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Can you believe the weather we have had so far? Just wait and it will change, at least the history Kentucky has. Roger has kicked the riding season into gear for us with a ride to The Hacienda in Nicholasville. We had 7 folks attend and had really great food. We definitely want to go back there on a future date.

We held an OCP class on January 31st with several Chapter C folks attending and enjoyed time with them. We held our first ever Saturday gathering and had a great turn-out. Chapter A joined us to celebrate the change over and also complete for the Traveling Plaque, which they took with them.

Roy and Earl took a ride to Natural Bridge during one of the warmer days we had early in the month. Roger and his son were out the same day. What a great way to start the year.

Chapter H got the Traveling Plaque and we will be going after it on March 6th so make plans for a road trip to Shelbyville. Dedre and I were asked to judge the Tennessee Couple of the Year selection on Valentines Day and had a great time.

We are now making plans for the District Ride in May, Spring Fling in April, Wings over the Smokies in July, and Wing Ding in September. There are several other opportunities for our members to socialize, but this is a good start. See you on the roads and let's get out and ride as soon as the weather permits.

Don Renfro has resigned as ACD and is letting you know this in his article.





From our upcoming Chapter Educator

Alan and Shea Ernest

The weather is still cold but it is the perfect time to make sure our bikes are in excellent condition. This is an absolute must for the safety of you as the rider and your co-rider as well. Our Chapter Director has adamantly stated that our chapter is going to do a lot of riding this season. I know that Roger is working hard planning some great rides and we want to be ready!!

GWRRA recommends that we all use the T CLOCK method to inspect our bikes:

T - Tires and wheels. Inspect the condition of the front and rear tires (pressure tread), wheels, rims, bearings, and seals.

C - Controls. This covers the condition of levels, cables, hoses, and throttle.

L - Lights. Inspect battery, light lenses, reflectors, wiring, the headlight reflector, and aim of the headlight (right/left and height).

O - Oil. Check levels and also check for leaks on engine oil, hypoid gear oil, hydraulic fluid, coolant, and fuel.

C - Chassis - Inspect frame, steering head bearings, swing arm, and suspension.

K - Kickstand (for our two wheelers). Inspect center stand and side stand for cracks and bent parts. Maintain proper tension on springs to keep keep stand in place when folded up.

CHAPTER KYC motorcycle riding is all about safety. Let's have the greatest - and safest - riding season ever!!!

Ride Safe,
Alan Ernest



The KICKSTAND's
9th Annual Polar Bear Run
Saturday, February 28, 2015
(If snow or ice on that date, ride will be rescheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2015.)

REGISTRATION 10:30 – 11:45
RIDE LEAVES AT NOON

The group ride will leave from the store, located at 500 East Main Street, in Burgin, KY – at the intersection of highways 33 & 152.

\$10 per person *(covers cost of food, drink & tip)*

The route/distance will be dependent upon the group size and weather conditions. We'll end the ride with warm chili and drinks for everyone.

For more information or to confirm the ride is on,
phone 859.748.KICK or e-mail SeeYou@TheKickstandLLC.com.

2015 GWRRA Region N Convention Schedule

SPRING FLING

THE TENNESSEE DISTRICT CONVENTION “SOUTHERN FAMILY REUNION” CAMP JORDAN ARENA,
EAST RIDGE TENNESSEE

April 23—25, 2015

WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES

THE NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT CONVENTION
ACQUONI EXPO CENTER—CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

July 9—11, 2015

DOWN HOME RALLY

THE WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION
CONFERENCE CENTER—SUMMERSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

July 24—25, 2015

Blast From The Past

THE KENTUCKY DISTRICT CONVENTION
CONVENTION CENTER—FRANKFORT KENTUCKY

August 13—15, 2015

WING DING 37

“Rocket City Road Trip”

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

September 3—6, 2015

RALLY IN THE VALLEY

THE VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION
HOLIDAY INN—TANGLEWOOD—ROANOKE, VA

October 1—3, 2015 (tentative date)

From your Assistant Chapter Director

Don Renfro

Dear Chapter "C"

Oh my how things can change in such a short amount of time. As some of you know, my great uncle recently passed away 6 days after his one hundredth birthday. I moved to Frankfort to be his caregiver over a year and a half ago. Now that he is gone, I find that I need to move on to do something else. That something else will take me out of Kentucky. So, it is with heavy heart that I must resign from my recently appointed position as your Assistant C.D.

