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## August 2015

Happy riding weather Chapter C. We are finally drying out, having sunshine instead of clouds and rain, and temperatures that more than suit our passion for riding. I for one am so happy! Don't forget about the KY Blast this coming weekend. We are looking forward to seeing a record number of vendors, and hopefully we will have a great attendance to go with it.

Wing Ding is right around the corner, and we hope to see many of you there. Dedre and I are heading down after work on Wednesday and hope to enjoy the sights of Huntsville. From the information we have received, this should be a very interesting convention and hopefully the new Goldwing University rollout will bring some additional excitement. We will bring the updates to you if you're unable to make it.

Speaking of chapter challenges, the Blast will also be the kickoff for the next year of visitation, Couple of the Year get together, competing for the traveling plaque and the COY mascot. I hope to see a resurgence of Chapter C participation and lets get out and visit every opportunity we can. I would love to blow the other chapters away next year! We will be working to bring you the most current opportunities from the GWRRA— keep your eyes peeled! Keep thinking about stepping into open positions— we need an Assistant Chapter Director. The Christmas party is just around the corner! See you at the Blast!!



# *Loading Your Motorcycle*

We finally have had some beautiful weather to enjoy riding our Wings. We had a great ride on August 1 and I must say that Roger hit another home run in planning that excursion. We traveled back roads with beautiful scenery and visited three historic covered bridges. What a great day it was especially since it was topped off with a trip to the Dairy Queen!!

Last month we talked about loading our trailers for safe riding and this month I will extend that discussion and add some tips on loading your motorcycle. I saw an article from MSF that shared some interesting and important information on loading your motorcycle. Whether it is a carton of milk from the convenience store or camping gear for a three week trip, it is assured that you will carry more than people on your Gold Wing.

All loads should be tied securely to your machine. Do not even consider balancing a bag of groceries between your legs for even a very short return ride home. Strap it to the back seat with a bungee cord or elasticized cargo net. I carry several sizes of cords in the trunk of my wing for those kind of situations. Another great carrying device is the tank bag. It puts the weight where it should be – near the center of gravity. Make sure it is properly secured and remember never to carry anything on the gas tank or inside the fairing that may interfere with the steering of your cycle.

When you load your saddlebags, keep equal weight on both sides. Keep the weight relatively light in your travel trunk and on top of the luggage rack. The worst and most dangerous place to carry weight is on the rear of the motorcycle. Making this mistake can quickly transform a well handling cycle into a poor handling terror because the weight can easily shift. A shopping bag goes great back there but a 30 pound bag of dog food doesn't. Check the security of the load frequently and make sure nothing is dangling or hanging loose from the load. It is one thing to lose your luggage but quite another to have it tangled up in your wheel.

*Above all, do not exceed the gross vehicle weight rating of your motorcycle. You might find that weight figure on the plate attached to the steering head and sometimes it is found on the frame. If you don't find it listed on your cycle check the owner's manual as it will be clearly listed in pounds and will include the weight of the motorcycle alone. The weight of all gasoline, oil, coolant, the riders, and the luggage should be added to that initial weight number.*



**Ride Safe,**

Alan Ernest

KYC Educator



GOO was wandering around the Banff Springs area with Mike Fawbush and Bruce Bigelow. Looks like they found some really nice scenery!



# 2015 REGION N CONVENTION SCHEDULE



**SPRING FLING  
HAD A GREAT TIME!**

## 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

## THE BLAST

THE KENTUCKY DISTRICT CONVENTION  
CONVENTION CENTER—FRANKFORT KENTUCKY

August 13—15, 2015



THE GWRRR NATIONAL OFFICE PRESENTS

## 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)







**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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Hello Fellow Wingers,

08/10/15

August, What a great month. Hey we have had some rain and oh yea some heat to go with it. These summer months just seem to fly by weather we are riding or sitting still. I have heard that expression that there is never enough time to do everything so you better pick the top five on your bucket list and get busy working on them.

August also brings the end to a lot of peoples vacation time and means that for most it is back to school for the kids. This also adds more travel traffic to the roads and highways by people trying to get that last trip in and seems to have allowed the roads under repair to multiply, if that is possible. I am not sure if one can ride a 20 mile stretch of any road now without the orange warning signs. So just be extra cautious when riding with some of these travel folks and keep a larger safety zone between you and cars and trucks around you. We can always hope and pray that all the repairs will be complete by next year.

With the end of season coming on we need to take the opportunity to invite a neighbor, friend or co-worker along on one of the group rides. We can still show them how much fun we have as a group together and give them some insight to how much safer it can be riding with a group. Don't be greedy with all the fun, you must learn to try and share the great times with have as a group.

Quote: **Sometimes you need a really crooked road to get your head straight!**

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton



Kentucky Motorsports has and continues to be a valuable sponsor to our chapter. We want to thank Taylor and his team for their commitment to Chapter C and the Honda Goldwing. Please think about them the next time you are in need of service or parts.

The weather will be wonderful for our KY Blast this weekend! Mike has a guided ride planned at 1:00 on Friday and I expect a lot of folks to take advantage. If you are there and are able to help Mike, please let him know. Also remember to sign up for the Ghost Tours for Friday night. There are only 22 spaces for the 7:00 tour which should leave the convention center no later than 6:30. There are 30 spaces for the 8:15 tour which should leave no later than 7:45. You must ride the bus to take this tour. Sign up at the information table—first come, first served.

