

# Gold Wing Road Riders Association



## Great Lakes Region D

### Regional Newsletter

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Hello Everyone,

I don't know about all of you, but I am looking forward to Spring and riding season again. Hope we don't have a winter like this one, for a long time to come.

Since, we became the Region D Directors, the time is going by very fast. We know, there are being presented. Please be patient and read thru them. They are meant to bring Fun back into the Chapters.

The winter events for all 3 Districts are over now. We were able to attend them all, and sure had some laughs. Each District has things going on, that are different, with the other. We would like to see more members attending these and hopefully one of the other District also.

While at these winter events, the Region Team, noticed some things, I want to bring up.

Chapter Pride: I can remember, anywhere the chapters went, they took their Chapter Banner along and displayed it with pride. This year, we counted 2 at one, 3 at another and one at another. You see what I am getting at. I have had members before, come up to me and say, they are very upset, about a chapter taking their banner. These days the chapters and their members are missing the point. If the Chapter Banner was taken, then in time, you would fine out, how much ransom and go get the banner back, at one of their chapter gatherings. At the end, members made new friends and having plenty of laughs to remember. You will hear me say this often, CAMARADERIE.

Chapter Recognition: As you all are aware, we have the Chapter of the Year Program. The chapters, who are participating in this, are having fun and riding to events all the time. Just ask the chapters, who have been named the Chapter of the Year, and you will see, how happy and proud they are, to be part of it.

Each District named a new Chapter of the Year for 2010. Congratulations to all members of the chapters. They were Indiana A-2, Michigan R-2,



and Ohio E-2. I would like to thank the other chapters, who participated in the program. Ohio B-3, Indiana K and Michigan A and W. Lets get this total much higher, at the end of 2011. Thanks.

The Region D Web site, has been slow on getting up and running. We had Dale Hudson, our new Leadership Trainer, take over the site from Paul Brosher. He is learning well and was excited to try his first Newsletter also. We know members have asked, why there wasn't any new information on the site. I promise, we will have plenty of info, in the coming months.

The Region Team came up with a theme for the Region D Rally/Convention on Sept. 15,16,17 2011. The Theme is MONSTER MASH !! We are coming up with some really good ideas already and will get the word out, as we work them out. We do need some help from the membership. To make this happen, we need a logo to start with. Please put your thinking caps on and come up with a design for our shirts. You have till May 15, 2011 to submit them. Please send to Roger & Penny Hurley.

The winner, will receive free registration and shirts for 2, for the Region D Rally /Convention this year.

Penny & I are looking forward to being your Region D Directors and having FUN.

See you all later, ride safe !

Your Region Directors

Roger & Penny Hurley



## *Really Big Shoes*

Do you recognize these folks. They are your new International Directors of Training for GWRRA. What a mouthful just trying to say it.

Paul and Cheryl have been a big footprint in all of our lives, whether we realize it or not. If you have taken a Horizon Course, they had a hand in it. If you have taken an LTD Course of any kind, they had a hand in it. If you look at your tri-fold and see what you have accomplished, they had a hand in it. If you have attended any seminar at any rally, they were also there. We could go on and on about the Broshers, but when it boils down to it, we already know that. Paul always gets the credit, but please remember back. Almost everyone of those classes put on by Paul, had a very nice looking lady, sitting at the back, being quiet and somewhat shy, taking it all in. When it was all over, she always takes time to say, nice job.

These folks have now moved on to the International level and we chide them about, “I knew you when”, but the bottom line is, they are still the same. Will always be the same. We will always want them the same.

That brings us to the whale sized hole they are leaving. When Colleen and I were approached about taking over this slot, it kind of floors you. How could we ever do the job that Paul and Cheryl have? How could I ever have as much knowledge as them? How can I ever answer questions to folks like they do? On and on and on. Paul remarks, “We’re at the same number. We’re still here for you. We will help all we can.” That’s great comfort food.

Colleen and I are in hopes that you folks will give us the chance to be the trainers we want to be. We will be at the rallies, at Wing Ding, and wherever we can be, trying to measure up. It will take some time, but with your help and all the District Trainers and all of their Teams, we will do our best.

Good Luck to you Paul and Cheryl. Let us hope your travels bring you to all of us often. You have left some mighty large shoes to fill and we will miss you fondly.

Best of Luck to you in your endeavors and travel safely.