Donna and I have enjoyed our time with you. We were so looking forward to working with this leadership team to make Chapter C a shining example of what Chapter life was all about. By us leaving does not change the course that this Chapter is taking. You, the members of GWRRA, are the ones that will accomplish this goal. I know some of you out there had your own chapter in a nearby town and that it folded for some reason. You were placed on Chapter C's roster, but you choose to not participate. Some of you have formed your own private riding group, great, it is fun to have friends that you can have private rides with. But, fellow GWRRA friends, how sad it would be for just one more chapter to fold. If you enjoy the Wing World magazine, Rescue Plus, hotel discounts, rallies, and Wing Ding. You should find some time to participate with your local chapter. Each chapter that fails, just puts us closer to not having a GWRRA. How sad that would be!

I'll close for now, Donna and I will still be around, we will still see you on rides, at rallies, and some of your monthly gatherings. This is not goodbye, but we'll see you somewhere out there on those twists and hills.

Sincerely,

Don Renfro



Hello Fellow Wingers,

Just a few weeks away and the good riding weather will be back with us, well maybe more than a few weeks but let's call it wishful thinking. But just to support my thinking, Alice and I went for an afternoon lunch ride on Saturday the 7th as it was around 55 degrees and dry. We dressed for the ride and really enjoyed getting on the road again. We had some errands to run so we started heading home close to 6:00pm and since we were on the south side of Lexington we were riding into a setting sun. That gave me some thought to an article for the chapter newsletter this month. "How to ride in low sun"

I read a great article on this subject just a while back that was written by **Sean MacDonald** in October of 2013. Sean started the article with "The only thing more terrifying than realizing you're on a motorcycle and can't see where you're going is realizing you're on a motorcycle and no one can see you." Following are some tips from the article that might help keep you safe when riding in low sun.

1. Look toward the direction of your shadow, as that is the direction that other motorist can't see you from.
2. You know how driving into the sun in your car allows you to lower the sun visor and position your eyes just above the edge to shield the sun from your eyes and allows you to see ahead. Most motorcycles that I know of do not have a sun visor to pull down but with prior planning you could add some tape to the top of your face shield that would allow you to shield your eyes enough to allow clear vision ahead. I have seen a type of product sold at bike shops that is just for this so I will most likely be adding this to mine and Alice's face shields.
3. Be aware of traffic around you when stopping at a red light or stop sign as well as slowing down to turn off. Because if you are having a hard time seeing into the sun, the driver in the car behind might also be having the same problem and not see you until it's too late. It's good to tap your brakes several times to try and alert the driver behind you as well as keep an eye on them in your mirrors and leave yourself an out if you have to move quickly to keep from getting run over. It's better to run off the road than getting run over on the road!
4. **SLOW DOWN** anytime riding conditions are not the best, even though you might be in a hurry to get home before it is completely dark. This kind of low sun conditions means you'll want to give yourself every second of allowable reaction time to stay safe.

Sean also advises to avoid riding at this time of day if possible. If you can wait another few minutes for the lighting conditions to change for the better it might be the best and safest thing to do.

Hope this helps with preparing for that next short ride when the weather is better than we expected and you have just heard about a new restaurant to try out. Our goal is to help keep our fellow riders as safe as possible and encourage them to ride more.

Famous Quote: **I don't ride a bike to add days to my life, I ride a bike to add life to my days!**

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

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Chapter C Shirt News!

We have found a new shirt vendor so we're back in business again! We are able to get the same shirts (Port Authority) so we should all "match". The shirt types and prices are listed below and come in royal blue or red (except the denim shirt is a faded denim). If you already emailed me your potential order, please confirm that you still want them by sending another email to dedrej2@aol.com. New orders are welcome at the same email address!

The shirt prices below are for the logo embroidery only. First names embroidery are \$4 extra for each shirt. Sales tax will also be added to the order. I'll try to remember to bring our shirts to the meeting Saturday so you can see them in person.

K500 Men's Short Sleeve Polo XS-XL	21.00
L500 Ladies Short Sleeve Polo XS-XL	21.00
K500 LS Men's Long Sleeve Polo XS-XL	28.00
L500 LS Ladies Long Sleeve Polo XS-XL	28.00
TLK 500 Tall Men's Short Sleeve Polo LT-XLT	23.00
S608 Men's Long Sleeve Button Down Shirt S-XL	28.00
L608 Ladies Long Sleeve Button Down Shirt S-XL	28.00
TLS608 Men's Tall Long Sleeve Button Down Shirt LT-XLT	30.00
S600 Men's Denim Long Sleeve Shirt- Faded Denim S-XL	36.00
LSP10 Ladies Denim Long Sleeve Shirt - Faded Blue	26.00

All above sizes : XS, S, M, L, XL include embroidered logo

XXL Size Add \$2.50 to above prices

XXXL Size add \$5.00 to above prices.

