

# GWRRA Ohio District May 2019 Newsletter

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# District Directors

## Roy & Becky Jones

### From the Director's Corner

I'm going to apologize right now if this article is disjointed, confusing, or has typing errors and misspellings. Roy & I just returned from a 3 day weekend in Virginia with our grandsons. The oldest just turned 7 and the little one is 3 ½. At that age you celebrate half years as well so everyone gets a present.

Three days of keeping up with a 3 year and a 7 year old followed by eight hours on the road is not conducive to doing a good article.

Mostly what I want to talk about is Buckeye Rally, June 13-15th at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster. We've been to Wooster before and the city has always welcomed us with open arms. They are doing that again this year. If you recall I promised you "SOMETHING" fun to take the place of Jail & Bail. Now we have had a lot of fun with Jail & Bail the last couple of years, last year not so much. It was time for a change. SOOOO, how would you like a chance on drowning your District Team?? No, we aren't doing a dunk tank but you will get the opportunity to semi drown us. Remember the "ice bucket challenge" on face book a few years ago. It's similar and if you want to know more then please come out and join us for the fun. Do you enjoy corn hole? There will also be a corn hole tournament for you to participate in. Plus all of the other fun things that we always do at a Rally. Come out and support your district and have lots of fun.

We have a chapter challenge going on and everyone should have gotten the e mail from your ADD. The goal is to have as many members of your chapter register for Buckeye Rally before June 1<sup>st</sup> as possible. They must be pre-registered to count. The chapter with the most members percentage-wise will win an ice cream party on Saturday after closing. Again to be eligible for the challenge, your members must be pre-registered for the event by June 1<sup>st</sup>. The complete rules are in this newsletter. If you have any questions by all means please call or e mail one of us. We will do our best to answer all of your questions.

At the spring officers meeting, I asked all officers present what they thought made a strong chapter. Unanimously the answer I got was our members are what make the chapters strong. In my opinion the members are what make our Chapters special. It's good strong leadership,

great Chapter directors and Assistant Chapter Directors who choose a good solid team top lead the special members of the chapters are what make a strong chapter. Don't ever sell your selves short, strong chapters start with strong leaders. The chapters filled with special members will follow where the chapter director leads. If you attend the rally and talk it up and tell everyone how much fun you have they will also attend and have fun as well.

One way to recognize your special members is to use the programs GWRRA has put in place to recognize them. At a chapter level is the "You Make a Difference" program. It's very simple. When a member does something unique for the chapter or handles something for you at an event or anything that is special you can go onto the GWRRA website and down load a "You make a Difference" certificate. You can also order pins for them as well from the home office. Pins are only \$1.00 each. You can order a few from us at the same price; we have maybe 8 left and can get more. The program outline is also attached to this newsletter.

One more chapter challenge going out top all of the Ohio Chapters this time is a Recruiting Challenge. The first chapter to come up with a recruiting idea and implement it will receive a prize. I am not certain what the prize will be at this time but it will benefit the entire chapter. So keep this in mind and see what your chapter can come up with. We have done this several times in the last couple of years as ADD's and as most of you know V-2 won a \$50.00 gift card to Dairy Queen for being the chapter with the most Trek rides on their ride schedule this year. Who will win the recruiting challenge?

That's all for this month. Ride safe everyone and we hope to see all at the rally.

# Assistant District Directors

North Central Section

## **Doug & Lynn Kerst**

What a month April was for us. We started off going to chapter C3 gathering than to chapter T auction in the same day. We also kept busy with the national MEP and the couple of the year program.

Lynn and I are both hoping that all the couples are thinking of going thru the selection next year at cabin fever. It is easy and a lot of fun for all that goes thru the process. You don't have to go onto the national section process unless you want to. The national selection is a way to show off your GWRRA pride and what you have done in GWRRA. It is more lay backed than in the past. It is also warming up so I know most of us are out on the bike for some therapy. I have rode about 800 miles in just the first half of the month and looking forward in the rest of the month. I know I have enjoyed the nice weather to ride this month.

