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**April 2017**

***Looks like April is here!***

***If you haven't heard, I had a total knee replacement on March 6th. This is probably the hardest thing I have ever done. I am not used to being down for such a long time. Would I do it again, yes; but with a much better understanding of what I was going to go through. I have tried to be as active as possible and be there for the chapter. I really depend on you folks to take up the slack when it comes to visitation and the traveling plaque and couple of the year mascot. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.***

***The OCP Class for April 29th has been cancelled due to a lack of registrations.***

***Roger has set up some dinner rides, and we have had good turnouts. Cabin fever has definitely influenced our lives so far.***

***Alan Ernest has completed his Trike Instructor certification, we are having a CPR class in the near future and Spring Fling in Tennessee is upcoming. If you have never been to the Spring Fling, you have missed a really great chance to make new friends and attend a great rally.***

***Your riding season is upon you folks! Make certain you have cleaned and maintained your bikes, batteries are charged, fluids are full, tires have tread on them. Be ready to ride, but be safe doing so!***



## From our Ride Coordinator — Roger Early

We had to cancel our ride to the Bluegrass Heritage Museum after our last gathering due to cold and wet weather. We had cool weather for our ride to Our Best Restaurant on 4/1 but still had a great time. We had 6 people make the trip and 9 people from Chapter A met us at the restaurant.



You might notice in the picture that Mike is having to look around a balloon. Dedre surprised him with some balloons to celebrate his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Here is another picture of him with one of the balloons.

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/>



Our theme for the 2017 Kentucky Blast:

**WE SUPPORT OUR TROOPS**



We had a great run to Our Best last Saturday. I can't believe Randy and Denise didn't make the trip. We had a great time with Chapter A, great food, and I am waiting for MY piece of pie Dedre said I could have. Yeah, the balloons were for my birthday.



We had dinner at Ricardo's in Versailles on 4/4. We had 7 people join us for dinner and had some good food and a great time.



The events that are coming up include:

- April 20-22 – Spring Fling in Pigeon Forge
- May 6 – Derby Day Ride
- May 8 Dinner at Casa Fiesta in Frankfort
- May 20 – Ride to Great Saltpeter Preserve in Mount Vernon
- June 3 – All God's Children Cruise for Kids
- June 9-10 – District Ride-In
- June 17 – Ride to Kentucky Fudge Company in Harrodsburg
- July 1 – Ride to Bucky Bees Barbeque in Cave City

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Please join us as we welcome our  
newest sponsor of Chapter C.  
Thanks Jerry's of Paris, Kentucky

*Happy April*

*Greeting Fellow Chapter KYC Goldwingers!!! Shea and I are so excited to welcome another riding season full of fun and fellowship with great friends!! We are looking forward to exploring the backroads of Kentucky and more of the beautiful states that comprise our good old United States of America. We have heard of several big trips that are being planned by Goldwingers across the state and pray for safe and memorable journeys for them all. When considering safety in group riding, I have always felt the "drag" is of utmost importance in securing a safe ride. When researching this I found an article written by Doug Boemecke, a Regional Director of Driver Education in Iowa. I didn't want to omit anything because I felt like it was all relevant. Read, enjoy, and take heed and thanks to Mr. Boemecke for his insight!!!!*



### **Who's Your 'Drag',**

Who is this person who always rides at the back of a group on a team ride? Some will say that they are the most important member of the team. I do not disagree. Consider all of the responsibility they carry on their shoulders. They are the last out of the parking lot and the last in. From their position, they can observe the other 4 to 6 riders in the formation. (We all know that a group should not exceed 5 to 7 bikes or trikes). Who better to observe the new rider in the group and offer his suggestions on how to help that individual become a better rider than the 'Drag.' It is they who keep the 'Lead' informed of traffic closing in on the group. They are the person who tries to keep the team together and helps maintain the proper spacing between bikes. And it is the 'Drag' who is going to secure the lanes and notify the 'Lead' when all is safe. After all bikes in formation have cleared a road hazard and it is once again safe to resume the staggered formation, the 'Drag' will notify the 'Lead' and all will be safe.



What if a rider in the group has a health issue which necessitates them to pull out of the formation or if a rider has a problem with their bike? It is the 'Drag' and only the 'Drag' who will stop and render assistance. If that should ever happen, then the next rider in line assumes the 'Drag' position and the responsibilities that go with it. If the 'Drag' notices someone driving erratically, this may be a sign that the rider is having a serious health issue or mechanical failure. The 'Drag' immediately notifies the 'Lead' and with the help of his CB tries to get the rider in question out of the group and to a safe stop.

