



## Northern Kentucky Gold Wing Riders Gold Wing Road Riders Association



### Spotlight on the "G"

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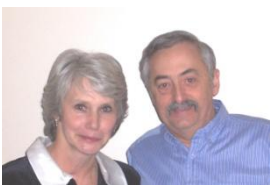
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**February  
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Hello Winger Pals! We're one month closer to riding season! Soon it will be tech day (April 7<sup>th</sup>) and we'll be bringing our bikes out on the road for more miles of fun. Our January get together was a great time with 72 smiling faces enjoying a great meal and fun times. We were so glad to have Terry and Rita Hancock, Don Cridlin, and Wanda Ray visiting with us on a relatively warm evening for January. We were also blessed with the company of Don and Sue Castle and their totally cool boys. We presented the Castle's with an honorary membership to GWRRA with our thanks for everything they do for the "G". Without their generous nature we would not have such a wonderful meeting place and amazing meals.

We were also joined by Michael King and Ralph Cox, long time members who we haven't seen in a very long time. Bob and Pam Thomann made it out that night also. It's always great to see them and to get a warm hug from Bob. Chapter "N" brought a table full of happy faces to our get-together. Yes, even Burt had a smile for Asa and Libby. Bill and Patty (new chapter N CD's) gave us a few words of wisdom, and Ray and Kathy were very happy to finally just sit back and listen.

Renzo and I were not able to make it to Jim & Jacks in January. We were attending a family wedding in Las Vegas. We were looking forward to seeing everyone at the February 4<sup>th</sup> First Aid Training, but we just found out that we will be attending the district ops meeting instead.

This year should be an eventful one with lots of "G" fun and riding opportunities. We are hoping to place some added emphasis on riding this year and give everyone the chance to get more road time with our wonderful "G" friends. We still have 20 rooms available in our block at Wing Ding 34 in Fort Wayne too. If you are interested, please let me know and I will get you the details.

We hope to see you all at the February get-together on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Yes folks, what better way to spend Valentine's Day than with loved ones. Hope to see you all there!

*Renzo and Donita Nardi,  
Chapter "G" Team Directors*



## Get Ready, Get Set, Get Educated!

**Chapter Team Educators & 2012 Chapter Couple of the Year:**

**Rick & Leah Cridlin**

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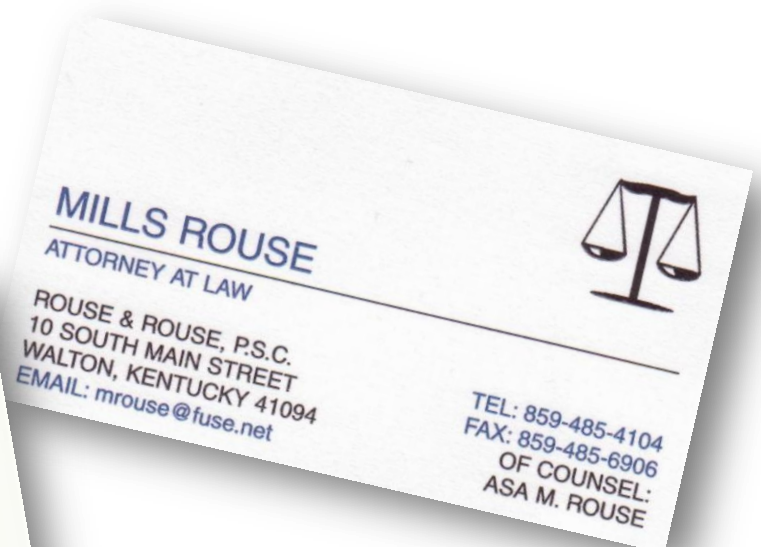
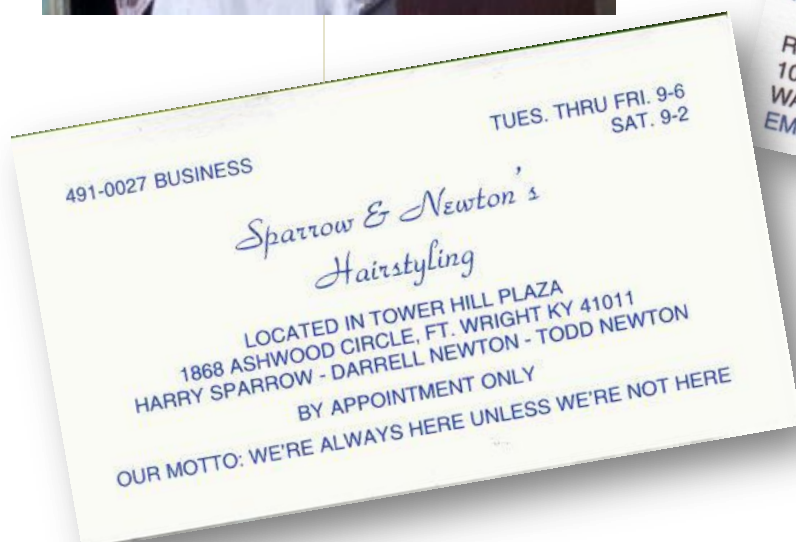
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We are in the process of coordinating training events for this year. At last month's get-together Leah mentioned sign-up sheets for Medic First Aid, Parking Lot Practice, Trailering, and a Co-Rider Seminar. Please sign-up if you are even thinking about participating. We really need to know what the interest level is in providing these training opportunities, so we can get them scheduled and coordinate with the trainers. We also have training DVDs available at the get-togethers for you to check out. Please let us know what events you are interested in by either sending us an e-mail at [educator@chapterg.org](mailto:educator@chapterg.org) or speaking with us at the get-togethers.

