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Hello Everyone,

The Holidays are over and now getting thru this cold weather. I am writing this article with snow on the ground and the temperature around 21 degrees. I honestly can say bring on Springtime.



We are now into 2012 and WHAT A YEAR WE ARE GOING TO HAVE !!! I hope you as members are looking forward to this year as much as we are. We miss seeing everyone and enjoying the laughter and fun at the different District Events and the Region D Rally.

As you read the rest of this article, let's have a positive attitude and see how much more Fun is planned.

Chapter FUN - Chapter Directors have activities at your gatherings which will bring the members back each month to see what is coming next. Remember you set the tone. Have good rides planned and have some events, like a bike show for other close chapters to come and participate in.

District Events -- When chapters go to the District events, either the Winter Weekend Get Away or the summer District Rallies, is when you make memories, have Fun, and make new friends.

Region D Rally – This is the only fund raiser we have. You may not think so, but the Region has expenses also. The one reason why you need to make plans for this is to see me. Just joking. The other is to show your pride in your District. I have put a challenge out for this year. To see one of the other Districts win Largest number of members other than the home District.

Wing Ding -- What a year to get a chance to attend a Wing Ding, especially when its in your back yards. I would love to see Region D make a mark on the attendance award. Let's do it !!!!

I am hoping the word got out, but if not, we are still waiting for the first Region D Rally Logo to come. The Theme this year is “ Let's Rock & Roll

to the Fifties. Remember the winning Logo gets FREE Registration this year and rally shirts. The dead line is Feb. 1, 2012 for the Logo Contest. We need your help Please.

I am starting to receive Officers Change paper work in. I want to THANK all the new Chapter Directors for stepping up and wish you the best. Remember there are no dumb questions in GWRRA. You have the District Directors or myself just a phone call away.

As the weeks go bye, the walls seem to close in around us, because of the weather, and not getting to ride our bikes. I have a great solution for you all. You still have time to do this, by the way.

Michigan is having their Wingless Weekend in Lansing on Feb. 3, 4. The following weekend Ohio is having their Cabin Fever in Columbus on Feb.10, 11 and finely Indiana is having their Winter Rendezvous on Feb. 17, 18. You can go to their Web site and get all the information you need, including hotel numbers. We hope to see some of you at one of these events.

Till next time, please be careful and remember life goes around only once. Live it now and have fun, because you don't know what is in store for you tomorrow.

See You All Soon!!

Your Region Directors

Roger& Penny Hurley

Hello to Everyone and Welcome to the Great Lakes Region Newsletter,

Let me wish all a Happy New Year and may all of your resolutions prove to be everything you wanted them to be. The year 2012 should prove to be a great year for all of us. Hopefully we will see lots of new things that we will all find fascinating.

To start the year of with something a little different, I just receive a recall on my Goldwing. I am not certain how they to find folks. At least I know that Honda is doing the right thing and letting us know.



At the fall officer's meetings, we were told about Target Training Initiative. We were also told that at the spring officer's meeting, we would find out what all it will entail. There have been several questions as to what it will mean? This will be very informational. This is going to allow for consistent information to all. Each position will have its own duties and give members a look at how a Core Team operates. Each core team member will have a heads up on what is expected. If you get the chance to attend the meeting, sit in and take a look.

Also this year, we have a brand new look on the GWRRA headquarters web page. It has a nice clean new look. Easier to get around on a lot of items. Make sure to take a minute and go in and look around. If you haven't been there in a while, go to www.gwrra.org. Great place to visit.

In February, we have three districts having their winter events. Make sure you take a minute or two and participate supporting your district officers and teams. Dates are February 3rd & 4th Michigan Wingless Weekend. Then the following week, February 10th and 11th, Ohio presents, Cabin Fever. Wait, don't put your hat away, the very next weekend February 17th & 18th, we go to Indiana for the Winter Rendezvous. What a great time to get away from winter doldrums for a while. It also gives us a chance to see all of our old friends and perhaps make a few new ones. I will be at all of the winter rallies this year, so let's get together and chat.

Our region director has been working hard over the winter to get plans together for the Region D Convention/Rally this year. Our dates are September 13th, 14th, and 15th. This year is "Let's Rock and Roll Back to the 50's" in beautiful Celina, Ohio. What a great time that will be. Comb your hair in a DA, get out the poodle skirts and let's go to Blueberry Hill. What a time. If you want to get together and chat a bit at the convention, you can recognize me. I'll be the one wearing the black vest.

