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## February 2017

***Happy February Chapter C!***

***February has definitely started off with a bang. We had a great turnout when 18 of us had dinner at Ramsey's last month, and followed that up with another wonderful get together at Winchell's last Thursday. We had 15 members in attendance! What a wonderful way to start the new year.***

***As we write this Alan Ernest is in Georgia completing the first part of his trike instructors certification. We will soon have a trike instructor in Kentucky again. Way to go Alan!***

***The weather being its normal unpredictable self is making for some opportunities with these warm weekends we have had. John Conner and I went to Louisville this past Saturday and a few of the folks rode their bikes. It was in the 60's after all. Next weekend looks to be another opportunity to ride. If anyone wants to put a ride together, please let us know so we can get the chapter involved.***

***Now is a great time to have training. Alan wants to do some rider education and we can also do some of the new seminars available to us. We will update you when we get those scheduled.***

***Mike and Dedre VanHoose***



## From our Ride Coordinator — Roger Early

So far I have not been able to ride this year. We had a great day to ride after our meeting on 1/21/17 but unfortunately I was fighting a head cold and as much as I wanted to ride, I decided I was better off resting. We also had some great weather on 1/28 but Karen and I had a retreat at church so I'm back to waiting for better weather. As I write this they are predicting warm but wet weather followed by a chance of more rain or snow. I'm just going to have to be patient and wait for warm weather preceded by some rain to remove the salt residue.

Mike led a ride after our last meeting and I understand he took the group through some backroads in Woodford County. I'm sure everyone who could join the ride had a great time.

I have added dates for our rides to our events calendar on the web site. I am still working on the destinations. I have also started planning our chapter dinners. If you have some destinations in mind, please let me know.

The events that are coming up include:

- March 4 – Ride to Bluebird Café in Stanford
- March 6 – Dinner at Mancino's on Leestown Road
- March 18 – Ride to the Bluegrass Heritage Museum in Winchester
- April 1 – Ride to Our Best Restaurant in Smithfield
- April 4 – Dinner at Ricardo's in Versailles
- April 15 – Ride to Lincoln Homestead State Park
- April 20-22 – Spring Fling in Pigeon Forge
- May 6 – Derby Day Ride

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:

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Please join us as we welcome our  
newest sponsor of Chapter C.

Thanks Jerry's of Paris, Kentucky



**Make Training a Priority**



Happy February to all my Goldwing buddies. Since we are now experiencing cold weather and unable to ride, it is a great time to participate in some of the great training opportunities that GWRRA has to offer. Hopefully one of your New Year's Resolutions was to get certified in First Aid / CPR and AED. With the cold weather curtailing our riding, why not plan a day of training with your fellow Goldwingers??? The training you receive may be helpful to you or one of your fellow riders on one of your Chapter rides. This training could save your life or you could be trained and prepared to save the life of one of your friends.

We members of Chapter C are fortunate to have Michael VanHoose not only as our Chapter Director but he also serves as our Medic First Aid and CPR instructor. Let's take advantage of his many years of certification and expertise in this area. We know firsthand what the benefits of this training are as Michael saved the life of one of our fellow Goldwingers on a ride last year. In our February meeting, we will discuss a date for a Chapter certification session. Please be thinking about a time that would be good for you. These types of training are crucial and we have the best in Michael to provide it to us - let's take advantage of that!!! We will also be offering a trailering course for those Goldwingers who pull a trailer and those planning on getting one. We will discuss this at our meeting also.

GWRRA has 115 training modules for its Chapter members. Please take some of your time to look these over. Take advantage of some of this training to make you a safer and better prepared Goldwing rider. If there is anyone who would like a particular training seminar please contact me and I will show you where the online training request form is located on the District or Chapter web-sites.

Let's all make 2017 the year that we are trained, prepared, and certified to be the safest riders possible. Let's do it for ourselves, our co-riders, and all our dear friends that we are blessed to ride with!!

*Ride Safe*



*Alan Ernest*

*Chapter C Educator*

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## 2017 continues

Our second official 2017 event took us to Winchell's on Southland Drive this past Thursday. We had 15 members attend, really good food and a great time with each other.



I traveled to Louisville Chapter A on the 11th for their monthly gathering, then met with them afterward to conduct a refresher CPR class. They had 5 attend the course and all were successful.



# 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



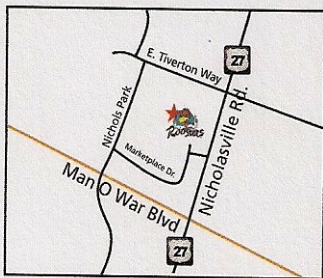
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## The Fabulous Fifties

35th Annual Tennessee

Spring Fling

will be

April 20, 21, & 22

in Pigeon Forge TN

Guess what Chapter C?