I would be remiss if I failed to follow in the footsteps of John and Julie Harris and remind you that now is the time to sit back and relax with your favorite beverage and read your owner's manual. I have found several features of my bike that I didn't know existed by reading through it.

***Rick and Leah Cridlin, Chapter Team Educators***



## 2012 Chapter "G" Ride Schedule

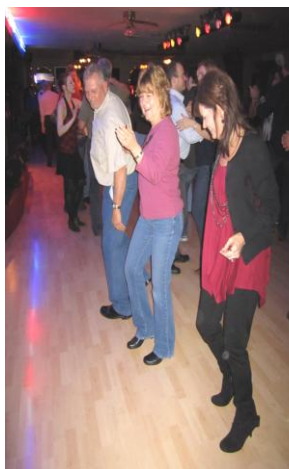
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### February

- 14 Chapter Get Together (Happy Valentine's Day!)
- 18 Dinner Ride to Barleycorns Lakeside Park, eat 6:00 p.m.

### March

- 13 Chapter Get Together
- 17 Dinner Ride to Montgomery Inn Ft. Mitchell, eat @ 6:00 pm

### April

- 4 First Ice Cream Ride begins First Wednesday Heritage Bank on US 42 – leave @ 7:00 pm - Also 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>
- 7 Third Tech Day 12:00 – 4:00 pm at Banks residence
- 10 Chapter Get Together
- 14 Dinner Ride to Corino's Italian Restaurant, Frankfort from Mt. Zion Kroger @ 4:30 pm & Dinner @ 6:00 pm

### May

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Ice Cream Rides Every Wednesday leaving Heritage Bank on US 42 @ 7:00 pm
- 8 Chapter Get Together
- 12 Dinner Ride to Sherman House Restaurant, Batesville, IN. Depart from Mt. Zion Kroger @ 4:30 pm & Dinner @ 6:00 pm
- 19 Memorial Ride For Jerry Elam, more details to follow.
- 28 Memorial Day Parade - Erlanger – Meet at Hagedorn's TBD / Brunch following parade @ Colonial Cottage, Erlanger, KY

*See the full schedule on our website: [www.chapterg.org](http://www.chapterg.org)*

## Ride Coordinators' Report

Mona and I would like to thank the 38 other people that met us at Jim & Jack's. Another good turnout.

Some people had Steak, Fish and some had Mona's fish,(I won't say no names but, her initials are LUANNE WILLIAMS) can you guess who it was? I was still so hungry that my ribs were showing.

"G"s dinner ride on February 18th will be @ Barleycorn's in Crestview Hills eat @ 6:00.

*Dave & Ramona Banks, Ride Coordinators*

## **BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY 2012**

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02/02	Kristina Suszek	02/17	Carol Redd
02/03	Peggy Thornton	02/20	Neal Cecconi
02/04	Kevin Donohoo	02/23	Robbie Feldkamp
02/05	Mike Gaiser	02/24	Tom Dierig
02/06	Shorty Reeves	02/24	Andrea Elam
02/08	Candy Michels	02/27	Mark Niesche
02/08	Bonnie Rumble	02/27	Dennis Zimmerman
02/16	Vada Barnett		

## **ANNIVERSARIES FOR FEBRUARY 2012**

02/02/73	Carl & Pam Girdler	02/19/72	Bill & Anita Glahn
02/02/02	Ken & Marlene Wilson		

I appreciate all comments about the birthdays, anniversaries, and roster.

Also, please let me know if any of our Chapter G members or any of their family members are sick.

Please email any comments or suggestions to me: social@chapterg.org.

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### **A Few Words From Your**

### **Membership Enhancement Coordinators**

If anyone has any stories about themselves for the "Getting To Know Chapter G" articles, please send them to us. Also, as a reminder, please check your membership cards for expiration dates to ensure that your membership is current.

