

New Mexico District's Enchanted Wings Newsletter – *December 2013*

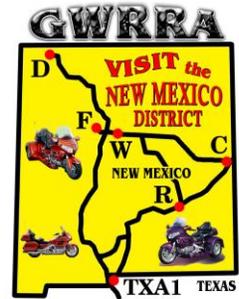
Gold Wing Road Riders Association -Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge



GWRRA



REGION F



NM DISTRICT

District Directors

Keith & Teresa Morrison

Howdy to the New Mexico District!!!

First things first: you will notice that there are not many articles in this newsletter...we gave our Team December off and told them to relax.

WOW!!! We can't believe the honor of being your District Directors is coming to an end. Where did those four years go? They say time flies when you're having fun and we now know for sure that it's true.

We have come a long way since Anita and JR called and asked us to take the big step up. It was not an easy task to implement all the changes that were required, but you the Members made it all possible. Without you and your great attitudes and smiling faces, none of our time as your District Directors would have been so rewarding!

Let's take a look at what you have done as Members since 2010. You have steadily increased your Rally participation from 87 that first year in Las Vegas to the 177 of you that came to Albuquerque this year. We are putting out a challenge to top 200 attendees at Carlsbad in 2014. You have committed yourselves to being safe riders and caring for one another. You have attended enough Advanced Rider Courses, Trike Rider Course, and CPR/First Aid classes that the District now pays for all patches in the Levels program for Levels I-III. We really hope the level of participation in all these programs continues to rise so the District will one day be able to pay for all Levels I-VI. Speaking of participation in the Rider Ed Levels program, yours is at an all-time high and you have earned so many new Level VI Master Tour Riders that we have lost count. You have embraced the Region's challenge of taking all Leadership Training classes before the next Region Rally. You have taken over 600 hours of Leadership training with 330 students trained. You attended the largest Horizons class in the Region, even out doing California District who has over five times the Members then you

do. You have dived into Motor Awareness head first. You are in the malls, car shows, parades, and even on the radio and TV making the public aware of all motorcycles on the roads.

As we said earlier, all the things we just listed above are the reasons we are so honored to serve as your District Directors. You have had so much fun doing all these things that GWRRA, from coast to coast and beyond know when you, the New Mexico District is in the house!!!

Most importantly, you are a great family and we love that you let us be a part of it. You have responded to hospitalizations, accidents, loss of fellow Members, and a shoulder for each other to cry on. You do this because you are friends and family, not just because we all belong to the same Association. It is what we love the most about being in GWRRA. It's not about where the next Rally or Wing Ding is going to be, it's about hanging out with you all. It's that simply...☺

We would like to thank your entire District Team, past and present, who did all the work that so many of you give us credit for. They are the ones that make all the programs and events happen. A very special thanks to all the Chapter Directors. GWRRA has always said that you have the most influential position because your deal directly with the Members. We will add to that and say we believe it is also the hardest position in GWRRA. The unselfishly giving of so much of your time to make this Association work is awe inspiring. Thank you and keep up the hard work!

As we say in every year's Rally program, above all else, please don't yell at the Volunteers, if not for their kindness, we wouldn't be here...;)))

We ask that you give Doug and Chris Pettigrew all the help and kindness you gave us as they take the District to new heights.

Till next time...keep smilin'...;))) & ride safe!!!

Here's to good friends, good times, & Gold Wings!!!



Keith & Teresa

And now some words from my boss, Teresa...☺

You're Not Getting Rid of Us That Easy!

It seems like a long, long time ago Keith talked me in to going to a gathering with a few motorcyclists. I went along so we could have something outside of the Air Force to do together. I had no idea who this organization was. I soon learned who the Gold Wing Road Riders Association was. I also learned what and who New Mexico Chapter F was. We met many riders that morning that became our friends. It was really nice to have a group of new friends that we could ride with and learn the ropes from.

Little did I know, Keith would soon be volunteering us for the Goodie Store. The Goodie Store wasn't that difficult to handle, except packing it in the bike for each gathering. Soon thereafter Keith was raising his hand again to volunteer to work the Chapter website, newsletter and eventually the NM Chapter F Assistant Chapter Director. I should have known when we became a part of the Chapter that Keith would be volunteering us for many different things. At one point I would put my arms over his at the gatherings just so he couldn't raise his hands to volunteer. He learned quickly to roam

around the room visiting so I couldn't do that to him. 😊 Keith is a social butterfly and born leader. He doesn't meet a stranger anywhere. That trait has been a great one to have with GWRRA.

