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Wing It With Mike and Dedre

What a change in the weather! Welcome to fall in Kentucky and with that, some down time with our rides. Shame on me for saying that, but it is the truth. We have really missed getting to ride and enjoying time with our fellow chapter participants. Just in time for me to get to ride again, (October 30th) if all goes well, the weather decides to bottom out. Now, I don't mind a little cold, but this stuff is bad news.

Obviously Dedre and I have not been very active lately, but that will hopefully clear up soon. While we have some extra time, please think about some Riders Education and Leadership training. We will be trying to set up opportunities this fall and winter, and we hope our chapter takes advantage on them. As for our Christmas party, we have a couple of cool surprises for you if you attend the party. We hope to have a location locked in soon, so if you have any ideas please pass them along. More information will follow as our plans come together.

We look forward to serving our participants and seeing everyone again real soon. See you Tuesday, and hopefully we can all start to visit the other chapters more while the weather is prohibitive to riding.



REMEMBER THAT LEADERSHIP, RIDERS EDUCATION AND MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE TO OUR PARTICIPANTS. WE WILL EVEN GO TO OTHER AREAS AND ORGANIZATIONS WITH OUR INFORMATION. PLEASE UTILIZE OUR INSTRUCTORS FOR YOUR EDUCATIONAL NEEDS.



RIDER EDUCATION



15 Tips For Riding In Traffic

Part II (6-10)

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

Be ready with the power

When in traffic ride in a lower gear so your motorcycle is ready move forward instantly. Doing so give you the option of getting ahead of using your brakes when another vehicle tries to move over into your lane.

Traffic slowing ? (Stay left or right)

When traffic slows suddenly, stay to the left or right of the vehicle in front of you. This is your escape route if needed if the vehicle behind you fails to stop. Once you're stop, make sure you are in low gear, clutch in and your eyes on your rear view mirrors.

Practice the scan

Scanning your environment while riding; from the road ahead, blind spots to your left and right rear, your instruments; keeps you informed

Cover your brakes

In traffic you must often react quickly. In traffic reduce your reach time by always Keep a couple of finger on the brake lever and your right foot close to the rear brake pedal.

Be noticed

Make sure you can be seen from a distance by both drivers and pedestrians. Ride with your lights on and wear brightly colored gear (especially your helmet and jacket).

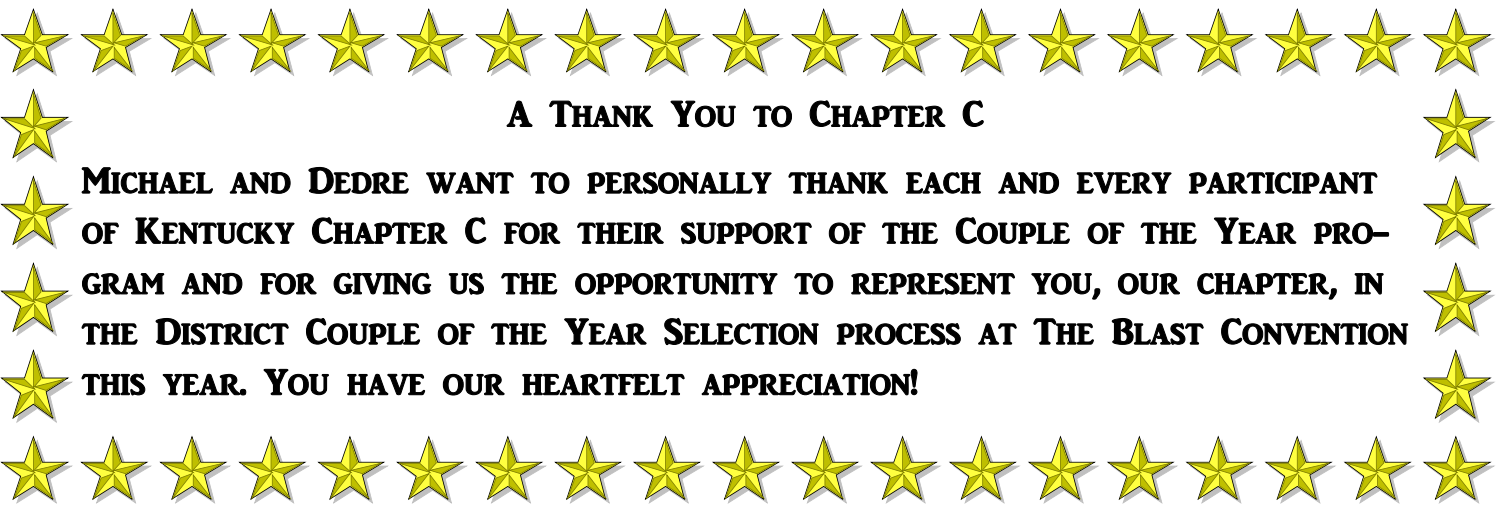
More tips next month

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Russ Bell

Chapter Educator

Blue Grass Wings Ky-C



A THANK YOU TO CHAPTER C

MICHAEL AND DEDRE WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK EACH AND EVERY PARTICIPANT OF KENTUCKY CHAPTER C FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE COUPLE OF THE YEAR PROGRAM AND FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPRESENT YOU, OUR CHAPTER, IN THE DISTRICT COUPLE OF THE YEAR SELECTION PROCESS AT THE BLAST CONVENTION THIS YEAR. YOU HAVE OUR HEARTFELT APPRECIATION!

