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Happy New Year Chapter C!

As we begin a new year, we are setting our sights on a great riding season Roger is asking for ride ideas, and Dedre and I are hoping to see everyone getting together for activities and socializing this year. I would really like to see us come together in greater numbers and really show the other chapters what a wonderful chapter we have. Dedre and I are proud to be a part of Chapter C and hope our members feel the same way. The more of us that gather, the greater the enjoyment. We are again chasing the Traveling Plaque, we have a new Couple of the Year, and we can and will be active in the district.

The Kentucky Ops meeting is February 4th in Versailles at 10:00. Roger has the information on the website. If you want to learn more about your association, come out. Alan is anxious to begin our education opportunities and the winter is a good time to do those. Look for emails about upcoming opportunities.

Make the most of your chapter folks. Let us know what you would like to do, rides to take, places to visit, people to see. We started the season right with 18 Chapter C folk at Ramsey's for a wonderful dinner. Thanks Roger for setting it up.

Mike and Dedre VanHoose



From our Ride Coordinator — Roger Early

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and I wish you a Happy New Year!

I'm starting to work on our ride schedule for 2017. The tough part about doing this is I miss riding already. I cleaned the bike a few weeks ago and I have not ridden since. Planning the 2017 rides makes me want to get it out again. Hopefully we'll get some decent days to ride and spring will come early. If we get a chance to ride I'll send out a note and let you know the details.

I took a quick look back at our rides in 2016. In addition to our dinner rides and chapter visits we had lots of fun chapter rides. We also participated in at least 2 charity rides including the Cruise for Kids and the Ride for Life. We also enjoyed going to the Spring Fling in Pigeon Forge as well as the Wings over the Smokies in Cherokee. We even had an overnight ride to Paintsville to attend their chapter gathering.

For me personally, the highlight of my riding in 2016 was the District West Virginia Perimeter Ride. It was a ton of fun and we got to see some great scenery. It was sad to see that some of the areas we rode through were flooded just a few weeks later.

Unfortunately, our Co-Rider's Choice ride was postponed and finally canceled last year. I am open to having a Co-Rider's Choice ride this year. Please get your ideas to Karen so we can pick a date and a destination.

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:

- February 9 – Dinner at Winchell's on Southland Drive
- 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

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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newest sponsor of Chapter C.
Thanks Jerry's of Paris, Kentucky



To all our Dear Goldwing Friends,

Please allow Shea and I and to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Happy and Healthy 2017. We have been beyond blessed to be a part of GWRRA and Chapter C Bluegrass Wings. Over the last three years, we have developed such wonderful friendships with the best group of people in the world. We have been blessed profusely and our gratitude is overflowing. 2016 wasn't without some challenges and difficulties but were certainly outweighed by God's grace and blessings. Thank you for your friendship and your unending support. You truly are the best!!

Thank you too for allowing us to represent Chapter C in 2017 as

Couple of the Year. We promise that we will do our best to represent the best GWRRA Chapter in the state of Kentucky. We are humbled and excited to take on this new challenge.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation,

Shea and Alan

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Happy 2017 everyone! I'm still trying to figure out what happened to 2016!

We have a lot of fun things to look forward to this year. Not only our own Chapter activities, but other District events as well:

The KY District Operations meeting for Chapter Officers is Saturday, February 4.

April brings the Tennessee Spring Fling in Pigeon Forge, TN April 20-22.

The Kentucky Ride-In which was normally in May has been moved to June 9-11. It is still at the Campground in Elizabethtown.

The Region N Ride-N will be June 16-17. We should learn the location at the KY Ops meeting.

Two events are scheduled in July. The Woodford County Ride for Life is Saturday, July 22. Mike is planning the route, so it will be a good one! The West Virginia Rally is supposed to be July 21-22 as well. They have a new District Director, so we'll have to verify the date.

August 18-19 is our own Kentucky Blast in Cave City, KY.

