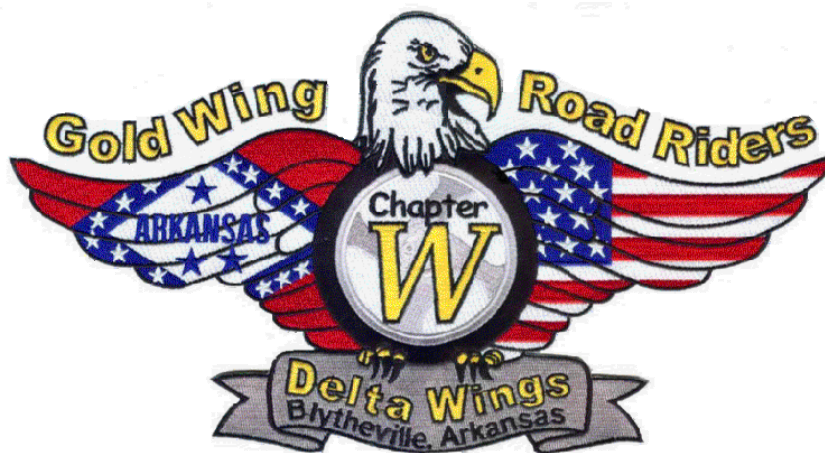




**GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS
ASSOCIATION**

**AR-CHAPTER "W"
BLYTHEVILLE, AR**

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION—H



THE DELTA TEAM



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WORDS FROM THE DIRECTOR

We had a pretty active month. There were 2 chapter conventions. The first one was at Mountain Home. We had difficulty getting there because of the rain, but after about an hour the sun came out & it was beautiful! We were the last to arrive but we had a great time while we were there. The next convention was Toad Suck. I had never been there before so it was pretty neat seeing the dam. It was supposed to rain so we took a car and I don't think it rained a bit! And, McKenna stole my title as the "youngest participant"!



We would like to thank the group that came from Chapter D to our dinner ride to Big Butts. We had a good time and placed a "Missing" sign on the door hoping for the safe return of Wolfey.

As the end of the month fell upon us, we traveled to Rogers, AR for the AR District Convention. It was a long, emotional week for us but we still had a good time. We have become very close with the District TEAM and it was really hard to "say goodbye". They presented us with a beautiful plaque and for once I was really speechless. We had trouble getting to the rally to begin with. Our bike broke down just outside Jonesboro. We would like to thank Keith & Sherry Sanders from chapter "D" for allowing us to store our bike in their shop for the weekend. We would like to also thank Marsha Smith for turning around and driving 2 hours back to pick us up.

Now that riding season is here, we are going to try to plan some more chapter rides. If you have anywhere you would like to go, send me an email & I will see if we can get it on the schedule.

Bryan & Emily Dunham

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

The district convention was a fantastic event! If you didn't get to come, you sure missed some fun. You also missed getting to laugh at your district and region teams. That was one of those things you just had to have been there for. You can't have fun if you don't participate.



We want to congratulate Charlie and Debbie Wirges on becoming the new District Couple of the Year. We hope that you enjoy the position as much as we did. It's a wonderful honor and can be a great adventure. We also want to thank Bryan and Emily for everything they have done for the last year. They are a wonderful couple and represented Chapter W well on the district team. We also want to thank Larry and Marsha for going to the District Convention and representing Chapter W. They helped with selling 50/50 tickets, putting the chapter basket together and spending late nights getting the scrap book ready for competition. We hope that they made some new and lasting friendship.

Our chapter basket was a HUGE success. So hope we plan on having one next year. Also we placed 2nd in newsletter and tied Chapter D for 2nd in scrap book. Our banner placed 3rd. Johnny got 1st in bike show for his class.

CHAPTER W PARTICIPATED IN ALMOST EVERYTHING!!!! WE had fun and everyone knows we were there.

What is next?? Chapter C is having their day rally June 11th. Don't forget your passport. Hope everyone will think about going with us. It will be a ride to Cabot, which won't be long of a ride and we can have some good food, BBQ, rest for a while then ride back. The next event will be Wing Ding, if anyone wants to go please let us know. We are planning on going, not sure what day we are leaving year.

Hope to see everyone at an upcoming event or on the road somewhere.

FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE

Mildred Glasscock





SAFETY FIRST

We had a very informed speaker at the Level IV breakfast at the District convention, Lloyd Vanover. He is the Motorcycle Safety Coordinator for the state of Arkansas. He gave several statistics, which I can't remember them all.

