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WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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Happy West Virginia Day

Hello Everyone,
 Well it is finally here, we are ready for the most exciting time in West Virginia, the month of June. It is finally time for the WV Down Home Rally. Our theme this year is "It's a Jungle Out There". Bring your monkey shines or what ever animal you please and join us. The staff has been working very hard to make this year a good one. We have some familiar activities that go on at any rally, 50/50, Rides, Seminars, Ice Cream, Fun, Games, Excitement Fun, Parades, Bike Shows, did I say Fun? and of course tickets, tickets and more tickets. I forgot to mention fun!!! We hope you will come out and help us put on the best rally in Region N. We have added some new features this year. Don Henrey and Mark Frum have been busy becoming ARC Bike instructors and Don has his Trike instructors certification. Don

will start out with a Trike Course on Thursday, so sign up now as spaces are limited. We will have the No Zone Truck again as well as the Accident Re-enactment. We will also have boat rides on Summersville Lake this year. You don't want to miss the eating contests, remember the jungle theme!!! We will also have best-dressed theme attire. We will have a new contest will be the table-decorating contest let's see which chapter can come up with the best table. We are planning some fun but you have to be there to enjoy the fun.
 We have been to several Fun Days so far and the season is just getting started, so please make it a point to make plans to attend your sister Chapter's Fun Day, just think of all the fun you will miss if you are not there.
 June is a very exciting month not only for the Rally but it is the month that real riding can finally take place. Please pay attention out there. It takes a little time to get back into the swing of things when the season starts.
 We have had a couple of accidents already and we want

to see everyone safe and enjoying their bikes and trikes. Please allow some extra time while riding and try to get in some short rides to build on the skills that you have. Remember that right after the WV Down Home Rally is the

biggest event of the year for GWRRA – Wing Ding 31 – July 2 – 5. We will be there and if you plan to attend, please let us know. We have a couple of duties and would appreciate your help. Promise we won't tie you up for long.

We appreciate each and every one of you!!

Hope to see you out there.
Ride Safe

Buz and Missy

“Thank you” just doesn't seem adequate for all you do.

“We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give.” -Winston Churchill
In observance of Volunteer Recognition Day, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Volunteers of GWRRA. You, the Volunteers, are the key to our success, and we are fortunate to have the best volunteers around. Volunteers who put in countless hours: some by

phone, some by computer, others by traveling and donating time at rallies. Many of you put in endless hours working behind the scenes, never asking for recognition or even a thank you. Your willingness to unselfishly share your time with other Members has enriched many lives. You always rise to the occasion and manage to go that extra mile for fellow Members. For your hard work and dedication to GWRRA, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

*Melissa Eason
Executive Director*



It's early June and that means that the rally is only a few weeks away. Are you ready? Registered? Costume picked out? I am looking for that special Kodak moment that will make the main page of our District Website. www.wvgwrra.org If you haven't registered yet, please take a moment to get your registration sent in. Forms also available on-line.

If your Chapter has a local webpage that you would like listed on the Chapter page, just send me an email with your website URL and I will link it to this page. If your funday flyer is ready, I can also host and link your flyer. This will help expose your funday to members all over. This would also be a good time to review your Chapter's information, such as officers, meeting dates and meeting locations. I would still love a special interest page. It can be about anything that would be of interest to others. A great ride you did, a great place to visit, a great recipe, or maintenance tips.

See you at the Rally!

Dave and Elaine Bush
WV District Web Masters



West Virginia District Educator News

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June 2009

Hello to Everyone,

Boy how time flies when you're having fun. The WV District Rally is just around the corner. We hope that all of you are planning on attending and show your support for our WV District – we need all of you who can to attend and help us out.

Rider Education is having several Seminars and we hope you can take advantage of them. The Seminars that will be presented are: 1.) Motorcycling for the Mature Rider, 2.) Co-Rider, 3.) Be Prepared, 4.) Road Captain, 5.) Motorcycle Crash Scene Response. Please check at the Rider Ed. table for the times that each will be given.

