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What a great month June has turned out to be! Along with some really nice weather, we have been able to get out and go on some rides. We met a few new friends along the way. A big Goldwing howdy to Jonathan Jones and Dennis Traynor. Jonathan recently moved here from Missouri and is the Pastor of the Salvisa Baptist Church. Dennis has been with GWRRA a while but just recently went out on a ride with us.

Roger has been busy with the ride schedule and Creekside was our first stop this month. Really good food with a really good (affordable) price. We had 9 folks on that ride, felt like 12 going home as full as we were. On the 11th we rode to Richmond to Madison Gardens.

What a great time! Today (June 13th) we had 9 bikes on the All GOD's Children ride. What a great time we had and even better time together. The State Police, Jessamine- Woodford and Scott County Police, and the Lexington Motor Patrol provided excellent guidance and coverage for us all. There were 123 bikes and 9 Corvettes in the lineup.

Our season is really ramping up quick. We will be offering a lot of activities over the summer and early fall. North Carolina has their district convention the weekend after the 4th of July. Our Kentucky Blast is August 13, 14, and 15th in Frankfort. Starting next year the Blast will be in Cave City, KY. We have a lot of great ideas coming from our chapter, please keep those coming and get with Roger so he can put your ideas together.

Remember, we have the Traveling Plaque so we can expect to have some company this coming Saturday. The Region N Wandering Plaque is in Abingdon, VA right now, and we are keeping tabs on it. Maybe a road trip is in the near future!



“Bubble of Awareness”

You've seen them on the roads driving their cars, trucks, and SUV's.....they are talking on their phone, eating, making a grocery list, checking their text messages, reading their GPS, fussing at their little ones in the back seat, putting on their makeup.....or perhaps all of the above!!! How much of their attention is left for driving responsibly??? This is called the “bubble of awareness” or just how much of an area are they aware of and paying attention to? Perhaps they are aware only up to their front bumper or perhaps their “bubble” includes the car in front of them but not what's behind or beside them. Are we included in these drivers “bubble of awareness”???

How about us as motorcycle riders??? How encompassing is our “bubble of awareness”? We have distractions too such as two way radios, incoming bugs, watching other riders in our group, weather conditions, wind, flying debris and the list goes on. How much of our attention is truly on riding?

Research shows that in an emergency situation, we have 2-3 seconds to react to that situation. The problem is that it takes about 3 seconds to make a judgement on the situation and another couple of seconds to take action based on the aforementioned judgement. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to know that we have a serious time discrepancy here. The difference lies with that 5-10 seconds of awareness that occurs before the emergency situation occurs. If we can extend our “bubble of awareness” about 20 seconds ahead, we can actually start making predictions on our environment and take action to reduce our risk of emergency situations.

Listed are some of examples of predicting emergency situations based on current knowledge:

If there is a truck or tractor with an uncovered load in front of you - predict that there may be debris coming your way. Be prepared to swerve, slow down, or stop.

If the driver ahead of you is driving slowly or moving side to side - predict that perhaps he is lost, looking for an address, or not driving with a logical train of thought - predict that he may turn suddenly and back off. Do not pass as he may take an unexpected left turn.

When there is a curve in the road in sight - predict that beyond the curve there may be a stalled car in the road or perhaps an animal. Take a tighter turn and slow down so you can see further around the curve.

There are many more points of awareness that a rider can take to insure a safer ride. The trick is for us to get our eyes up and look well ahead, identify those potential hazards, make predictions based on that knowledge, and take action early. Enjoy the summer rides, be alert and ride within your limits and most importantly maximize and extend your “bubble of awareness”!

Alan Ernest- Chapter C Educator

2015 GWRRA Region N Convention Schedule

SPRING FLING

THE TENNESSEE DISTRICT CONVENTION “SOUTHERN FAMILY REUNION” CAMP JORDAN ARENA,
EAST RIDGE TENNESSEE

April 23—25, 2015

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

Blast From The Past

THE KENTUCKY DISTRICT CONVENTION
CONVENTION CENTER—FRANKFORT KENTUCKY

August 13—15, 2015

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)



From Darrell and Alice- Membership Enhancement

Hello Fellow Wingers,

06/08/15

June, Wow month #6 on the calendar so you better enjoy that bike while the weather holds. But you know with summer months we also get a chance to take some time and visit family and friends and not always are we able to take our motorcycles.

