

Delta Wing Gazette



G W R R A R E G I O N H A R K A N S A S D I S T R I C T C H A P T E R W

CHAPTER DIRECTORS

March is here which means so is riding season!! Our first convention of the year is at the end of this month. It will be the Region H convention in Plano, TX. We would like to encourage everyone who can to attend. It will be a lot of fun and it would be great to see a large turn out from our chapter to support Bryan & I as we compete for the Region Couple of the Year. There will be lots to do at the rally and something for everyone to enjoy. Don't forget at our gatherings to continue to bring items to put in the chapter basket that we will be taking with us to the Arkansas District Convention in May.



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Wing Wisdom Whittles

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“Whittles” articles are intended to provide information that can be presented by chapter members at monthly gatherings to help promote



Priorities and Balance in Your Life

Garrison Keillor always ends his daily radio program, *“The Writer’s Almanac”* by advising us to “Be Well, Do Good Work, and Keep In Touch”.

Be Well – You can’t participate fully in GWRRA, nor be of assistance to your fellow Members, if you don’t first take care of yourself. You need to focus on those priorities that keep you physically, mentally, and spiritually well.

Do Good Work – You need to work hard at all that you do, not just your job. Keeping your family, career, and GWRRA in proper balance will put work into perspective.

Keep In Touch – Maintaining regular contact with family, fellow GWRRA Members, and old friends can help you maintain balance in your life, and enable you to keep your priorities in order.

Here are a few items I call a Short Course for Human Relations:

The six most important words: “I admit I made a mistake.”

The five most important words: “You did a good job.”

The four most important words: “What is your opinion?”

The three most important words: “If you please.”

The two most important words: “Thank You.”

The one most important word: “We”

The least most important word: “I”

SAFETY

RIDER ED 'GIMME 5'

DRESS FOR THE "SLIDE" NOT FOR THE "RIDE"

You see them a lot during these warmer months. They're on cruisers, sports bikes and, yes, even GoldWings. You might even be one of them. Who am I talking about? I'm talking about all those riders out there in their short sleeved shirts (sometimes tank tops), and fingerless gloves (or no gloves at all). Sometimes they wear jeans but I've seen them in shorts with sneakers on their feet (I've seen them in sandals too). Sometimes they wear helmets; sometimes not. Most of the GoldWing riders do wear helmets; maybe because we can hear the radio and intercom better.

I'm sure you know the excuses too. There's the, ever popular, "It's too hot to wear all that stuff." I hear that one a lot. Then there's, "All that stuff is too restrictive." That one's pretty common. I've even heard, "I'm a good rider, I'm not going to crash." Say whaaaat?

I know that being an All The Gear All The Time (ATGATT) rider can be kind of a pain. Yes, riding jackets and pants can be pretty warm; particularly if you're in a lot of traffic. However, the new mesh gear allows substantial air flows and it provides more abrasion protection than jeans and WAY more than you get from a short sleeved shirt or tank top.

I know that full-fingered gloves can be restrictive but they aren't as bad as having your hands wrapped in gauze. Try buttoning your shirt with your index and middle fingers wrapped in about 6 layers of gauze if you want to see what restrictive feels like.

Yeah, boots can be hot but a stone kicked up by the car in front of you can break your toe. Casts are really hot, itchy too.

Lastly, I seriously doubt that crashing their motorcycle is on anyone's "Things To Do Today" list. Let's see: "Go to the Post Office. Drop off the dry cleaning. Crash the bike." Somehow I don't think so. While you may not plan to crash, someone out there probably didn't get that memo.

Now, don't get me wrong, I still ride in my Tee shirts and shorts; of course they're UNDER my riding suit. That gives me the benefit of sun/wind/abrasion protection and, when I get where I'm going, I can stroll about in my Tee shirt/shorts; swap my boots for a pair of sandals and I'm good to go. For what it's worth, I've worn this kind of gear in temperatures into the upper-90's for all day rides (coming across the Great Plains) and with the airflow through the suits that are available I was (reasonably) comfortable except when stopped in traffic.

Remember, asphalt is unforgiving. It doesn't care that the weather is hot, or how well you can ride. You should always DRESS FOR THE SLIDE, NOT FOR THE RIDE.



The Big Bad Wolf



I am so glad that it is finally riding season. I have been to Sunrise, Russellville Honda—we have had several people going places together again. I like to watch the motorcycles all in a line.

I'm excited about going to Plano, TX. It's going to be a long ride but I can't wait. I hope that I get to enter some of the chapter competitions. Hope everyone will go and give Bryan and Emily moral support.



Has everyone looked over the calendar on the district website and found some events to attend?? I want to go to them all but I know I can't. We need to find somewhere to ride as a chapter—a long day ride.