We are going to have a live demonstration again this year of the Motorcycle Crash Scene Response. It will be at 10:30 AM at the lower parking lot of the facility. It was really good last year and we think it will even be better this year.

We are giving an ARC Trike Class on Thursday, June 18th, 2009. The classroom portion will start at 9:00 AM, and we ask those that are taking the class to be there at 8:30 AM to get the paper work completed. You will need to pre-register and send the fee for the class of \$40.00, to me, and you will need to bring your insurance card and driver's license, showing your motorcycle endorsement. The range portion of the class will start at 1:00 PM, in the lower parking lot.

Our Regional Educator's, Gene & Betty Knutson, will be in attendance and Gene will be teaching a seminar for us – so give them a big WV Welcome. Jim & Nan Hall, our former Regional Educators, who have just been promoted to the National Staff as Assistant Director for Rider Education, will be in attendance and Jim will be teaching the Road Captain Seminar.

We have had some really great riding weather lately and we hope all of you have been taking advantage of it. Please remember to have the proper riding gear on when you ride. Remember if you want to keep it – cover it while you are riding. Also remember to have the proper eye protection on. The windshield does not count as eye protection.

Please remember also the WV Weekend that is coming up on Sept. 10-12, at Boyer Station, WV. It is always a great time with lots of great riding and food and fellowship. We will have the flyers out in the very near future.

Charlotte and I hope to see all of you at the WV District Rally.

Ride Safe and Be Safe,

Don & Charlotte Henrey, WVDE



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HOWDY PARTNER!!! Sorry about that, just getting ready for Wing-Ding coming up in a month, but first there is a rather important rally closer to home that we are very excited about – the West Virginia Rally in Summersville on June 18, 19, & 20th!!! We have been busy helping with the schedule with Rider Education courses, LTD (Leadership Training Division) courses like Communication Plan, Flyers for Fun & Profit, Remembering Names, and a fun class in Scrapbooking!!! We are working on organizing the Chapter Couple of the Year Reception and Recognition and the Best Dressed Competition including the Chapter Shirt and Theme this year. We will be having a Light Show and Parade, the Grand Parade, a Bike Show, and several eating contests like the Banana, Monkey Chow(your guess is as good as ours, we don't know either!), and ever popular, Ice Cream which proved to be very exciting to watch last year. We are working on our costumes and you may not know who will show up as Tarzan and Jane (We really don't want to think about someone trying to wear a tiny loin cloth!!) The LTD courses and Rider Ed courses provide something for everyone so plan on being kept busy while at the Rally, we don't want anyone to get bored. We will be making some special treats for the COY Reception and we know that a lot of chapter's have matching shirts that they wear to their meetings, just bring them along and have fun competing in the Shirt Competition. We are praying for good weather so we can have a great turn-out for the Light Show Parade and Grand Parade. The weather on Saturday last year wasn't really that great so we are hopeful that this year we can get a break and have a really nice sunny day. We are looking forward to the bike rides and rides on the lake, the view off the lake is amazing and you really can't comprehend the height of the New River Gorge Bridge until you are underneath it looking up – it is truly an amazing feat. Well, we hope to see everyone at the rally and can't wait to party in the jungle by monkeying around!!! Looking forward to seeing you there!!

Beth Ann & Bill McCormick
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SPRING FLING 2009!

What a wonderful weekend we just spent in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee at the 2009 Spring Fling! This year's rally theme was "1942-A USO Wing Tour" and was hosted at the Majestic Theatre in downtown Pigeon Forge. The Majestic's' current running music and dance show theme was "Swing Time" which covered the period from 1942 through the rock and roll 1950s and fit in quite nicely with the rally theme. The weather was absolutely beautiful from start to finish and was actually just a little warm on the trip back. We headed out from Beckley on Thursday morning (it had snowed most of the day on Wednesday!) and returned on Sunday when it actually hit 91 degrees when we were riding through Virginia and Kentucky! Our goal was to not get on any major highways either going down or coming home and we succeeded without ever even getting on US81 or US40 (we went UNDER both of them though!) It took us seven and a half hours going down and 9 hours coming home.....all on back roads! What a fantastic ride--both ways on different routes!

