

Bruce & Sherry Watkins

Region E Couple of the Year 2011-2012

We are Bruce & Sherry Watkins, Region E Couple of the Year 2011-2012. We were married May 26, 2003. Bruce has a son, daughter in law, and 3 year old grandson that live in Eagan, MN. Sherry has two children; Chelsey who is 18 and attends Southeast Missouri State University on a full scholarship, and Justin who is 14 years old and is a typical teenage boy. We have both worked in County Government for 20 plus years each. Bruce was the County Park Superintendent for 24 years and recently retired, and Sherry is a Deputy Recorder of Deeds for Cape Girardeau County.

In 2006 we joined GWRRA and we have chosen to participate at many different levels throughout the organization. Since joining GWRRA, we have held the following positions at the Chapter level; Rider Educator, Newsletter Editor, Chapter Director, and Chapter Couple of the Year for 2010. Past District positions we have held are Assistant District Director, Assistant Rider Educator, Newsletter Editor, and Rally Vendor Coordinator. We are currently serving as Missouri District Directors and District Couple of the Year. On the Region level we currently hold the positions of Newsletter Editor, Webmaster and Region E Couple of the Year. We are also both Certified Seminar Presenters for Leadership Training Program (LTP) and Rider Education Program (REP). Bruce is also a Senior Presenter. We both are Medic First Aid (MFA) Instructors and Trainers. A special recognition Bruce recently received was being selected as one of the 50 "Best of the Best" Chapter Directors who will serve on a National Task Force. The purpose of this Task Force is to educate new Chapter Directors.

Although we have both worked full time, we have managed to ride in 49 of the 50 states over the past 6 years. Hawaii is the only state in which we have not ridden a Gold Wing. Needless to say, our goal is to someday be able to say we have ridden in all 50 states.

We are anxious to see where this journey takes us next....

It's the Journey, Not the Destination...

