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Wing It With Mike and Dedre

Wow, what a way to start the New Year! In January, we had the Traveling Plaque to kick off our chapter gatherings, Rick Andreen taught an LTP class for us, and all the joy of what the GWRRA is about started kicking in again.

It was a joy to see so many of our friends that we just want to do it again and again. Roger has been hard at work setting up rides, we have been visiting other chapter gatherings, had our district operations meeting, and so many other things. As the weather starts to clear, and hopefully soon we have temperatures that will allow riding, we look forward to doing what we want to do the most—RIDE OUR RIDES.

Dedre and I bought a 2003 GL 1800 Illusion Blue Roadsmith trike in January. Actually it was Cliff and Sandy Planck's old bike that was converted by The Trike Shop into the beautiful machine we now have. Dedre, Roger, Doug and Ben went to Chapter G to challenge for the plaque and what do you know, we got it back. That means in February, we will again have a good crowd. On the 15th and 16th Dedre and I went to the Tennessee Winter Event and helped teach a UTDP course for some warm-up visitation time. Boy was it fun! On the 22nd, several of us rode in The Kickstands Polar Bear Ride through central Kentucky. There were over 200 motorcycles in the procession. Great ride!! Get ready Chapter C, riding season is upon us!!! Let's have some FUN!





RIDER EDUCATION



THE RINGS OF MOTORCYCLE RIDING RISK

The interlocking rings of the IOC represents including the white back ground represent all the colors found in the flags of the competing nations. We can paraphrase this meaning for evaluating the risks of riding a motorcycle

The blue ring stand for you “The Rider”: Are you physically fit and mentally prepared to ride safely? Are you chemically unimpaired which can mean alcohol, prescribed medications or drugs. The risks of riding cannot be eliminated but can be medicated if you are wearing proper riding gear; full face helmet, over the ankle boots, gloves, riding jacket with armor protects and full length pants also with armor.

The black ring refers to “Your Bike”: Is your bike mechanically fit? Have you done your T-Clock Inspection? Are you riding solo, with cargo, two-up or pulling your trailer. Remember it takes about 30 minutes of riding to get that dialed in feeling. Take it easy and don’t push the limits.

The red ring refers to “Your Route”: Have you planned your route carefully? Do you have detours or road construction in your path of travel? Areas planed for stopping for gas and comfort requirements.?

The yellow rings refers to “Your Riding Environment”: The time of day, temperature. riding into the sun, cloudy conditions, or may be it is raining. Traffic congestion, distracted drivers and the fact that we do not present a big foot print does not alert other drivers to our presence.

Finally the green ring: It means GO and enjoy your ride. We cannot eliminate the hazards associated with riding a motorcycle compared to other means of conveyance. We can reduce them by being pro-active when we are riding, partaking in GWRRA Rider Education seminars and ARC or TRC courses every 2 years.

Ride Safely

“Goo”

KYC Rider Educator

KY-C MONTHLY GATHERING INFO

Don’t forget our Gathering place !!!! The Bluegrass Wings gather the 4th Tuesday of every month at Roosters Restaurant at 124 Marketplace Drive, Lexington, KY. We eat at 6:00 and meet at 7:00. Let’s get together and have some FUN!!

THE 2014 CONVENTION SCHEDULE



SPRING FLING

TENNESSEE DISTRICT CONVENTION
CAMP JORDAN ARENA, EAST RIDGE TENNESSEE
April 24—26, 2014

DOWN HOME RALLY

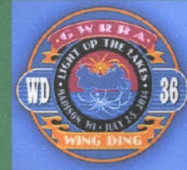
THE WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION
SUMMERSVILLE CONFERENCE CENTER
SUMMERSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA
June 12—14, 2014



THE GWRRA NATIONAL OFFICE PRESENTS

WING DING 36

ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER—MADISON WISCONSIN
July 2—5, 2014



THE BLAST

THE KENTUCKY DISTRICT CONVENTION
FRANKFORT CONVENTION CENTER
FRANKFORT KENTUCKY
August 14—16, 2014



WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES

THE NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT CONVENTION
ACQUONI EXPO CENTER
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA
September 25—27, 2014

RALLY IN THE VALLEY

THE VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION

To be announced later.





Ride Events

Web page www.kybluegrasswings.org



I am hoping the weather will warm up soon and we can get out and ride again. With all the snow, ice, salt and of course cold weather I have not been on a ride for several weeks and I really miss it.

The list of our upcoming rides and dinners is below. I hope you can join us for many of these.

