



## Oklahoma District Directors

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## *Let's Make New Friends*

Shawn and I are getting ready for Christmas as we write this newsletter article. It is just five days till Christmas. Yes this has been a very trying time for every American and for all people all over the world. Now that the vaccine for COVID-19 is beginning to be dispersed, we can have hope that within six months we can have some sense of normalcy for all of us. For GWRRRA and our members we have to start planning for what normal will look like. We really can't use very much from 2020 to outline what it will look like in 2021. We need to plan for our district rally. Take and look at the rides and plan for chapter anniversaries for each chapter. Hope that restaurants will open up more and we can have our gatherings. The bottom line, we have to plan as if the COVID-19 will be a thing of the past. I am asking that all chapter directors hold a planning sessions to lay out the plans for each chapter for 2021. We will be doing that for the district team. Shawn and I hope that all of you will have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

### ***Polar Bear Run***



The first thing that the district has planned for 2021 is the Polar Bear Run. We will be meeting at Katfish Kitchen, in Tahlequah, Ok Jan 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon. After eating we will do a ride. You can come on your motorcycle or in your car to enjoy the great company of the Oklahoma District. Please let Don Ferry our district ride coordinator know if you are coming.

### ***District Financial Meeting***

All officers need to mark their calendar for Saturday January 23, 2021 for our financial meeting being held at the First Baptist Church of Okarche 101 E. Stroh Ave. Okarche, Ok (405) 263-7463. Our meeting is from 1pm to 4pm. The following will need to attend. All district team members, chapter directors, treasurers, MEC, Ride coordinators,

CSEA. We all like to eat at Elschein's restaurant in Okarche but being a weekend and being very busy, we suggest you call and order out at 405-263-9939 and eat at the church. We will eat between 11:00am to 12:00n. **Remember Elschein's does not accept Credit or Debit cards. Cash or personal checks only. There is an ATM machine if needed.** For more information about the restaurant or First Baptist church in Okarche, Please contact Jim & Vicki Cook 405-620-5325.

## ***Stepping Up for the Team***



Effective January 1, 2021 we want to welcome Steve and Carolyn Cotton to the Oklahoma district team as district ride educators. Both Steve and Carolyn have been a longtime supporters of officer positions in GWRRA. They have been international couple of the year, national trainers, both region and district directors. At present assist in the MEC and couple of the year program at the national level. You want to know what safety and ATGATT is, talk to Steve Cotton. I know one of his main goals for the rider education program will be the levels program. Welcome aboard Steve and Carolyn. We also want to thank Max and Mary Rowlett who will be stepping down as district ride educator. He has done a great job. They are not going anywhere as they will become the assistant ride educator for the district.

A big thanks to Marie and Steve Wilson who will be stepping down as Assist District Directors for the Oklahoma District. They have been such a big help in all of the duties of the district team. They also are not going anywhere as they will still be vendor coordinators for the Oklahoma Rally. I know they will be there if we need them. Please give them a big thanks next time you see them.

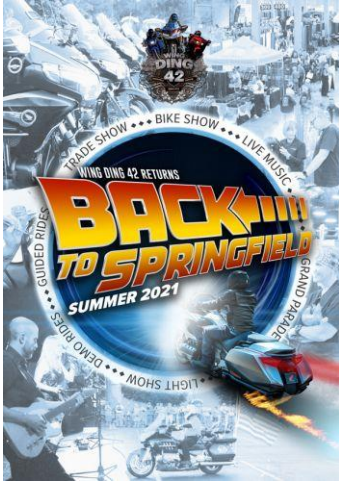


## ***You Make the Difference***

Chapter Directors - GWRRA still has the "You Make the Difference" program to show appreciation to members who have helped out, or done an outstanding job in some way to GWRRA. Do you have someone who you thinks deserves a special pin? Contact your MEC or District MEC to get the pin and certificate.



# Wing Ding 42 is coming June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021



## FULL REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Access to 'Pre-Event Day' activities! - Tuesday 6/29
- Wing Ding Welcome Party - Tuesday 6/29
- 4-day pass to indoor Trade Show - Opens 6/30
- 4-day pass to Demo Rides on all participating manufacturers' bikes
- Access to Seminars and Parades
- Access to Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Access to free Evening Entertainment Event
- Optional dinner and priority seating prior to free Entertainment Event Souvenir Event Pin and Pocket Guide
- Exclusive opportunities for tours, dinners and other ticketed events
- Numbered armband for chance at thousands of dollars in great prizes!
- Precision Drill Team Exhibitions and other performances
- Optional Rider Education Safety Courses, CPR Classes and more

Dear GWRRA Friends and Family,

GWRRA is excited to announce that we will be returning to Springfield, Missouri, for Wing Ding 42. The event will be held June 29, 2021 through July 3, 2021. We are grateful to the city of Springfield for helping make this a possibility for our membership.

For all of you that have already registered we are transferring your registration from 2020 to 2021. If you wish to keep it that way you don't need to do anything else but plan your trip to Springfield. If you are unable to make it please contact customer service at [800-843-9460](tel:800-843-9460). Hotel information will be coming shortly so keep an eye on your email for more details. Hope to see you all in Springfield!