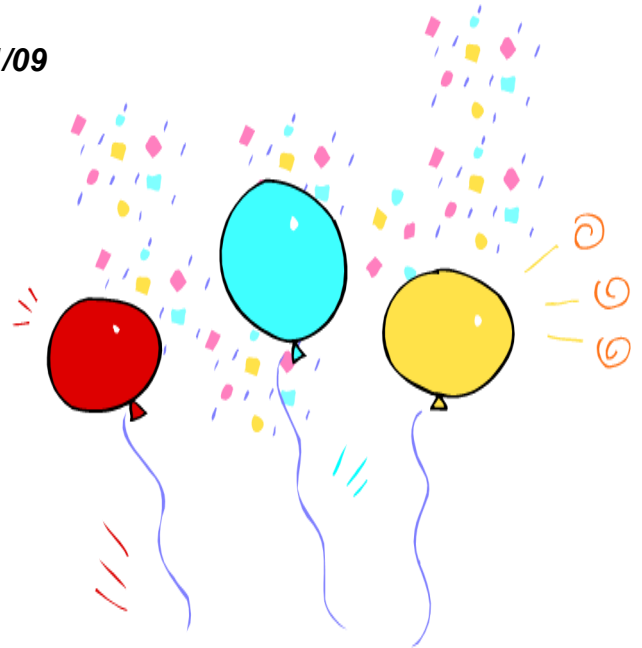
Birthdays

Norvel Glasscock 11/26

William Harrison 11/30

Anniversaries

Jere and Alice Sellers 11/09



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

We had a great ride to the Corvette Museum on 10/5. The morning weather was just about perfect but we ran into some rain on the way home but that just added to the adventure. Fortunately we made it home safe and sound. The Corvettes in the museum were amazing and we probably could have spent many hours trying to read and digest all of the information that was available. The motorcycle exhibit was also very enjoyable. The pictures from the ride have been posted on our web site at:

<http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/photos/corvette-museum-1052013/>

The riding season is getting short, we have a few more rides planned but I am hoping we will get some decent weather in some of the colder months and I'll try to get some rides going if it looks like we will have some decent weather. The list of the upcoming scheduled rides is below.

November 2 – Ride to Our Best Restaurant in Smithfield, Kentucky

November 16 – Horse Farm Ride

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

October 28 – Ride to Miguel's in Frankfort (Meet at the Thornton's on Versailles Road at 6:00)

November 14 – Dinner at Cracker Barrel on Brannon Road (Meet at Cracker Barrel 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.

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 Rooster's 7405 Preston Highway Louisville, KY 40219 Dinner 5:30 - Meeting 6:30



Chapter C Meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Golden Corral 185 E. NEW CIRCLE ROAD LEXINGTON, KY 40505 Eat @ 6:00 PM 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 at sometime.



Wing Ding 36 Returns to Madison, Wisconsin in 2014.

We have reserved 5 rooms for our chapter. Please see Mike or Dedre to discuss going to Madison.



We have several new participants in our area. They have been contacted and hopefully will become a part of our wonderful chapter. Our invitation is open to any rider that wants a chapter to call home and have a great time with others like them. Remember that the primary reason we are all here is to ride our motorcycles, and ride with others that enjoy this sport.

As for visitation, mine and Dedre's schedules are finally starting to clear up and we should be able to get out to visit. Please try to go with us when we visit. It really encourages them and others to get out and socialize. Thank you Chapter C for all you have done for us! Here's to you!!!!!!!

News from your Couple of the Year

Greetings from your Couple of the Year!

Gosh, it's the end of October already.....how did that happen?!?!?! I hope you all have enjoyed the weather – up to this week anyway – and have gotten out riding. We're still on 4 wheels because Mike is still in the boot, but we've been so busy that we wouldn't have had much free time to ride together. He probably would have ridden to work many days though!

The end of October also means that it's time to nominate another 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.

We will meet in November on our regular night even though it's the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. We'd also like you to join us on November 3 and we capture the plaque from Chapter S. They kept it last month, so we've got to go get it this time!

Christmas is also around the corner, so we'll need to plan our Christmas party for December. Please bring ideas to the October meeting, and if someone would like to head the planning, let us know!

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!!

