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Where did July go? This summer has simply zipped by us. Riding has been difficult because of the enormous amount of rain we have had. The heat has been unbearable and we are long overdue to have a wonderful late Summer or early Fall. Later this month we will travel to Cave City for our Blast convention over the 19th and 20th. Next month we are going to Cherokee, NC for Wings Over the Smokies. What a good time that will be! Dedre and I are looking forward to seeing old friends, riding the back roads, and enjoying a beautiful area with our chapter family.

Have you seen our new hats yet? I personally think they are pretty nice. I have 5 of them left and will get more. Next on the list will be getting a winter weight hat.

We closed out the physical year with Kentucky District pretty strong. I am up in the air about the traveling plaque, but I know we have done really well on the visitation points. We will find out at Cave City. We hope to have a lot of our chapter come down and enjoy the good times. Speaking of great times, Earl and John are heading out for Billings, Montana via the west coast the last of August. We wish them safe and enjoyable travels and want them back safe and sound!

Mike and Dedre VanHoose





WOODFORD COUNTY RIDE FOR LIFE



Police Escorted Charity Ride

\$25/bike \$10/ rider - Preregistration

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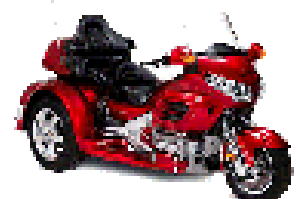
Why Should I Take A GWRRA Rider Course?

Nine times out of ten the answer is "I've been riding for years and I don't need to take a class." Or I have ridden 000,000 of miles and "what can they teach me?" Persuading a person with a negative attitude about GWRRA Rider Training is like the old saying "talking to a brick wall." Is it possible to be so skilled and have all the knowledge to avoid an accident? Well, if one does not ride very far or often, then it may be possible. But personally I didn't hardly get out of town when I totaled a bike and was lucky enough to walk away from it.

Can we in GWRRA Kentucky remember a single riding season that someone we knew did not have a bad accident, a close call or a near miss due to another motorist's driving behavior or other causes? If you ride around our Commonwealth or like some in our Chapter that have or will be taking trips out west, or to Canada or even better yet Alaska; we expose ourselves to many different riding situations and environments. We have to be prepared to respond to these riding changes with the proper reaction and on occasions do it within a split second. A GWRRA ERC / TRC Rider Course and Rider Ed seminars helps prepare you both mentally and physically to execute the kinds of maneuvers called for by an unexpected action or situation.

Contribution by Russ "GOO" Bell

This past weekend, I certified Alan Ernest, Earl Broome, and John Conner in Medic First CPR and First Aid. **Congratulations** to all three of these members for their participation and time. As you will remember, this is required in order to advance in your levels program. See your chapter educator Alan for more information.





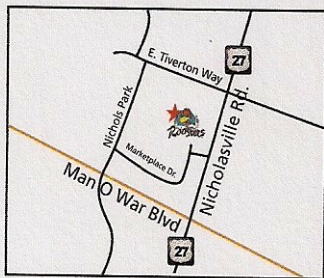
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It's the unofficial end of summer with the kids back in school. This entire year has flown by!

Mike and I want to sincerely thank all of you who answer the call when we ask for folks to visit chapters with us. We enjoy spending time with our Goldwing family!

The Blast is coming up on Friday and Saturday, August 19 and 20. Our work schedule is out and I would appreciate you letting me know if you will be there during the following times: Friday 3-4pm and Saturday noon-1pm. We have to man the different areas as we usually do—security, games, registration, etc.

There are some new events at Blast this year. The local vendors have arranged a scavenger hunt on Saturday afternoon. Chapter G is running bike games. There are 3 self-guided rides marked in the local brochure that you will receive in your registration packet. Mammoth Cave is close by and we should have a tour set up. There will be classes, but two have been rewritten and will be presented under the new format. I can't wait to see them!

Gals, be sure to check out the visitor center that is in front of the convention center. They have a great selection of local crafts for sale at very reasonable prices! Better get there before Karen and I do!

In case you missed the Ride for Life flyer on the second page of this newsletter, let me tell you about it! Mike designed the 90 mile ride through Woodford, Franklin, Jessamine, Scott and Fayette County back roads. The Ride benefits the Relay for Life and includes lunch, door prizes, 50/50 and a silent auction. Please join us at Falling Springs in Versailles before 10am on Saturday, August 27. We will have registration forms with us. Pre-registration saves you \$5.

So because of the Blast and Ride for Life, our August gathering has been moved to Sunday, August 28. We will eat at 1:00 and meet at 2:00 and ride afterwards. Change your calendars now!

Join us for the many events in August!



Hello Fellow Wingers,

08/09/16

August is upon us and talk about heat and humidity. Wow the summer is flying by and I have not been able to ride as much as I would have liked. Alice and I have four grandchildren now a fifth one due the 15th of this month. This summer if I have not had to work Saturday's it seems as if we have been heading north to see grandbabies and family. This month is already booked with the new grandbaby on the way, two more scheduled production Saturday's at work and a one year birthday party for the twin grandbabies. My only long ride might be after our chapter meeting. Next month we have Wings over the Smokies which we are so looking forward to.

I have to keep my lack of riding in mind every time I do get on the bike as to being a little rusty to the sounds and scenes of caution when riding in traffic. Is it just me or does everyone on the road seem to be in an excessive hurry? With the lack of activity for the Wing this summer I purchased a battery tender and that seems to be working very well, something you might consider for your bike over the winter months as it is supposed to make you battery last a few more years.

