

GWRRA Bluegrass Wings

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge



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2013 Couple of the Year

January 2013

Wing It with Mike and Dedre

We hope that everyone has enjoyed a safe and enjoyable holiday season. We have had a few changes going on within our chapter that we need to update you on. As many of you know, Bill and Sue Mucha have stepped down as Chapter Directors. We want to thank them for all they have done for our chapter during their tenure. Bill and Sue remain good friends and will remain active within the GWRRA. Cliff has agreed to continue as our Assistant Chapter Director, Karen Early has stepped up as Treasurer, and Randy and Denise Coy will continue their role as Membership Enhancement Coordinators. Roger Early will continue as our Ride Coordinator. Russ Bell will be our Chapter Educator.

Please pardon the appearance of this first newsletter from Dedre and me. We are still working on a layout and style to move forward with in future editions. We will put forth our best effort as we proceed. We want to thank our participants for all that they do for our chapter and hope that you will continue your participation. We have already had our first Team meeting and I think you will be happy with some of the changes we are implementing for you. Roger will be setting up rides to be held at least every two weeks. I want to encourage everyone that if you want to take a ride not already listed, just give us a call or email and we will try to find others to ride with you. We are also looking for ideas on rides that you would like to go on. Please contact Roger and give him your input.

Jack and Janice Dozier have stepped up to be the new District Director with Allen and Carolyn Little becoming our new Region N Directors.



Roger has a few words!

I joined Chapter C last year because I had been riding about 18 years and most of that was solo riding. I enjoyed going out and riding, most often with no destination in mind, just enjoying the ride. I decided it was time to join the Chapter to try more group rides. I participated in as many rides as I could last year, including the Perimeter Ride on Memorial Weekend. That was by far the most group riding I had ever done and I was ready for more, after a few days of rest.

I look forward to more rides this year and we have discussed several ideas such as:

- Dinner or Ice Cream rides during the week
- Inviting other chapters to join our rides
- A few overnight rides
- State Park rides

It is difficult to find rides that meet everyone's interest so I encourage you to contact me (rearly2000@insightbb.com) and let me know what types of rides you would like to see scheduled. If you have particular destinations or roads you would like to add, please let me know. I cannot promise I will be able to use all of the ideas but since I am fairly new to Chapter C, I really would welcome your input.

Join us at CiCi's Pizza on Thursday February 7 for a FUN time. Get together at 6:00 pm.



Words of Wisdom from Mr. Bell

Group Riding

In GWRRA we are always doing things in **groups**. We meet our fellow chapter members and ride together at various times during the riding season. All chapters have this kind of camaraderie and fellowship in one form or another. Then there are our monthly "**gatherings**" where we meet, eat and have fun.



Whenever GWRRA chapters ride, they are in groups, someone is always in the Lead position. Hopefully he or she is a GWRRA-trained Road Captain. But in the least, it should be someone whom we trust, respect and have confidence in. Someone with good judgment and who is prepared to lead the group from the starting point all the way to your destination and back home. Someone who has a planned route and shares it with all who join the ride. He (or she) holds pre-ride meetings with all participants to tell us the route, advise us of any stops along the way, and discuss our speed on the road. The Lead may ask questions about who may need to stop at shorter intervals and should cover hand signals for riders that in the group that do not have CB's. The members should not have to think twice about following him (or her).

You should also have another Road Captain, trained in the GWRRA way, to bring up the rear of the group. This is the Drag bike, or Tail Gunner. These two (Lead & Drag) work together like Laurel and Hardy. The Drag seems to know what the Lead is thinking, securing the lane almost as the thought passes through the mind of our Lead. They communicate well with each other and with the rest of the **group**. They let the group know what is going on around the formation. They inform you about things, like telling you the group will be turning - in advance of the turn; when a car is attempting to pass the group on a 2-lane road; or when a car is passing on the right when on the Interstate. The Lead and Drag should always keep you aware of hazards on the road and all around the formation. They are looking out for the safety of the group.

Wait! Stop right there! You need to remember that even those who are in the middle of the formation have responsibilities. You are responsible to pass on the hand signals from the Lead, such as for single file, stagger formation, pointing out potholes, road debris (road kill, sand, gravel) and other hazards. You need to be aware of who you are riding with and your location within the group. The burden is not all on the Lead and Drag. You cannot be complacent because you are riding in the middle of the pack. You need to maintain a proper interval with the bikes around you. Hazards don't always appear in front of the Lead bike. Sometimes they come at those who are in the middle of the group. You need to be aware of your surroundings and always be prepared to react to the unexpected. Just because your Road Captain is leading, you are not excused from thinking for yourselves and **riding your own ride, even in a group**. Everyone is responsible for his or hers own safety at **all times**. **Never give that responsibility away**. It is nice to have someone willing to help look out for your safety, but ultimately, it is **your life**. Guard it wisely and stay alert!

During the winter months arrange to take the "Team Riding" / "Co-Riders" seminars; then later this year take "The Road Captains" course. **Stay Alert and Ride Safely**

"Goo"



Your Couple of the Year 2013

Greetings from your 2012 Couple of the Year!

The year is over, but we wanted to say thanks again for a great year! Mike and I had a lot of fun chasing Custard, the mascot, all over the state! We appreciate everyone from Chapter C that went with us to capture Custard, the traveling plaque, or just to get visitation points. We learned at the Ops meeting that the Couple of the Year mascot will be taking a vacation for 2013. Rick and Leah from Chapter G won Custard at the Ops meeting. He will retire with them!

During the January meeting, we were nominated to be your 2013 Couple of the Year. Thank you for the honor of serving our Chapter again!

Mike and Dedre VanHoose
Chapter C 2012-2013 Couple of the Year



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is the world's largest single-marque social organization for owners and riders of Honda Gold Wing/Valkyrie motorcycles -- and some would say, the world's largest family. Dedicated to our motto, Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge, GWRRA members enjoy the freedom of belonging to a not-for-profit, non-religious and non-political organization. Founded in 1977, GWRRA has grown to more than 72,000 U.S., Canadian and international Members in 53 foreign countries in just 35 years. Over 800 active Chapters are managed by 4,000 volunteer leaders working with members to foster safe, enjoyable riding while also working to improve the public image of motorcycling.



April 2013

25 - 27	Spring Fling Tennessee District Rally, Winging Around Choo Choo Town Camp Jordan East Ridge TN
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	<i>September 2013</i>	
26 - 28	Wings Over North Carolina <i>NC Precision Drill Team scheduled to perform</i>	Concord, NC

Kentucky District Events

Ride In	Elizabethtown, KY	May 17 & 18
The Blast	Frankfort, KY	August 8, 9, and 10th

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sandy Fawbush	01/22
Mike Fawbush	02/01
Sam Astor-Bell	02/03

