

GoldWing Road Riders Association

Friends For Fun Safety and Knowledge

BLUEGRASS WINGS CHAPTER-C

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A Few words from Bill & Sue

As you know another month has gone by and I thank the people who are chasing the Plaque, Mike, Dedre VanHoose, Randy and Denise Coy to mention a few. They are working hard to keep the chapter on track. Thank you to Mike and Dedre VanHoose for trying to rope in the elusive horse named Custard, the COY mascot.

I have something serious to say to all the chapter members. As most of you know GWRRA sends out a area report letting the officers know who and how many are in a chapter. We have on record over 100 members in the chapter.. Reality is only 15 to 20 show up at the gatherings, 2 to 5 bikes attend rides. Where are the rest of you?

I applauded the people who attended the rides and gatherings I am also proud to be known as a friend to them.

What I would like to know is what happened to the ones who are missing where are you? Why are you missing out on the FUN! What can we do to make it better. This is your chapter, without you it will get smaller or close altogether. It is up to you.

I would like everyone who receives this news letter to please reply in kind and let us know how you are doing? What you are doing? And will you come and visit with us at the gathering place on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Hope to hear from you or see you soon.

Bill & Sue Mucha CD

Volunteer Positions open apply within.

We have a few openings on the team if you would like to help out please contact me and find out what they are and what is need to fill them. Don't be shy just ask.

Bill Mucha CD



RIDER EDUCATION



Scanning Strategy

No matter what riding-training course you attend (GWRRA / MSF) the technique of scanning for hazards will be discussed. Many times, we hear accident accounts of *“I never saw it coming”*. *“The vehicle-road dirt-pedestrian-animal came out of no where”* or *“traffic ahead of me was suddenly stopped”*. The process of scanning involves interrogating your riding environment for hazards, processing and reacting to the information your eyes have seen.

Let’s talk about eye movement and Scanning strategies. Avoiding staring at any single point (target fixation) is critical, but just moving your eyes around doesn’t help if you don’t have a plan/strategy. A safe rider/driver must always be alert to the various road and environmental conditions while operating any motor vehicle. This requires you to evaluate your driving environment by constantly scanning the road. To scan effectively, you need to check as much of the road as possible by looking ahead at least 12-15 seconds, not just in front of you. In the city, this means looking at least one to two blocks (about a quarter mile) ahead; when driving on the highway, you should be checking at least one-third to half a mile in front of you. You should also scan left to right and check your mirrors to see behind your bike or trike. Keep your eyes moving so you can see a dangerous situation and identify it before it has a chance to affect you? Is it a deer about to cross the road in front of you? Is it a large branch breaking off a nearby tree and falling onto the roadway? Is it someone entering a parked vehicle ahead on your side of the road? If you know what the hazard is, you can respond to it appropriately.

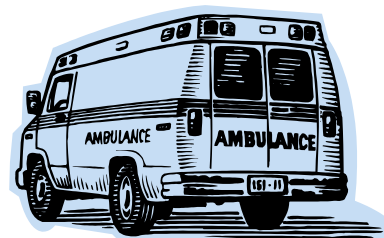
When safe riders identify a potential threat, they Anticipate possible outcomes that affect their safety. You should always anticipate the worst. If that sounds cynical, it’s because your safety is at stake. For example, if it is a deer crossing the road, it may either linger on the pavement or be followed by other deer and block your path. If it is a falling tree branch, you may have to move to another lane, pull over to the shoulder, or stop altogether. If it is a person entering a parked vehicle ahead, the driver may pull in front of you without looking and force you to slow down or even stop. You must always play “The What If” scenario.

If you can identify the hazard and anticipate the worst possible outcome, you can plan to Act before it has a chance to affect you. But if you have to constantly react to unexpected traffic hazards, you may not be checking far enough ahead to identify critical objects. You do not want to be taken by surprise. You should identify the following as critical objects: any persons, vehicles or animals that can move into your path or cause you to change your speed or lane position. Plan ahead and act on it.

