

Gold Wing Road Riders Association
(GWRRA)

What is the District: We are the Indiana District. There are close to 3000 members in the Indiana District which includes all counties of Indiana.

What is the Region: Indiana is one of three districts in the Great Lakes Region (Region D). The other districts are Michigan and Ohio.

What is the National Region: Region D is one of nine regions in the United States.

What are the District Events: Indiana has several events each year which are Winter Rendezvous, Spring/Fall Meetings, Bowling Tournament, Spring Wing Warm Up and Fall Fest. We also hold training seminars, Rider Education Range Courses, Medic First Aid/CPR Classes.

What are the other District events: Ohio has Cabin Fever, a Summer Rally and Campout. Michigan has a Wingless Weekend and Summer Rally. Both districts offer Rider Courses, Medic First Aid/CPR etc.

What is a Chapter: Members in local areas get together monthly to usually have dinner and talk about upcoming rides/events. These are very informal gatherings where it is a chance to see friends and learn about Ride Education and other topics. We do not like to conduct business etc at these as they are to have fun. Members typically ride up to about 20 miles on average to a gathering, but may need to go as far as 45 miles.

Who are the Officers: Each Chapter has a basic "Core Team" these are the CD – Chapter Director, ACD – Asst. Chapter Director, Treasurer, Ride Educator and Membership Enhancement Coordinator. These are the people who keep the chapter having fun and your goto people for answers and suggestions. The District and Region also share the same type of "Core Team".

Can I be an Officer: The answer is yes in most cases. GWRRA provides a voluntary Officer Certification Program for all members. Ride Education because of its importance requires certain levels of training. People skills are the most important as well as a desire to have fun.

What is a COY: That is short for Couple of the Year. This is a couple that chapters recognize for being friendly, enthusiastic and fun loving at their chapter. This is an Honor and the only requirement when received is to keep doing what they did to earn the respect of their chapter. If a couple wishes, they can be part of the selection in District, Region and National. This is not a requirement and no pressure to continue on should ever be placed on this Honor.

What is Winter Rendezvous: Well we do not trade furs. We get together for two days at a central Hotel to have fun and a chance to visit friends and others since the riding season ended. There is a Theme to each WR and is selected by the members the previous year. The District brings in Vendors, Games, Dances, Seminars, Talent Contests, Couple of the Year Selection, Themed Parade, Table Decorations, door Decorations, Silent Auctions, Rider Education and a whole lot of fun. In Indiana are biggest complaint is there is to much to do.

What is Spring and Fall Meetings: We strive to conduct our business side of things away from the chapters so that chapters can focus on having fun. We encourage all members to attend these information meetings but are primarily for Chapter Officers. Schedules, new information is passed on to all the chapters. Other business is conducted while the Core Officers are together, like Ride Educators may go off to a secluded area of the building to talk.

What is Spring Wing Warm Up: This is our Riding Rally. We have these at a fairground usually for two to three years in one location. We again offer seminars, games, vendors, Rider Course instruction, Amazing Team Challenge (Riding Challenge), entertainment, Dinner ride, escorted rides, Light Parade, camping (hotels nearby). We have a blast and everyone has a great time.

Region D Rally: Like our own Spring Wing Warm Up, there is plenty to do. This rally travels every two years from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. Because of the 3 states it is usually based farther North to accommodate the majority of members. This is a mid September event and in Celina Ohio for 2013.

What is Fall Fest: This is a one day event held in late September / October where members come in on Bike or ? and have lunch. This lunch is special as it is a 35 gallon pot with beef tips and whatever the members bring in. One can for the pot one can for a community food bank. We also have Amazing Team Challenge and other activities. Some come in a day early and stay a day late just to camp and relax. There are no seminars or vendors, just a ride in, eat and visit.

Bowling anyone: Each year Indiana has a 9 Pin No-Tap Bowling Tournament. For 2013 it is being held in Indianapolis. Individual, or 5 person teams get together to have a great afternoon of fun. Chapter C is co-hosting the event for the District in 2013.

Wing Ding: What can you say when up to 15,000 GWRRA members converge to one location. Fun Fun Fun. Seminars, Vendors (250+), Riding events, Test Rides, International Couple of the Year selection, entertainment. See your Wing world for the latest news and schedules.

What is ERC: Experienced Rider Course is a Range Course instructed by MSF Certified Instructors. Great way to have trained people observe you and make suggestions. See Rider Ed Schedule for dates, times and locations.

What is ARC: Advanced Rider Course is almost the same as ERC except more detailed instruction and classroom time. Course is limited to 12 bikes a day. A lot of members take the courses every year to hone their skills.

What is TRC: Trike Rider Course is for our 3 wheeled friends where members can learn new skills and sharpen the already known skills. There is some classroom time. Course is limited to 12 bikes a day. Read the Wing world and you will see articles about how the courses prepared riders and co-riders for the unexpected.