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## From the Chapter Director



Well , I hope the ghouls and goblins don't get You tomorrow night!

Some of us did a ride on Friday the 22nd due to several being busy on Saturday, riding up to Garden of the Gods. I found another new place to eat, a little Mom and Pop type of restaurant. It's an old gas station turned into a Country Market and deli with daily lunch specials. Friday was fish day and the prices and food were really good. The colors this year were not as bright but yet still pretty and we had a great day and ride.

As every November when out riding remember it may be nice when you leave for your ride but temps drop fast in the afternoon so maybe throw a jacket in the back, you might be glad you did.

Cooler temps and Deer season get the deer on the move a lot more so be on the lookout and pay even more attention.

Be sure and make the meeting this month as we set the date for our Christmas Party.

Hope to see everyone at our monthly meeting this month, get up and come on out and see everyone and do the Gold Winger thing, EAT!!

Dan and Rita  
KY Dist. Ride Coord  
Chapter Y C/D's

## View From The Saddle



### We're All Just Bike Riders.

As Dan mentioned, a good sized group rode from Mayfield to the Garden of the Gods in southern Illinois recently. This area is in the Shawnee National Forest and is a beautiful place to visit any time of the year, but making the trip in the fall is really special. We had a variety of bikes and trikes on the trip but we all had one thing in common: We all love riding motorcycles. And there were other commonalities: we all rode safely, the vast majority had appropriate safety gear on, we all knew the rules of group riding and the strongest thing we had to drink that day was iced tea.

There are lots of riders who believe in and practice the riding habits and culture of Wing riders. Just because someone rides a Harley or Hayabusa doesn't automatically make them a bar hopping idiot or a maniac speed demon. Many are just like the rest of the responsible riding community. That's why I've advocated for some time now that GWRRA should not only accept but reach out to the non-Goldwing riders who demonstrate their belief in Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge. As we transition from GWRRA to some other organization, I'm confident we'll see non-Goldwing riders join our ranks as we develop new friendships and riding partners.

I ride to the Garden of the Gods from time to time. It's much closer for me than most of the Chapter members and while I've crossed the Ohio River many times via the ferry, I always seem to enjoy it. Then it's a short ride from Cave-in-Rock, IL to the park. Every ride is different, no matter how many times you're on it. Not only does the scenery change with the seasons but road conditions change, the weather is always different and you see things you hadn't seen before.

On this trip to the Garden, the place was packed with people. It was hard to find a place to park and this was on a Friday afternoon, mind you. Most everyone in our group parked in a "oversized vehicle" parking area. I wasn't comfortable doing that (Sorry. It's the retired law enforcement officer in me.) so I made another circle and found a parking spot this time. I got off the bike and a gentleman parked next to me got out of his vehicle and started admiring the bike. "Have you been here before?" he asked. I told him I was familiar with the area and pointed him towards the elevated view of the valley. "Where are you from?" he asked. I told him Eddyville, KY. He thrust out his hand and proudly said, "Owensboro." as he shook my hand like we were in some foreign land. From there I headed up the path to the overlook.





I snapped the picture above and texted it to my grandson, Alex. This was one stop on his first motorcycle trip that I took him on in 2017. We returned during his visit last July. It's amazing how much a kid can grow in 5 years. So I sent him the picture as a reminder of both of those trips.

As we enter the fall riding season there's a host of things to watch out for that you've all heard before but bears repeating. Dan is good to remind us about wet leaves on the road, farm equipment on the move and deer beginning the move more. And as deer enter the rut, or breeding season, the buck's brain is focused on a single purpose so they chase does relentlessly during all times of the day and night. So watching out for you on your motorcycle isn't on his radar at all. It's up to us to watch out for them as we travel thru deer country, which is most of Kentucky.

But this is a beautiful time of the year for a ride, whether is a day trip or only for an hour. Those roads that you've ridden before will be different this time so go enjoy the fall scenery and weather. You know what comes after fall....

Steve Knode



## District Educator Report

Rick Artmayer District Educator



Fall riding can be some of the best we can experience, especially regarding practicing our riding skills. There are warm and cold temperatures, windy days, and rain and snow at any moment. There is an abundance of random road hazards in the many diverse types and sizes of animals hurrying to find food and mates before winter, leaves and grass showing up in unexpected places, and newly resurfaced roadways, all adding additional challenges to keep our vehicles in the lane where they belong. These challenges are overcome much more easily if we have been trained to deal with them effectively. The GWRRA Rider Education program is still alive and well and being managed by some familiar faces. While it is true that GWRRA is officially closed, the

Rider Education Program and the University are still operating as before. The Levels Program continues to see much activity, and now when the Members reach their next Level, they can receive the patches and pins to which they are entitled without cost. Even the Level IV application can be submitted free of charge. After December, the training courses, seminars, and other learning programs of Rider Ed and the University, and including the HSI program (formerly the Medic First Aid program) will pick up where GWRRA left off in the new RPM Academy under the leadership of Susan Huttman and Lorrie Thomas. This organization will be its own entity with its own EIN number. It is a simple LLC with only volunteers. There are no paid positions. It will have its own insurance policy to cover the trainings that are presented by its instructors. Anyone who is qualified to teach the curriculum can be an instructor for RPM Academy, regardless of their affiliation with another group. Of course, there will be guidelines for the instructors to follow, and there will be recertification opportunities as before. Those who want to continue to teach can do so. Reimbursements for training expenses and other details are still being finalized. The RED Hat program will also be continued to recognize those trainers who deserve it. The RPM Academy will have one centralized location from which everything is managed. They will continue the rider database and have complete access to the HSI information. Training events will also be managed so that all trainers get at least enough opportunities to keep their certifications. On-bike courses will be offered for \$50.00 per bike, and HSI classes will be \$35.00 per person. Registration will be available on the RPM Academy website, complete with payment opportunity, or the option will exist to print out the application and return it by mail or fax. The courses will be open to anyone with the proper credentials to operate their equipment (drivers license with endorsement, etc., and the proper gear).

Richard Artmayer

KY District Educator

## GWRRRA Levels Program

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