We are really looking forward to the year at the Leadership Training Program. New things are coming out real soon. Aside from the Target Training Initiative mentioned earlier, we are seeing some seminars being rewritten, updated, and looking good. We have some folks that have been dedicated to doing exactly that over the winter months as well as GWRRA University. All of this

is designed to offer the finest overall learning experience anywhere. And best of all, it's free.

While I have you here with my captivating writing skills, let me blow one more horn. If you haven't made plans yet, don't miss out on WingDing34. Reserve July 4-7th. This year we are in the Great State of Indiana and the theme is "Fun at the Fort". What a better place than Ft. Wayne to have fun. Everything is located right there. We have been there before and if you were there you can remember the fun it was last time. It has only grown and the nice folks of Ft. Wayne have promised an even better time this year. Come on down for "Fun at the Fort". We hope to see all of you there.

Well I have just about run out of time for this newsletter and let me close by saying we hope all of your resolutions come true and let that Goldwing whisk you away to places unknown and home again. Ride safe.

Finest regards to all,

Colleen & Dale Hudson

Region D Trainers

Leadership Training Program

Hello Region D

It's hard to believe that we will be starting another riding season, (hopefully soon) and another year has already passed. As we start this New Year I took a look back over the past 10 years of Rider Education training activities, in Region D from seminars to rider courses. Just think, due to the dedication of our presenters and instructors, we have provided at least 3782 people training in Rider Education programs, and we have had over 4000 members attend Medic First Aid® CPR/FA/AED classes through out the Region. A big THANK YOU to all our presenters and instructors for providing their time to provide the world class training we are able to offer due to their dedication to our programs.



I'm sure most have heard by now, but if not, Honda released a notice on 12/2/2011 9:00:00 PM. Stating, "American Honda Motor Co., Inc. has notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the secondary master cylinder on certain 2001-2010 and 2012 model year GL1800 motorcycles." The article went on to state "Registered owners of affected motorcycles will be contacted by mail and asked to take their motorcycle to a Honda dealer. The dealer will inspect the motorcycle, and if necessary, replace the secondary master cylinder, free of charge." - I'd think if you're not the first owner of your GL1800 you might want to check with your dealer to see if your GL1800 could be one of the effected bikes.

As I continued thinking of the start of this New Year, I thought of all the training classes that are being scheduled for this 2012 season, and being listed on the District's and Region web sights. Now would be the ideal time to scan for training in your area or better yet help schedule training for your area. I'm sure that your District would be glad to hear from you and assist in getting the training you request. Don't forget this is another big year for Region D with the return of Wing Ding to Fort Wayne, IN. along with all the District Events, so maybe we will see some of our local riders and co-riders competing. So come on out and take one of the many opportuni-

-ties to enjoy some training, and some good times with your fellow members, and meet some new friends along the way.

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 listings of Rider/Co-Rider courses, Seminars, MFA Classes, and just good information.

Until Next Time

Ride Safe

John & Laurel Kuehl

Senior Region D Educators

Region D Couple of the Year Coordinators

It's a New Year and time for most Chapters to select their 2012 Chapter Couples of the Year. Who will it be? Who should it be? Good questions and sometimes I hear Chapters say nobody wants to do it or everyone in our Chapter already has been Chapter Couple and we just don't have anyone to select. Wrong! First of all this is an honor, and has been said many times, the most important and honored position to have in GWRRA. Why? Because they are chosen by their Chapter, it's not a competition, it's an honor. If you start asking members who wants to be our next Chapter Couple it takes away that honor and makes it more like a task that must be done. So just surprise someone and make them feel special. Who should it be? Well that should be easy. Who in your Chapter is always ready and willing to help out where ever help is needed? Who is always there in the background giving support but may not want to be in charge, someone you can always count on? Now start thinking and we hope to see every Chapter with a Couple this year.



On to the next step, now of course we don't expect all Chapter Couples to go on to District and we shouldn't push them. Well not too hard anyway. There are lots of great couples in the Region that would make good GWRRA representatives. You know who they are, so ask and encourage them. It's really is a great experience and the memories will last them a lifetime.

We are looking forward to all the Districts winter events. We can't wait to see all of you. There's always lots of fun and activities at each of them. We hope to see you all!

