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## April 2015

We have now completed 3 chapter gatherings on Saturday. How is this working out for you? Attendance has been good, and we have been able to get in a ride here and there after the gathering. Hopefully the weather will continue to give us those opportunities.

Last month Alan gave us his first seminar on Team Riding. This presentation certified Alan as a University Trainer and we welcome his commitment to the chapter as our Chapter Educator.

GOO has asked to be our technical advisor and we heartily agree with that offer. GOO has a great many years experience and a wealth of knowledge regarding your Goldwing. You can rely on him for the most current information about your bike.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Chapter C now has the Region N Wandering Plaque again. It has been really nice to see the plaque in Kentucky and has actually stayed here now for its 4th round of gatherings. I know we cannot rely on that much longer because the weather will clear up and those Tennessee folks will be coming after it. That's fine, as Earl put it, now we have a reason to go back after it again.

Please make certain you have completed your TCLOCS and have your bike all nice and clean for the roads ahead. Riding season is here and with that the need to be aware and be safe on the roads. This weekend Tennessee is holding their annual Spring Fling in Chattanooga. If you haven't been there before, the convention is wonderful, and moreover, the area has some great riding roads and the scenery most enjoyable. We are heading down on Thursday the 23rd if anyone wants to ride with us.



## The Four “Real” Laws of Safe Motorcycle Driving

There are enough laws to fill a million courthouses.....Don't do this - Don't ride there - Don't do that..... There are certain laws that a good rider knows should never be violated. These laws are friction, momentum, centrifugal force and gravity. A rider won't get a ticket for breaking these laws but they will end up in a ditch.

Friction or traction is the one that keeps you stuck to the road. The first step in maintaining traction is a good set of tires with proper inflation. If the inflation is too low or high, the tire will start to lose traction. A bike with poor traction will start to veer sideways on a curve, take longer to stop, and tend to swerve during a hard braking maneuver. Sounds like some sort of carnival ride doesn't it???

When you are approaching a curve, is your speed manageable enough coming in??? How far can you see into the curve?? Is there gravel on the road or a stopped car just around that curve??? Is there someone coming toward you, passing or hanging over the yellow line??? Does the curve get tighter halfway through??? Is it an older road that isn't banked or worse yet, banked the wrong way?? When you hit your brakes in this scenario it is goodbye traction and hello centrifugal force. If you need to brake hard in a curve, you need to brake through it in a straight line. If you must brake hard and your wheel locks up - **LEAVE IT LOCKED!!!!** If you release a skidding rear tire, you will create a severe change of balance which will cause a sudden loss of control and a high side crash. This will flip you off the bike and wherever you land, your bike will land a moment later.

When riding on slippery roads, anything that changes the smooth flow of your forward momentum can cause the bike to head off in a direction that you did not intend for it to go. Easy acceleration and smooth steering are crucial here. Following distance is like money - you can never have too much and if you have less than you need, you are in trouble. Respect the laws of physics and you will go a long way toward keeping the shiny side up.

*Ride Safe*

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# 2015 GWRRA Region N Convention Schedule

## SPRING FLING

THE TENNESSEE DISTRICT CONVENTION “SOUTHERN FAMILY REUNION” CAMP JORDAN ARENA,  
EAST RIDGE TENNESSEE

April 23—25, 2015

## WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES

THE NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT CONVENTION  
ACQUONI EXPO CENTER—CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

July 9—11, 2015

## DOWN HOME RALLY

THE WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION  
CONFERENCE CENTER—SUMMERSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

July 24—25, 2015

## Blast From The Past

THE KENTUCKY DISTRICT CONVENTION  
CONVENTION CENTER—FRANKFORT KENTUCKY

August 13—15, 2015

## WING DING 37

“Rocket City Road Trip”

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

September 3—6, 2015

## RALLY IN THE VALLEY

THE VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION  
HOLIDAY INN—TANGLEWOOD—ROANOKE, VA

October 1—3, 2015 (tentative date )

## From Darrell and Alice- Membership Enhancement

Hello Fellow Wingers,

04/07/15

**Membership : the state of belonging to or being a part of a group or an organization : the state of being a member.**

**We are all members of a great organization called the “Gold Wing Road Riders Association” or as we like to acronym everything “GWRRA”. It sounds great to me when I say I am a member of the GWRRA. It tells me I have several thousand brothers and sisters across this country who have a lot of the same interests that I have. I ride a motorcycle to enjoy experiences I can’t get in a car or truck. When I became a member of the GWRRA I really started enjoying my motorcycle like I have never imagined I would have or could have. All of a sudden I was being exposed to opportunities to ride to places I have never heard of. Meet people I would not have met on my own, see things I would not have found on my own. All of this because I chose to become a member of the greatest motorcycle group ever. When you think about it, it’s almost like your extended family has grown by 100 x’s overnight. This riding season Alice and I already have several trips planned with our GWRRA group and will be enjoying our first Wing Ding in Huntsville, AL in September, we can’t wait!**