Wings Over the Smokies has changed the date and the venue. It will be September 28-30 in Waynesville, NC.

Virginia has a new District Director too, so we'll check on that date/place of their rally.

Last, but not least in the Region N Fall Finale November 2-4 in Johnson City, TN.

Did you notice something missing? The Kentucky District Ride is not scheduled by Mike for 2017. Why you ask? Because Mike and Dedre are visiting Maine in June, and we're inviting you to join us. Mike is leaving on the bike on Thursday, June 1. Dedre is flying to Portland, ME on Saturday, June 3. We will spend Saturday night in Portland then ride up the coast to Bar Harbor, ME Sunday through Friday. We will do day trips from Bar Harbor to see Maine. Friday Mike will drop Dedre back off at the Portland airport and ride back home, arriving on Sunday. Come with us!



Birthdays

Alan Ernest 01/24

Anniversaries

Lane Hait 02/06



2017 Kick Off

Our first official 2017 event took us to Ramsey's on Harrodsburg Road in Lexington this past Thursday. What a great time we had. It was great to see 18 of our chapter get together to socialize and converse with each other. I think everyone had cabin fever and were just dying to get out. Thanks Roger for putting this event together and thanks to everyone that showed up and made it a great time. We even had to use 5 tables to seat everyone. That is a good problem to have.

We had a couple of visitors travel from Cynthiana to be with us. Mike and Tina Fryman brought with them Earl Wiggins and his wife Angela that had not attended in a while. It was really good to see everyone!





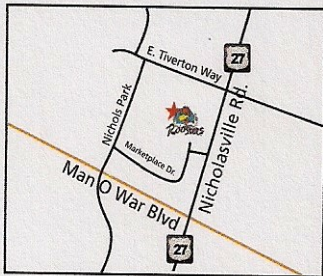
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The Fabulous Fifties

35th Annual Tennessee

Spring Fling
will be

April 20, 21, & 22

in Pigeon Forge TN

Expect some company at our next gathering! After four or five attempts, we were finally successful at capturing the traveling plaque! Since Blast, the plaque has been traveling between Chapters A and H, but we finally got it from Chapter H at the beginning of the month!

While we were visiting Chapter H, we were also presented with our very own traveling plaque that we won at the Blast in August. This is the fifth year in a row that Chapter C has won the traveling plaque! Keep up the visitation Chapter C! We will bring it to the next gathering as well.

We now have Bluegrass Wings winter hats and 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.



Hello Fellow Wingers,

01/10/17

December was such a festive month with Holiday shopping and Christmas parties going on. This was also the last month of the year and signals a time of snowy days and weather that is not very good for motorcycle riding. It also signals a time of year to do some the preventive maintenance on your bike while it sets in the garage.

Take some time to do a complete inspection of your bike from brake shoes and rotors to oil and filter changes and don't forget to drain and refresh your antifreeze if it is more than 3 years old. Do the little inspections like the condition of cables, wire connectors, headlight and taillight brightness. In some cases if you have a bad seal around any of your lights then dust and dirt can get in and cover the bulb and in side of the lenses. This reduces the amount of light that gets out and reduces the visible brightness. Check your foot pegs for aging rubber and if they are split or cracked see if you can buy replacements. Most of the spare or replacement parts you might need are usually easier to get in the fall than in the spring when all bikers are looking for them.

Whatever your activity is with maintenance or waiting for those few good days when you can ride don't forget to invite a neighbor or friend to enjoy you bike time with you. If they ride but are not members of GWRRR then encourage them to check us out and show them some of our chapter newsletters (if you have copies) or just direct them to our web site and they can check out the pictures of all the good times we had this past year. Remember, more members then more fun!

Alice and I want to wish our GWRRR family a Very Happy and Healthy New Year!

We are also looking forward to an even better 2017.

Quote: **It's not the destination as much as it's the Ride!**

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

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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 Frisch's 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 visit them all sometime.