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In a nutSchell...

This has been a busy, but very exciting month for the Missouri District.

At the Region "E" Rally in Moline, IL it was announced that Clayton and Lynda Alcorn (A.K.A. Mom and Dad) from Chapter "MO-B2" will be the 2010 Region "E" Directors. WOW, what an HONOR for Clayton and Lynda, as well as Missouri. Over the last several years Clayton and Lynda have held many positions in our organization. They are Charter members of Chapter "MO-B2", held multiple positions in the Chapter, multiple positions on the Missouri District level and most recent as Region "E" Assistant Directors. **CONGRATULATIONS Clayton and Lynda!**

Also at the Region "E" Rally, our very own Missouri Couple of the Year (Glenn and Carol White) competed in the Region Couple of the Year selection. Again we are HONORED to announce that Glenn and Carol White were selected as Region "E" Couple of the Year. Glenn and Carol have represented the Missouri District well this year. They have attended many District Rallies, Wing Ding, Regional events and Chapter events, all while serving as Chapter Directors of Chapter "MO-B2". **CONGRATULATIONS Glenn and Carol!** Mark your calendar now for the International Couple of the Year Selection to be held at Wing Ding 2010. Let's all plan to attend, so we can show our support for Glenn and Carol.

Many of you have heard Glenn and Carol White spreading the message this year to Participate, Participate, and Participate. Their message is **ABSOLUTELY CORRECT!** What makes an event a success? The participation, attend your Region, District, and Chapter events. What makes a Chapter a success? The participation, get involved in your Chapter, volunteer to lead a ride, volunteer to become an officer and promote your Chapter to others. What ensures that you have a good time? Your participation. Participate in rides, games, and even invite a friend to go along.

Chapter Directors and Chapter Staff, PLEASE plan to attend our District Operational Meeting November 7th 10:00 AM at the Hunter Civic Center in Versailles, MO.

THANKS for all that you do,
Laverne & Shirley Schell

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What a Year

Thank you, to all the current officers for your time, input, and inspiration. Each of you have been in office during one of the most difficult economic times this country has seen in decades. But we continue to work together and keep the organization as strong as possible. As we prepare for the November 7 Operations Meeting, we need your ideas and comments so that we can continue to improve and make Missouri GWRRA stronger. You have been and will be the strength of the organization; it is the Chapters that make GWRRA what it is today.

As a volunteer organization it takes everyone with a common goal to make it work. Our goal is Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge. I find it very easy to work towards that goal with all the folks I have had the opportunity to work with all these years in this organization. The organization is a living, breathing movement that has over the years modified, updated, and written down the principles of what it is trying to accomplish and offer it's members. It is difficult to say what one thing that GWRRA has to offer is most important to each member. For some, it is riding friends, for others it may be the social interaction, and still others may fine the opportunities to go and see places that they would never venture alone. But when our founders chose Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge as their motto, they chose wisely. I doubt that anyone had any idea just how important a social organization GWRRA was going to become in such a relatively short period of time.

And as we gather again to prepare for next year, we focus on that motto and strive not just to continue, but to improve. For those officers that are continuing as officers in 2010, we hope that you will be mentors for the new officers that are stepping in. If we all share our knowledge, wisdom, vision, and adventurous spirit we can continue to improve the Fun and Safety found in this great group of people. We are all embarking on another chapter in GWRRA history. Let's try to make our mark as path finders, leaders, and mentors. We are the future of Missouri GWRRA. We have accepted the challenge, so let's get ready to "Make a Difference."

Bob and Diane Phelps
Assistant District Directors
MED Coordinators



Don't forget....District Operations Meeting
Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 10:00 am
Hunter Civic Center
Versailles, MO

FROM THE WHITE HOUSE....

THANK YOU MISSOURI for your support in the Couple of the Year Program. We were fortunate to be selected as the **REGION E COUPLE OF THE YEAR!!!!** We will be in the selection process at Wing Ding in Des Moines, Iowa. We would truly **appreciate your support** as we vie for the title of INTERNATIONAL COUPLE OF THE YEAR. We are asking everyone to wear safety green shirts (if you don't have a safety green, just wear a bright green) at the International selection process. Just you being there, whatever color of shirt you choose to wear, is what is **most** important to us.

NOW IT IS YOUR TURN. 2009 Chapter Couples of the Year!!!!

