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Wing It With Mike and Dedre

What may seem to be a let down for some, turned out to be a pretty good thing. On our last ride, I found myself having to utilize the 4 wheel mode of transportation due to our bike being in the shop. I had a really great time with our chapter participants and enjoyed the route Roger had laid for us to travel. The weather was beautiful, roads fun to be on, and above all else; the social time to talk with those that chose to enjoy the ride. I had never been to Salato and found the experience much better and educational than previously perceived. We had FUN!!

I know the riding season has been hampered by a lot of cold weather, but that looks to be coming to an end. We hope to see a lot of our chapter out on the roadways as Roger continues to support us with exceptional ride destinations and dinner rides. Here's to seeing you, Chapter C, on our many rides this year. Come out and join us!!!!

We have the traveling plaque again and will have company at our April gathering. We always look forward to those gathering for the social time together and opportunity to catch up with our friends across the state. I have mentioned to other chapters that they should join us for the Dayton Air Show ride and hope that comes through. We would enjoy every opportunity to socialize with others across the state whenever possible. Bringing other chapters together for whatever reason can do nothing but good for our district. See you at Roosters!!





RIDER EDUCATION



Since Goo has vacated his position as Rider Educator, I have given some serious thoughts as to finding the right person to try and nudge into it. This is a volunteer organization and it can be very difficult to find the right someone to fill big shoes. With that in mind, we need a chapter educator. This is a busy and a very important position. There is a lot of responsibility involved with rider education and the liability that goes with it. If anyone in our chapter is interested, we would be more than happy to talk with you about the position and the work involved in it.

Now, down to safety! Our motto as an organization is “Friends for FUN, Safety and Knowledge.” It is a very common belief that we have FUN. This is true, and all that ride with us know this. But this FUN always comes with a price. In order for us to enjoy each and every event we first have to have learned how to ride, what gear to wear, and how best to utilize all this information.

Learning how to ride is a learned experience. We enhance this by taking a riders education course to improve our skills and train our minds to recognize what we should and should not do on a motorcycle. This educational process takes time and experience, and no one does it better than the GWRRR. With our levels program, you have the opportunity to ride with seasoned and veteran riders. This affords you every chance to learn and grow within this great past time we enjoy called “motorcycling”.

Remember that helmets have to be replaced every five (5) years; check your boots for damage and/or extreme wear and tear; know that the jackets you wear have the proper armoring; know that the gloves and pants you wear will protect you in the event of an accident. While we never intend to endure such an event, being prepared is and should be our greatest concern. While we want to enjoy our favorite hobby, we also want to do it in such a way that we go home at the end of the day safe and sound.

Please keep this in mind before you set out on a short or cross country ride. Check out your bike, but also check out yourself before leaving home. Stay safe out there! We look forward to riding with each and every one of you again!!

Michael VanHoose
Interim Chapter Educator



Chapter C and the Traveling Plaque

April chapter meetings were back to back for the second month! Jeff Sullivan and Dedre visited Chapter H to enable Dedre to present Rick Broadway with his Senior University Trainer patches. Mike had to work, so he was not able to join us. Chapter H is doing something fun with their dinner rides. The participants write down a restaurant and one is drawn from a hat. This month's is close by, so if you get a chance, join them at Cattleman's in Frankfort, just off the 64/60 interchange. They eat at 6:30 on Tuesday, April 29.

The next evening was at Chapter A where we were trying to capture the Traveling Plaque. Chapter S was there with 8 people so they got an extra ticket and won the plaque. The Chapter S meeting was the next day, so they ended up with the plaque for less than 24 hours for the second month in a row! We were also at Chapter S, along with Chapter A. (Yes, "long time no see" was mentioned often!) Chapter C won the plaque! Thanks to Jeff Sullivan for traveling with us to win the plaque.

As Mike mentioned in the very first paragraph, our trike is in the shop. I learned the hard way that I'm not coordinated enough to drive a bike, and wrecked it a couple Sunday's ago. The front of the bike and my helmet took the brunt of the wreck. A twisted wrist, some pretty bruises and a sore body told the rest of the story.

District Trainers Doings

We've also been asked to provide an Officers Certification Program (OCP). It is required for officers, but you don't have to be an officer to attend. If you're thinking about filling our open positions, take the course now and get it done! It's a way to learn more about GWRRA and only lasts a day now. The class will be held on Saturday, May 31 from 8-5 at a nearby location to be determined.

We've also heard that there will be a trike riders course on June 7 at the fire station in Radcliffe. We'll try to get more info from the District Educators before our Tuesday meeting.

You might have seen the news that a vehicle ran into the Rooster's where we hold our meeting. I called them to double check that our meeting room is intact, so we will meet there on Tuesday as usual. The car hit on the patio side, but further back in the restaurant. So come on out and join us on Tuesday!

The second Annual Kentucky District Ride is coming soon. We will leave out on Saturday, May 24th and spend three days visiting both state and national historical sites. In addition, we will cover some of the best roads for motorcycling there is in the state. Join us in Frankfort on Saturday morning around 0830 hours in front of the state capital to begin our journey. We hope this will be as great as the first district ride. Reservations have already been blocked out. Please see me or Dedre if you have any questions. More to be announced on the district webpage.