Let's RIDE, RIDE, AND RIDE!!!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Larry Smith 3/14

ANNIVERSARIES

Bryan & Emily Dunham 3/28

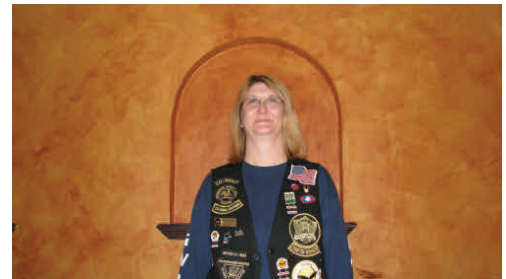
GWRRRA JOIN DATE

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NEW MEETING TIME &
PLACE!!!

*GWRRR Chapter W-Blytheville
Delta Wings
Meets the 3rd Saturday of the Month
At Plum Point Inn & Restaurant
On Highway 140 in Osceola*

MEC-MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR



March is here—riding season is beginning. We can't wait to see everyone out on the road and at the conventions. Has everyone got their Passport??? Let's go to work on filling them up... We are having great chapter participation. Everyone is going on dinner rides, chapter gathering and bowling night was a huge success. The ride to Sun Rise was a good ride. Everyone spent plenty of money and got some good bargains. The food was good. The ride to Russellville Honda was a nice ride, saw plenty of friends.

Has everyone made plans to attend the Region Convention in Plano, TX March 24-26th? Come on now--- we need to go and show our support to Bryan and Emily, AR District Couple of the Year. It would be great if they became the next Region couple but win or lose it's all about the experience and FUN, having the nerve to compete. Having been a District couple and having competed we know some of what they are feeling; even though one has been on the stage a couple of times already, you still get nervous. Having been a part of the Couple of the year program we have very strong feelings the program. We would recommend that if given the opportunity please accept the honor of being your chapter couple. Ok time to move on—we could talk about this for a LONG time but there is a lot of other information to talk about.

Now we're sure most of you all have heard that Region H will be in charge of judging the bike show at Wing Ding. We are bike show judges and know that several chapters did the training once already but check your cards, we think most of them have expired so it's renewal time. At the Region Convention in Plano, TX there will be a seminar offered for everyone that is interested in renewing or becoming a bike show judge, even if you don't want to be a judge it is very good information on what the judges are looking for when your bike is in a show. But we need as many judges as possible simply because the bike show at Wing Ding will be HUGE, there will be a lot of responsibility for the region and we want to be ready. If you are interested in attending the seminar send an email to Mildred. Oh in case we forgot to mention it, Mildred will be the lead instructor in Plano for the seminar so you all know her, so sign up!

Then don't forget the Louisiana District Convention April 7-9 in Lafayette, LA. Be sure to send in your registration for Rider Ed Weekend April 15-16th.

FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE

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From your ARKANSAS



District Directors

Wow, we are getting excited about what is happening in the GWRRR, especially right here in Arkansas. I have been visiting with a few chapters and the fun is already started and planning for the season is ongoing. I am excited to see the planning that is already being done as the riding season approaches. Thank you chapters for jumping on board and working toward our 2011 goals.

Let me share a little District news with all of you, Pam your newly appointed District Membership Enhancement Coordinator has been on the phone and has called about of all on the unassigned list on the ARL. She has been met with a very positive response from the majority of those that she has talked to. We have interest for new chapters in Harrison, Eldorado, and possibly two more locations in the south (not sure what city just yet because we are still making contacts), as she gets responses back from those any in your area she will pass that contact info onto you and hopefully a few new members will come from that info. She is excited about the responses and so are we.



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Ken and I are currently working on visiting in Eldorado and we will be looking to Harrison soon.

The Arkansas Spirit stick is roaming to all GWRRR events and as you see it you need to make sure that your chapter gets it's mark on it so that you will be in the running for the great gift for the chapter that has the most visits. (See the spirit stick section in the full newsletter on the web www.argwrra.org)

We are working with the local Honda stores and they are offering great deals for GWRRR members, be watching for their announcements.

We are looking forward to seeing you at many events this year.

Remember,

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

Chris and Pam DePriest

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By the Book

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What is Leadership?

While I was reading through the Officer's Handbook recently, I wondered how many times the word "**Leadership**" was mentioned. Upon doing a little further research, I found that the word "Leadership" was mentioned **15 times**. And, that is not counting the times it included the phrase "Leadership Training", which makes the total 33 times.

Having the word "**Leadership**" 15 times in our Officer's Handbook tells me it is very important, and is included in the following pages: A-1, A-2, A-4, B-4, C-4, D-9, D-18, F-1, and F-2.

In the Gold Wing Road Riders Association, **Leadership** is an important topic in many different areas. What first comes to mind is the leadership provided by Chapter Directors, District Directors, Region and International Directors, and all of the other positions such as Rider Education, Treasurers, Ride Coordinators, Webmasters, etc. Many different individuals provide leadership in one way or another to our Members.

With that in mind, I wondered what else leadership would pertain to. In the seminars that I teach, I always mention that **we are ALL leaders**- maybe it is by holding a position in our Association, but we are also leaders in our family, at work, etc. That is the topic of this month's article: **What is Leadership?**

If you have been reading my recently published articles, I have tried to concentrate on the concept of being Trustworthy, having Integrity, and the Confidence of others. That is still my concept this newsletter. Did you know there is something you can give to others, and still keep? It is **YOUR WORD**.