He stated that all the education that we have done on informing the motorist has been very helpful. Most crashes that involve a car and a motorcycle are now the fault of the motorcyclist.

So now what do we do? GWRRA has all this education that is available to all participants, yet we are causing most of the crashes. Are riders feeling so sure of themselves-that they can handle the bike in any situation? Are they paying less attention to surroundings???

Whatever the reason is—we have to correct this issue!! GWRRA has worked very hard to make sure motorcyclist have education. We have worked hard to educate the public on Sharing the Road-Look Twice Save a Life.

So let's make sure to pay attention to our surroundings, watch the drivers of cars. Also we have several devices on the motorcycle that can be distracting—GPS, blue tooth, XM Radio. Just because our motorcycles are so comfortable and have or can have all the luxuries that we want, we still MUST be careful, pay attention and of course wear our safety gear. I hope that everyone will become more alert and these statistics will change. We want the motorist to be aware of the motorcyclist but we also need to be aware of them. If we are causing the crashes then have we learned???

RIDE OFTEN AND RIDE SAFE!!!!

Mildred Glasscock



**84% of accidents involving motorcycle's are the motorcyclists fault.
48% of motorcycle fatalities were single motorcycle accidents**

COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Our trip to the convention

We left out Wednesday morning, traveling to Rogers, AR to attend the Arkansas District Convention. Larry & I were with our fellow chapter W members, Johnny & Mildred Glasscock and Bryan & Emily Dunham.

The ride to Rogers was great. The scenery of hills and trees were magnificent. When we drove up to the Embassy Hotel, it was beautiful and the grounds were massive. This was just the beginning of a weekend full of work, fun, education, dinning, and shopping!

It was so much fun working the registration desk with other GWRRA members. This allowed Larry & I to greet and meet those that came to the convention. We helped give out gift bags, schedules, registration tags and information. As the chapter W couple of the year, we also worked the ticket table, selling 50/50 tickets, grand prize tickets, and chapter basket tickets.

There were many educational classes that one could take to help us have a safe and fun ride. Larry really got a lot out of the trike class and the trike riding course.

There were a lot of vendors to visit. Among them were those that did pin striping, sold bike equipment & parts, riding gear (which we bought) and candles!

Dining out with others was so much fun. We got to catch up and talk bikes. The food was always great!

If you missed the convention, you should plan on going next year! You won't regret it! Hope to see you there!

Larry & Marsha Smith
Chapter W Couple of the Year
2011-2012



WOLFIE THE BIG BAD WOLFE

MISSING



Have you seen Wolfey?

He was last seen on 4/1/11 at Big Butts BBQ in Leachville. He was wrongfully claimed by someone and his owners would like him back!!! If you have any information about him or his whereabouts, please contact the Goldwing Road Riders Association Chapter W at one of the the following:

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Johnny & Mildred Glasscock
870-623-4578

Marsha & Larry Smith
870-623-2702

Jimmy Smith
870-623-1063

BIRTHDAY'S

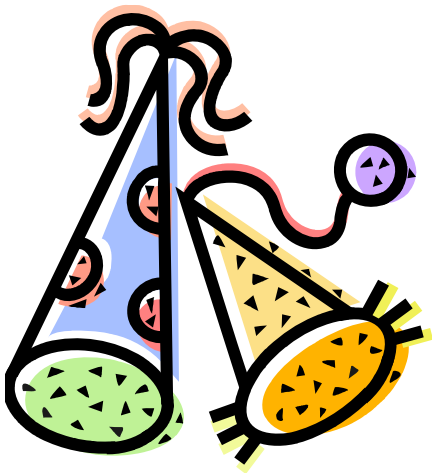
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NONE FOR JUNE

GWRRRA JOIN DATES

WAYNE MILLER 06/05/05
VANA MILLER 06/07/05
BYRAN DUNHAM 06/10/06
EMILY DUNHAM 06/12/06



From your

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District Directors

I cannot think of a better way to start this newsletter than to say THANK YOU to each and everyone that made our Arkansas Convention possible. We had a great time and I believe by the majority of responses so did everyone else. I waited to send this out so that hopefully I could tell all of you thank you and this time the gamble was worth it. We had a total of 258 registered and 12 different Districts represented. I will include all the stats that I have in the complete newsletter.



Well our convention is complete, but that does not mean that this riding season is over, as a matter of fact it is just beginning. We have Chapter C's day rally on June 11th and then off to Knoxville for Wing Ding the 6-8th of July. We have a bike show that region H is putting on during Wing Ding and we need all volunteers that can, to help out. You do not have to be a bike show judge to help, so if you are interested please let me know so that I can pass a list on to those that are putting everything together.