The selection for the 2010 Missouri District Couple of the Year will be held at Spring Fling at Inn at the Grand Glaize on March 13. If you were the 2009 Chapter Couple of the Year, we hope that you are planning on being in the selection process for the 2010 District Couple of the Year. You are not asked to do anything more than you already do, that is have FUN and keep on doing what you have been doing.

Chapter Directors – It is once again time to start thinking about selecting the 2010 Chapter Couple of the Year. Put the wheels in motion so you can select that special couple from your chapter and show them how much they are appreciated by naming them as your Chapter Couple of the Year. These couples are special people as they exemplify the life of your chapter. More than likely your chapter has more than just one couple that could be selected as the chapter couple – choose one and show them how truly special they are to your chapter.

JOIN IN THE FUN. PARTICIPATE, PARTICIPATE, PARTICIPATE!!!!!!

Warm Hugs
Glenn & Carol
Region E Couple of the Year
Missouri District Couple of the Year

Missouri District Rally Registration

Now is the time to start planning for next year's rally.

Why should I pre-register?

Being pre-registered puts you into a drawing to win \$250.00.

Only pre-registered attendees get this opportunity.

Only the first 250 pre-registered attendees receive a rally pin with their registration packet.

Why pay for one when you can get one free???

Visit Missouri's website at www.mogwrra.org to obtain a form or email or call us and we will send you a registration form.

Warm Hugs
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IN MY SADDLEBAGS

Recently, a couple of us joined forces and helped out a new Gold Wing owner and new GWRRA member with a rear brake problem on their recently purchased 2000 GL1500SE. The new owner didn't know what to make of a scarred rear rotor on his new purchase, and if there were problems he should be addressing. After multiple discussions with Niehaus Cycle Sales in Litchfield, it was decided that a stuck rear brake caliber was more probably the culprit, instead of the swing-arm alignment problem found on some of the model year 2000 Wings (along with close scrutiny in the future to ensure the problem had been solved).

While replacing both front and back brake sets, and the brake and clutch fluids, since the new owner did not know when it had been changed, we chatted about the various events the local GWRRA chapters host throughout the year.

We chatted about our various hosted Maintenance Days, to help each other learn and perform normal routine maintenance to ensure our bikes performed properly. We chatted about our early spring training events, like the ERC and TRC, to shake out the cobwebs before our main riding season starts. We chatted about our usual monthly meetings, where we share Rider Education tidbits and discuss issues anyone has encountered. We chatted about the Chili cook-offs and Ice Cream rides, where we just share our company.

The main idea we shared with this new couple was the fact that we all cared about each other and the fact that each individual brings some knowledge to the discussion and capability of learning something new from the experience, if we are open to the idea of learning. No matter what tools you have in your saddlebags, the knowledge we share and learn from each other make this association the strong family it is.

Looking forward to learning new stuff!

**Take care and God bless,
Marty Hall
Missouri Rider Educator**

*Thank you, Laverne & Shirley Schell
for a job well done
as Missouri District Directors!
We appreciate all you do!*

A Word From District MAD

As most of you know, we have accepted the position as Region E Directors effective January 1, 2010. We really appreciate the encouragement and offers of help from so many. We value your comments and advice that will benefit Region E. We have a fantastic Region and it is because of YOU our GWRRA family.

Laverne and Shirley have been great District Directors and we have really enjoyed being part of their staff as MAD coordinators. We appreciate all the chapters that helped in the windshield wash. People are starting to notice motorcycles are on the road, and that is in part from your efforts to make them aware of us. A Big Thank You to MO District for all your help and support. We want you to know that we love you and we are still here for you.

Look Twice Save a Life

***Clayton & Lynda Alcorn
AKA Mom & Dad***

2009 Missouri District Calendar of Events

<http://www.mogwrra.org>

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October 3, 2009	Chapter B2 – Ol'e Time Apple Festival Versailles, MO Contact: Glenn and Carol White 573-378-7100
October 4, 2009	A to Z Poker Run Contact Tom Stewart 636-461-1681
October 13-18, 2009	Chapter O Down the Natchez Trace to Mississippi Dist. Rally Contact: Joe and Joyce Long 636-661-5309
October 17, 2009	Chapter W Toy Run for Salvation Army Contact: Norm and Sandy Sallee 573-886-7811
October 22-24, 2009	Oklahoma District Rally Muskogee, OK Contact: Rick and Robin Greninger 918-272-9055
November 1, 2009	Chapter O Fall Color Ride Contact: Joe and Joyce Long 636-661-5309