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Wing It With Mike and Dedre

We don't know about you folks, but we are tired. Dedre and I have attended the North Carolina and Virginia District rallies since the last gathering. We competed in the region couple of the year selection, which we did not win. But that is alright because we have had the BEST TIME representing Kentucky this past year. Not to mention the recognition our chapter got because of that program. It has been a really FUN time for us.

It will honestly be nice to settle back in to a slower pace and staying home for awhile. We have been discussing the need for our chapter to have people step up into officer positions for the past several months. Dedre and I are very proud to announce that we now have a full roster of team members for Chapter C. We will formally announce and recognize these folks during our gathering, so please come out and welcome them into their new roles. Dedre and I believe the future of our chapter is going to be bigger and better than ever now because of these folks participation.

We have a lot of news to share with the chapter Tuesday and hope the majority of you will come out to get this information first hand. It is exciting news. Dedre, myself, and the majority of our new officers just completed a retreat to plan our course of direction for the next year. Again, please come out and get the scoop first hand. What a FUN time we are going to have!



Dedre and I happily present to you:

Don Renfro– Assistant Chapter Director



Dear Chapter C,

Well, here I sit at the old typewriter as your new Assistant Chapter Director (I never dreamed I would be in this position). I was flattered and honored that Mike and Dedre would ask me to be their assistant. I look forward to working with the team that they have put together for this coming year. I see lots of FUN, RIDES, and awesome CHAPTER GATHERINGS in our future.

As with any introduction, I should tell you a little about myself (I'll try and keep it under 1000 words). I moved to Frankfort last fall after living in Orlando since 1982 (I know...I've heard it..."Is he crazy!"). I was born in Frankfort and was taken out of Kentucky screaming and yelling at six months old (or maybe I just needed a diaper change) and taken to Indiana, where my Dad got a job with RCA after returning from the Korean War. Yes, I'll say it --- I am a "Fighting Hoosier". I had my first motorcycle when I was 13 years old, a beautiful red 1963 Allstate 125 right out of the Sears and Roebuck catalog. What a machine! Ran that into the ground and then bought a 1965 Yamaha 80 (killer bike). At 17 years old, I needed a chick magnet, so I bought a Suzuki 150. O'boy the babes were all over me...NOT! Enough of the motorcycle stories.

I'm retired law enforcement. I was a covert operative for 15 years. I've been shot at 5 different times and stabbed twice...that was all done by my supervisors! I shaved my beard and cut my long hair and turned into an airline pilot. I officially retire at the end of this year.

I joined GWRRA in June of 2011 right after I purchased my trike. I was looking to find someone to ride with and to have fun with an organization. I was down in Florida where there was something going on every week at a different chapter. Down there, the chapters have their own mini-rallies. Some are just amazing and you can't wait to go back the next year. That might be something we could start here at "C"? I became FL1-H2's Educator and held that position for several months until I decided to part ways with the sunshine state.

My lovely and charming co-rider Donna Fint and I really enjoyed our first visit with Chapter C and knew this was the place for us. Mike and Dedre do an excellent job of running our chapter: Isn't it great how involved they are! We've enjoyed the amazing rides Roger has put together, the eateries, the roads, visiting other chapters and rallies. We have made so many new friends here and all over Kentucky, that is what GWRRA is all about, right?

I'll say adios for now, Donna and I will see you at the next Gathering or on the next ride.

Stay mellow and ride safe,
Don Renfro
Assistant Chapter Director





Riders Education



Dedre and I are very happy to announce that Alan Ernest has agreed to step up and become our newest team member of Chapter C. Alan and Shea are from Paris, Kentucky. Alan has a 2008 Honda GL 1800 CSC Trike. Don't ask him about his left wheel cover; it gets him all riled up!

Alan is still working with Rick Cridlin (District Educator) to finalize his paperwork, and we are confident that everything will get worked out by next month.

Please welcome Alan and Shea with a big Chapter C smile and hug!

Now for a few words for what I hope to be the last time for a while that I have to do this.

We have always preached safety during our rides. Do your TCLOCS, check tire pressures, lights, all that good stuff before you start out on each and every ride. Very soon (biting my lip), it will be time to winterize our wonderful riding machines and stow them away for a warmer day. This will be a good time to replace brakes, fluids, oil, lines and all those moving parts that you trust will get you where ever you want to go. Some will change oil before storage, others after waking the beast up from a cold winters nap. Whatever you work out, do it safely and take your time. You don't want to drill any holes in your finger, right guys! (Ask Mike what this last sentence means! :-0)

Till next month, ride safe and ride aware!

We did an officers retreat this past weekend in Tennessee. Saturday we took a ride on the Tail of the Dragon. We could not have asked for a better day to ride!

Shea found out she doesn't like the curves and Karen was inventing new ways to get on and off their bike. It was an entertaining weekend to say the least!



I'll have to agree with Mike—I'm ready to be home for awhile! We've had a busy month since our last gathering with 2 state conventions, a vacation, a Chapter C picnic and a Chapter C leadership retreat. Ten Chapter C members were at the NC convention. Great weather, great rides and great food! What a difference 3 wheels make on the Tail of the Dragon. I had to ask if we were on the Dragon!