We hope that everybody has gotten rid of the PMS this Year. That is parked motorcycle syndrome. Lynn and I are looking forward to May because that is the north central picnic on the 18th. It is going to be a fun time and if you see chapter C3 or P thank them for setting the picnic up. I almost forgot to mention that chapter B's auction is on the 19th. It is also the month for the rider course which is a fun time to get out and renew your riding skills.

I have seen that some of the chapters plan a long ride over memorial day weekend and I am hoping to do some riding than. If you want a nice day ride than come on over to Utica, Ohio for the ice cream festival over the memorial day weekend.

# Assistant District Directors

North East Section

**VACANT**

Buckeye Rally is right around the corner and we are having a chapter challenge to see which chapter can get the most members to register for the rally. You can see the complete list of rules later in this newsletter. How many of you actually read the District Newsletter? I wonder sometimes since I have issued several challenges to the Northeast chapters over the last couple of years. The latest challenge was seeing which NE chapter could get the most Trek Rides on their ride schedule. The winner of that challenge was V-2, Tom Straka's chapter. V-2 won a \$50.00 gift card from Dairy Queen.

The winning chapter of the Buckeye Rally challenge will get an ice cream party Saturday night at Buckeye Rally after closing. One of the NE chapters could be that winner. All you have to do is get your members to register for the rally. It's that simple.

Have you used the program, "You Make a Difference" in your chapter? Do you remember what this program is? Basically it is to recognize any member who makes a difference in your chapter. At the Spring Officers meeting, I presented a member of V-2 with the You Make a Difference certificate and then she, Paulette McCloud got her pin later at V-2's gathering. You can look over the You Make a Difference program in this newsletter. Chapter Directors, the more you recognize your members for the things they do the more they will do for the Chapter and the stronger your chapter will be.

Remember the Northeast Picnic will be on July 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 1pm at the day use recreational site at Lake Berlin, the same place as last year.

Hope to see everyone at the rally and at the picnic.

# Assistant District Director

North West Section

## Rudy & Linda Copeland

Since the Spring Officer's meeting we have enjoyed many GWRRA activities. We started the month with attending T2's monthly gathering.

On Wednesday April 3rd, we left for the Louisiana District Rally in Lafayette, Louisiana. Riding to the rally was our first ride of the season. We traveled from Sidney, Ohio to Brownsville, Tennessee, a 600 mile ride, and then we finished the ride to Lafayette, Louisiana, a 500 mile ride, on April 4th. On the 4th we rode in some rain; however nothing like Lafayette had. Upon checking in at the hotel in Lafayette we soon learned our room had been flooded out and we stayed at a different hotel. We had a fun time at the rally meeting up with Ohio B3 members Gary Ballou, Wayne and Cathi Hughes. We went out to eat at Landry's with the three of them and enjoyed good Cajun food.

After the rally we attended the three day Cajun ride. On April 7th we visited St. Martinsville, LA, which is the birthplace of Acadiana. We saw the large oak tree where Longfellow's Evangeline searched for her long lost love. We then had lunch with some good Cajun food. We then arrived in Houma, LA which was the base for the next couple of days. On April 8th we rode various roads through marsh area. It was interesting to view how some houses were built right on the ground and others were built on stilts. In the afternoon we visited an alligator farm. We finished off the evening with a meal at Big Al's Seafood Restaurant. On the third day of the ride April 9th we enjoyed a trip to New Orleans. Our group of 12 bikes and 2 cars managed to stay together for the entire ride. We toured the area where the Mardi Gras parade takes place. Still evident of the parade are many beads hanging in the trees. Our leader told us many stories of the homes and buildings. We ate lunch at Liuzza's where we shared Cajun chicken and sausage jambalaya and then Rudy had sausage gumbo soup and Linda had shrimp and artichoke soup. That was all good. We then drove through a beautiful city park. The treat here was the Cafe DuMonde food truck that was sell-