**Keep all of this in mind and think about what you enjoy the most by being a “Member of GWRRA” and care enough to share all of this with someone else you know that has a motorcycle. Take the time to introduce them to our organization, invite them to one of our events or the chapter meeting. Let them see how much more fun they can have on their motorcycle with a group of wonderful people that are enjoying our time on 2 wheels of maybe even 3 wheels.**

**GWRRA can continue to grow as we invite and add more riders to become members of our organization. Come on, don’t be selfish with our group, invite others to enjoy the fun.**

**Quote: Happiness is a motorcycle, a full tank of gas and green lights!**

**Safe Riding!**

**Darrell and Alice Hampton**

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Are you all suffering from PMS???? (Parked Motorcycle Syndrome) We have been fortunate (at least the working folks) that the weather has been nice on the weekends.

We tried to get to Chapter A for the KY Traveling Plaque, but traffic was backed up due to a semi accident. We got there just as everyone was leaving. Some of their folks stayed after to eat with us, so it was nice to chat with them. Chapter H took home the plaque so we'll be heading to Shelbyville on Friday, May 1. Please make plans to join us!

This past Tuesday we did go after the Region N Wandering Plaque and were successful in bringing it home! Look for some visitors at our meeting on Saturday. So far there are four Kentucky name plates on the Plaque—Chapter C, H, G and now C again. I hope we get to keep it in Kentucky the whole length of the Plaque!

April 23-25 is the TN Spring Fling in Camp Jordan near Chattanooga. Mike and I plan to ride down Thursday evening after I get off work. Please join us!

May 15-17 is the District Ride-In at the campground in Elizabethtown. Ladies, I've learned of another reason to go. A nearby town (Glendale) is having a festival on that Saturday. We'll have to figure out where it is!

Since that is the weekend for our monthly gathering, we are considering whether to hold the meeting at Elizabethtown or to meet Sunday, May 17 at 1:00pm. We'll discuss at our next gathering to see what will work better for everyone

Mike has finalized the District Historical Ride. (I think Hysterical Ride sounds more fun! :-0 ) It will be held May 23-25. Reservations should be made at Pennyriple State Park for 5/23 and Kenlake for 5/24. A block of rooms is held at both locations for \$89.95. Please make your own reservations but let Mike know you're coming along.

I missed being with you all last month! See you on Saturday!

Dedre VanHoose

Road trip to Chapter G in Florence paid off. We have the Region N Wandering Plaque again and it will be available for capture at our next monthly gathering.

A big thanks to everyone that made the trip!

Speaking of trips, several of us attempted to get to Chapter A this past Saturday to no avail. A wreck on I-64 made us too late to challenge for the District Plaque. Miserable ride!





**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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## Up and coming events from our Ride Coordinator Roger Early

We had a good time on the ride to Switzer Bridge after our last meeting. We did not get a chance to stop and explore the bridge because of the limited parking but we rode past and then headed to the Dairy Queen in Frankfort. Allan gave a talk on group riding at our meeting before the ride and coincidentally he said our spacing on the ride was about the best he has seen. We just need to continue to ride to continue to improve.

On April 9th, we had dinner at the Cattleman's Roadhouse in Frankfort. We had a break in the stormy weather and I rode to the restaurant and just happened to meet Darrell and Alice on Old Frankfort Pike on my way. They also decided to ride in hopes that the storms would hold off until we got home. I was ahead of them on Old Frankfort Pike but I could see some very bright motorcycle lights coming up behind me at a distance. I know that Darrell and Alice had the High Intensity Discharge (HID) lights installed and suspected it was them so I slowed down to let them catch up. I was impressed with the brightness of those lights and how visible they were from a distance.

Once we arrived at the restaurant, we enjoyed some good food and even better conversations. I think everyone had a great time.