Rapid eye movement and scanning techniques requires practice and constant refinement. Keep your eyes moving, scanning and be ready for anything that could happen. If something that you didn’t see/expect startles you, it is a reminder that your scanning techniques need some fine tuning and more practice. Remember S - A - A Scan -Anticipate - Act

Ride Safely

“Goo”



This is just a reminder for me to announce at the meeting Tuesday night that we have a opportunity to meet and ride with a group of Wingers from North Carolina on Oct 5th they are coming to Lexington for a horse farm tour and would like for our chapter to join them for the day and then have Supper with them at a place of our choice that has good food and a place large enough for the group.

This is what they have already planed.

- 1 lunch at Wallace Station in Versailles at 11:30
- 2 Three Chimneys Horse farm tour 10.00 cash charge each
- 3 River Boat ride on Ky River in Harrodsburg, Ky 10.00 Cash each
- 4 Then they would like for us to pick a place to eat Supper at a nice place

They are staying in London Ky for the night then head back home from there Sunday morning

If someone would like to get with them and lead them around some of our beautiful country they would love that

I was thinking we might get reservations at Shaker Town for Supper it would be on the way back from the boat ride

Contact

David Smith at 828-273-5398 for more info on what he has planned for his group he is the ACD Chapter I and is there ride coordinator

Birthdays

Alice Sellers September 1st

Roy Campbell Jr. September 20th

Rick Wise September 14th

Ray Stapp September 29th

Sandy Planck October 1st

Helena Taulbee October 11th

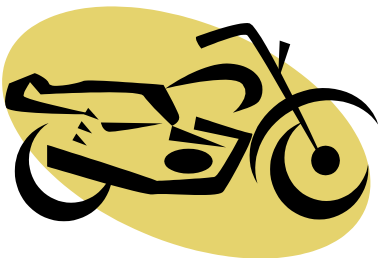


Anniversaries

Jerry and Barbara Ormes October 26th

Cliff and Sandy Planck October 26th

Brenda and Tom Wise October 29th

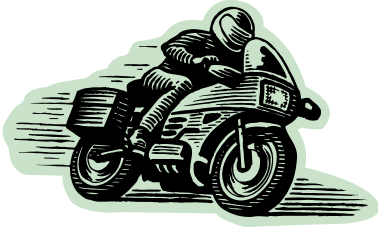


KY-C MONTHLY GATHERING INFO

Don't forget our Gathering place !!!!

The Bluegrass Wings gather the 4th Tuesday of every month at Roosters on Man O' War and Nicholasville Road,

COY Corner



2012 Chapter C Couple of the Year

Greetings from your Chapter Couple of the Year!

Custard, the Couple of the Year Mascot, continues to make his rounds. He was at our last gathering where Chapter H won both the mascot and the traveling plaque. Mike, Denise and Randy Coy and I captured him from H, but the traveling plaque was won by Chapter S. So off to Chapter S with Randy and Denise Coy and Bill Harrison! We turned Custard over to Chapter S, but Chapter C has won the traveling plaque! Custard went on to Chapter A's gathering, but for the first time this year, Mike and I were not there to try to win him back. We were in TN that weekend seeing our beautiful granddaughters! Anyway, Chapter H captured him at Chapter A's gathering, and Rick & Liz will be bringing him to our gathering. So the mascot and the traveling plaque will both be at Chapter C – again!

Hope to see you at our next gathering on Tuesday!

Mike and Dedre VanHoose
2012 Chapter Couple of the Year





Just wanted to ask all of you what kind of rides you would like for the upcoming year. Please submit your ideas for a ride along with when and where we could go. Let us know if you would be willing to plan it and lead, if possible. Add your name to the suggestion so we could talk about it and see what we can do to make it happen.

It has come to my attention that we have some new people in our chapter who are not sure where we gather for a ride. As you know we are using a few areas now to do this. I will clear this up, so we can all be on the same page. If you look at the news letter or web page, it will have the place we will gather at the end of the description of the ride. Here are the address of the staging areas we use.

1. Marathon Station is on north Broadway at US 75.
2. Brannon Crossing is on US 27 we gather at Kroger's near the gas pumps.
3. Palomar by the Shell station.
4. Lowes/Wal-Mart parking lot in Hamburg in front of Lowes.