That very important rider called 'Drag' or the backdoor, does all of this for our benefit in hopes of reducing our risk as a motorcyclist. They deserve a pat on the back for what they volunteer to do. With all of these responsibilities, it is evident that special training is needed to become a responsible 'Drag.' **DO NOT PUT JUST ANYBODY BACK THERE.** Every 'Drag' should participate in a 'Road Captain' and 'Team Riding' seminar. They should have a CB that works well. It helps if they are in the Rider Education Levels program and are current in CPR/First-Aid and riding courses. It doesn't hurt if they are good communicators and are liked by the membership.

Now we know who that person called 'Drag' is. It is not a position for everybody, but if you are well trained and are asked to be 'Drag' for your Team, accept the duties and when you are responsible for completing a safe Team Ride, you will be proud to be 'Drag.' So thank them at every ride.

We can all have safe 'Team Rides' when everyone assumes responsibility for their own ride, but only if they come to the ride in good health, are well rested, and have their machine in good mechanical condition. Being well prepared will make both the 'Lead' and 'Drag' positions easier to maintain. Accidents happen and machinery breaks, but the risk of those things happening are minimized when we are well trained, physically ready, and have serviced our equipment properly. If we follow this advice everyone will have a more enjoyable and hopefully safe ride.

***Let us always use every safety precaution possible to insure that we enjoy safe travels!!  
Can't wait to hit the roads again!! Prayers for safety to all our riding friends!!!***

Doug Boemeck      Iowa District Director of Rider Education

*Alan Ernest*

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# 2017 CONVENTION/RALLY SCHEDULE



**April 20 – 22, 2017**  
Tennessee Spring Fling  
Ramada Inn, Pigeon Forge, TN



**June 9 – 10, 2017**  
Kentucky Ride In  
Elizabethtown Crossroad Campgrounds, Elizabethtown, KY



**July 6 – 8, 2017**  
Virginia Rally in the Valley  
Holiday Inn, Tanglewood, VA



**July 2017**  
West Virginia Down Home Event  
TBA



**August 18 – 19, 2017**  
Kentucky Blast  
Cave City Convention Center, Cave City, KY



**August 29 – September 2, 2017**  
Wing Ding 39  
Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center, Grapevine, TX



**September 28 – 30, 2017**  
North Carolina Wings Over The Smokies  
Haywood County Fairgrounds, Waynesville, NC



**November 2 – 4, 2017**  
Region N Fall Finale  
Holiday Inn, Johnson City, TN



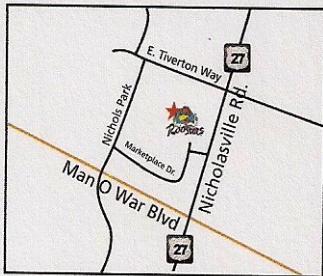
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*The Fabulous Fifties*  
35th Annual Tennessee  
Spring Fling  
will be  
April 20, 21, & 22  
in Pigeon Forge TN

| Birthdays            |  |       |
|----------------------|--|-------|
| John Conner          |  | 05/19 |
| Tom Del Bello        |  | 05/16 |
| Denny Grimmatt       |  | 05/09 |
| Tim Hamby            |  | 05/01 |
| Anniversaries        |  |       |
| Earl and Lily Broome |  | 05/05 |
| Mike Fawbush         |  | 05/19 |



Hello Fellow Wingers,

04/10/17

April, Time to start thinking about paying your taxes and digging out the motorcycle stuff that has been packed away for the winter months.

First off you want to inspect all of your safety gear to make sure it is not damaged or worn out. You might want to go thru some motorcycle web sites and pick up some new riding gear. Hopefully your spring prep of the motorcycle is complete, i.e. oil and filter change, new brake pads and anything else that might be worn or not working. Another great way to make sure you go thru everything is to do your first T-Clock inspection of the year. This list was created by the **Motorcycle Safety Foundation** for you to memorize what needs to be checked before each ride. Each letter represents a particular inspection category, as follows:

## **T – Tires and Wheels**

## **C - Controls**

## **L - Lights and Electrics**

## **O – Oil**

## **C – Chassis**

## **K – Kickstand**

### **Tires and Wheels**

**Tires:** Pressure correct, tread condition, no cuts, bulges, punctures

**Wheels:** Rims run true, no free play when flexed, bearing seals intact, spins freely

**Brakes:** Firm feel, sufficient pad depth, no leaks or kinks in hoses or cables

### **Controls**

**Levers:** Pivot bolt and nut, action and position correct, pivots lubed

**Cables:** Ends and shafts lubed, no fraying or kinks, no binding when handlebar is turned, proper adjustment.

**Hoses:** Check for damage and leaks, proper routing

**Throttle:** Snaps closed freely when released, no excess play



## **Lights**

**Brake and Taillights:** all filaments work, both levers actuate brake light

**Headlight:** all filaments work, properly aimed, no damage

**Lenses:** Clean, no condensation, tight

**Reflectors:** Clean, intact

**Battery:** Fluid level, terminals clean and tight, held down securely, vent tube not kinked or misrouted

**Wiring:** Check for pinching or fraying, properly routed, no corrosion

## **Oil and Fluids**

**Levels:** Brake Fluid, Engine oil, final drive, transmission, coolant, fuel

**Leaks:** Check all systems for leaks

**Condition:** Check color of brake fluid and coolant

## **Chassis**

**Frame:** Paint lifting or peeling may indicate cracking

**Steering head and Swing arm bearing:** Lift wheels off floor, grab lower fork legs and pull and push to feel for play, repeat at rear, turn fork to feel detents in bearings

**Suspension:** Smooth movement, proper adjustment, no leaks

**Chain or belt:** Tension, Lube, Look for wear

**Fasteners:** Look for missing or loose threaded fasteners, clips, pins

## **Kickstand**

**Side Stand:** Retracts firmly, no bending or damage, cut-out switch operates, spring intact

**Center Stand:** Retracts firmly, no damage

Summer is here so let's get out and ride while we can. Alice and I cannot wait to ride with you.

Quote: **As long as I can hold it up I'll ride!**

## **Safe Riding!**

**Darrell and Alice Hampton**

**Membership Enhancement Coordinators**

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Mike, Dedre, Brenda Perkinson and Mike Burkitt went to Mayfield on April 8th and put on a training day for Chapter Y. During the "My Enthusiasm Counts" module, Brenda challenged the team on the left with holding up a rock as a team. This is their attempt to do so. We taught 3 of the new modules and 1 from the old list of seminars. All training was well received and all had a good time! A great big thank you to Brenda and Mike for coming up from Tennessee and giving us a hand.

We've been talking about the new University Training and I'm happy to announce that Kentucky now has two new University Instructors! Rick Broadway and Bill Mucha passed the Instructor Training Certification Program (ITCP) on April 1. We now have four instructors who are certified to teach the new modules in the University. If you haven't had a chance to participate in a new workshop, you're in for a fun time! Consider stopping by a workshop at your next rally.

Mike and I enjoyed our day with Chapter Y! I wish they were closer to us because they are a fun bunch! We'll need to figure out a way to visit one of their meetings.

Please mark your calendars for the second annual Woodford County Ride for Life. This year it will be on Saturday, July 22 with kickstands up at 10am. Lunch and ice cream will follow the ride. The ride will be designed by our own Mike VanHoose, so it is sure to cover roads you've never been on before! The proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. We will have registration forms as soon as they are printed.

We appreciate Roger, Jeff and Ben who attempted to capture the traveling plaque from Chapter H last Friday. Mike and I were on our way to Mayfield so we were not able to go. Chapter G had 10 attend and won the plaque. Hopefully there will be enough to go to Chapter G to attempt to get it again! We love having visitors at our gathering!

We still have summer weight Bluegrass Wings embroidered hats for sale for \$9. We can also order embroidered Bluegrass Wings shirts. Talk to Dedre if you're interested. She also has pins and patches.

## 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 2nd Saturday of the month at Mark's Feed Store at 6501 Bardstown Road in Louisville. They eat at 11:30 and meet at 12:30.



**Chapter C** Meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Roosters. This is at the intersection of Nicholasville Road and Man O War in front of Walmart. Eat @ 11:00 AM and meet @ 12:00.



**Chapter G** Meet on the 2nd Tuesday at the Hot Spot, 6415 Dixie Highway Florence, KY 41041 Eat @ 6:00 pm, Meet @ 7:00 pm



**Chapter H** Meet on the 1st Friday of the month at the UK Shelby County Extension Office, 1117 Frankfort Road, Shelbyville, KY 40065 Meet @ 6:30 pm



**Chapter S** Meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Shoney's, 1046 Executive Dr. Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Eat @ 4:00 PM, Meet @ 5:00



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**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 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 visit them all sometime.**