Finest Regards,

Dale & Colleen Hudson

Region D Trainers



Hello Region D

Well this year appears to be getting off to a little bumpy start.



The weather hasn't been the best, it can't decide weather it wants to get warm or snow. The road crews are out between snows trying to keep the pot hole season in check as it has started early this year. Heck the other day I watched as they patched in the daytime just to plow them back out that evening. Here in NW Indiana we will normally get one more blast around the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, and then it should move out for the start of another riding season. With that being said all the District Educators have arranged for numerous ARC's, TRC's, ERC's, TC's and PLP's in about every area of our Region. Please consider attending one of these classes to help improve your riding skills, so you can miss those pesky pot holes when one reaches out to get yea. Your District Educators have spent a lot of time and effort in obtaining the training locations to assist in the World Class education that GWRRA can provide to our members. So check out all the scheduled courses and events from the Region D Web sight at <http://www.gwrra-regiond.org> or directly from: <http://www.my.calendars.net/regd> . Most events can be clicked on, and a window will pop up with more information. Also most have the ability to go right to a registration form. So sit back enjoy and plan for the better weather.

More great training opportunities are also quickly approaching. Indiana's SWWU, Ohio's Buckeye, Michigan's District Rally/Convention, and the Region D Rally/Convention. Each any every one of these events will have a number of Seminars, and riding events for your enjoyment.

So pack your bags, and plan on a great summer of enjoyment with your old and new friends at some or all of these events. Remember there are no strangers in GWRRA, just friends you haven't met yet.

As always - Laurel and I encourage everyone to visit the Region D Web sight (<http://www.gwrra-regiond.org>) for all the up to date information on Rider Education, and links to all three District Web sights for each states lists of Rider/Co-Rider courses, Seminars, MFA Classes, and just good information.

Until Next Time

Ride Safe

Hello Region D,

We are firmly into 2011, and like chapters, districts, and even national, we are new and fresh and trying to get settled in the new positions and learning the ropes. The Region Team has had a couple outings to get to know each other, and District teams, and a lot of new faces and friends.



As the new Motorist Awareness Coordinator (MAD), I hit the trail running with, what I hope will be a successful campaign to get our MAD on the map, and allow recognition, and rewards to those who are out there putting out the word of AWARENESS to the non motorcycling public on behalf of **our organization**, GWRRA. Remember GWRRA is ours, and it will only be what we make of it. So come on Region D, we have gone “MAD”, giving away free registrations, so get involved, spread the word!! I have been lucky enough to have talked about it at Ohio District’s Cabin Fever. Fortunately for me, many team members from Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio sat in on my seminar about what we are going to do. Sorry Michigan, I missed your Wingless Weekend, that four letter word got in the way, **work**.

I will be talking again at Indiana District’s Spring Meeting. If you haven’t heard of our new campaign, please contact you District Rider Ed and get the information. **Every member of Region D is eligible!!!!!!!** District Rider Ed folks, make sure you are getting the information to the chapters. You can also read up on the campaign on the Region web site.

So as we continue to settle in, we are proud to be representing you as the Region MAD Coordinator, and Linda & I look forward to meeting you at future events, rallies, and rides.

“Share the Road”

Be Safe; Be Alert

Roger & Linda Marling

Region MAD/Vendor Coordinator

We became members of GWRRA in August of 2001 after being introduced to the organization by one of our neighbors. They had noticed we had recently acquired a 750 ACE Shadow and invited us to join their chapter's rides and the rest is history. The first chapter position we held was Special Project Coordinators. Shortly after we acquired a Gold Wing (Illusion Blue) in 2002, we were asked to be our chapter's ACDs. After being the Assistant Chapter Directors for three years, we then served two years as Chapter Directors for Ohio Chapter T2 in 2005. We then served as the Southwest Assistant District Directors for Ohio under Roger & Penny Hurley in 2007 for one year and then two years under John and Linda Frank. The last two years we were also the District Couple of Year Coordinators.



In 2003, we were named Chapter Couple of the Year for OH-T2. We were encouraged to participate in the District Couple of the Year program by our chapter. In 2004 we were named District Couple of Year and then later that year we were named Region Couple of the Year for 2004 -2005. In 2005 we participated in the International Couple of the Year selection process in Fort Wayne at Wing Ding XXVII which was a fantastic experience. We really appreciated the support we received from Region D during that event which was real special to us. We never experienced so much hugging and we will never forget that time in our lives.

