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## July 2015

Well, rain sucks! Just saying how tired we are that we can't seem to get a break from the rainy weather. Temperatures have been good, just way too wet to enjoy what little dry time we have had.

Dedre and I attended the District Operations Team meeting two weeks ago so we could finalize plans for the Kentucky Blast. We are trying to put together a really good time for our district and things are coming together. Remember that we have a lot of great conventions coming up and I know that somewhere down the road we have to finally get clear weather. Did I say Rain Sucks?

News just came down from National about Wing Ding. Seems there are going to be many new changes. They have several new seminars to present, the formatting is being changed and the GWRRA University is being rolled out for the membership. We are looking forward to seeing these changes take place and bringing the new stuff back to you. Even better, go to Huntsville and get the info firsthand. If you have never attended a Wing Ding, this is a must do for your bucket list. From the vendors to the drill teams, to the seminars from all divisions are more than enjoyable to attend. The biggest thing for us, is the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. That seems to happen no matter what we do!

Remember to ride safely, ride aware, and enjoy this wonderful past time we call motorcycling! Be safe out there.



# Towing a Trailer

**Shea and I have towed a trailer for the past two years and it has been a great advantage to us. There are a few common sense secrets to towing a trailer. Of utmost importance - your load distribution is crucial. The heaviest of the cargo should go to the bottom of the trailer to keep the center of gravity low. A certain amount of tongue weight is necessary (30%). You will probably go through some trial and error of packing and repacking until you get the right weight distribution for the type of trailer you decide to purchase.**

**Pulling a trailer behind your Goldwing requires some adjustment on the rider's part as well. It takes about a fourth more time to accelerate and a fourth more time to brake when you are towing a trailer. You must look ahead when pulling out in traffic or when you are stopping.**

**Towing a trailer can certainly have additional challenges. Although the rain should not present any specific problems with trailering, strong winds definitely could serve as a challenge. Being ever mindful that you have a trailer behind you is important in coping with these possible issues. Backing up has presented itself to be difficult at times for me personally. I have learned that I need to take the extra time to find a parking spot that I can simply pull in to and not have to back up. When I am staying somewhere overnight or longer, I simply unhook the trailer and place it in its own spot until I'm ready to hook it back up and head home.**

**Personal experience pulling a trailer on your Goldwing will be your best teacher. Although there are common sense tactics, trial and error will be the most effective way to learn how to pull your trailer safely. Wing Ding offers an excellent seminar for Bikes and Trailers that would be most beneficial to anyone who pulls a trailer or plans to in the future!!**

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# 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)





Hello Fellow Wingers,

July 8, 2015

Can you believe it is July already, I hope everyone had time to enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> with friends and family. Alice and I traveled to Michigan to spend time with our Daughters, Son n laws and Grandbabies along with our extended families and we had a great time. But you know I can't remember the last time we drove north and did not hit rain, snow or some form of dicey weather either going there or coming back home. This brings me to talk about Kentucky weather in the summer. It seems like each day the weather report is warm and humid and "oh" by the way you can't rule out a rain storm or afternoon shower popping up.

Well if you are going to ride you motorcycle then you might as well be prepared for riding sometime in the rain. Just about a month ago we ended up riding about 200 miles in the rain returning home from western Kentucky on the last day of the historic ride. It was not as much fun as sunny weather would have been but it had to be done to get home so prepare for it when you ride. I read an article recently that gave some pointers on safe riding in the rain or wet conditions. They talked about the 3 main things that will control weather you are comfortable riding in the wet or miserable.

**Traction** – make sure you tires have good tread life and are properly inflated and then slow down.

**Visibility** – you face shield or even you glasses can fog up due to the difference of body temperature and the air temperature dropping due to the rain. Try and prep with some anti-fogging solution that you can buy.

**Comfort** – being prepared with rain gear that works for your needs, does not let water in but does not make you feel like you are riding in a sauna bag.

Properly managing these three factors allows you to concentrate on the road and appreciate the fact that you have added another skill set to your riding.

**Some pro tips for riding in adverse conditions:**

Watch the windshield wipers of oncoming cars to see if it's raining ahead.

Choose a rain suit that incorporates a breathable membrane so you are not overheated.

Pack your rain suit on top, making it easier to get to when needed.

Put your rain gear on before the rain starts if possible.

Wear bright colors to make yourself more visible to others.

Transfer your wallet, keys and other essentials to waterproof pockets.

Use four-way flashers in heavy rain or fog.

Increase your following distance, and watch for tailgaters, let them pass when possible.

Avoid standing water as it can hide potholes and debris.

Tap your rear brake in advance of normal braking distance to alert followers.

Gently apply brakes periodically to wipe rotors of water/mud/debris.

Watch out for painted lines, arrows, railroad tracks, etc. as they can be particularly slippery.

After the ride, don't pack your rain gear away until after it is completely dry.

Just some tips to keep you safe during this riding season. Enjoy and I hope to see you on the road.

GWRRR-KY chapter C

Membership Coordinators

Darrell and Alice Hampton





Mike has already sent the Kentucky Blast Work Schedule, but I thought I would share some details for our newer members. We are scheduled to work Friday from 3pm-4pm and Saturday with A from 12pm-1pm. Please look over the list and description below and let me know which area you would like to work in.

Registration—this is where pre-registered members pick up their packets or walk-ins pay for admission.

Security—sit at the vendor hall entrances and check for wrist bands to indicate members have registered.

MEP/Information table—we need someone outgoing for this job! Sign up sheets, 50/50 tickets, grand prize tickets, couple of the year prize tickets and general information will be at this table.

Rider Ed table—this table has games to play to win door prizes and is also an information table.