Mike and I were proud to represent Kentucky as the KY District Couple at the VA convention. All five states of the region had a couple and the competition was stiff. Nanette and Glenn from VA are the new Region N Couple of the Year and they will represent us well!

Seventeen Chapter C members were at the picnic. We have some AWESOME cooks in Chapter C! Great food, corn hole and socializin' made for a fun afternoon. The weather turned out better than the weatherman predicted too.

Be sure to come to the November gathering as we will be taking nominations for the Chapter C Couple of the Year for 2015. The gathering will be the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, so if you know you can't make it, please talk to me at the October gathering.

I'm still working on ideas for the Chapter C Christmas party. We do want to continue the tradition of the "Sneaky Santa". Men bring a gift suitable for a man and women bring a gift suitable for a woman. The gift should have a maximum value of \$20. We're looking at the date of Saturday, December 13. We will send an email when I get the details worked out.

Kentucky is looking at starting a new chapter in Bowling Green, KY. They had their second "interest" gathering this past weekend. They will have a third, and then should get off the ground. We'll let you know when their third gathering is scheduled. Perhaps some of you would like to join us in Bowling Green to show our support.

The KY District Team has a meeting on November 8. We will be discussing the good and not-so-good of the past Blast

Birthdays:

Norvel Glascock	11\26
Anna Adkins	11\12
Bruce Bigelow	11\26
Rex Guinn	11\13
Bill Harrison	11\30

Anniversaries:

Roy Campbell	11\28
Roger Fisher	11\11
Jere Sellers	11\09



We still haven't figured out how she did it, but Karen was sitting on her right leg. I have the picture to prove it. Alan was lifting her off by the helmet, while Roger did all he could just to keep the bike upright. (Just kidding about the helmet of course)



Membership Enhancement



As we eluded to earlier, Dedre and I participated in the Region Couple of the Year Selection Process at Rally in the Valley in Roanoke, Virginia this month. I am happy to say that we have had a great time visiting and participating in a multitude of events over the past year. We were not selected as the region couple, but we can tell you that it was our honor to represent Kentucky and our Chapter everywhere we went. Thank you to all our chapter and district folks for your support and thoughts during our tenure as the Kentucky District Couple of the Year. We know you will continue that same support for the new District Couple of the Year, BJ and Carolyn Stapleton from Chapter T in Paintsville. Dedre and I will be available for them anytime they need assistance or mentoring. Again, thank you one and all!

Thank you Chapter C and Kentucky District!

A Few Words From Randy and Denise

I think most of you know that my “paying gig” is that I’m the President/CEO of the Methodist Home of Kentucky. It’s a 140 year old agency that has taken in children that didn’t have a safe or stable home situation. It’s been located in Versailles since 1931.

A couple of years ago, our board decided to relocate the facility to Jessamine County. We’ve purchased property there and we hope to build a new state of art facility in the next few years. We are currently trying to raise 7 million dollars for this work. We currently have 2 million of this goal secure.

Denise and I love everything about chapter life in GWRRR. Our original goals were to become better, safer riders and to find some other people with which to share our love of riding. We have found both in Kentucky Chapter C. That being said, we will be stepping down as Chapter MEPC at the end of the month. Darrell and Alice Hampton will be taking our place. As you already know, they are delightful and lovely people who will do an outstanding job in this role of the chapter.

Denise and I will continue to enjoy chapter life as jam. (Just a member) We will support the chapter in as many ways as our schedule will allow. I will be giving a significant amount of time to trying to raise money for this capital campaign.

We love you all and we’ll see you at the gathering place.

KY-C MONTHLY GATHERING INFO

Don’t forget our 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!!

Roger has a ride set up!



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It's been a tough month for my participation in our Chapter events.

We had 3 rides and a dinner on the schedule for the last month and I was not able to participate in any of them. I have been on a few solo rides to Louisville to visit our new Grandson but those rides were mostly on I-64. I am hoping that my luck will change as we approach the end of our scheduled rides. We only have 2 more rides and a dinner outing on our schedule. It has been a fun year and I look forward to these last few events.

Even though we do not have more rides on the schedule, I will try to send out invitations for rides, depending on the weather. I haven't scheduled any other rides mainly due to the upcoming holidays and the possibility of colder weather. If we get some decent weather, keep an eye on your email and hopefully we can get together for more rides.

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

November 1 – Ride to Our Best Restaurant in Smithfield

November 4 – Dinner at Bellacino's in Brannon Crossing Shopping Center

November 15 – Ride to the Whistle Stop Restaurant in Glendale

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://](http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/events/)

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.

If you want to see some of the photos from our past events, check out the following page: <http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/photos/>

Alice Hampton Bustin' A Move at the North Carolina Rally - Cherokee Style.

"The Buffalo Dance"

(She's actually looking at the Indian's butt in front of her.)



GREAT JOB ROGER AND THANKS FOR COORDINATING ALL THESE RIDES FOR THE CHAPTER. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CATCH UP WITH ROGER AND THANK HIM FOR ALL THE WORK HE HAS PUT INTO ORGANIZING THESE RIDES AND EVENTS. AND WHILE YOU'RE DOING THAT, HE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT POSSIBLE DESTINATIONS AND PLACES TO EAT. DROP HIM A LINE!



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 4th Tuesday of the month at Roosters. This is at the intersection of Nicholasville Road and Man O War in front of Walmart. 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 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.