ing beignets. DELICIOUS!!! We finished our tour at the Greenwood Cemetery. Since New Orleans is below sea level, burials there are very different from Ohio. Later that evening we met Gary Ballou and ate at Copeland's of New Orleans Restaurant. It was in Houma though not New Orleans. On the morning of April 10th we left Houma and headed for home. It was an absolutely beautiful day to ride and we stopped that night in Cave City, Kentucky after a 700 mile day ride. After about another 275 mile ride on Thursday April 11th we arrived home. It was so much fun to be out and enjoying the weather. This was our first time attending the rally in Louisiana. After attending this rally our count shows we have attended rallies in 20 different districts since belonging to GWRRA. Some rallies we have attended only once and some more than 30 times. The fun of rallies is all the people we have met in GWRRA.

Upon returning home Linda instructed an MFA class at Ashland on April 13th. Later that evening we joined chapter A at Findlay Mall for their mall show and dinner at the Japanese Steak House. During the rest of the month we joined chapter F for an ice cream ride at Jubie's in Fairborn. We had 15 members present. April 20th involved a district team meeting to finalize the Buckeye Rally. April 22nd was chapter S's gathering and chapter N's gathering was April 23rd. On April 24th we departed for the South Carolina rally in Newberry. We then spent the next few days working our way to Pigeon Forge for Spring Fling rally in Tennessee. By the time you are reading this information we will probably be home from both rallies.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month so do what you can to make motorists aware of us on our bikes and trikes.

# Interim District Educators

**Robert G & Angela Williams**

Hello Fellow Riders,

May is Motorist Awareness Month as well as Ohio's Rider Course Month. We normally start at the Southern part of the state and work our way north. Unfortunately, I have had to cancel the very first weekend of training in Nelsonville due to low registration. The second weekend of the Month I find that the Saturday May 11 ARC class is full, Great and the Sunday TRC is 80% capacity. I hope by the time you read this article that all the remainder of the rider courses are full. If you don't know how to sign up, call me 330/802-2429 or email me [robswing55@gmail.com](mailto:robswing55@gmail.com)

May 18 Galion ARC, May 19 TRC & May 25 Canfield TRC , May 26 ARC.

On to Buckeye Rally. This year K Gregory "**Cherryhair**" Smith, your District Ride Coordinator, and I are working on another Shiny Side Up event. You will have an opportunity to Practice and then decide if you want to participate in the Competition. If you would like to see what the GWRRA Rider Excellence is all about go to this link: <http://www.gwrroa.org/regional/ridered/DrillTeams/index.html>

*This section of the Rider Education Website is intended to provide GWRRA Members with suggestions for both riding skills improvement and fun, challenging skill exercises. The 'Shiny Side Up' section, in particular, provides a set of skill enhancement exercises that can also be used in a competitive manner. See the "Shiny side Up" page for more details.*

Take the time and open/download the various Shiny Side exercises. If you see one that you would really like done...TELL US!!! We are here to make the Buckeye Rally your event and do the things you want to do.

And for those who are unable to bring their Bikes or just unable to compete, please like last year, plan on attending and watching and support our Riders. It sometimes takes courage and encouragement from friends. Be a supporter and encourager. See you in Wooster June 13-15 2019.

# District COY/CHOY Coordinators

## Lynn & Doug Kerst

Well it seems like spring has finally sprung here in Ohio. I hope that everyone has been able to get out on the bikes.

Buckeye rally is fast approaching. The District staff met at the fair grounds on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> the put some of the final touches on to the schedule. It is coming together and looks like it is going to be a fun weekend for all. So, if you haven't by now get your registration in.

I am asking to have either the chapter couple or at least a member from each chapter there to carry in your chapter flag. In the next couple of weeks, I will be sending out emails to all the chapter couples and to the CD's.