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Exactly what is a **Leader**? The dictionary says that it is a person who guides or inspires others- as in a performer who leads a band or choir in music; also in an orchestra the lead violinist or the one who plays at the head of the first violins. Another definition says that it is the foremost animal, such as a horse or dog in a team. A leader is someone who has followers- usually because they have confidence in their leader.

In my search to answer the question "What is a Leader?" I found some good thoughts I want to share with you.

Leaders are students. Leaders are always on the search for more knowledge. Leaders have a burning thirst for knowledge, and will seek it from the past as well as the present. They learn to turn their mistakes into a learning experience. As complex as today's problems are, it requires the ability to view the solution of a problem, and the ability to use other people's views and opinions to take corrective actions to get a proper solution.

Leaders are visionaries. Leaders can keep a clear view of the whole picture. Good vision is based on common sense, simplicity, and clarity.

Leaders are good communicators. It is important to have the ability to be understood and express views to a group, while not leaving the meaning or message out. Good communicators deliver a message with accuracy, enthusiasm, and sincerity.

Leaders are good listeners. Leaders are able to hear a problem and use corrective action to cure the problem. Swift action can lead into a permanent solution.

Leaders are optimists. Leaders must have hope and trust. They need to trust in themselves and fellow Members, and show a confidence to look down the road to a secure future.

Leaders will give their all. This is dedication to see the future with a vision, and a desire to help make that future a reality.

Leaders are ethical. A leader must be trusted. If people are misled into doing things, they will later find out and trust is lost.

Leaders take risks. Call it risk-taking, doing it different, a change or gamble. Leaders can vision something that can happen, and must show how new ways can be better than the old. Without someone with a vision, a risk-taker, a gambler, we would not have push button phones (or cell phones!).

So, as you read through the GWRRA Officer's Handbook and come across the word **Leadership**, try and remember these important points I have shared with you, because we are ALL LEADERS as well as those volunteers that have stepped into a leadership position in our Association.

Learn Something New...Then Teach Someone!

Steve and Carolyn Cotton
Region H Trainers

GWRRRA Chapters in Arkansas

<i>CHAPTER</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>CONTACT /PHONE</i>	<i>MEETING DATE/ TIME</i>	<i>MEETING PLACE</i>
<i>AR-A</i>	<i>Little Rock</i>	<i>Pending</i>	<i>3rd Saturday Eat 8am Meet 9am</i>	<i>Frontier Diner, LR I-30 W frontage rd near Baseline</i>
<i>AR-B</i>	<i>Springdale</i>	<i>Frank & Sharon Maxwell (479)855-2278</i>	<i>2nd Saturday Eat 9am Meet 10am</i>	<i>Golden Corral, Rogers I-540 Exit 81 Pleasant Grove Rd</i>
<i>AR-C</i>	<i>Cabot</i>	<i>Roy & Georgia Dillinger (501)944-4705</i>	<i>1st Saturday Eat 9 am Meet 10 am</i>	<i>The Diner 3286 S. 2nd St #B Cabot</i>
<i>AR-D</i>	<i>Jonesboro</i>	<i>Pending</i>	<i>1st Sunday Eat 1:30 Meet 2:30</i>	<i>Western Sizzlin</i>
<i>AR-E</i>	<i>Hot Springs</i>	<i>Richard & Jean Penuel (501)922-4185</i>	<i>4th Saturday Eat 9am Meet 10am</i>	<i>Hester's Restaurant Travel Lodge Grand & Central</i>
<i>AR-H</i>	<i>Batesville</i>	<i>Tom & Chris Wammack (870)307-8661</i>	<i>Varies, Please check latest Newsletter or Call</i>	
<i>AR-J</i>	<i>Russellville</i>	<i>Pending</i>	<i>1st Saturday Eat Noon Meet 1pm</i>	<i>Western Sizzlin 105 E Main-Hwy 64</i>
<i>AR-L</i>	<i>Conway</i>	<i>Bud & Jan Danner (501)730-0827</i>	<i>3rd Saturday Eat 5pm Meet pm</i>	<i>Smitty's BBQ 740 Harkrider (Hwy 365)</i>
<i>AR-P</i>	<i>Mountain Home</i>	<i>John & Susan Sparks (870)424-2529</i>	<i>3rd Saturday Eat 12pm Meet 1 pm</i>	<i>Western Sizzlin Mountain Home</i>
<i>AR-R</i>	<i>Van Buren</i>	<i>Garry & Phyllis Floyd (479)474-1560</i>	<i>4th Saturday Eat 9am Meet 10am</i>	<i>Sister's Bistro 719 Main</i>
<i>AR-W</i>	<i>Blytheville</i>	<i>Bryan & Emily Dunham (870)278-5530</i>	<i>3rd Saturday Eat 9 am Meet at 10 am</i>	<i>Plum Point Inn Osceola, AR</i>
<i>AR-X</i>	<i>Clarksville</i>	<i>Robert & Paula Dolonski</i>	<i>4th Saturday Eat 5:00pm</i>	<i>Western Sizzlin Meet 6pm</i>