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2022 Individual of the Year
Sherry Edwards (deceased)



From the Chapter Director



Hopefully as we start into March we will see more warm weather and get to start some riding. But this is Kentucky so we could have a snow storm also.

Please remember that as we get out and start riding like every year people ARE NOT USED TO SEEING MOTORCYCLES!!! So please be extra careful when out riding. Also as always in the Spring and Fall throw in a jacket as when you leave it may be nice and warm but all the sudden you take a few extra roads and now it's getting late and COOLER FAST. As we all know if two up, if Momma's cold it's not going to be a fun ride home.

We had a new Chapter open during the pandemic Chapter K in Henderson and hopefully we can do a Chapter ride this summer and visit them at one of their Chapter get togethers.

We have a CPR FIRST AID CLASS on April 2nd, there are still a few spots open. If you'd like to take the class I do need to know **ASAP!**

I NEED TO COLLECT THE \$30.00 FOR THE CPR CLASS AT THE MARCH MEETING PLEASE, SO THAT WE CAN SEND IT IN FOR THE BOOKS.

I'm trying to get a trike ERC (Experienced Rider Class) set up for several of us in the Chapter especially ones that are a little new to trikes. It's good idea no matter how long you have been riding trikes or 2 wheelers. I'm taking the class to brush up on my riding skills and keep my certification current.

Ride Safe and Stay Alert
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View From The Saddle



Here we are in the middle of winter. Spring is still a ways off, according to the groundhog, but we get a brief taste of what's to come from time to time. Those rare days when we're in the 60's are enjoyed by all, especially if we can get the bike out for a short trip. But I've had some memorably miserable days in the saddle even in the months when we expect things to be nice. And it goes from one extreme to another.

When Jennie and I first started riding we made a trip in to South Dakota. On the return trip the temperature hit the 103 range, which was bad enough, but added to that was a horrific wind. We were wearing 3/4 helmets with visors at the time and it felt like the wind was trying to rip the lids off our heads. I told Jennie that she wouldn't be riding in much worse conditions than that. And though we rode in hotter temperatures over the years, we never had the heat and the wind we had that day. We had one hot ride where the women went to the restroom and took off their shirts and soaked them in the sink before returning to the bike to try to add some evaporative cooling to the trip. She said it worked for a few minutes but the dry heat ate up the water quickly.

Another one of our first trips was across Colorado heading to a rally in Taos, NM. It was hot on that trip, too, and Jennie kept encouraging me to drink more water. I didn't feel thirsty and I wanted to reach the destination ASAP so I just kept riding. That night I felt sick. Dehydration had set in and I learned a valuable lesson about staying hydrated. I try to buy a bottle of water or Gatorade at each gas stop. Speaking of Gatorade, I learned from safety officers while doing law enforcement on major mountain fires that you should drink 3-4 waters for every Gatorade. Otherwise your electrolytes get out of whack.

While attending a rally in northern Wyoming the mornings were pretty nippy, let's say, and my brother was passing thru from a HOG rally in Billings, MT and would arrive about breakfast time. He wanted to leave Billings early since he was headed back to Dallas and wanted to get a lot of miles in before night. But when he arrived at our location in Buffalo, WY he was so cold that he was shaking. He couldn't hold a cup of coffee without spilling it on himself. He had dressed fairly warmly but didn't have heated gear so he was chilled to the bone. Hypothermia had grabbed him and wouldn't let go. It took an hour to warm him up.

On another GW trip some of our group from Nebraska Chapter W were heading home from somewhere to the east and our Road Captain was a cool customer who rarely got excited or raised his voice. We had been riding thru some light to moderate rain and suddenly this frantic, high pitched voice came on the CB screaming "HAIL, HAIL, HAIL..." We all pulled over to lessen the impact of the small hailstones but we all got a laugh out of the change in demeanor of our leader. To this day when we're together, someone will remind us of that day.

Our Nebraska Chapter tried to ride in the Veteran's Day parade in Scottsbluff each year. One year it started snowing before we finished the parade. As the snow accumulated we had to wipe it from our windshields to see. I had to ride my bike home to the top of the Wildcat Hills south of town and when the back tire started slipping I decided to park it and walk the remaining 1/2 mile home.



The bike sat here for 3 days before I could get it home.

Rain...I've been completely soaked, mainly from failed rain suits, and it's rarely pleasant. We once had rain coveralls, essentially, that zipped from about the knee to your collar. They were double flapped, etc and while they looked good, when the rain ran down the front of you and settled farther down they leaked badly and as the cold water ran down to my crotch and down my leg I realized these things had to go. The only rain suit I buy now has to have pull on pants with no openings for water to enter. A high collar or light hood attached tucked under the helmet keeps the rain from going down your back. It seems you'll always get some rain going down your neck from the front but if all fits well, it's not too bad.

So that's why we enjoy those nice days. We can't help but remember those days that challenge our will and ability when the weather turned rough. But it's all part of biking and like showing off scars we've acquired over the years, it gives us some bragging rights. Whether those experiences were due to our ignoring warning signs or just being a bone head is another story.



My brother, Scott, waiting out a rainstorm. Jennie, his wife Janet and I are under an information kiosk.



Then, there's those beautiful days like this one with Texas Bluebonnets around me.

District Educator Report

Rick Artmayer District Educator



On Sunday, March 20, 2022, at 11:33 a.m. EDT for those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, we celebrate the arrival of the Vernal (Spring) Equinox. This means riding season begins! Please be sure to verify your machine is ready, and any maintenance work or other nagging concern has been rectified before you hit the road. Also, be sure to check your riding gear, and plan to make those replacement purchases at the next rally to support the vendors and the organization. But most important of all, be sure to verify your personal condition. Time waits for no one, and Winter has been long and cold. As motorcycling is a physical activity, perhaps now is a suitable time to visit your doctor and get an annual check-up.

Normally, I would also recommend each Member check their Levels status to help them plan to take advantage of Rider Ed courses available at various rallies. Currently the Rider Education Database is still undergoing updates and is inaccessible. As a reminder, Members in the Levels Program participate in an Advanced Rider or Trike Rider Course every three years to advance and maintain levels. The requirement is a full course (classroom and range) alternated with a range-only course every three years.

The alternating requirement had been waived in 2020 and 2021. The waiver (Levels Grace Period) made it possible for more Members to experience time in the saddle to practice and improve their on-bike skills. Since many Members had stopped riding for an extended period due to public health restrictions, it was important to offer this compromise. The grace period was created for GWRRA Members participating in the Levels Program. Due to the restrictions caused by the health crisis, most Members were not able to renew their requirements to earn or maintain their Levels. Members who became non-current in their Levels on or after January 1, 2020, would not have their Levels adversely affected by the months of inactivity from that date forward. There were several extension periods approved when it became evident local restrictions and guidelines across the Association continued to make it difficult to register students and conduct classes. The last and final extension of the grace period for Members who became non-current in the Levels program on or after January 1, 2020, ends June 30th, 2022. If the Member does not complete the required course before June 30th, 2022, the time of inactivity (from the date of expiration until a completed course is realized) will be relevant and will delay advancement in the Levels Program accordingly.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or a case-by-case evaluation.

Richard Artmayer

KY District Educator

GWRRRA Levels Program

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