If you have any stories, questions or comments, please contact us. Our email address is: mec@chapterg.org.

***Jerry & Luanne Williams, MEC***

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### Treasurer's Report

There were 72 members at the January 10<sup>th</sup> Get-together of Chapter G. They were presented with another great meal from the Chef of the Holiday Inn. Our membership drawing of \$10.00 went to "Lucky" Alice Lewis. In the 50/50 drawing, Barb Young went away with the 1<sup>st</sup> place of \$40.00, followed by Gary Heils with \$30.00 and Bert Hanlin with \$25.00. Hope to see you all in February.

*Libby Rouse, Treasurer*

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## Technical Educator's Report

At January's meeting, I spoke about watts and the importance of knowing how many watts are being used by the accessories you put on your bike. Many motorcycles, especially older bikes, have mediocre capacity charging systems and cannot supply much more power than is required to keep the engine running and the stock lights lit. Our older Goldwings, even the 1500s, would all benefit from better charging systems. The 1500s have available in the aftermarket alternative alternators like the Compufire that give a welcome boost in available power. And while there are conversion kits existing for the four cylinder Wings, I find them rather unsightly and have concerns about the stresses they induce on the engine where none existed before.

So what's a rider to do if the added accessories draw more power than the charging system can make? Change the power draw. There are two ways to do this. Remove the accessories, or improve their efficiency. This is the very issue I face with my 83 Aspencade. Kim and I love the light bars we have installed. They are a safety accessory because they do increase our visibility. But they consume more than 36 watts, or 3 amps. I love to ride any day that is above freezing, but my hands get cold really fast. Heated gloves will make a big difference, but even Gerbings G3 gloves consume 26.4 watts, or 2.2 amps. My solution is to raise the efficiency of the lighting, by installing LED bulbs. Changing only the bulbs in my lightbars, the power draw now is only 2 watts! But the light output is nearly the same. I will also be replacing my taillight bulbs to LED, and I will reduce the power draw by another 14 watts from this change. I can now run my gloves and still have power to spare. Perhaps I need to go back to the store for some more safety lighting.

Incidentally, while I was looking for information for my issue, I found a great use for LEDs as replacements for stock instrument lighting on the 1500s. Maybe some of you have this issue now. The handlebar control clusters have backlit descriptions next to the switches. The light for this is produced by some very small incandescent lamps, which are encased in small blue rubber covers. These covers may help with vibration, but they hold in the heat and cause premature failure. Visit this link: <http://www.goldwingdocs.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=14&t=9667> for a well described procedure on how to replace the lamps with long lasting LEDs.

The February word of the month is "label."

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## Special Events Report

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As I shared with all of you at the meeting I'm very excited to be your new Special Events coordinator!! I'm looking forward to the great times we all have at the Party on The Banks and our annual Christmas get together, but I also hope to start some new traditions or at the very least provide some fun activities in 2012!! In order for that to happen I'm asking for your help – please send me ideas of the kinds of activities you'd like to see us do and I will do the work to find out details and if they are feasible. Special thanks to John Feldcamp for already giving me one event idea to work on! I'm also working on putting together a cookout event probably in April or May - look for more details on both to follow!!! Keep those ideas /suggestions coming!!!

*Kim Artmayer, Special Events*

## A Note from the Editors

We hope you like the changes in the newsletter. We value your input so please do not hesitate to give us suggestions, and we will see if they can be implemented. We are still experimenting with photographs but think they look pretty good on the electronic version of the newsletter.

The For Sale section will be put back in whenever anyone has something motorcycle related to sell. In the meantime, don't forget to check out the Spare Parts page on our website: [www.chapterg.org](http://www.chapterg.org).

If you have any articles about your experiences with Chapter G, an amazing trip you would like to share with the gang, or pictures you would like us to print, please do not hesitate to drop us a note and we will try to include your submissions in the next issue. This is your newsletter and we encourage you to take advantage of it.

***Happy Valentine's Day!***

***Sue and Dennis Zimmerman,  
Newsletter Editors***



## *Hysterical Historical Highlights*

Congratulations to our members who are celebrating their  
February Chapter G anniversaries!



We're celebrating those who joined this month, so here's the latest scoop,  
When I looked to see who that included, I found Jack and me in that group.  
So I decided to take the easy way out, to omit the stress and the fuss,  
And simply focus on me and Jack ... by writing a poem that's just about "us"!



When we joined the "G" in 2003, there was one thing on which we agreed,  
We had to find some good mentoring members, if we wanted to succeed.  
But how did we know which members to choose ... to mimic as our example,  
That decision was way too hard, for the choice of good members was ample.

We decided to copy other February members, since we had that common bond,  
We hoped if we mimicked those fine folks, we'd flourish above and beyond.  
So first we chose to imitate someone, who never appears to be grim,  
A loveable, sweet, happy-go-lucky guy ... who wouldn't want to be like him?



