

Dedre has updates on the Couple of the Year!

What a time we have had since our last gathering. Attending chapters H, and A seeing our many friends is always an enlightening experience. We always have a good time. Chapter H had the Traveling Plaque which we won back for our chapter.

Mike traveled to Chapter A and conducted the Team Riding Seminar for their participants. They had a good turnout, although John and Beth weren't present, it was still FUN. Joann found out what it is like not to have reverse on her trike.

Roger set up a really good dinner ride to Billy's BBQ. We had a fairly good turnout for that. The food was really good, but a bit pricey.

Bill and Tom continue to recover from their recent surgeries. Cliff and Sandy are doing well and getting out as much as possible. It will be nice to see them back at our gatherings.

Here's to Chapter C for supporting us as we make our rounds. Come ride with us please and enjoy the FUN!!!

Michael & Dedre VanHoose
2013 Chapter C Couple of the Year



Congratulations to Russ (the GOO) Bell on winning 1st Place for his GL 1800 Custom Trike at the Tennessee District Spring Fling .

Way to go GOO!!!!

GOO Gives Us An Educational Perspective!

May – is *Motorcycle Awareness Month*

Motorcycle Safety and Awareness – Not as Simple as it May Seem!

There is a distinct overlapping relationship between *motorcycle safety* and *motorcycle awareness*. Although they overlap and complement each other, they have their own distinct roles to play when you look at the big picture.

Motorcycle safety refers to actions that the motorcycle rider can take. It encompasses everything from ensuring the motorcycle being ridden is in good mechanical working order, always wearing full safety gear - helmet, jacket, gloves, pants, boots, etc... The rider must ensure that they are well educated with regard to proper riding techniques and must also know how to recognize, react and avoid the hazards that they may encounter while riding.

Motorcycle awareness refers to the education of the general non-riding public. The primary goal in motorist awareness is to reduce the number of motorcycle crashes with other roadway users, and most importantly a reduction in fatalities / injuries. The motorcycle rider does not bear the full responsibility in making it a *ride safer*. Rather, motorcycle riders depend heavily on the driving public's awareness for their safety. Hopefully with increased awareness we can bridge the gap that exists between "riders" and "non-riders". Motorcyclists tend to have an increased awareness of their surroundings whether they are operating a two-wheeled or four-wheeled vehicle. Those who have not ridden a motorcycle often have difficulty spotting motorcyclists on the road. They are often uneducated about what motorcycles are capable of during normal operation and that they have no role in motorcycle safety is more often than not the greatest threat to motorcyclists on the streets and highways.

Motorcycle safety is addressed by laws and standards established by government and non-government entities. The goal of *motorcycle awareness* is to build a rapport with the driving public; educating them that motorcyclists are real people and to encourage all drivers "*to share the road*". It's the responsibility of all GWRRA members to raise awareness of motorcycle safety and to promote a safer environment for all motorcycle riders.

For several years now the Kentucky State Police have been holding an awareness event at KSP Headquarters in Frankfort. This is a good time for us Gold Wing riders to show up and help the KSP promote Motorcycle Awareness through this media event. All the locale TV stations will be there doing features for their evening news. This is a win - win for everybody, Kentucky State Police, TV has a unique news feature and especially us in GWRRA supporting an awareness event. Mark your calendars now for Friday July 26 at KSP HQ in Frankfort. I will meet you there at about 10:30 AM.

Russ Bell aka "Goo"



Roger has more rides scheduled; take a look!!

We continue to have a great time on the rides and socializing at each stop. We enjoyed some relaxing curvy roads on the Lincoln Homestead ride. We also had a great time riding around the horse farms on Derby Day and then we relaxed at Keeneland and watched a few races. We even had a couple join us from Shelbyville for the Derby Day ride.

The list of upcoming rides is below. I hope you can join us for many of the rides.

