling

Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, Missouri
7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Pay at registration: \$10.00/a person
Contact: Ken Lueckenotte (573) 680-6238 or kluke45@aol.com

April

4/8/2017

Chapter W---Clean up Columbia
Meet at Conley Walmart, 10 A.M.
Contact Leroy Anthony, 573-474-4521

May

TBD

Chapter W2 --- Blessing of the Bikes
Meet at Friendship Village
Contact Bob Phelps at 314-630-9789

5/5-7/2017

Chapter O---Echo Bluff State Park Ride, Eminence
Meet in O'Fallon, 8:00 A.M.
Contact Karen Kaufmann, 314-402-8271

- 5/13/2017 Chapter W2 ---Trike Training
Forrest Park Community College, time TBD
Contact Diane Phelps 314-630-9789
- 5/20/2017 Chapter Z---Mystery Ride
Location TBD, 9:00 A.M.
Contact Paul Engelman, 314-220-9718
- June**
- 6/1/17-6/3/17 **Missouri District Rally**
Branson, Missouri (Angel Inn, So. Oaks Inn
June 1 - 12:00 noon to June 3 - 8:00 p.m.
Register on-line: MOGWRRRA.org
Contact: Ken Lueckenotte (573) 680-6238 or kluke45@aol.com
- 6/17/2017 Chapter G ---Ride to Charleys @ Lincoln, MO.
Meet at TBD,
Contact Andy Talken: 573-645-8730
- 6/24/2017 Chapter B ---BEE Run
Living Memorial Park, Springfield, 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Contact Contact BC Coleman at 417-844-4758
- July**
- 7/15/2017 Chapter K---Sonic "Bust A Gut" Ride
Location: TBD, 6:00 P.M.
Contact Ryan Tinkler: 816-225-2139
- August**
- 8/19/17 **District Member Appreciation Picnic**
Riverside Park Pavilion, Jefferson City, MO
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Bring a side dish of your choice.
(Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans provided)
Contact: Ken Lueckenotte (573) 680-6238 or kluke45@aol.com
- 8/5/2017 Chapter I--- Chapter I Fun Run
Meet at Cape County Park South, Shelter #20, 9:00 A.M.
Contact Bruce Watkins: 573-450-8050
- 8/10-13/2017 Chapter B---Birthplace of Route 66 Festival and Bike Show
Location—Downtown Springfield, time—all day
Contact Roy Stager: 417-844-1703

8/21/2017 Chapter O---Total Solar Eclipse Party and Ride
Meet at:TBD, A.M.
Contact Karen Kaufmann, 314-402-8271

September

9/8-10/2017 Chapter P---Switchback to Arkansas
The HUB Motorcycle Resort, Marble Falls AR.
Contact Jerry Blatt, 636-536-4840

9/16/2017 Chapter K---Harvest Moon Ride
Meet at Freedom Cycle, 6:30 P.M.
Contact Ryan Tinkler, 816-225-2139

9/23/2017 Chapter B---Scavenger Hunt
Location—Springfield: time TBD
Contact BC Coleman at 417-844-4758

October

10/7/2017 Chapter Z ---Fall Festival
Arnold City Park, #1 Bradley Beach Rd., Arnod, MO., 9:00 A.M.
Contact Cheryl Engelman, 314-537-6518

November

Please send your November events to the Webmaster Dale Kaiser to be included on the calendar.

December

12/2/2017 Chapter B ---- Christmas Party
Willard Community Center, 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
Contact BC Coleman at 417-844-4758

12/9/2017 Chapter I---Christmas Party
Fruitland Fire Department, 5:00 P.M.
Contact Bruce Watkins: 573-450-8050

Keep an eye on the calendar in the monthly newsletter or check the Missouri District Website. There is always something going on! Join in the fun with another chapter and make new friends!

Participate, Participate, Participate!