Watch you emails and Facebook for the announcement of the new International Couples. The announcement will be made on May 1<sup>st</sup>. This year is the new year of the new format. Doug and I are one of the MEP team assistants. It has been fun and an enjoyment to be apart of the new format. There were some kinks to work out but it will just make it better for next year. I hope that after the new chapter couples hear about how it is being done and that you don't have to go any further then your own District that we will have more couples going thru the selection in February at Cabin Fever. But more on that when it gets closer to the fall officers meeting.

Doug and I will be doing the Couple of the Year seminar at Buckeye Rally. I hope that if you are the current chapter couple that you will come to see what all the changes mean and also if you can't make to that please come to the COY get together. It is for Past, Present and Future couples.

Till we next time stay safe and happy riding.

# District Trainer

**Margaret Moore**

## Information for all Instructors

### **Reminder:**

*In order for Instructors to present a seminar or new Module you must stay current in:*

**Your GWRRA membership.**

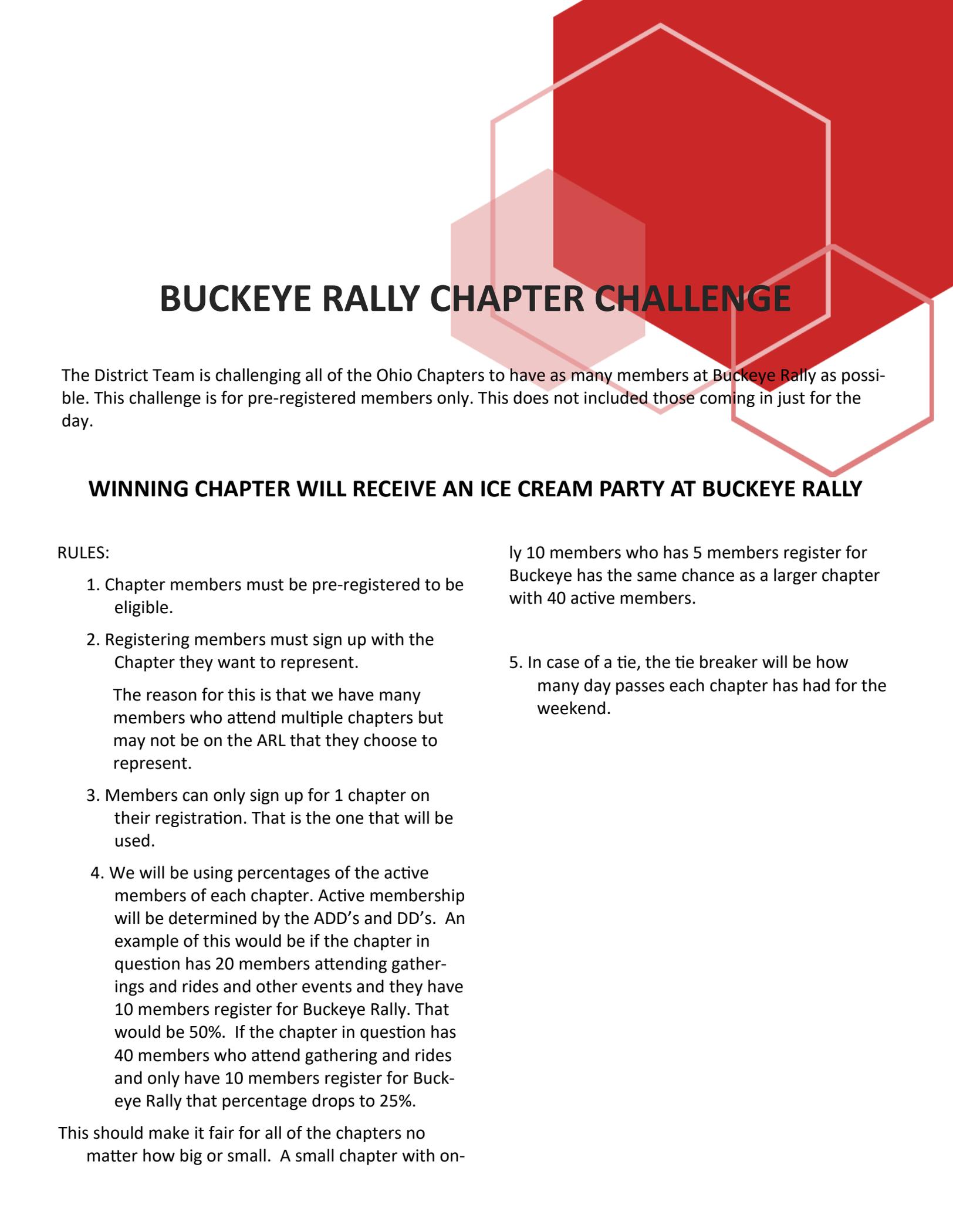
**Your Instructor credentials.**

**Your Rider Ed Level.**

Please check your certification dates and let me, Kathleen Heibel or Clara Boldt know when your status for each is renewed. This way they can update your status with National.

Finally, make yourselves available to your chapter or any chapters in your area to present seminars or Modules. This will help keep our members informed about any area in Rider Ed, Life skills, or Leadership skills.

Prior to presenting a class make sure and check that you have the most current version. Some classes are being revised on a yearly basis.



# BUCKEYE RALLY CHAPTER CHALLENGE

The District Team is challenging all of the Ohio Chapters to have as many members at Buckeye Rally as possible. This challenge is for pre-registered members only. This does not include those coming in just for the day.

## WINNING CHAPTER WILL RECEIVE AN ICE CREAM PARTY AT BUCKEYE RALLY

### RULES:

1. Chapter members must be pre-registered to be eligible.

