



# ARKANSAS

## District Dispatch



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### AR District News

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The month of September started where August left off, with over 8,000 of our closest friends coming together in Knoxville TN for **Wing Ding 40**. We met people from Europe, the Middle East, and Australia. Vendors were overflowing and completely booked up right from the start. Food was delicious and plentiful, and various entertainment for most everyone's palette. Plenty of giveaways, every kind of accessory you can think of, some of the best riding roads in the country, and..... more pain management booths than I've ever seen outside of a AARP convention.

Plans for WD 41 at the Gaylord in Nashville, TN are well under way.

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September 15<sup>th</sup> was our first quarterly **"District Ride"**. Tim and Bonnie Nagy put together a nice scenic Hwy 7 ride that started with breakfast at Hot Springs Village, included a visit to Honda of Russellville, a fantastic brunch at The Cliff House overlooking the deepest cliff in Arkansas, and finally a night stopover in Harrison. We look forward to getting chapters involved in the planning and state-wide participation.

The next one is a **"Sweet 16"** fall colors ride on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>. More info to follow.

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September 22<sup>nd</sup> was **Sunrise Honda's Customer Appreciation Day**. The weather hampered turnout, but those that did show up were treated to a couple vendor displays, nice goodie bags, FOOD, and up to 50% off all kinds of accessories.

Chapter D and C cleaned up on some fantastic (expensive) door prizes.

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Speaking of Chapter D, what a fantastic Rally they held Saturday. About 70 people showed up with representatives from all AR Chapters in attendance, along with Missouri and Louisiana. They had SO MANY prizes to give away that everyone there left with something. Thanks to Keith, Mary Jo, and the crew for working so hard to make it so much fun (and DELICIOUS) for us all.

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## News cont.

Our **District Memorial Picnic** is fast approaching. Join us on Oct 20<sup>th</sup> at Toad Suck Pavilion #3 at 11:00am in Conway. Food, friends, fun, FOOD, games, prizes, FOOD, and most important, recognizing the wonderful members that are no longer with us, and FOOD.

The District will provide hot dogs, buns, water and flavoring, condiments, chips and cheese.

Feel free (please) to bring desserts (please) for our sweet tooth cravings (please).

We will have a 50/50 drawing for a car camera, Chili Champ Trophy, Chapter Champion Award, prizes for farthest participating Chapter, oldest and youngest members.

For more information or questions contact your Chapter Director or any District Staff Member.

**SEE YOU THERE!**

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Sherwood's **Veteran's Parade** is Sunday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I have an idea of how many bikes to make room for. Call or text 501-416-1178. I'm told we can throw candy and we will NOT be behind any animals.

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The **District Christmas Party** is Saturday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> at the Golden Corral, 814 E Oak Street, Conway AR. Time is high noon.

Please bring a gift of no more than \$15. Men a gift for men and women a gift for women. More info to come.

## Sam's Soliloquy

September is almost over, and September found your District team traveling to **Chapter B** for their rally at Lake Fort Smith State Park. What a good time we had visiting and gathering together.

Then our travels found us at **Chapter D** for their Rally at Lake Frierson State Park. We played games, good food and fun visiting with everyone.

October 6<sup>th</sup> **Chapter L** will have their last meeting and become a new chapter during that time. More to come on this later. Frank and Susie Cahill will be the Chapter's new Directors. Let's give a big hello and welcome to our newest GWRRA Chapter.

We the District team would like to hear from each Chapter on suggestions on different things to help make our District fun again.

In closing we would like to say ride safe and enjoy all your friends you have at GWRRA.

Ride Safe and Have fun.

Sam and Belinda Lister

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*The  
BUZZWORD  
For  
Today  
is  
RETENTION*

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## Words From Your MEC

**Wing Ding** was full of new and exciting information for us to take forward into the new year.

As most of you know, membership is down throughout GWRRA. There are numerous factors for this. The goal is not only to stop this flow, but to grow new membership by 5%. Reaching this goal will at least make up for the numbers we are currently losing.

Idea is to have chapters assign a member to help/teach/lead and watch out for new members. Help make sure they are getting the experiences they are looking for.

It was noted that many of our postings on social media and newsletters mostly show us sitting in restaurants eating and not many on the bikes riding. Much as we love to eat, we need to change that image.

Other ideas are to have the chapters pick up the tab for a new member's first meeting. Also provide a Chapter "Welcome Packet".

Identify events and/or places for possible recruiting.

Please contact me for any information, help, support, or to pass along your ideas.

Don Hewett, DMEC, 501-655-6290

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*Recruit,  
Recruit  
and  
Recruit*

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## Webmaster Bits and Bytes

The District website has undergone several changes. Please take time to peruse the different areas. We have a free under-utilized classified ad section with plenty of room for on or off-bike "**For Sale**" items.

Constructive criticism is always welcome.

Bill Shryock

## Chapter News and Events

**Chapter B** held their annual Rally at Ft Smith State Park. Though rain threatened the area all day, they were able to magically keep the drops away so everyone was able to enjoy another fun and successful event.

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> – **Chapter L** holds their final re-organization meeting at the Golden Corral, 814 E Oak St, Conway at 10am. Come out and show your support for our newest Chapter.

Oct 12-14<sup>th</sup> – **Chapter K** weekend ride to Harrison, Peels Ferry and Branson, MO. Friday night will be in Harrison, Saturday night in Branson. Take part in all or part of the ride. Contact Roy Dellinger for more info. (501) 944-4705.

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