March 1 – Buffalo Trace and Rebecca Ruth Candy Tours

March 10 Dinner at Mi Pequena Hacienda in Brannon Crossing Shopping Center

March 15 – Ride to Kathy's Country Kitchen in Clay City

March 29 – Ride to Swope's Cars of Yesteryear Museum in Elizabethtown

April 7 – Dinner at Ky Butt Rubb'in BBQ

April 12 – Ride to Saluto Wildlife Center in Frankfort

I will send out an email a few days prior to each ride or dinner to provide more details.

If the weather is still too cold for some of our early rides, we can meet and car pool to the destinations and still have a great time. We are inside for most of the tour at Buffalo Trace so even if the weather does not cooperate, I think it will still be a great time even if we cannot ride.

I would like to make a change to one of our starting points. We met several times last year at the Thornton's in Versailles and it is a great place to fill up and go but if we need to leave a car or two on some of the early rides, I am not sure this is the best place to meet. It can also be a little difficult to get the group out together if we need to turn left out of the station. I'd like to start meeting at the Kroger parking lot which will help us get out and should work better if we leave any cars.

I look forward to another fun riding season and hope you will be able to join us for many rides in the upcoming season.

For more information about the rides and future dates please see our events calendar at <http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/events/>. The calendar also includes the various Chapter Meetings and the Region Events. If you have any questions or corrections, please let me know.

If you want to see some of the photos from our past events, check out the following page: <http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/photos/>



Information from your Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Lets got out and Visit our fellow chapters. Here is a list of when and where they meet. It's FUN to make new Friends.



Chapter A Meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month at Shoney's at 6511 Signature Drive, Louisville, KY 40213 Dinner 5:30 - Meeting 6:30



Chapter C Meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Roosters Restaurant. 124 Marketplace in Lexington, KY. We eat @ 6:00 PM and meet @ 7:00.



Chapter G Meet on the 2nd Tuesday at the Holiday Inn 7905 Freedom Way Florence, KY 41042 Eat @ 6:00 pm, Meet @ 7:00 pm



Chapter H Meet on the 1st Friday of the month at Stratton Community Center 215 Washington St. Shelbyville, KY 40065 Meet @ 6:30pm



Chapter S Meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Golden Coral U.S. 31 W. Elizabethtown, KY Eat @ 4:00 PM, Meet @ 5:00



Chapter T Meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Carriage House Ramada Inn Paintsville, KY Eat @ 6:00 PM, Meet @ 7:00



Chapter W Meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month at Tri County Cycle Sales in Corbin at 09:30 am.



Chapter Y Meet on the 1st Thursday at Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S. 6th St. Mayfield, KY 42066 Eat @ 6:00, Meet @ 7:00

Look at the Chapter Gathering days as we will try and to visit them all sometime.



News From Randy and Denise Coy, your MEPC's

We gave Randy and Denise the month off for February. They have been to Israel most of the month enjoying some ministry time and personal growth. With that in mind, Dedre will throw in a few words.

Very special thanks to Doug Coy, Roger Early and our son Ben Smith for going to Chapter G to capture the traveling plaque! Chapter S was also there, but Chapter C prevailed! Look for a few visitors at our gathering on February 25.

Mike and I, along with 10 members from Chapter H visited Murfreesboro TN for the Tennessee Winter Event. The Tennessee District knows how to throw a party! We highly recommend the TN Spring Fling which will be held April 24-26 at Camp Jordan near Chattanooga TN. Mike and I are staying at the Wingate and would love to have Chapter C members join us. We'll be riding down on Thursday the 24th. There will be a lot of vendors on site and a lot of FUN!

April 5 and the afternoon of April 6 will bring a Horizon class to Versailles. Horizon is a fun way to learn team-building, communication and presentation skills. We have also been asked to present an OCP (Officer Certification Program). We will try to schedule it prior to summer vacations, but no date has been officially set. OCP is required for officers in GWRRA.



Dedre, Ben, Roger and Doug traveled to Chapter G this month and re-captured the Traveling Plaque, Way to go team!!!



Now this is how you start of the 2014 riding season. On February 22, 2014 we rode in The Kickstands Annual Polar Bear Ride. What a day!! Riding were Roger Early, Perry Geertz, Randy and Denise Coy freshly back from Israel, Tom Delbello, myself, Lane Hait and his stepson Jeff. There were over 200 motorcycles in the procession and we traveled some really great roads. Thanks The Kickstand for sponsoring this event!



Our new ride!! I have threatened to have HIS painted on the trunk and HERS painted on the trike storage area.

Dedre replied with no, it will be HERS and HERS TOO! Guess I'll stick to the luggage rack.