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## Wing It With Mike and Dedre

Well, to coin an old adage, "be careful what you ask for" has really come through for Chapter C. We needed officers, we got them; we wanted ideas, and boy did we get them. Folks, you won't believe all the FUN you are in store for next year. Just a glimpse of what is coming up, here we go:

January 31 — OCP Class. February 28 — UTDP Class. March 28 — Chapter C FUN Day Roger is ready for ride ideas, we have the Historical Ride Part 2 in May, monthly FUN and adventure as we grow within the chapter, eat a lot of ice cream and travel across the back roads of Kentucky. We will have overnight rides, destination rides, ice cream rides, and just plain old get out and ride days coming in 2015. The excitement is building and boy, I can't wait!

November will be the first month in a long time that we actually have a full Chapter team. Dedre and I can't begin to tell you how grateful we are for the people in Chapter C. We have changed the information to your left to reflect your officers and provide a much easier way to contact the officer you wish to talk with.

So to wind up this article, please don't forget we have a Christmas Party on December 20th at Sonny's BBQ in Nicholasville. We will meet there at 6:00 pm, eat a lot of food and then play "Sneaky Santa". More good times for all. Thank you Chapter C for a wonderful 2014, all the great times and the many memories you have afforded us this year. Dedre and I are very proud to be a part of your chapter.



# Don Renfro– Assistant Chapter Director



Dear Chapter C,

Here I sit in front of the old typewriter. This is the beginning of the big holiday season. Donna and I went to a wonderful Guy Penrod concert last night and one of his songs was a beautiful Christmas song. It got us in the holiday mood. Donna and I want to be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas! We are looking forward to our 1st Chapter C Christmas party with you on December 13th. We are going to have a have FUN night! Please plan to attend.

While thinking about what to write this month; My wonderful Aunt Virginia gave me a little pillow. It had written on it... You never see a MOTORCYCLE parked outside of a psychiatrist's office. Now that got me thinking, why do we ride motorcycles? There's something about motorcycles that brings out the immediacy of experience, the speed, the hair's breath away from danger, the intoxicating hobby, and sport that is practiced the world over. Some would say that Peter Fonda's iconic movie Easy Rider got the juices flowing for the need to ride a motorcycle in the United States. I have to admit, I never saw the movie, so where does the drive to ride come from?

I think for myself and many of you do too, it comes from that first taste of travel independence, our mastery of vehicles on two or three wheels. We have the love of controlling that much power and danger with a twist of a throttle.. It is the part of riding, that we enjoy the camaraderie and enjoying the bond of motorcycling with others.

We enjoy the road, our partner on the back seat, the smells of the environment, the openness, the excitement of the next curve, everything flowing together, it becomes therapeutic. It makes everything at that moment right with the world.

So, now I know where my couch is at and it is not at a psychiatrist's office, but the big couch on my trike. What does make me wonder; why isn't there a motorcycle parked in the space that reads; Reserved for the Doctor...

Happy Holidays!

Don and Donna





# Riders Education



The other day our daughter sent us a picture of our grandsons going to a department store looking at toys. Since our daughter, son-in-law and myself are paramedics what toys do you think they gravitated too? Now, what you don't know is that these two boys love planes and trains. With that in mind, they were found cuddling the helicopters and ambulances. I was not the least bit surprised given the life they have grown up with and the people they are acquainted with. So what is my point with all this you may ask.

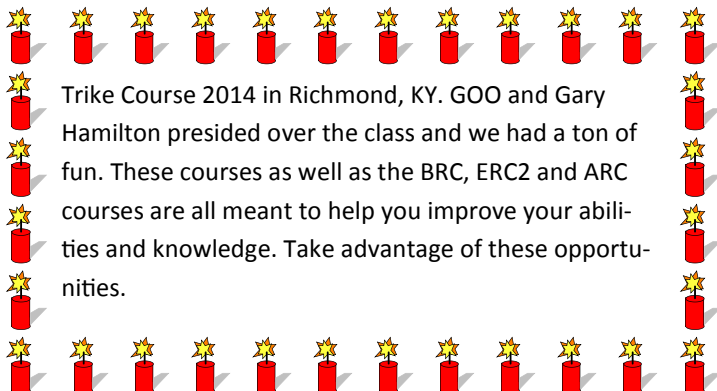
At the ages of 5 and 3, they have learned the importance of safety. Now, little boys don't always now what is safe and what is not, but when it comes to their understanding of what stands for safety—THEY KNOW. They have been taught to recognize people and uniforms that are safe for them. They know the importance of listening to their parents, and of paying extra attention when they are told something isn't safe.

So let's apply this to our lives today. When we get ready to ride, we do a head to toe check of our bikes, our safety gear, and ourselves before we ride. Knowing this is done, we prepare to start up our majestic stallions for a day or more of enjoyment. Now, phase two of our safety checks kick into gear. Have you ever just listened to your motor running, to the smoothness of your ride, to how quiet the mechanisms are as we travel? Your ears and mind become adjusted to the normal sounds and changes when you shift gears or brake. Now when any abnormal sounds come along, you notice them. Just the feel, or the handling, or the overall sense you develop about your motorcycle tell you a story. Are you listening to the story?

We all know what it feels like to break down along the roadways, and we know how important it is to keep the thousands of parts moving exactly the way they are supposed to. It is not just a matter of changing your oil and keeping up on routine maintenance that are important. Training yourself to be alert to the changes that occur when you ride, and really listening to what your motorcycle is telling you while riding. With our stereos and CB's, Bluetooth and other instruments, hearing can sometimes be difficult. Develop a good sense of your machine, always perform your TCLOCS, and learn to ride as safe as you can. There are multiple opportunities for you to improve your knowledge and skills, and Dedre and I are committed to helping you get this information.