June 8 – Bourbon City BBQ Festival - Bardstown, Kentucky

June 22 – Opal’s Restaurant - McKee, Kentucky

July 13 – Marengo Caves - Marengo, Indiana

July 27 – Jane’s Saddlebag – Union, Kentucky

We continue to enjoy the food and fun at the dinners. Please come out and join in the fun. I have added a couple of new destinations so we can meet, ride to the restaurant and enjoy a ride home. Here are the upcoming dinners:

June 3 – Shamrock’s Bar and Grill on Hartland Parkway (eat at 6:00)

June 17 - Wallace Station on Old Frankfort Pike (Eat at 6:00)

July 1 – Ride to Gibby’s Deli in Frankfort (Meet at Thornton’s on Versailles Road at 6:00)

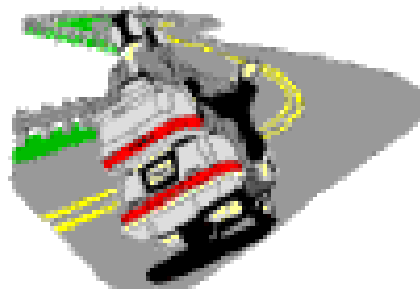
July 16 – Ride to Madison Garden in Richmond (Meet at Kroger’s in Brannon Crossing at 6:00)

July 30 – Ride to Hall’s on the River (Meet at Kroger’s in Brannon Crossing at 6:00)

For more information about the rides and future dates please see our events calendar at <http://www.gwrrakyc.org/events.php>. 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/>

I hope to see you at the rides and the dinner gatherings. I’ll send more details and reminders as the dates get closer. Please mark the dates on your calendar so hopefully you can join in the fun.



Membership Enhancement News from Randy!

My son who is now 33 years old, played baseball from childhood until his sophomore year in college. Most of that time, he pitched or played third base. It was fun to watch him develop as a player and as a man.

I remember having a conversation with him one day about why the catcher has a mitt on only one hand. Why does a catcher wear a mitt on only one hand? It leaves the other hand free to throw something back.

I think life is like that. We ought to consider throwing something back into the game.

For me, the best thing about chapter life in GWRRA is people. I have been the recipient of many gifts from a lot of different people that I've met in GWRRA. I've been given the gift of laughter. I've heard your humorous stories and laughed with you. I've been given the gift of knowledge. I know more about the sport of motorcycling since knowing you. I believe that I'm a better rider because you have given of yourself. You've taken me to places that I might not have ever been if I hadn't gone with you. I'd have missed a lot and it would have been my loss.

I think it's time for me to throw something back in light of your generosity. I think it was Gandhi who said, "Be the change you want to see in the world." I really do want Chapter C to be a stronger chapter and I believe that it can be if I put more of myself into it.

I hope to see you soon on a ride and at the chapter meeting. Let's laugh a little and learn a lot from each other. Let's be the change that we want to see.

Birthdays: 05/01 Tim Hamby
05/20 Sue Mucha
06/01 Dedre VanHoose
06/03 Lin Hamby
06/06 Rita King
06/19 James Pierce
06/29 Steve Stamper
06/06 Joyce Carneal

Anniversaries: 05/27 Ryan and Rita King
05/27 Bill and Sue Mucha
05/19 Mike and Sandy Fawbush

Sorry for missing the May birthdays and anniversaries. Hope they were happy days!!



THE 2013 CONVENTION SCHEDULE



"Spring Fling"

Tennessee District Convention
Camp Jordan Arena, East Ridge, Tennessee
25 - 27 April, 2013



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13 - 15 June 2013



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3 - 6 July 2013



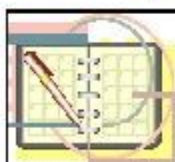
THE BLAST

THE KENTUCKY DISTRICT PRESENTS
8 - 10 August, 2013
Frankfort Convention Center
Frankfort, Kentucky



The North Carolina District Presents WINGS OVER NORTH CAROLINA

26 - 28 September, 2013
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