

Roger has a few words!

We had a great ride to Opal's Restaurant in McKee. The food was delicious and you cannot beat the price and the very friendly service. Hopefully we'll take the ride again in the fall to enjoy the fall scenery and the food.

Unfortunately on the return trip, Randy and Denise had a flat tire but Randy did a great job recognizing that something was not right and safely got off the road. We circled back and found them and stayed around until we knew they would be able to get back home.

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

- July 27 – Jane's Saddlebag – Union, Kentucky
- August 24 – Elk Creek Winery
- September 7 – Marengo Caves
- September 21 – Mystery Ride (Bring your Ideas)
- October 5 – Corvette Museum

We continue to enjoy the food and fun at the dinners. Please come out and join in the fun. Here are the upcoming dinners:

- July 30 – Ride to Hall's on the River (Meet at Kroger's in Brannon Crossing at 6:00)
- August 15 – Ride to Windy Corner Market (Meet behind the Marathon Station on Paris Pike at 6:00)
- August 29 – Dinner at Firehouse Subs on Leestown Road (Eat at 6:00 and ride afterwards for dessert)
- September 12 – Ride to Gibby's Deli in Frankfort (Meet at the Thornton's on Versailles Road at 6:00)
- September 23 – Ride to Casa Café in Richmond (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.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/>

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.

Birthdays

- 8 / 12 Teresa Hight
- 8 / 14 Danny Samples
- 8 / 19 Mike Toon
- 8 / 20 Cliff Planck

Anniversaries

- 8 / 25 Wayne Smorstad
- 8 / 25 Mike and Donna Toon



Your Couple of the Year 2013

What a fun time at Wing Ding this year! Aside from a lot of rain, we were able to really enjoy catching up with old friends and as usual, found a few new ones. We spent some time talking with Steve and Tami, the International COY Coordinators. They had many good things to say about our being appointed to represent Chapter C for another year. They are looking forward to seeing us compete at the district level again. Dedre and I are also looking forward to this event at the Blast and ask our chapter participants to come out and support us.

We continue to believe we are a part of the best chapter in our district. We have wonderful participants and even better friends, and this helps us enjoy the many opportunities we get to spend with our Goldwing family. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you.

During the remainder of the year, let's continue to work together and enjoy visiting other chapters and being a part of this FUN association.

Michael and Dedre VanHoose

Chapter C 2012 & 2013 Couple of the Year



As is customary for The Blast, each chapter is designated some duties that have to be completed at every convention. This year Chapter C drew the 3:00 till 4:00 time frame on Friday, and 12:00 till 1:00 time slot on Saturday. We need to have at least 9 participants involved from Chapter C during the Friday time slot and 4 participants on the Saturday time slot. We are asked to cover security, information, registration and many other details as part of those duties. Please let Dedre or I know if you can provide some assistance during these times at the Blast. Above all else, come and have some FUN! We look forward to seeing our chapter show up in force and our thanks to you for stepping up.

Also, Dedre and I would be most grateful to see our Chapter C participants come for the Couple of the Year competition on Saturday morning at approximately 08:00. We could use the support of you, our chapter, rooting us on as we challenge for the privilege to be the

District Couple of the Year.



***Congratulations James
Elam!!!!***

***Winner of the 2013 Goldwing at
Wing Ding 35—Greenville, SC. I
don't think he has quit smiling yet.***



Members of Kentucky District participants working registration at Wing Ding 35 in Greenville, South Carolina. Present are Chapter G Directors Renzo and Donita Nardi, Chapter C Directors Michael and Dedre VanHoose, Chapter C Treasurer Karen Early, Chapter C Ride Coordinator Roger Early, and the Kentucky District Couple of the Year Rick and Liz Broadway. Great job gang!!

THE 2013 CONVENTION SCHEDULE



"Spring Fling"

Tennessee District Convention

Camp Jordan Arena, East Ridge, Tennessee

25 - 27 April, 2013



DOWN HOME RALLY 2013

THE WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION

SUMMERSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

13 - 15 June 2013



THE GWRRA NATIONAL OFFICE PRESENTS

WING DING 35

TD Convention Center, Greenville, South Carolina

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

CADARRUS ARENA & EVENTS CENTER



RALLY IN THE VALLEY

THE VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION

10 - 12 October, 2013

THE SALEM CIVIC CENTER

SALEM, VIRGINIA



Words of Wisdom from the “GOO”

“To be seen or not to be seen”

THAT IS THE QUESTION

Riding a Goldwing bike or a trike on a back country roads, city streets or the interstate highway system is dangerous. Despite all our skill sets, GWRRA Rider Ed seminars, Master Tour Rider, GWRRA ERC/TRC courses or MSF training we are the prey not the predator. Any altercation with another vehicle on the roadway and we draw the short straw. The driver of the other vehicle walks away, saying ***“just didn’t see you.”***

Dressing in black or dark colors producing that stealthy looks may make you feel macho but having that cool look has its risk. In the earlier days of GWRRA, the thing was to match your bike color. Except for the “Sterling Silver” most of the Goldwing colors were dark: “Cosmos Blue”, “Black”, “Chocolate” and “Dark Reds”. Front and rear lighting were not the best even with aftermarket additions. The electrical systems of the 1000’s – 1100’s and 1200’s could not supply enough 12 volt electrons to keep all those incandescent bulbs burning (praise the LED).

We do not want to be vulnerable when we out and about riding solo or with members of our GWRRA family. In nature vulnerable creatures blend in with their surrounds and that is something we do not want to do. Smart riders will find ways to hi-light themselves by sight and sounds. With clothing there is an abundance of riding jackets in Hi-Viz colors even pink for the ladies. Next time you need to replace that helmet (every 4-5 years) consider a pure white or again a Hi-Viz or a light color helmet with exotic graphics (light color helmets are also cooler). Putting a reflective sticker on the back of the helmet will help at night. Gloves are now available in hi-Viz and reflective piping to aid with night riding.

Neon gear is the first step, now the second has to do with things we can do to our beloved Goldwing. Add-on lights are a must,; front ditch lights, trunk and saddlebag light bars, trunk lid wing with a modulating tail light, a “Ring of Fire” or other amber lights to aid in identifying the front end. Loud horns are important addition to some older Goldwing models. But the most important additions and my next add-on for my trike is a modulating headlight which is now legal in all 50 states.

In closing the goal is CONSPICUITY “the art of being seen” the opposite of camouflage.

“Remember life has an expiration date”

“Goo”

GWRRA Ky-C Rider Educator

“The Blue Grass Wings”