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



I am hoping riding weather is finally here to stay. Our ride to [Swope's Cars of Yesteryear Museum](#) was postponed due to cold and wet weather and it has been re-scheduled for June 21st.

We rode to the [Salato Wildlife Center](#) in Frankfort on 4/12. We had a great time and with the exception of the black bear, we were able to see all of the animals. The bear was hanging out in his den but we were able to catch a few glimpses of him. We were told that he was fairly active the day before our ride so we missed him by one day. I have posted pictures on our web site. Click [here](#) to view the pictures. We finished the ride with a relaxing lunch at Darlin' Jean's Apple Cobbler Café in Midway.

I have added a few new rides to our schedule. We've got some busy months coming up so please come out and join our chapter rides and dinner gatherings. I still have some dates that do not have destinations yet so if you have some ideas, please let me know.

We have an overnight ride planned at the end of June to attend the Dayton Air Show. The Blue Angels plan to be there and it should be a great show. It is the weekend prior to Wing Ding so that may not be the best timing for some of you planning to go to Wing Ding. Please let me know if you are interested in participating in that ride so we can get an idea of the number of people who will be going to the Air Show.

The list of our upcoming rides and dinners is below. I hope you can join us for many of these.

May 3 – Kentucky Derby Ride

May 8 – Dinner at Bellacino's

May 17 – KY District Ride In at the Campground. in Elizabethtown, KY. www.gwrraky.com has the details.

May 31 – Ride to Opal's Restaurant in McKee, Ky

June 7 – Ride to [Quaker Steak and Lube](#) Restaurant in Florence

June 14 – [6th Annual Cruise for Kids Motorcycle Run](#)

June 17 – Dinner Ride to Casa Café in Richmond

June 21 – Ride to [Swope's Cars of Yesteryear Museum](#)

June 28 – [Dayton Air Show](#)

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://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/>

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

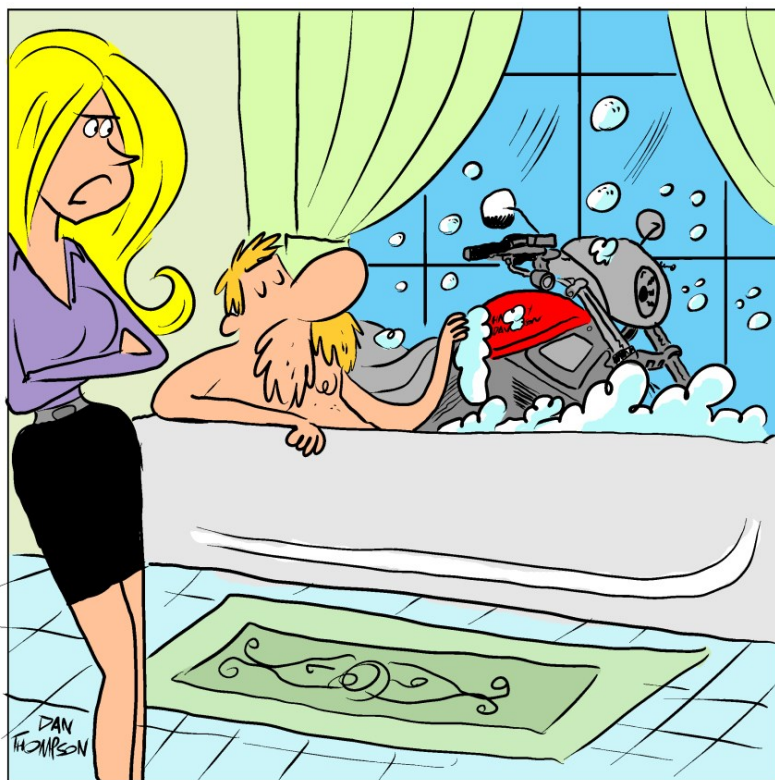
Look at the Chapter Gathering days as we will try and to visit them all at sometime.



Wing Ding 36 Returns to Madison, Wisconsin July 2-5, 2014. Come with us!

REQUEST

We would love to get as many of our chapter participants together as possible for a Chapter C picture. Would everyone please provide a weekend day and time when you could be available briefly for the picture. We will find the right place for a beautiful picture. Hey, we want your bikes in the picture also.



"I UNDERSTAND THAT IT NEEDS TO BE WASHED, BUT WHY DO YOU HAVE TO WASH IT IN THE TUB?"



THE 2014 CONVENTION SCHEDULE



SPRING FLING

TENNESSEE DISTRICT CONVENTION
CAMP JORDAN ARENA, EAST RIDGE TENNESSEE
April 24—26, 2014

DOWN HOME RALLY

THE WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION
SUMMERSVILLE CONFERENCE CENTER
SUMMERSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA
June 12—14, 2014



THE GWRRA NATIONAL OFFICE PRESENTS

WING DING 36

ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER—MADISON WISCONSIN
July 2—5, 2014



THE BLAST

THE KENTUCKY DISTRICT CONVENTION
FRANKFORT CONVENTION CENTER
FRANKFORT KENTUCKY
August 14—16, 2014



WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES

THE NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT CONVENTION
ACQUONI EXPO CENTER
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA
September 25—27, 2014

RALLY IN THE VALLEY

THE VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION

To be announced later.