Everyone who is a member of GWRRA has received a gold book and enclosed is a free 4 month trial membership sign-up for individuals. They will receive 4 months subscription to **Wing World** and the opportunity to participate in a chapter. Tear this out and make copies to give to individuals you see riding a motorcycle and have them join you for a great fun time in GWRRA. See Below for flyer...

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## ***New Friends***



This month as part of the duties of the District Director we are to contact new GWRRA members who have just joined. We have a new person Oswald Mackey who lives in Kailua Kona, Hawaii. This is the big island. Since the Hawaii district does not at the time have a chapter Shawn and I decided to call him and welcome him to GWRRA. He has a `2018 GW and was a Harley rider for some 26 years. He has some great videos of rides that they (he and other GW riders) do all of the time. Check out Ozzie's YouTube page ([ozkona](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzKona)) for some great rides. Anyone up to flying over to visit and a ride? We all should look at the "70%" of those members who don't take part in GWRRA activities and give them a call. I bet they would love to go for a ride with you. Check with your MEC or chapter director to get the names and numbers of members that are assigned to your chapter. Make a new friend in GWRRA today.

# Sign Someone Up Today

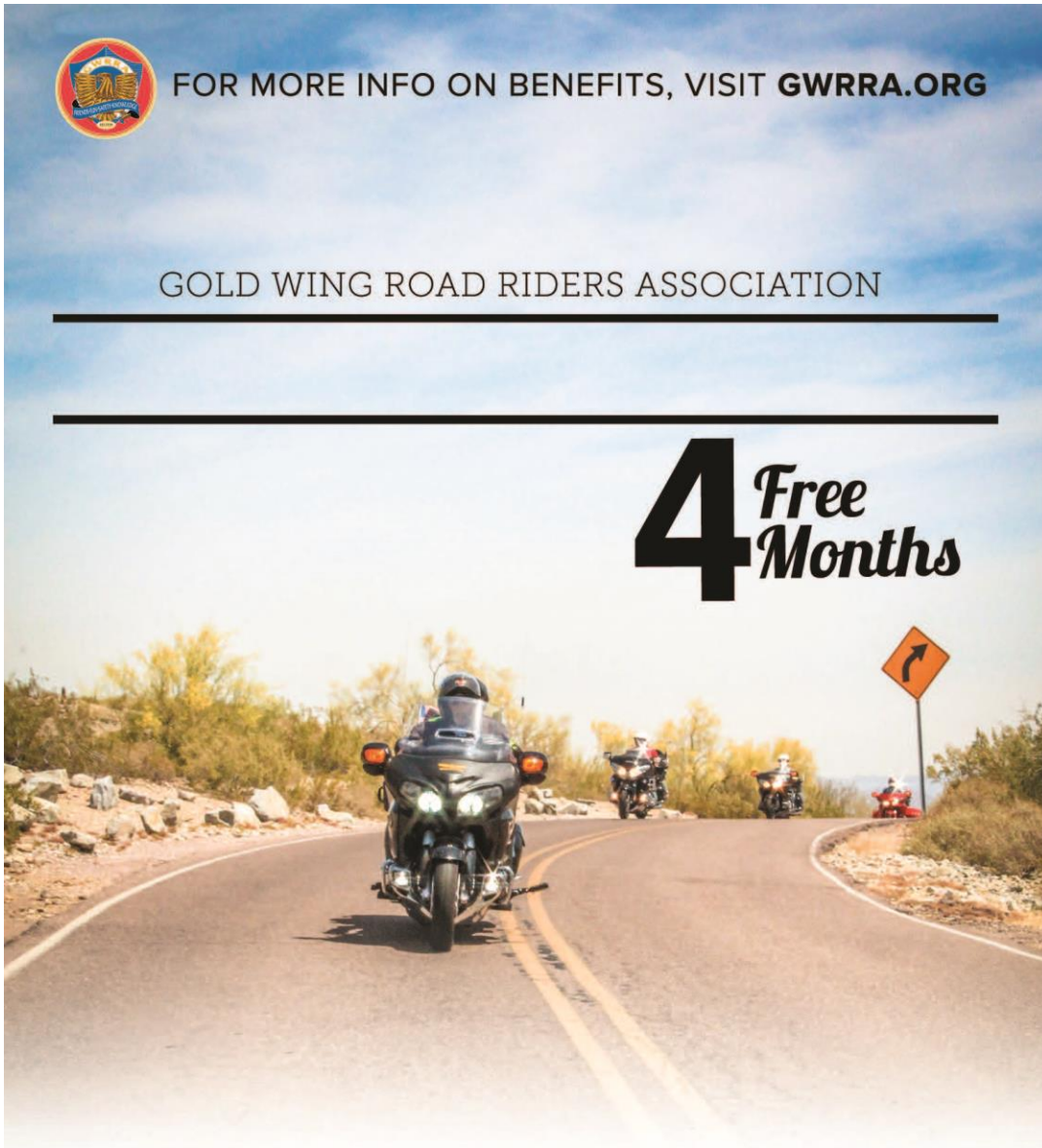
Mail to: GWRRA PO Box 42450  
Phoenix, AZ 85080



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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

**4** Free Months



**Yes! I would like a 4 month free trial membership to GWRRA**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Corider : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_