Chapter C is signed up to work from 3-4 on Friday. PLEASE come to the lobby and ask to be assigned to an area. Mike will be on the guided ride and I will be monitoring seminars, so we need all hands to help out. We are also scheduled on to work Saturday from 12-1. If you are willing to help any other time, just ask! There will be tasks to perform! Saturday will also be the Chapter Challenge from 1-2. One of the challenges requires a rain suit, so bring one along. We came in 3rd place last year and what a hoot! There is a costume contest at Friday's dinner. The Blast theme is a Blast From the Past, so come in retro clothing. Pick your favorite decade and go with it!

I encourage you to come to the Blast this year while it's still in our back yard. Next year the Blast will move to Cave City for at least two years. If you're on the bike you can park on the concrete area in front of the convention center.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Since the Blast is on our regular Saturday gathering day we have moved the gathering to Saturday, August 22 at our normal time—eat at 11 and meet at 12.

**Don't forget about Wing Ding this year!!**

**HUNTSVILLE**  
we've got space

**U.S. Space & Rocket Center**

**Huntsville Welcomes Wing Ding 37 in...5...4...3...2...**

**Wednesday, September 2,  
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**FREE to all registered Wing Ding attendees! Includes Biergarten style German buffet**



## From our Ride Coordinator and NEW District Webmaster!!

Since our last newsletter article, we had a dinner ride to Gibby's in Frankfort, a ride to Natural Bridge, the Kentucky Motor-sport and Outdoors Family Fun Day and a ride to the Covered Bridges in Fleming County.

We had a great time and great food at Gibby's and even stopped at the DQ in Frankfort for some ice cream.

Karen and I could not make the ride to Natural Bridge; Karen had a class to attend and I had to deal with a sick dog. I con-tacted Mike that morning and he agreed to lead the ride (Thanks Mike!). He had suggested the Furnace Road (KY-213) that runs through the Daniel Boone National Forest and said it was a fun ride so I hated to miss that ride. I was able to get out a couple weeks later and ride that road and I agree with Mike that is a fun, curvy road. I hope to get a chance to ride it again in the future.

We also missed the ride to benefit the Trooper Island that was part of the Family Fun Day. I rode down later in the after-noon with my nephew so we could see the bikes and cars that showed up for the Car and Bike Show. We also spent some time in the showroom looking at all the bikes, especially the red and black 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition Gold Wing.

We were able to join the ride to the covered bridges. We had a great day and found some good roads. We stopped at DQ in Flemingsburg for lunch and then headed to the Goddard Covered Bridge where we met a few others that were on bikes and visiting the bridge.

They had a couple of benches in some shade so after viewing the bridge we had some interesting conversations on the benches. I tried to convince Shea that I called ahead to have the benches setup just for our ride but she knew better than to believe me. I don't know what they were looking at on her phone in the photo on page 10 but I bet it wasn't pictures of the red and black 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the Gold Wing.

### Goddard Covered Bridge







### **Next we headed to the Ringos Mill Covered**

Finally, we headed to the Hillsboro/Granger City Covered Bridge and then headed back to Lexington. It was a great day and we had the pleasure of riding with some visitors that Mike met on the Trooper Island ride. They are currently riding a VTX but they are looking to buy a Gold Wing. Hopefully they will join our chapter in the future.

The list of our upcoming events is below. As you can see we have plenty of opportunities to ride including our chapter rides, dinners, District Conventions and Wind Ding. Please come out and join us.

- August 6 – Dinner Ride to Windy Corner Market
- August 13 to 15 – The Blast, Kentucky District Convention
- August 22 – Cynthiana Rod Run
- September 3 through 6 – Wing Ding 37 in Huntsville, Alabama
- September 14 – Dinner Ride to Jerry's in Paris
- September 19 – Chapter Ride - TBD

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/>











# GOO'S TOOL BOX

## Keeping Your Cool

Well the warm (HOT) weather has arrived with temperatures lately in the low 90's. When riding our wings with temperatures in this range we talk about keeping ourselves hydrated, taking more and longer breaks in shady places. But have you ever given thought of helping that 1800/1500cc boxer 6 keeping its cool (1000/1100/1200cc boxer 4's).

The reason for the longevity and high mileage attained on Gold Wings past and present is that it has a water cooled system to get rid of the heat generated by friction and the combustion cycle. The cooling system requires maintenance similar to changing oil, oil filters, fuel filters and air filters on regular intervals.

The guidelines in your Goldwing manual states that the system should be drained and coolant replaced every 24,000 miles or 2 years. It can be done by individuals with average skills and there are numerous "You Tube" videos to walk you through it. However I would recommend this be done by a Certified Honda Technician at your local Honda dealer. If you do it yourself remember use only HONDA HP coolant. Use of certain automotive coolants can cause pre-mature water pump failures. Also beware that most coolant system leaks develop after a coolant change and to make sure the system is burped to prevent air pockets with in the system.

Remember to keep your cool when riding as well as that trusty boxer 4 or 6 cylinder internal combustion engine on your beloved "Wing"