Ride safe, ride aware and enjoy the holiday season. Till we meet again— Friends for FUN, Safety and Knowledge!

Michael VanHoose, covering for a sick Alan Ernest— Chapter Educator



Trike Course 2014 in Richmond, KY. GOO and Gary Hamilton presided over the class and we had a ton of fun. These courses as well as the BRC, ERC2 and ARC courses are all meant to help you improve your abilities and knowledge. Take advantage of these opportunities.





Upcoming Events: Our regular November gathering will be on Tuesday, November 25—eat at 6:00 and meet at 7:00. We will be taking nominations for our 2015 Couple of the Year and getting a nose count for our Christmas party. If you cannot be at the gathering, please email dedrej2@aol.com to nominate a couple and RSVP for the party.

Our Christmas party will be held at Sonny's BBQ in Nicholasville, KY on Saturday, December 20 at 6:00pm. We will have a buffet of 3 meats, 3 sides, cornbread and drinks. Please bring a dessert to share if you'd like and a \$15-\$20 gift for Sneaky Santa. Women bring women gifts and men bring men gifts. The Christmas party takes the place of our regular monthly gathering.

Thanks to Roger & Karen Early for going to Elizabethtown Chapter S to capture the plaque. We didn't bring it home this time, so will have to ride to Louisville Chapter A on Saturday, January 10 to try again! Mark your calendars!

The KY District Operations meeting is also on January 10 at 10am in Frankfort. All chapter officers are requested to attend (including our new Couple of the Year) but anyone is welcome.



Jane's Saddleback ride



Post Blast dinner at Miguel's

Birthdays:

Pat Guinn	12\11
Roy Taulbee	12\13
Sue Mucha	12\23
Jim Gilchrist	12\27
Ben Smith	12\29

Anniversaries:

Jim Gilchrist	12\02
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Trip to E-town for the Cars of Yesteryear Museum

Mike, Dedre, Randy at the All God's Children Ride





# Membership Enhancement



## Darrell and Alice Hampton– Chapter C Membership Enhancement

Thank goodness this is my last week of 12 hour work days for a while and I will be get back to the meetings and events.

Little history on the Hamptons:

We met back in 1977; fell in love at first sight (that is what she tells me anyway) dated for a while, became engaged and married in April of 1980. I had motorcycles back then and we both enjoyed riding. Then in December of 1981 we had our first child (Melanie Marie) and all of a sudden our interest changed and we sold our motorcycle. We had our second child (Aimee Lynn) in March of 1984 and got really busy with raising our kids with boating and camping. We lived in Michigan most of our married life and moved to California when our youngest daughter finished college. Six years later the plant I worked at closed the doors and I had an opportunity to transfer to the Toyota Kentucky plant and jumped on it. That is when we decided it was time to start riding motorcycles again and bought our first Goldwing (1983 GL1100) off of ebay. We attended a event at Honda of Richmond and I think it was Goo that handed me a GWRRA brochure we joined the next summer. We sold the 83 and purchased our current 94 GL1500 also from ebay and have been riding and smiling every since. We are so happy we joined GWRRA and really appreciate all the new friends we have and just love riding with all of you. Thanks for encouraging us to get more involved because it is a great group and we want to help it grow.

Sincerely Submitted,

Darrell & Alice Hampton

Darrell and Alice as you know kindly stepped us to the plate as our new MEC for the chapter. We appreciate all that this couple as brought to the chapter and all that they offer in the coming days and years. Please welcome them as they transition into their new roles.

On a similar note, please take the time to thank Randy and Denise Coy for all they have done for the chapter and their time spent being your MEC team. Dedre and I appreciate each of these folks for their invaluable time and energy spent participating in the chapter.

## **KY-C MONTHLY GATHERING INFO**

**Starting January 17th, 2015 !!!!**

**The Bluegrass Wings gather the 3rd Saturday of every month at Roosters Restaurant at 124 Marketplace Drive, Lexington, KY. We eat at 11:00 and meet at 12:00. Let's get together and have some FUN!!**



## Roger has a ride set up!

Web page [www.kybluegrasswings.org](http://www.kybluegrasswings.org)

As I write this article we only have one more ride on the schedule for this year, the ride to the Whistle Stop Restaurant in Glendale. That's just the end of the scheduled rides. I am hoping we can still get together if the weather is nice and get out and ride. I'll try to monitor the weather and send out a note for a ride if it looks nice.

I have enjoyed the year and had a great time on all of the rides and dinner gatherings that I could attend. I'll be starting to work on next year's schedule soon so if you have some ideas for rides, please send them to me.

I have added some pictures from some of our rides this year. If you want to see more of the photos from our past events, check out the following page: <http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/photos/>



Boy, what a year of riding we have put in. Starting with the Polar Bear Ride from The Kickstand, going to Ruth Candies, to the All GOD's Children Ride, to the Historical Ride, to all the good times we have enjoyed this year. Roger has done a really good job getting pictures for us and providing us memories for years to come. He has included several of them in his article for you to see. Thanks Roger!!





**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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## 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 3rd Saturday of the month at Shoney's just off I-65 and Fern Valley Road in Louisville. They eat at 5:30 and meet at 6:30.



**Chapter C** Meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Roosters. This is at the intersection of Nicholasville Road and Man O War in front of Walmart. Eat @ 11:00 PM and meet @ 12:00. Reminder that this new gathering time starts January 17th, 2015.



**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 1st Tuesday of the month at Frischs in London off Highway 192. Eat at 6, meet at 7.



**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 at sometime.**