We are hoping that over the next two months we can accomplish two things; first continue to work on our communication between chapters and District, we have been sending out emails, but only a few are being answered; Second, we are planning on going to El Dorado and to Pine Bluff to look at new chapters in these areas, if you know folks there please send their contact info to us, and if you would like to go there and be a part of starting these new chapters, then let us know and we will make sure that you have the info needed as the time approaches.

We hope that each of our chapters and all of our participants in Arkansas know that we are here for them and that we want Arkansas to grow in every way possible. If you need anything that we can help you with, please let us know. One thing that we are experiencing is that one way to have fun is to participate in everything that you can. I encourage each of you to get out and have some fun. The Spirit Stick is showing that some chapters are out and doing things, but it also shows that some are not getting out much at all. We are hoping to see you at the next event and many more after that one.

Remember,

If it looks like a good day to ride,
it probably is.

Chris and Pam DePriest

By the Book

By: Steve Cotton
Region H Trainer



The “By the Book” articles are intended to help familiarize GWRRA Volunteer Leaders and Members with the policies, procedures, and information contained in the GWRRA Officer’s Handbook (OHB). A copy of the Officer’s Handbook can be found at www.gwrro.org - Click on the Officer Connection tab at the bottom of the page; then select Officer’s Handbook in the upper right hand corner. Please feel free to reprint these articles in Region, District, or Chapter newsletters.

Thanks to Dale Wingrove (former Region H Trainer) for the inspiration to write this month’s article based on ideas he wrote in December 2006. Revisions have been made to keep it current.

GWRRA and the Alcohol Policy

Since it is the riding season for almost everyone regardless of your location and weather, I thought it would be appropriate to cover the Alcohol Policy of GWRRA. This is a very timely topic at any time of the year, but especially when our Members are out on their motorcycles riding.

One of the few “rules” we have as Volunteer Leaders (meaning a Region/District/or Chapter officer in GWRRA language) is the “Alcohol Policy”. And unfortunately, it is one that is often misinterpreted. During the times I have been involved in presenting the Officer Certification Program (OCP), questions and discussions always seem to need clarification concerning the Alcohol Policy. Information regarding the Alcohol Policy can be found in the Officer’s Handbook on page D-15, and the policy is stated in very clear and precise statements.

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Basically, the Alcohol Policy has four parts to it. As representatives of GWRRA, Voluntary Leaders may not (at any GWRRA event):

- Sell alcoholic beverages,**
- Profit from the sale of alcoholic beverages,**
- Distribute as an award or prize any alcoholic beverages,**
- Encourage its use by advertising its availability or causing it to be available.**

While GWRRA makes no attempt to legislate policy as it relates to an individual's freedom, we must give strong consideration to potential liability exposure of the Officer group.

There are a couple of areas where Chapters, Districts, and Regions have the potential of misinterpreting this alcohol policy. They may not have any type of alcoholic beverage as a door prize, or as a part of a raffle at a poker run or gathering. Also, they may not pay for any alcoholic beverages to be served at a picnic, get-together, or Christmas party. They are not supposed to advertise BYOL parties.

Now, don't get me wrong. This does not mean that every Member of GWRRA must be a non-drinker or "teetotaler". Although this policy may seem very stringent, it is not new, and has been in existence for many years. GWRRA Members may still exercise quite a bit of freedom when it involves the consumption of alcohol.

This policy does not prohibit Members from consuming alcoholic beverages during a GWRRA event. As a matter of fact, any GWRRA Member may purchase and consume alcoholic beverages whenever they want – as long as it is not paid for, or encouraged by, a Volunteer Leader. Members may even bring their own beverages with them to a GWRRA event.

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Of course, for those who **do** choose to consume alcohol, your fellow Members will still expect you to **exercise good judgment and responsibility**. Even though most people are not willing to admit that they cannot “hold their liquor”, alcohol **will** affect your judgment. And, when it is time to leave the event, you are not only putting your own life at risk, but also that of your fellow Members if you choose to drive or ride.

So, in consideration of all your GWRRA family and friends, wait until you have parked your “pride and joy” and put it to bed for the night before you celebrate the fact that you have just experienced another wonderful day traveling on your Gold Wing. Let’s stay safe out there, and not do anything that would bring harm to yourself or our Association.

Learn Something New...Then Teach Someone!

