



Bluegrass Wings Team

Chapter Directors

Michael & Dedre VanHoose

859-753-5818
853-229-5859
m.vanhoose@aol.com
dedrej2@aol.com

Rider Educator

Russ Bell
859-314-2380

Treasurer

Karen Early
kleih35@gmail.com
859-351-7149

Membership Enhancement

Randy & Denise Coy
859-753-7330
randy.coy@kyumh.org

Couple of the Year

Mike and Dedre VanHoose

Web-Master

Roger Early
rearly2000@gmail.com
859-608-1323

Newsletter Editor

Michael & Dedre VanHoose

Bikes and Patriot Guard escort from Tom Wise's funeral. It was an impressive sight. Cliff led with Toms trike.



October 2013

Wing It With Mike and Dedre

Folks, all we have to say is, you have missed a great time over the last month. We have had a couple of great rides, ate some really good food, and socialized with a lot of wonderful GWRRA friends.

As November began, we visited with Chapter S at their monthly gathering and had a roomful of people. Thanks to everyone that went with us for that visit. Thanks to all attending, we also won the Traveling Plaque. Way to go Chapter C!!

Roger had rides to Our Best, roads around the Bluegrass, and dinner rides to Cracker Barrel. WOW!

We gained a new couple in GWRRA and to our chapter. Please welcome Darrell and Alice Hampton to Chapter C. They have made dinner rides and ridden in the cold to E-town. I think they will fit in just fine! Ask Darrel how he stayed warm coming back from Chapter S. Tee Hee! Sorry Randy.

News within our family has been good and bad. Tom Wise passed and he will be sorely missed. Great news is that Brenda is hanging out with us and intends to continue participation in the chapter. We couldn't be happier. Cliff Planck is feeling better and Sandy is recovering from additional surgery and doing well. We look forward to their return to the chapter.

Please have a safe and wonderful holiday season. See ya soon!!



RIDER EDUCATION



15 Tips For Riding In Traffic

Part III (11-15)

Let us continue with some smart strategies for dealing with traffic-choked streets:

Left-turn dangers

When approaching an oncoming vehicle that's stopped and about to make a left hand turn- **"Be Ready"**. Don't rely on the vehicle driver to see you. Watch the vehicle wheels and drivers hand on the steering wheel. If you see movement – **STOP** or take evasive maneuvers

Study the surface

Be on the lookout for spilled fuel, antifreeze or oil; it'll usually show up as a shiny area on the pavement. Also be on the look for road debris; gravel, sand, leaves and grass clippings. Be especially careful of the black sealant used to fill cracks in the road surface.

Ride in open zones

Riding along with the flow can make you invisible to other drivers in heavy traffic. Use your bike's maneuverability and power to ride in open zones. In any grouping of vehicles there will be gaps, find these and ride in them.

More than one way out

Learn to exploit the strengths of a motorcycle when things get ugly. We are narrow (except for trikes), maneuverable, and powerful. Always have an escape route; it's better to fall over in somebodies front yard, than T-boning a Suburban that turned left in front of you

Running interference

The last one is easy; let larger vehicles run interference for you when you are negotiating intersections. If some body blows a traffic light, better they hit the vehicle next to you. Be patient as the light turns green at an intersection. Use the vehicles around you as a cover.

Ride Safely
Russ "Goo" Bell
Chapter Ky-C Educator



CHAPTER C CHRISTMAS PARTY

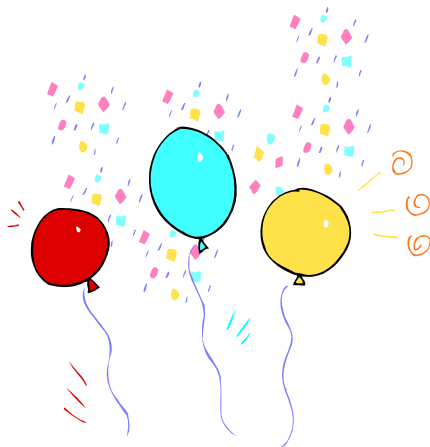
PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE HAVING OUR CHAPTER C CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BUTT RUB BBQ ON SOUTHLAND DRIVE. WE WILL MEET UP AT 6:30 PM IN THE BACK DINING AREA AND CELEBRATE ANOTHER YEAR OF FRIENDSHIP AND FUN. WE WILL PLAY DIRTY SANTA AGAIN SO GET READY FOR SOME FUN COMPETITION. WE ASK THAT YOU KEEP PRESENTS TO ABOUT \$10.00. SEE YOU THERE!!

THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER GATHERING FOR CHAPTER C.

Birthdays

Fred Haight 12-02

Ben Smith 12-29



KY-C MONTHLY GATHERING INFO

Don't forget New 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!!



Ride Events

Web page www.kybluegrasswings.org

As the riding season comes to a close, I want to thank everyone who was able to join us on the various rides and dinners this year. I also appreciate all of the suggestions I received for the rides and restaurants. Please keep the suggestions coming.

I try to ride all year, as long as the weather is decent and the roads aren't covered with salt, ice or snow. If we get some decent weekends, I will try to get some notes out and see if we can do some rides this winter.

If we have a warm day and you feel like riding, just drop us or Roger a line and lets get together. Saturday or Sunday doesn't matter, lets ride.



Cracker Barrel November 2013!

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

I continue to be frustrated about news coverage these days because now you have to filter the information that we get depending on the news source. Some have a very conservative slant and others offer a viewpoint that comes from the polar opposite direction. It's increasingly difficult to tell where the truth is. (Relax this is not a political discussion.)

It is clear that whatever your news source is, there is a great deal of troubling information about world in general; leadership in Washington, poor economy, the list goes on and on. (Bear with me, I'm about to make a point.)

With all that we have that we can legitimately complain about, there is still much to be thankful for. There are places in the world where pointing out the brokenness of the government might have you landing in jail or worse. In comparison to the rest of the global economy, as an American, you and I are in the top 5% of the world's net worth. We take for granted the freedoms and access that are ours to enjoy every day.

It's caused me to think for a moment about the list of things that I'm thankful for just within the GWRRA organization and family.

Friends – just last evening some great people from Chapter C gathered at a local restaurant and enjoyed good food and lots of laughter. (I heard someone recently say that laughter is a way of exercising your internal organs. That's the kind of exercise that I enjoy!)

Personal Growth – I think I'm a better leader within my own agency because of what I've learned through GWRRA. I'm certain that I am a more practiced and aware rider of my Goldwing.

Roads travelled – Denise and I have often remarked how different a road and the accompanying scenery, even though we travelled it many times in a car, can simply be transformed when you're on a motorcycle. The sky itself is your canopy. Marvelous!

Team – GWRRA reminds us that we are like grapes. We show up in bunches! Well almost. Actually, the team focus is evident throughout the association and I truly believe that we are indeed better/more together than we are individually. We have lots of individual potential, but we have unlimited team potential.

I could go on, but I'd be preaching to the choir! As we enter the holiday of Thanksgiving, give some time to think about how rich we really are and give thanks.

Randy and Denise

News from your Couple of the Year

Greetings from your Couple of the Year!

Be sure to come to the November meeting to participate in the nomination of our Chapter Couple of the Year for 2014! Have you been thinking about the couple that you would like to nominate? It has been an honor (and a lot of fun!) to be your Couple for the last two years.

Thanks to Roy Taulbee, Darryl Hampton, Randy and Denise Coy, and Ben Smith for joining us at the last Chapter S meeting. We were the only chapter eligible for the plaque, so we brought it home with us! It will be at the November meeting, so we might have visitors as well. Mike and I went to the last Chapter A meeting, so they know we have it also.

For those that cannot make it to our November meeting, have a great Thanksgiving! I hope to see you all at our Christmas party on December 7! There will be good food and good friends!

Mike and Dedre VanHoose



Remember to start planning now for next year's Kentucky Blast, Wing Ding and the Summer event at Nashville. We will be traveling to the other districts to represent our chapter and Kentucky, along with going to other regions to get to know them better. We hope to have as many of you go with us as we travel next year. I personally am so anxious to get back on a bike I can't stand it!! See ya'll soon!!