As I am writing this newsletter I can hear thunder outside and it has been raining off and on all day so this would not be a good day to ride. Hope to see all of you at the August chapter gathering at Roosters so we can talk about things that have gone on this summer and maybe get to enjoy a nice dessert ride after the meeting. And again I want to remind you to invite that neighbor or friend that has a bike to come to our chapter meeting and see what fun we have.

Quote: **Race the rain, ride the wind, and chase the sunset!**

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

Membership Enhancement Coordinators

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From our Ride Coordinator and Webmaster– Roger Early

The summer continues to fly by but unfortunately it seems like we have had rain and hot temperatures for a month. We have been able to enjoy come riding but I admit I am looking forward to some cooler drier weather, especially drier.

After our last Chapter gathering, a few of us rode to Paintsville to take advantage of the Double Visitation Points for our Chapter. We rode through the Nada Tunnel and the Red River Gorge area on the way there. We stayed overnight in Prestonsburg and Mike lead us on some back roads on the way home. We had a great time.

We had to postpone our Co-Rider's Choice ride due to the threat of rain and storms. It has been moved to September 10th.

We had a great ride and great food on 8/2 at Casa Café in Richmond. We got a break from the rainy weather and had a very relaxing ride.

I experienced a flat tire while riding my bike recently and I want to share a few things from that experience with you. For those of you who attended our July gathering, this story will be a repeat and I apologize for that but I wanted to share the story as well as some lessons I learned. On 7/10, we were riding to the meeting in Elizabethtown and I was leading a group of about 6 bikes. When we got south of Bardstown on the Bluegrass Parkway, I noticed the bike just did not feel right in the turns. It seemed to take more effort to get it to turn. When we finally got off the parkway and interstate 65, we pulled into a gas station to check out my tires. I had 1.5 PSI in the front tire so it was flat. While checking the tire, it had gotten so hot the rubber was very hot and tacky to the touch. We put air in it and I rode to the Golden Corral restaurant but I could tell it was going flat on the way there. I ended calling Rescue Plus to tow the bike and rode back to Lexington with Jeff. The bike has been repaired and all is well but here are the lessons I learned from this experience:

I had heard and read that you need to use metal valve stems on our bikes and I had metal ones on mine.

The cause of the flat was the rubber boot at the base of the valve stem had failed. The bike now has all metal valve stems and I will continue to use them. I encourage you to check your valve stems and if they are not all metal make sure to replace them with the next set of tires.

If you don't think your bike is running right, don't hesitate to check it out. The bike felt like it did not want to turn and I should have found a place to pull off and check it out. I didn't pull over because I did not want to hold everyone up since we wanted to get to the meeting on time. The other reason was the bike seemed to be doing fine and it really wasn't until I got on the exit ramp and had to make a sharper, slower turn that I convinced myself something was wrong. If you riding and something doesn't seem right, please check it out as soon as it is safe to do so. By the way, I had Dunlop Elite 3 tires on the bike and I sure am glad they held up at 70MPH with little or no air pressure. I am now on a new set of Dunlop Elite 4's.

Recue Plus is a great package. I called them from the restaurant and they arrived within the ninety-minute window that they gave me. I got the bike towed to my daughter's house in Louisville since it was closer than Lexington. I had to get it towed again from her house to the

shop to get it fixed. As it turns out Rescue Plus makes you wait 72 hours between tows for the same mechanical issue. I am glad I wasn't farther from home because I would have had to either pay for the tow or wait 3 days. Even with that 3-day window, I would advise you to check out Rescue Plus. The Rescue program that is part of the membership in GWRRA will only tow bikes and only for 35 miles. The Rescue Plus program will tow cars as well as bikes and trailers. The mileage limit goes from 35 to 100 per mechanical issue. It is \$35 per year. I have had it for a few years so it is like insurance. It is something you hope you don't have to use but it is nice to have it when you need it.

Riding in a group is safer. The folks from our chapter waited with me at the restaurant until the bike was on its way and as I said before I was able to ride back with Jeff in his air conditioned truck. Scott, Mike, Dedre and Jeff all stayed with me and helped me get the bike squared away. Mike even offered some good advice to the tow truck driver on how to tie it down.

Our GWRRA organization has some very special and caring people in it. We had people from the chapters in Louisville, Shelbyville, Northern Kentucky, Elizabethtown and of course Lexington at the meeting and I think I received some help or advice from at least 1 person from each Chapter. The advice ranged anywhere from "check your valve stems" to advice on where to take the bike to get it repaired in Louisville. I was offered advice on how to replace the valve stem but was I concerned about the condition of tire so opted to have it towed. I was even offered a truck and trailer to tow the bike back to Lexington myself. I am grateful to everyone for their concern and their offers to help.

We have several Chapter and District events coming up. They include:

August 19 and 20 – Kentucky District Blast in Cave City

August 27 – Ride for Life in Versailles

August 31 to September 3 – Wing Ding in Billings, Montana

September 8 – Dinner at the Olde Bus Station in Harrodsburg

September 10 – Co-Rider's Choice Ride to Berea

September 17 – Ride to Mammy's Kitchen in Bardstown

September 22 to 24 – Wings Over the Smokies in Cherokee, North Carolina

October 1 – Ride to the Kentucky Apple Festival in Paintsville

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

Jeff Sullivan *08/11*

Angela Wiggins *09/14*

Josie Pennington *09/22*

ANNIVERSARIES

Alan and Shea Ernest *08/19*

Denny Grimmett *08/25*

Roger and Karen Early *09/05*

Mitchell Young *09/14*

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 B-1 Meet on the 4th Sunday at Ryan's Steakhouse at 1921 Mel Browning Street, Bowling Green, KY 23104. Eat at 4:00 pm and meet at 5:00 PM.



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 Golden Corral, 4770 Houston Road Florence, KY 41042 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 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 sometime.