Just three short years with GWRRA and we became your New Mexico District Directors. WOW!! How'd that happen?? We didn't have a clue what we were supposed to do. Thankfully some of those amazing friends that we had met came to our rescue. So many helped us with our first Rally and made it such a success. Being the NM District Directors has had its challenges, but it has also had many, many rewards. NM has the best people and so many came to our rescue when we needed it most. During our time as the District Directors we have had the pleasure of meeting so many new people in many different locations. So many people that are not just amazing friends, but amazing family. We have watched the District grow in Members. We have seen more people volunteer to be a part of the District happenings. The Chapters need you to volunteer, be a part, the Chapters belong to you the Member...join in!

Keith and I can't thank our District Team enough! Also the Chapter Directors, ya'll are awesome! You all are who have made this District the success that is it. You all made a difference and Keith and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

And now, as Keith and I take on the position as Assistant Region Directors, we ask that you all volunteer and help Doug and Chris as you have us. You are in very good hands! We are thrilled that Doug and Chris will be the New Mexico District Directors. They are two really wonderful and amazing people.

Don't think you all are getting rid of us though cause that ain't happening! ;)

Thanks to each and every one of you,

Teresa

~~Assistant~~ District Directors

Doug & Chris Pettigrew



Chris and I look forward to serving the Membership as your new District Directors come January. We appreciate the mentoring Keith and Teresa have done over the past four years. We have big shoes to fill.

Chris and I spoke to Dave and Lisa Bachman, and they have agreed to fill the position of Assistant District Directors. We feel they will be a great asset to our team. They will pull double duty for a while until they name their replacement at Chapter W.

Ride Safe and Have FUN!

Doug and Chris Pettigrew
Assistant District Directors

Rider Education

Jerry & Becky Stillwagon



NM District Rider Education Registration

Training to be held in the Albuquerque area

Advanced Riders Course (ARC)

When: May 2 & 3, 2014

May 2 - evening classroom, 6:00 P.M. – usually less than 4 hours

May 3 - morning range – instructor will provide time at the classroom session.

Where:

Accessory Pit, 8509 Constitution Avenue NE, Albuquerque, NM (for classroom study) and the parking lot next to Journal Pavilion (for range practice).

Register on-line at <http://gwrra-nm.org/ARC>

The cost is \$45.00 per bike.

YOU MUST BE A CURRENT GWRRA MEMBER TO ATTEND

Additional prerequisites include:

- Current Driver's License with a motorcycle endorsement
- Your motorcycle registration and proof of insurance

- Proper riding gear to include helmet, full finger gloves, over the ankle boots

NM District Rider Education

Rider Course Instructor Certification Program For Trike Riders Course

Region F and New Mexico District has a need for Trike Riders Course (TRC) instructors. Region F is planning to hold a Rider Course Instructor Certification Program (RCICP) for Trikes in Tucson, Az.

The dates of the RCICP will be March 3 - 8, 2014.

If you are interested in becoming a TRC instructor, can commit the time to complete the course, and are willing to teach a TRC course or two a year. You may have to travel to teach the course. Then please complete the N.13A Rider Course Instructor Certification Program (RCICP) Application form. After successfully complain of all portions of certifications, the New Mexico District will reimburse the cost of the RCICP. Unfortunately the District can cover your costs in Tucson. After you complete the form, then contact me. After I to get the N.13A from you and your check, I will endorse the form and forward it on to the Region Educator.

After your application is accepted, you will be contacted by the Master Instructor and given the necessary course materials and expectations.

If you have any questions, send me an e-mail or give me a call.

Ride often and ride safe.

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Leadership Training

Harry & Amy Jenkins



This is taken from the “Gold Wing University/University Trainer Handbook”

Note: The Horizons Class is February 22, 2014 it will be a 1 day class.

To sign up go to <http://gwrra-nm.org/Horizons-Program>

Horizon Program

Note: Presentation of the Horizon Program is restricted to Senior or Master University Trainers.

The Horizon Program is a focused day and a half series to jump start the attendee in the following concepts: Teambuilding, Expectations of Officers, Meetings & Gatherings, Communications, and the Officer Couple. This seminar teaches the basic concepts of how Chapter Officers function, basic skills for any Member who is involved in a local Chapter and how volunteers are motivated and directed. Many current leaders in GWRRA have taken the Horizon Program and have commented how it explained functionality of the association and how volunteers work within GWRRA.

The attendees will be divided into groups to form “Chapters” for exercises in Teamwork, Developing Self-Awareness, Interpersonal Communication, Building Better Chapters, and most importantly Having Fun.