This marked our last out-of-state rally representing West Virginia as the District Couple of the Year and it has been a marvelous journey visiting all of the districts within Region N. We hope whoever succeeds us as the new West Virginia Couple of the Year can have even half the great experiences and fun we enjoyed during this last year. We are now focused on our own West Virginia Rally in Summersville in June and hope that you all are as well. We were able to persuade several new vendors at Spring Fling (KB is one of the vendor coordinators for our rally) to come to our rally and one even paid the vendor fee on the spot. There were a few things I wanted for my bike that I delayed getting until our Down Home Rally in June, just so I can support these vendors when they are in West Virginia. Several of the vendors we talked with who had been to last year's rally in Summersville had nothing but positive things to say about the new location and facility and vowed to always come back if it continued to be held at the convention center. (There's something to be said about **indoors and air conditioning!**)

Now I have to relate my new "It's a small world" story that I could never imagine would happen! While we were at our motel in Kodak, Tennessee, (which is just a little west of Pigeon Forge) I was out in the parking lot one morning taking the cover off the Wing when one of the motel patrons walked by and remarked "that sure is a nice bike you have there, and I notice you are displaying a Canadian sticker on the back fender". I explained to him that even though I have West Virginia plates and that it is my new home that I was born in Newfoundland, Canada, and that is where my mother's side of the family still lives. "Well", he replied.... I am also from Newfoundland, and after a rather animated discussion we learned that he lived about five miles from my Aunt and Uncle's house and he actually went to school with my (younger!) cousins. Hey.....it's a small world isn't it? This never would have happened if we were not down there representing West Virginia as the COY and will always be one of my lasting memories of our experiences as the 2008-2009 WV District Couple of the Year.

So, to all of you GWRRA members in West Virginia.....***Thanks For The Memories!!*** Dave and KB

District of West Virginia Chapter Meeting Times and Places



CHAPTER A (Martinsburg)

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Ryan's Restaurant. I-81 Exit-12
Martinsburg Mall

CHAPTER B (Clarksburg)

Darrell & Debbie Hutson
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Boomerang's Rest. / Emily Drive

CHAPTER C (Huntington)

Dale Fuller & Cathy Black
749-886-6460
bubbaandkatt@aol.com
The 2nd Saturday @ 6/7 PM
Shoney's, 1700 Washington Ave. I-64 Exit 6
Take Adams exit ,left at lite ,left on Washington

CHAPTER E (Moundsville)

Tom Porter & Terry Shaffer
740-280-1667
weridewingair@yahoo.com
Last Saturday @ 6/7 PM Hoss's Steak House
Exit 5, I-70 -10 Elm Grove crossing plaza, Wheeling

CHAPTER F (Keyser)

Open
The 3rd Sunday @ 1/2 PM
Denny's Restaurant, Keyser – Rt. 220

CHAPTER G (Summersville)

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Shoney's in Summersville

CHAPTER H (Charleston)

Sam & Helen Crum
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The 1st Saturday @ 6/7 PM
Harding's Family Rest, Mink Sholes Exit 1 of I-79

CHAPTER I (Morgantown)

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Golden Coral, Star City

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The 2nd Monday @ 6/7 PM
Mountaineer Restaurant

CHAPTER K (Elkins)

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The 1st Saturday
Western Steer, Rt. 250 & 92

West Virginia District Calendar 2009

June

11-13 Georgia District Rally – Hiawassee, GA- Journey thru time to the Old West

11-13 Ohio District Buckeye Rally -

13th Chapter A Funday

18-20 West Virginia Down Home Rally – Summerville, WV- It's a Jungle out there!