Tim & Linda Fleming

Region D Treasurers/Couple of the Year Coordinators

Let us start by saying “Happy New Year” to all of you. If you are sitting in the cold like we are we hope you are starting to plan your summer rides and including all the Region D and District events that will be happening. Hopefully we will get to see many of you at the District winter events in February. If you haven’t registered for them yet go to the District’s website and check them out.



We hope that all of you are checking the National website. There are so many changes happening, in fact they have changed the look of their website. Some of the items we want to make sure that you are aware of include: They have made changes for the 2012 Chapter of the Year program. The guide and score sheet for 2012 can be downloaded from the MEP page. Effective December 31, 2011 the Membership Enhancement Program has discontinued the June Agee Memorial Chapter Newsletter Award. They are in the process of developing an International Newsletter Award for 2012. The guidelines for this award will be posted on the Membership Enhancement Program web page. They hope to have this up and running by January, 2012. They have added a new program to the Find A Friend where if you recruit five members your next renewal is free. The rules for this program can be found at http://gwrra.org/images/find_a_friend/downloads/FAF_rules.pdf. Keep checking the National and Region websites for new programs and updates.

Just a quick reminder that a **hard copy** of the winning District Chapter of the Year packet (only one winner/packet per District) is due to the Region Chapter of the Year Coordinators (that would be us) on or before March 1, 2012. The packet should include everything listed in the District section except the Chapter Sign-In.

The Region Team is already planning for the Region D Convention/Rally September 13, 14 & 15th in Celina, OH so don’t forget to include it on your ride schedules and your vacation schedules at work. We are planning on a great time and would hate for you to miss it!

Until next time drive/ride safe!

George & Claudia Ellison
Membership Enhancement

Hello Region D



Well as I sit here I can't believe 2011 is gone and we are heading into a New Year. I must say last year was a challenge for Linda & I. Losing a job after her company left town, finishing college, finding a job, chasing two teenagers, one of whom started driving, and me still managing to go on a bike trip of a lifetime, and attending so many Rallies in the Region.

So I hope 2012 finds all of you and your families well and eager to jump into 2012 and its new challenges.

This year will be a bigger year for all of us, but we know great fun, and friends await us in GWRRA, and Region D. I look forward to coordinating Vendors this year for the Region Rally and helping the Region Team. I also look forward to Wing Ding in our backyard and being involved with so many friends putting on a great event like we know we can.

So, if you have never been involved in volunteering for any Chapter, District, Region, or National events, "here's your sign" or should we say here's your chance!!!! Jump into 2012, get involved, see how interesting, fun, challenging, and rewarding it can be!

Remember the Region D gone Mad Campaign is still on, April 2012 is the deadline, now is the time to get our there and show others what we are all about, and remind them we ARE out there, so BEAWARE-SHARE THE ROAD when it's time to ride again!!!!

Linda & I wish you all a Happy New Year, and look forward to serving, and enjoying time with all of you!!!!

"Share the Road"

Hello Region D members:

I just bought a 2012 calendar and we have started entering the upcoming rides and events that we know of and guess what? it is already full and we haven't even started the New Year. But, we are always ready for a new adventure, a road trip or day ride, so just call us and we will be there. . .



We are going to start 2012 by attending the Michigan, "Wingless Weekend" on February 3rd and 4th. We attended last year and had a ball. We helped judge the floats, we attended the Couple of the Year selection and attended some seminars. Then February 10th and 11th, off we head to the Ohio's, "Cabin Fever". Last year we attended this convention and had a great time. We participated with the Indiana Team in the "TALENTLESS" contest, shopped the vendors, attended some seminars and attended the Couple of the Year selection. Then we are home for Winter Rendezvous on February 17th and 18th. This will be a sad convention and yet an exciting convention for us. We will be stepping down as your 2011 Indiana District Couple and stepping into our new position as the 2012 Region D Couple of the Year. We are excited that this year at Winter Rendezvous, we have 6 couples that will be taking part in the selection process and we will be helping this time instead of participating. I am looking forward to the entire weekend and all the events the Indiana team has planned. Then before we know it, Wing Ding will be here. Joe and I will be taking part in the International Couple of the Year selection and we are getting excited about that. It would be nice to see a room full of members from Indiana cheering us on as we go on stage, so we hope to see you there. But between February and July, there is a lot to do and many great events planned. So, get your calendar out and get writing and riding and we will see you down the road.

Have a Happy New Year and as always, Be Safe.

Joe and Paula Swift