The reason for different places depends on where we are going. This makes it easier to get out of town as a group, instead of fighting traffic and getting caught at a red lights. Safety is the thought here! It prevents us from losing each other and keeps cars from cutting in or cutting off the group. Our aim is to help prevent accidents, we all know we don't want to have them happen to anyone.



Ride Events

Web page www.gwrrakyc.org

August:

4th: Barn Quilt Ride 9:00 am meet at parking lot behind Marathon station

9th-11th: Kentucky Blast Frankfort Ky.

25th: Bourbon Trail 9:00 am meet at parking lot behind Marathon station

28th: Chapter C Get Together @ Roosters

September:

15th- Chapter Ride to Marengo Caves at Corydon, IN, then meet at Chapter A for dinner.

September 20th thru 22nd North Carolina District Convention "Wings Over North Carolina" Concord, North Carolina <http://www.gwrranc.org/>

25th: Chapter Meeting at Roosters

October:

20th-21st: Horizons Class at Fairfield Inn in Frankfort, KY

23rd- Chapter meeting at Roosters, eat at 6 and meet at 7.

November:

December:

Christmas party time and place to be announced.

As time gets closer for rides we will send out information with times and locations.



Greetings from Membership Enhancement!



To Pat and Lorelee Coe

We thank you for what you have done for Kentucky GWRRA and wish you the best. You will be Missed as District Directors. We pray for you health to get better and things to calm down in your life. We all wish you the best in life and will see you soon.

Chapter KY-C

Ed and Mary Ann Grazier
GWRRA Region N Directors

September 17, 2012

Dear Ed and Mary Ann,

It is with a heavy heart and terribly mixed emotions that we write this letter. As you know, we undertook the position of Kentucky District Director with intentions of serving a minimum of three years and hoping to help move Kentucky back into a positive direction. Neither of us has the personality to do anything at less than full effort and full steam ahead. However, no one could have predicted the events that have taken place with us physically since we accepted the position. As we write this, Lorelee is just back to work, yet again, after being out for a week with the flu and pneumonia. Pat is fighting another upper respiratory infection. When we talked in August, it was our hope and intent to continue in our position and move forward. We have come to realize that that decision was made with our hearts and our pride. We now have to make decisions with our heads. Both of our physicians have told us that we HAVE to reduce some stress and physically have time to heal. Right now the only stressor that we CAN step away from is GWRRA.

We regret that we have not been able to accomplish so many of the goals we had set for the district, but we believe you can understand why we haven't done as much as we hoped. As we mentioned, neither of us has the nature to not give anything we are involved in 100%, and right now we feel we would be doing a disservice to Kentucky to continue in this position and not be able to give it our full efforts.

We would also like to continue to serve as Leadership Training Instructors, CPR/First Aid Instructors, and Rider Education Presenters as our health allows us to participate. We fully intend to keep up our qualifications.

We so very much appreciate ALL the support the two of you have given us and thank you for believing in us even when we stumbled. We are very sorry, but we don't feel we have a choice left, but to make this decision to step away and be "Just A Member"s for a while.

With much love and respect and STILL Kentucky Proud,

Pat and Lorelee Coe

The 2012 Convention Schedule

Gold Wing Road Riders Association
 Appalachian Region II




Tennessee District
 Hawaiian Luau

"Spring Fling"
 Tennessee District Convention
 The Grand Majestic Theater
 Pigeon Forge, Tennessee





DOWN HOME RALLY 2012
 THE WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT PRESENTS
 "West Virginia Thrills" JUNE 14 - 16, 2012
 SUMMERSVILLE CONFERENCE CENTER





WING DING 34
 THE GWRRA NATIONAL OFFICE PRESENTS
 "Fun in the Fort", JULY 4-7, 2012
 Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
 Fort Wayne, Indiana





THE BLAST 2012
 THE KENTUCKY DISTRICT PRESENTS
 "Derby Days"
 August 9-11, 2012




The North Carolina District Presents
WINGS OVER NORTH CAROLINA
 SEPTEMBER 20 - 22, 2012
 CABARRUS ARENA & EVENTS CENTER



RALLY IN THE VALLEY 2011 ²⁰¹²
 THE VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION
 OCTOBER 4 - 6 2012
 THE SALEM CIVIC CENTER
 SALEM, VIRGINIA