He had been with the group for 14 years, before we happened along,  
So surely emulating someone as jovial as he, we knew we couldn't go wrong.  
Now you may have already guessed who it is ... he's never sarcastic or curt,  
You got it! It's Dreama Hanlin's very own ... warm, fuzzy, cuddle bear, Bert!

And then we found another example, who had arrived in 2001,  
As for being a good Christian example, he's really second to none.  
So we observed our own Mark Niesche, for I suppose that everyone knows,  
When it comes to good Christian examples ... you can't have too many of those!



Next, our third example was a married couple, who came in the year '04,  
But, they didn't just walk in; actually, they danced right through our door.  
Now surely you already know them, for they're really quite a fine pair,  
But just in case, let me introduce ... Judie Rogers and Whitey Astaire.

Now they're our dancing examples, whether dancing fast or taking it slow,  
Whether dancing with the one you love, or with someone you don't even know.  
So Jack and I have been watching them closely, from all possible views,  
Now, we're thinking of trading our biker boots for sequined dancing shoes!

Then in '05 we acquired more examples, and oh how they've helped us survive.  
Not just to get by, but truly enjoy, the biking world in which they thrive.  
For once we met this fine couple, we adopted a new simple motto,  
"If you want to become super nice folks, just imitate Arlene and Rick Otto!"



While still in '05 we realized, we had not yet learned all that we needed,  
For another couple had joined the "G", with actions worthy of being heeded.  
They taught us that there are two ways ... to have fun and ward off gloom,  
Get a big bear hug from Windy, or watch Joyce's smile light up the room.

So as this poem about "us" ends, we thank you for your example and support,  
And know, as we do, that because of the "G", of friends you'll never fall short.  
So emulate their sense of humor, their smiles, and hugs that are so sweet,  
For in this room are lots of great people, with good hearts ... and dancing feet!

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## **Plan now to participate in our Region "N" District Conventions for 2012**

April 26 thru 28

Tennessee District Convention "Spring Fling"

Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

June 14 thru 16

West Virginia District Convention "Down Home Rally"

Summersville, West Virginia

August 9 thru 11

Kentucky District "Blast" Convention "Derby Days"

Frankfort, Kentucky - **New Location!**

September 20 thru 22

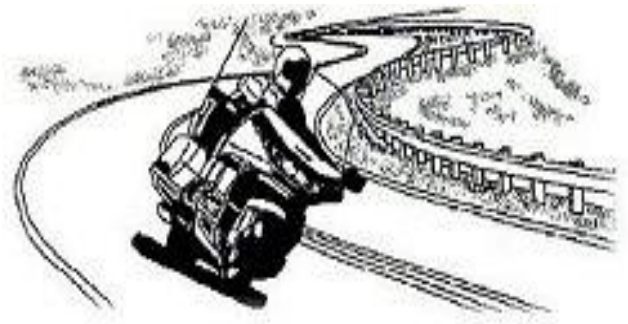
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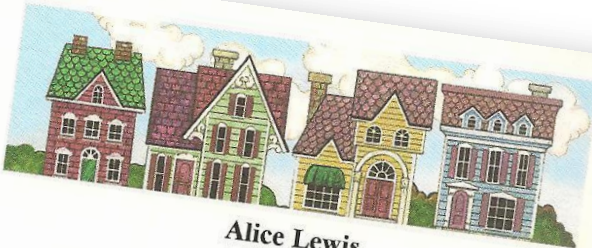
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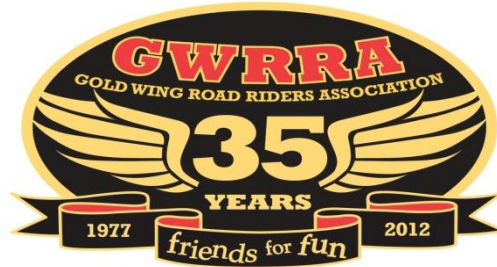
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10 KY-N 6:30 pm Dry Ridge	11
12 KY-S 4 pm Elizabethtown	13	14 KY-G 6 pm Florence	15 OH-L 7:30 pm Cincinnati	16	17	18 KY-A 5:30 pm Louisville KY-T 6 pm Paintsville
19	20 KY-V 6 pm Richmond	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 KY-C 6 pm Lexington	29	1 KY - Y 6 pm Mayfield	2 KY-H 6:30 pm Shelbyville	3



**Congratulations  
Troy and JR Robinson  
on achieving Level IV  
Master Tour Riders**

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## February 2012

**NEXT GET-TOGETHER: Tuesday, 2/14/12 at Holiday Inn, 7905 Freedom Way Florence, KY**

**6:00 PM Eat, 7:00 PM Meet**

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