Steve and Carolyn Cotton

Region H Trainers

From The Director Of GWRRA

Wing Ding 33...

Are you ready for an exciting Wing Ding that's packed with GWRRA friends, vendors, Drill Teams, seminars, rider courses, entertainment and even a few surprises? I know Lori and I are! Wing Ding is a Members' Convention, run by the Members for the benefit of the Members. From dawn to dusk, the schedule is jam-packed, full of FUN each day. Participation is your key to having FUN!!!

Daily we will be having our World Famous Trade Show at the Knoxville Convention Center, and demo rides at the Chilhowee Park. The financial support these vendors provide through their participation gives GWRRA the means to provide this world class event. Many vendors go that extra mile for you and become Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze level sponsors. They provide those great prizes you all like to win. Be sure to show them your appreciation and support by purchasing your add-ons and accessories while you're at Wing Ding.

On Tuesday evening, at 6:00 pm July 5th, for the Early Birds, we have the "Lions, Tigers & Wings... Oh My!" Welcome Party, hosted by our great friends at American Honda and the Knoxville Tourism & Sports Corporation. This will be held at the Knoxville Zoo next to Chilhowee Park.

On July 7th, don't miss the Thursday evening BBQ Buffet followed by J&M Evening Entertainment. John Lazzeroni, President of J&M, will raffle off thousands of dollars in motorcycle audio products all benefiting a local Knoxville charity.

Polish your ride and join the Grand Parade on Friday evening, July 8th. The parade will leave the West Town Mall at 5:30 pm and run through the great city of Knoxville. The parade will conclude at Chilhowee Park, where we have several Drill Teams performing for your pleasure. This will be followed

by the Blues Brothers Tribute Show at the Chilhowee Park Amphitheater at 8:30 pm.

There are many volunteer Members who put on this Members' Convention, and I would like to take a moment to send out a special thank you to Ed & Mary Ann Grazier, Region N Directors; Ken & Julie Zahn, Tennessee District Directors; Darrell Dunn & Julie Lang, TN-A2 Chapter Directors; Tom & Kathy

Peck, TN-B Chapter Directors; Beth & Dale Hodge, TN-G2 Chapter Directors; Robert & Trudy Ashcraft,

TN-M Chapter Directors and Gordon & Alicia Catlett, TN-T Chapter Directors for all their help and support in making this year's event possible.

And last, but not least, I'd like to thank our wonderful corps of volunteers who will give so much of themselves all week long in order to make the events FUN and effortless for everyone. When you see these folks at the Convention, be sure to let them know how much you appreciate their efforts.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Mike & Lori Stiger
Director of GWRRA

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Eat @ 9 Meet @ 10

Chapter C: Cabot

Roy & Georgia Dellinger
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1st Saturday
The Diner
3286 S. 2nd St #B
Cabot
Eat @ 9 Meet @ 10

Chapter R: Van Buren

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4th Saturday
Western Sizzlin
3120 Alma Hwy
Van Buren
Eat @ 9 Meet @ 10

Chapter D: Jonesboro

Jones & Donna Martin
(870) 483-1614
1st Sunday
Barnhill's Buffet
1111 S. Caraway
Eat @ 1:30 Meet @ 2:30

Chapter E: Hot Springs

Richard & Jean Penuel
(501) 922-4185
4th Saturday
Hester's Restaurant Travel Lodge
Grand & Central
Eat @ 9 Meet @ 10

Chapter W: Blytheville

Bryan & Emily Dunham
(870) 824-2155
3rd Saturday
Plum Point Inn
Osceola, AR
Eat @ 9 Meet @ 10

Chapter H: Batesville

Tom & Chris Wammack
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Website or call

Chapter J: Russellville

Donald & Jan Loveless
www.hobowings.org
1st Saturday
Western Sizzlin
105 E. Main—Hwy 64
Eat @ 12 Meet @ 1

Chapter X: Clarksville

Robert & Paula Dolonski
4th Saturday
Lazy Earl's Truck stop
Highway 109
Eat @ 8 Meet @ 9

Chapter L: Conway

Bud & Jan Danner
(501) 730-0827
3rd Saturday
Smitty's BBQ
740 Harkrider (Hwy 365)
Eat @ 5 Meet @ 6

Chapter P: Mountain Home

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3rd Saturday
Western Sizzlin
Mountain Home
Eat @ 12 Meet @ 1

June 2011

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						Chapter W gathering Chapter X Yard sale
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					Chapter W Dinner Ride TBA	Chapter W Yard Sale
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