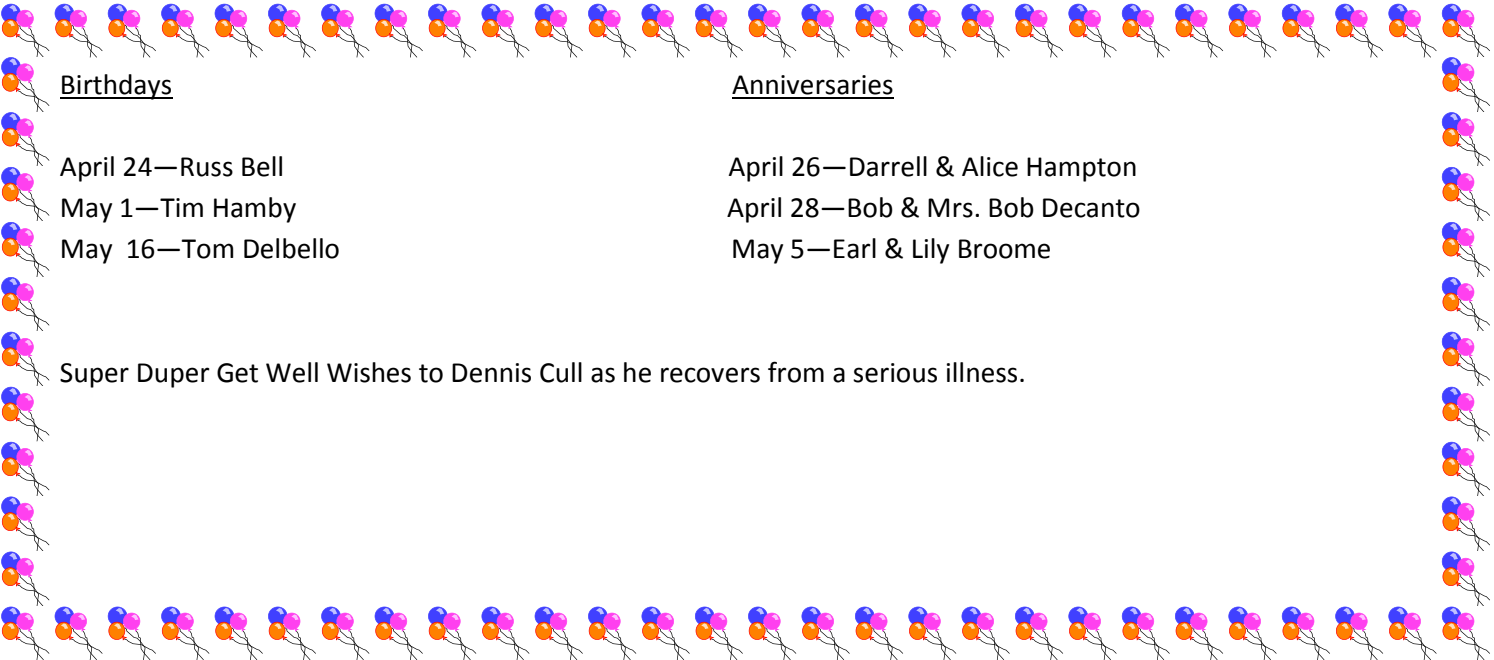
The list of our upcoming rides and dinners is below. Please come out and join us.

- April 18 – Ride to the Beech Fork Covered Bridge in Washington County
- May 2 – Derby Day Ride
- May 7 – Dinner at Wallace Station
- May 15 and 16 – Kentucky Ride In
- May 17 – Chapter Ride (TBD)
- May 23 – Kentucky Historical

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/>



### Birthdays

- April 24—Russ Bell
- May 1—Tim Hamby
- May 16—Tom Delbello

### Anniversaries

- April 26—Darrell & Alice Hampton
- April 28—Bob & Mrs. Bob Decanto
- May 5—Earl & Lily Broome

Super Duper Get Well Wishes to Dennis Cull as he recovers from a serious illness.



## GOO'S TOOL BOX

### Tires – Tyres GVWR vs. PSI

As a Goldwing rider do you know why it is important to check your tires' air pressure? Do you know the correct procedures and how often to check your tires' air pressure?

According to Michelin engineers during motorcycle safety seminars 1/3 of all riders do not know the answers to the above questions and are riding their motorcycles with improper tire pressure. As you know tires are the only part of your “Wing” that touches the road. It must transmit inertial forces (manage friction) associated with accelerating, braking and turning of your (passenger), bike and your gear. A lot of research and development of a tire spans many years of data collection and working with OEM manufactures like Honda. All of this R & D work is meaningless if you neglect to maintain proper tire pressure and overload the GVWR of the tire.

There are recommended PSI guidelines in your Goldwing manual and the GWRRA Gold Book. On page 153 of my owner's manual it states 36 front / 41 rear (PSI). In the 2015 Gold Book on page II-6 / II-7 there is a list of tire brands and psi recommendations. However there is another calculation you have to make. And that is how much weight is the bike carrying and are you over Honda's weight rating for your model of 'Wing'.

There are a lot of variables in determining the correct tire pressure you should use for your setup. They are riding style, 2 wheels, 2 up, pulling a trailer, sidecar and a “trike” conversion. Bring your questions to our next Chapter gathering and we will discuss some options. I am not an expert but will draw on my years of riding GL 500I, GL1100A , GL1500, GL1800 and my latest ride a GL1800 CSC trike conversion to help you make the proper PSI adjustments to your tire( tyre) pressure.





# Kick Off

**Chapter B-1**

**Bowling Green, KY**

**May 3, 2015**

**Time - 1:00 pm—4:00 pm**

Come join us on our new Chapter Kick Off on May 3rd 2015

It will be located at the Woodburn Community Center,  
Fletcher St, Woodburn, KY from 1:00 pm– 4:00 pm Central Time.

There will be games, snacks, prizes and a 50/50 drawing  
So come join us and make some new friends, see some old friends and  
just have a good time.

Asst. Chapter Director  
Michael Dorris

Chapter Director  
Tim Groves



50/50

Games

Prizes