Linda is a Senior Master Co- Rider and I am a Master Tour Rider. Because I had a motorcycle accident in 2008; I still have to accumulate another three or four thousand **safe** miles before I qualify to become a senior. As a result of that accident, we now ride a 2007 Metallic Silver Gold Wing.

We were very honored to join the Region Team as Treasurer and Couple of the Year Coordinators. We look forward to serving the GWRRA members of Region D.

Tim & Linda Fleming

Region D Treasurers

We have just been asked to write our first newsletter article as members of the Region D Team. Wow, where to start, we are George and Claudia Ellison and we are the Regions new Membership Enhancement Coordinators. We live in Michigan, currently the land of snow and cold.

We were able to make to all three of the district winter events and had so much fun. All three of the districts put on a great event and even though they are different, some of the things that go on are the same like the Couple of the Year selection and seminars. After watching the Couple of the Year selections at the District Level, we wouldn't want to be judges at the Region Level in September. The other thing about attending all of the events was that we got to meet a lot of you and make new friends.



We are also, handling the Chapter of the Year program for the Region. We have received the winning entries from the three districts and they are as follows:

Indiana – Chapter A2 – Lebanon, IN

Michigan – Chapter R2 – Ionia, MI

Ohio – Chapter E2 – Cincinnati, OH

The participating chapters from Indiana were Chapter A2 - Lebanon and Chapter K – Lafayette. Michigan had three entries, Chapter A - Sterling Heights, Chapter R2 - Ionia, and Chapter W – Adrian. And last but not least Ohio had two entries Chapter B3, Obetz and Chapter E2 from Cincinnati. We want to thank all of the chapters that participated. By participating you showed that you are all winners and are having fun.

We would like to see more chapters participate for 2011. The rules have changed making it a lot easier for all of the chapters to participate. You can find this year's Program Guide and Score Sheet at [www.gwrro.org](http://www.gwrro.org) under the Membership Enhancement section. Now is the time to start working on this and gather the information throughout the year.

This year all Membership Enhancement Coordinators, regardless of the level, were made officers in GWRRA. The reasoning behind this is that members are the most important thing in the organization, so we need to find them and keep them. The more members we have involved in our chapters the more fun our chapters are going to have.

Part of the Membership Enhancement position is completing the monthly reports and returning them in a timely manner. There has been a change on this in that we need to be contacting new and prospective members along with the expiring members. We don't want them to expire without ever having been contacted to join in the fun at their local chapter.

We are impatiently awaiting the arrival of spring and riding season. We look forward to attending the three District events this summer and meeting a lot more of you. We also hope that you will plan on attending the Region D Rally in September, we have some great plans.

George & Claudia Ellison

Membership Enhancement

From your Region Couple:

Will winter ever end? Mother Nature says, "Don't be in such a hurry." The daffodils and tulips are just now coming up, so spring can't come soon enough for us. It seems like after the Region D District winter events are over, everyone gets spring fever. Us included. Speaking of the winter events, we attended all three and were they ever a lot of fun. If you didn't get to attend one of these you missed out on a good time. Lee and Kaye Tiche and their Indiana team put on a fantastic Hillbilly Hoot n Nanny. Of course Bill and Vicki Young and their Michigan team wasn't to be out done. We never saw so many Fred Flintstones in one place in all our born days. Last but not least Robert G. and Angela Williams and their Ohio team was right in tune with the Mardi Gras theme. Lots of beads were floating around that weekend. A first was done at Ohio's' Cabin Fever and that was all three District Teams participated in the Talent Show, with Indiana taking home a first place with their rendition of 5# of Possum.



While we were at Indiana and Michigan we were asked to be judges for their Couple of the Year selection process. What a tough job that was. All the participants were just fantastic and all are winners, but only one couple could be the District Couple. Congratulation to Joe and Paula Swift, Ind. District Couple, Ken and Patti Kintner, Mi District Couple and Dennis and Kennndria Carter, Ohio District Couple. All 3 couples will do an outstanding job.

Rally season isn't too far off. So we hope to see a lot of you at these great events. Your District teams plan these for you, the members, with the emphasis on FUN. Go out and support your District at these events and have FUN. See you down the road.

MAY YOU ALWAYS HAVE GOLDEN MEMORIES

Kirby and Sandy White

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***Thanks to you all.***

***See you next time.***

***Dale Hudson***

***Region D Newsletter Editor***