The GWRRA Horizon Program is a 1 ½ day learning experience designed for new or currently serving Chapter Directors, Assistant Chapter Directors, interested Members and their Spouses. It consists of a series of classroom presentations and work-group breakout sessions. The program includes such topics as GWRRA Organization and Philosophies; Officer Expectations, Realities and Responsibilities; Individual Personal Profiles; Communication Skills and Techniques; Planning, Organizing and Conducting Effective Chapter Meetings, Gatherings and Events; The Officer/Spouse Relationship and Partnership; and several other important topics related to the Officer position.

The Horizon Program was designed to be a team building exercise. The information presented is all designed to equip the student with the ability to build a good working team concept that is so important at the Chapter level. The topics were selected and then placed in an order that would build on each other leading up to the exercise at the end that is supposed to drive home the idea of using the information received during the program.

Past experience has shown that an informal get-together on Friday evening is nice and contributes to the experience by letting the students get to know each other a little if they don't already. It is also useful to the instructor in that it allows them to begin getting to know the students and observing the group to identify the “leaders”. It also helps keep the experience fun which is VERY important. In fact, the team-building actually begins here. While it is useful, it is clearly optional and need not be conducted if time or expense is a question.

The Horizon weekend is very full and has a somewhat rushed feeling that is intentional. You don't want the program to lag. Keeping the people busy and involved is key to the experience. Working them hard and sending them home a little tired helps them feel the weekend was worthwhile. The exercise at the end is designed and timed the way it is to push the participants. It gives them a deadline and sort of forces them to come together quickly. The instruction, to take a few minutes in their first meeting to introduce themselves and share something that isn't generally known about them, is for the purpose of bringing down some of the walls we tend to put up when we are working with folks we may not know well. It is very important that this occur.

The objective of forming the Chapters early in the program is to give them as much time as possible to go through the team-building process. Having them sit, eat and act together is critical to the process as well. In choosing the Chapter Directors, which is done “on the spot” has proven to be interesting. Watch the people as they arrive, how they begin to interact, who the “ring leaders” might be, who the “wall flowers” are, etc. Then after you have them all together and get them warmed up during the first module, intentionally “stir the pot” by forming the Chapters and re-seating them. The Chapter Directors are selected after the Chapters are formed and you see who ends up where. It is

strongly suggested that you mix them up to the maximum extent possible. It is also suggested that you try to mix personalities when picking your Chapter Directors. Pick an extrovert, a wallflower, someone who doesn't "look like" Chapter Director material, always at least one or two ladies or spouses. It's fun to watch the leaders in these people come to the surface. It is recommended that you keep the Chapter size to about 10-12, although this is flexible. You need enough people to provide the critical mass and a sense of security, but not so many that people will be able to "get lost" by being quiet. Small Chapters almost guarantees that everyone will be actively involved.

You want to leave a lot of flexibility with the Chapters because you want them to act pretty much on their own, more or less, like life. Just give them the desired outcome and let them find their way to it. The creative process allows them to invest themselves in the outcome, as the timing forces them to stay focused and get the job done. Staying out of the way gives them a measure of control.

Refer to the Horizon Program Instructor's Manual for additional information about presenting the program. The agenda provided in the Workbook and Instructors manual is based on what came out of the pilot program. We found that if you start at 8:00 a.m. each day you can handle up to seven Chapters fairly easily and have them done by noon on Sunday. This allows more time for them to travel home and reduces the expenses. The pre and post assessments take about ½ hour each and are useful as a measuring tool, but are also optional in terms of setting time aside to accomplish them.

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Note: The Horizons Class is February 22, 2014 it will be a 1 day class.

To sign up go to <http://gwrra-nm.org/Horizons-Program>

Harry W. Jenkins II
Region "F" Assistant Leadership Trainer
NM District Leadership Trainer
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2013 NM District IOY
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Inputs from Your Chapter Directors

Larry Kunard – Chapter A1

November 14, 2013.

It was a fun night at our gathering. Lots of laughter. Did you know Larry was a Marine? I really never thought about that.....I've always thought it was obvious. Can you write your name where others can read it? If so you might have won the 50/50 (\$29.00). In fairness, we figured it out and awarded the money to TRACY on the word of his wife Judy Griffin. The cake ladies (Gail & Jane) are unbelievable..... They bake more cakes and cookies than most bake shops in the mall. If you didn't win a cake or cookies, it's because you didn't buy a ticket.

Can you help "Bob" with the newsletter by submitting an article?

The ringing is still in my ears " Larry, two more years." Would the Chapter have folded two years ago if not for the new guy. To that, don't you think that everyone should take the leadership position, ie: CD, Asst CD, Treas, ride coordinator. So everybody can learn what it means to be a Gold Winger?

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