For the second month in a row, expect some company at our next gathering! Eight of us went to Chapter H to recapture the plaque. Chapter A was there also, with seven members. This time the extra ticket worked! (The chapter with the most attendees gets an extra ticket for the draw for the plaque.) Thanks to Alan and Shea, Alice, Jeff, John Connor and Ben for going with us.

We have Bluegrass Wings summer hats for sale for \$9 each. We plan to have them at each gathering, but can also bring to dinner rides if you let us know ahead of time.





# OCP Class

April 29, 2017

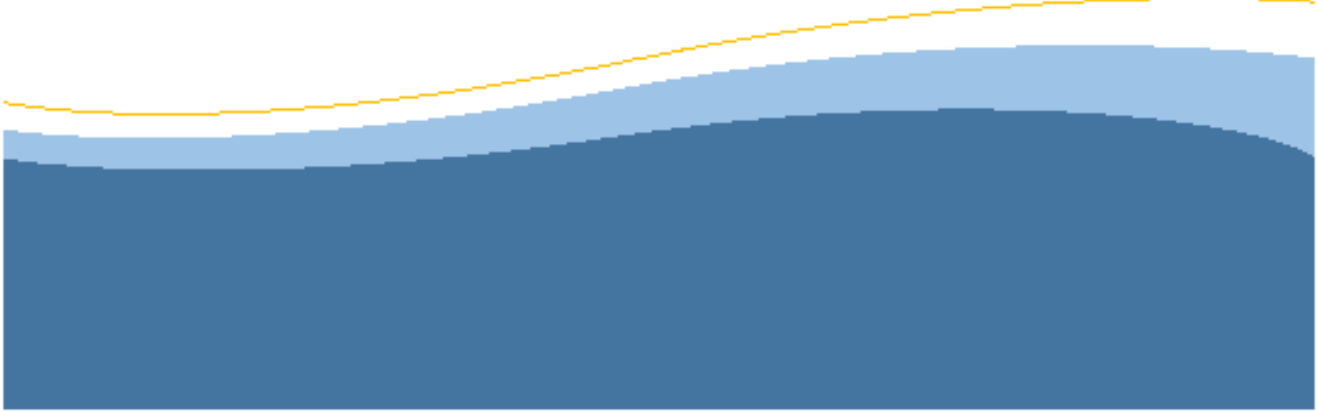
\*Class will begin at 8:00 a.m.

**Versailles, Kentucky**

Kentucky Leadership Training will be hosting an Officer Certification Program class. Forget the online version, a live class is much better. Michael and Dedre VanHoose will be your trainers on hand and you will have a good time! All Districts are welcome to attend.

RSVP by April 1, 2017 to  
[Kentucky\\_trainer@yahoo.com](mailto:Kentucky_trainer@yahoo.com)

Contact Michael or Dedre if you have any questions.





Hello Fellow Wingers,

02/07/17

February, it's my birthday month and always gets me excited for spring. Alice and I lived in Michigan for 18 years and when spring rolled around in late March the temperature would get up as high as the low 50's then it was time for the shorts. Well things are much milder here in the great state of Kentucky and we really love living here. You might remember from a few newsletters back I told you I had bought my first trailer for the motorcycle as Alice and I plan on taking some extended rides on the Wing this summer. I still have to install my trailer hitch and light plug but I will be doing that over the next couple of weeks.

I do appreciate all the good advice I received from my fellow Wingers on things to be aware of when pulling a trailer. I also will be looking for a class or training session on pulling a trailer just to make sure I don't miss anything. If you know of some you would recommend then don't be shy. One of the things I did give up for the trailer was the time worn excuse that " Honey, I would like to buy that for you but we just don't have the room on the motorcycle" Not really an excuse because all the good folks we ride with have offered us room in their trailers if there was something we really wanted to take back home.

We are looking forward to riding with all of you again and I hope more of us can make more of our planned rides this summer as we always have a great time. OH, and I almost forgot we did get a GoPro camera for Christmas so we will be taking more video on the rides and maybe picking out some of the best ones for the newsletters so you don't want to be left out of those.

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: **Everything looks better from the inside of a motorcycle helmet!**

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

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<b><u>Birthdays</u></b>		<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>	
Astor Bell	02/03	Lane and Phyllis Hait	02/06
Phyllis Hait	02/16		
Darrell Hampton	02/24		



## 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 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 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.**