2. Registering members must sign up with the Chapter they want to represent.

The reason for this is that we have many members who attend multiple chapters but may not be on the ARL that they choose to represent.

3. Members can only sign up for 1 chapter on their registration. That is the one that will be used.

4. We will be using percentages of the active members of each chapter. Active membership will be determined by the ADD's and DD's. An example of this would be if the chapter in question has 20 members attending gatherings and rides and other events and they have 10 members register for Buckeye Rally. That would be 50%. If the chapter in question has 40 members who attend gathering and rides and only have 10 members register for Buckeye Rally that percentage drops to 25%.

ly 10 members who has 5 members register for Buckeye has the same chance as a larger chapter with 40 active members.

5. In case of a tie, the tie breaker will be how many day passes each chapter has had for the weekend.

This should make it fair for all of the chapters no matter how big or small. A small chapter with on-

Table 1

<b>Basic Class 11/4/18</b>	North Central / I and V	Robert G. and Angela Williams	10
<b>Basic Class 11/12/18</b>	Southwest / F and T2	Linda Copeland	7
<b>Total</b>			17

Table 1-1

<b>MFA CLASSES 2019</b>	<b>SECTION / CHAPTERS</b>	<b>INSTRUCTORS OF CLASS</b>	<b># OF PARTICIPANTS</b>
<b>Basic Class 1/5/2019</b>	Southwest F & T2	Walt & Deb Crosby and Linda Copeland	15
<b>Basic Class 1/12/2019</b>	Southwest E2 & X2	Chuck & Melanie Geggie	14
<b>Basic Class 1/19/2019</b>	Southeast B3 & O	Robert G. & Angela Williams	22
<b>Basic Class 2/23/2019</b>	North Central / Y & B3	Robert Williams	6
<b>Basic Class 3/9/2019</b>	Southeast / Chapter A3	Walt & Deb Crosby	9
<b>Basic Class 3/16/2019</b>	Northwest / S and A	Linda Copeland & Mike Monday	8
<b>Basic Class 4/13/2019</b>	North Central / V and G2	Linda Copeland	3
<b>Basic Class 4/13/2019</b>	Northeast / V2	Robert G. Williams	6
<b>TOTAL</b>			83

As you can see from these two tables there were 100 members trained in Medic First Aid since November 2018. Thank you to all the chapters and members who spent the time training and setting up the courses. Also a thank you to the instructors who took time to instruct the classes.