July

2-5 Wing Ding - Tulsa, OK – “CRUISING TO THE POW-WOW”

18th Chapter I Funday

25th Chapter C Funday (Owens Club House)-----**RECENT CHANGE**

August

2nd Chapter E Funday

6-8 Kentucky District Rally –Blue Grass Blast- Somerset, KY – “Goes Hollywood”

15th Chapter K Funday

20-22 Pennsylvania District Rally-Johnstown, Pa

September

5th Chapter F Funday

10-12 WV Weekend-Boyer Station – Mountaineer Weekend

24-26 North Carolina District Rally - Fletcher, NC- 26th WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES

October

9-11 Virginia District Rally - Salem, VA-RALLY IN THE VALLEY

15-17 Mississippi District Rally - Tupelo, MS

24th Chapter J Funday

29-31 Region N Rally–Gray, TN–APPALACHIAN ADVENTURE - WINGTOBERFEST

November

8th Chapter B Funday

Fireside Chats

Spring Fling 2009 is history but not forgotten. It was an example of a well-rounded event in a fairly non-traditional setting. The Tennessee District staff did an excellent job of checking-in and registering bikes and pedestrians and providing easily accessible vendors, all in an OUTDOOR setting! Over 1,800 delegates attended the sun-filled 3 days. Of course, the staff (and many of the visiting participants) all took credit for the perfect weather. Classes and ceremonies were held indoors at the theater and there was always some great food available at the concessions inside the theater. Congratulations again to the Tennessee staff, the Chapters that provided volunteer help and to the participants that really made the rally rock!

With Spring Fling now over, our attention turns to the next Rally; West Virginia. West Virginia has had rallies for years in various locations and this year, it will again be in Summersville. But this year, the JUNGLE is coming to West Virginia! Can't wait to see what new furry creatures come out of the closet! If you haven't attended one of the Down Home rallies in West Virginia, you've missed a real relaxing opportunity. Rally dates are June 18, 19, 20.

Wing Ding 31 (WD31) in Tulsa will be just a week and a half after the WV Rally. WD31 has got a LOT of special events planned. For one thing, there is a completely FREE welcome party on Wednesday evening, July 1. The party begins with a Summer Ranch BBQ dinner, then native dancing and tops off with a Western Musical Review with acts that celebrate the world-famous musical, "Oklahoma". The event takes place at the National Home of the award-winning Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. If you've already registered for WD31 but missed this free event, call the home office at 1-800-843-9460, ask for Peggy Lee and get your name on the list. Space is limited, so call soon! All in all, this rally season is shaping up to

be one of the best. You know, all the rallies are planned for your enjoyment and your participation.

At some, you may be asked to spend a couple of hours by volunteering some of your time to help run the rally. When you do, please remember that this entire organization is a socio-volunteer group with fun as its main object. We all need to give some time whenever we can to help make it fun for others; just like when others help make it fun for us. Remember it's a team effort; "Together, Everyone accomplishes More!"



Keep your neesin the Breeze!

Frank and Kathy Albert

Region N Directors

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

For ALL Region N members that work at Wing Ding in Tulsa, here is a "20/20 Stimulus" package!

When you have worked at least 4 hours with either Rider

Education, Leadership Training, Membership Enhancement,

Registration or the Bike Show, National gives you an Ice Cream Ticket and a Volunteer Badge. Now, Region

N also offers you a 20% Discount off of your Region

N Rally, Individual Full Pre-Registration fee only. Additionally your name will be included in a Wing Ding

Worker's Drawing, to be held during closing ceremonies

at the Region N Rally in October, 2009. There, 20 tickets

will be drawn from Wing Ding workers who got the 20% discount and those 20 will win \$20 each.

You must be Fully Pre-registered for the Region N Rally

and must be present at the drawing at the closing ceremonies to have a chance to win the \$20.

So volunteer now to work at Wing Ding 31!

Editorial

Hello Everyone,

This edition of the West Virginia Newsletter is my first and hopefully my last as I search for a newsletter editor, sorry I am late. I have heard that you must walk in someone's shoes to see what they see. I have started doing that as Mark has stepped down as newsletter editor. I can only commend him for the hard work that he put in with his numerous hats he wore. If you see Mark thank him for what he has done for WV District GWRRRA. He took a tremendous burden off my back and I will miss his help. Thanks to Mark until he is better paid. We need someone to take over as newsletter editor and if you are interested please contact one of the District Officers and let them know.

**Buz Mowrer
WV District Director**