Poker Hand/Goodie table/Leadership Training—members will pay for a poker hand which will have to be recorded for best hand and worst hand. Goodies (pins/patches) will also be sold here and have to be accounted for. Leadership Training Seminars will be listed and sign up sheets available.

Ticket games—lead the games that will be located in the vendor hall. Tickets will be awarded to the winners to win door prizes.

Door prize—hand out door prizes when people bring their winning door prize ticket.

The Blast starts on Thursday afternoon. The vendors open and there will be an ice cream social. Friday is the first full day and includes the vendors, a guided ride, dinner for registered guests and a ghost tour at Buffalo Trace. Space is limited on the ghost tours, so sign up early. There will also be leadership, membership enhancement and riders ed seminars. Saturday is the couple of the year selection, seminars and vendors. Hope to see you there!

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





# Ride for Trooper Island

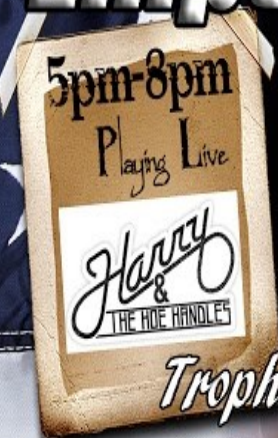
**POP'S**  
Southern Style  
Barbecue

*\$25 includes Lunch*  
**Benefit for Ky State Police**  
**Trooper Island**

Register  
Noon to 1:30pm

**Bring your bikes! Bring your Cars!**

# Empty Pockets Cruise-In & Bike Show



**POP'S**  
Southern Style  
Barbecue

Family Fun

Bounce Houses



BENEFIT FOR  
SHRINERS HOSPITALS  
FOR CHILDREN

*Trophies & Door Prizes*



[www.KyMotorsportsandOutdoors.com](http://www.KyMotorsportsandOutdoors.com)

*July 18, 2015*

*Location: Ky Motorsports & Outdoors*  
*1618 Northgate Dr, Richmond, KY 40475*



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.





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

We had a great time on the Cruise for Kids on June 13<sup>th</sup>. We had 8 bikes from our Chapter and our son, Brad, showed up on his Yamaha Stryker to join in the fun. Some of us met at the Kroger in Brannon Crossing and when we arrived at Bethel Harvest Church, we had the pleasure of getting our picture taken with the Chick-fil-A cows.



We had a family gathering that afternoon so Brad, Karen and I had to leave after the pit stop. The route was proceeding on Pisgah Pike so Karen and I rode ahead to get some pictures. While we were waiting, I turned to get a picture of Karen on the bike, which we parked in front of the Win Star Farm Office. After I took the picture, I noticed the street sign we parked under. The sign says "She's a Winner". We were all winners that day, we had great weather, fun roads and lots of bikes. It was all for the benefit of All God's Children.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our ride after our June 20th meeting due to rain. We did have 2 chapters, Chapter A and Chapter H, show up to try to win the plaque and Chapter H took it home with them. Their next meeting is Friday July 10th so watch for information about an opportunity to go there and try to win it back.

Kentucky Motorsports and Outdoors is having a Family Fun day on July 18th so after our meeting that day we will head down to Richmond to join in the fun. They have a ride to benefit the State Police Trooper Island that leaves at 1:30 PM, registration starts at 12:00 PM. They are also having a Cruise-In Car and Bike Show that benefits Shriner's Hospital. The Cruise In is from 5:00 until 8:00. Hopefully we can get a great turnout to show we appreciate them being a sponsor of our Chapter.





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.

July 7 – Dinner Ride to Gibby’s in Frankfort

July 9 through 11 - Wings Over the Smokies, North Carolina District Convention

July 18 – Chapter Ride – Kentucky Motorsports and Outdoors Family Fun Day

July 24 and 25 - Down Home Rally, West Virginia District Convention

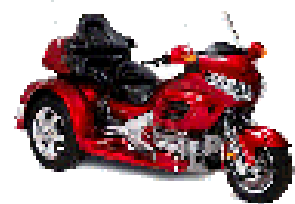
August 1 - Ride to Covered Bridges in Fleming County

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



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/>



# THE ROLLING STOP

You know, even with all of the hype about “being aware of motorcycles” those \$#@!! 4-wheelers still don’t pay attention. We’ve all seen them. They’ll roll up to a stop sign, pause (not stop) for a second, and gun it. You’ve just about got enough time to apply all of those great ERC skills and maybe add your own touches, like the horn and a string of expletives that must have come from somebody else. (I didn’t know I knew all those nasty words!)

And if the skills don’t help, what’s the first thing those drivers tell the police officer? “I didn’t see the bike.” No kidding Sherlock. You didn’t give yourself time to look. I used to spend a lot of time berating 4-wheelers for that most inconsiderate, and dangerous practice until one day I was faced with an awful truth. I, and quite a few of my fellow riders, do exactly the same thing.

We roll up to a stop sign and if the wheels stop turning at all, it’s only for a second. The feet never hit the ground. Maybe there are times when keeping the tires moving is the safest way to go, but most of the time I have to ask myself if I’m just being lazy.

As I gain “maturity” I also have to look at reaction time, eyesight, and powers of observation. Why folks don’t “see the bike” is that they never really observe the roadway. They look but they don’t see. “Seeing” is a slow reaction. It takes those little cells and neurons some time to process what we thought we saw, and interpret it correctly. Could I really pick out from the background the speeding sport bike with no headlight in the nano-second I glance to my left while checking my rearview mirror, balancing my Wing at 2 mph, and trying to figure out if this is really the right turn to the closest Dairy Queen? I don’t think so. So I stop. Put my feet down. Collect myself, and go. So far, I’ve never had to say “I didn’t see the bike.”

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