Mike and I went to the TN Winter Event this past weekend. We were asked to judge the TN District Couple of the Year Selection. Allen and Dottie Wessels of TN-Y are the new TN District Couple! It was good to see friends from TN. I highly encourage you to go to the TN Spring Fling in Chattanooga at the end of April. We will ride down after work on Thursday, April 23, and you're welcome to ride with us. District Director Gary Hamilton mentioned a boat dinner ride on Saturday night that has transportation from the area hotels provided. Sounds like a fun time!

Chapter H (Shelbyville) won the Traveling Plaque. Mike will be looking for folks to help capture it on Friday, March 6. They socialize at 6:30 and meet at 7:00 at the Shelby County UK Extension office on route 60 in Shelbyville. Ben and I will be on our way to Roanoke, VA to attend the Region N Ops meeting on Saturday so we can't help.

Mike and I teach a University Trainers Development Program on Saturday, February 28. This course will train participants to become University Trainers and teach seminars at Goldwing events. Please let us know if you'd like to participate in this course!



ON-SITE CLASSES AVAILABLE

*Thanks for stopping in!
Check Out Some Of Our Great Events*

Dogs & Discounts

Thursday Night Bike Night:

Every Thursday 5pm-6pm with FREE food and parts discounts throughout the store.

Off Road Ride / Demo Day:

We will be holding an Off Road ride at Wildcat Off Road Park the first weekend of October. Arctic Cat will be bringing out a few ATV and Side X Sides to take for a spin. We will provide a FREE lunch also, so mark your calendar this will be an event you do not want to miss!

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Up and coming events from our Ride Coordinator Roger Early

We had our first Chapter gathering on a Saturday on 1/17 and because the weather was warmer than usual we had 7 bikes leave Rooster's and take a great ride on some back roads into Lawrenceburg. We enjoyed some ice cream at the Dairy Queen and made our way home.

It was a great day but would have been even better if my bike would have started each time. I had a problem with my battery. It has happened to me a couple of times and I am not 100% sure what is going on. When it happens, I can turn the key and all the lights come on but as soon as I hit the starter button, I lose all power. When I turn the key off and back on, I have no lights and everything is dead, including the trunk release. At first we thought it might have been a problem with the charging cable I had attached to the battery but it failed once again with that cable disconnected. We checked the battery voltage with the new Multi-meter that Don had just won as a door prize and it was fine (Thanks Don!). Darrell cleaned the connectors and we hooked it up again and it started (Thanks Darrell!). I hope that the cleaning fixes the issue but it happened once in October and then did not happen again until 1/17 so I guess only time will tell.

I appreciated everyone sticking around until my bike was running again. I was frustrated that my bike was not starting and I was holding everyone up but it was nice to have friends there in case I could not get it started again. That is just one of the benefits of our group rides but one that I hope we do not have to use very often. It was still a great time to have 7 bikes out in the middle of January.

I have been working on our ride calendar for this year. Since some of our rides will be after our Saturday meetings I am trying to plan rides that might allow some of our visitors from other chapters to join us. I have a couple of rides planned to visit some covered bridges and of course we'll have some rides to restaurants. I have also added the Cruise for Kids to benefit All God's Children. The Cynthiana Rod Run is on 8/22 which is one of our third Saturday meetings so hopefully we can head up there again and enjoy the cars and bikes. I have a few more destinations to add to the calendar so if you have any suggestions, please let me know.

The list of our upcoming rides and dinners is below. Please come out and join us.

- March 7 – Ride to Our Best Restaurant in Smithfield
- March 12 – Dinner at Darlin' Jean's Apple Cobbler Café in Midway
- March 21 – Ride to the Switzer Covered Bridge in Frankfort
- April 9 – Dinner at the Cattleman's Club in Frankfort
- April 18 – Ride to the Beech Fork Covered Bridge in Washington County
- May 2 – Derby Day Ride

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

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.

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Dennis Cull February 24	Doug and Esther Coy March 16
Darrell Hampton February 24	
Roger Fischer February 26	
Martha Samples March 1	
Mitchell Young March 1	
James Elam March 7	
Denise Coy March 9	