When your taking those family vacations in the car I bet you notice just about every group of bikers that go by and your thoughts might be "I wonder where their heading" or "wish that was me riding along with them". Whatever goes through your mind you might notice something else with the groups. The majority of the time you see groups riding together, they are generally dressed or suited up the same as each other. We think of ourselves as individuals, maybe a little maverick or rebel for riding a motorcycle. But we tend to follow the group when it comes to appearance. I was driving my car just the other day and pulled up next to a group of "V" twin riders from Ohio and I would have a hard time picking one individual out from the others as they all had on the dew rags, and either sleeveless "T" shirts or just a vest. Nothing wrong with that as that is their personal choice but not a single rider with a helmet.

I know during those summer days when you can't ride fast enough to cool off it is a tough choice to wear something that is hot and making you sweat. Well, consider trying some of the rider safety gear that offers a way to flow air thru it or covers a little less. Some of the new mess jackets are ideal for this type of weather and still protects your skin from the rock that gets tossed from a monster truck tire or the huge bug that feels like a "BB" when it hits you at 75 mph. Wearing DOT approved half helmets can also help you enjoy the breeze and still ride on the safe side. Whatever rider protection you use just stay safe and enjoy your motorcycle.

Quote: On a motorcycle no one ever asks "Are we there yet"!

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

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Chapter C took a ride to Creekside in Campbellsville for a wonderful meal. We all ate way too much, but the price was so reasonable we couldn't resist.



A few words from Dedre :

I wish Mike would stop mentioning how much food we eat on dinner rides :-0 It's the fellowship that we go for Michael!! It gives us time to get to know you better, and I do enjoy that! Ben has graduated from high school and is in Loveland, OH with his summer job, so I'm hoping to go more often than I've gotten to this spring.

Preview of coming attractions—The Kentucky Blast! This year it is in our back yard, so make plans to go. The theme is “Blast from the Past” so look forward to a stroll down memory lane. The Blast is August 13-15 at the Frankfort Convention Center. The Chapter Challenge will be back on Saturday, so join your fellow Chapter C folks for some fun challenges! It is guaranteed to release endorphins with a major belly laugh!! We have a District Staff meeting the Saturday following our gathering, so look for more info in the next newsletter. As Mike has mentioned, the Blast is moving to Cave City for 2016 and 2017.

Since the Blast is during our regular gathering day, we will move the monthly gathering to Saturday, August 22. We'll send out reminders, but go ahead and put it on your calendar now!



During our Cruise for the Kids Charity Ride, the girls took time to pose for a quick picture. Missing but on the ride is Shea Ernest. By the way, Alice still knows how to dance!



Madison Gardens in Richmond was my old hangout during my college days. It was great to get a chance to go back, especially knowing how great the food is. We had 2 cars and 4 bikes on the ride down. Again, we ate entirely too much!

Kentucky Motorsports & Outdoors
Family FUN Day
Saturday July 18th 2015

4th Annual Trooper Island Ride
11 a.m - 4 p.m.
Proceeds to



1st Annual Empty Pockets Cruise In
Car & Motorcycle Show
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Proceeds to



FOOD - FUN - PRIZES
BOUNCE HOUSES & GAMES ALL DAY
LIVE MUSIC AT 6 P.M.

- ~ Ride Registration Starts at Noon
- \$25 per bike \$35 with passenger ~
- ~ Includes Meal & Raffle Ticket
- For a New 2015 GMC Truck ~
- ~ Kick Stands up at 1:30 p.m. ~



"Support Team" for the Empty Pockets Cruise In. Give these guys a follow!



We have Classes On-Site in Our Fully Stocked Gun Shop!

50% Off*
Two HUGE Opportunities

* Coupon valid One in Stock Item June 13 2015 & July 18 2015 2pm - 4pm, Max discount \$100, Excludes: Tires, Wheels, Firearms and Units. Can not be combined with other offers or used with gift cards ~ 20% Off One in Stock Item All Day Both Days ~

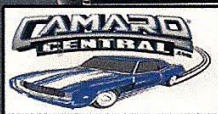
July 18th we will be busy all day. Hope you can join us for these important rides!

Empty Pockets Bike Show & Cruise-In

Date: July 18, 2015



BENEFIT FOR
SHRINERS HOSPITALS
FOR CHILDREN



Location: Richmond, Ky @ Ky Motorsports & Outdoors
5 pm - 8 pm



From our Ride Coordinator and Webmaster– Roger Early

We had some wet weather for the Kentucky Ride In but Mike and I rode down to the campground in Elizabethtown to join the fun. We rode down US62 and managed to get a break in the weather to allow us to enjoy some of the curves. We ran into more rain later. We stopped for lunch and the rain stopped until we got back on the bikes. Once we got to the campground, we played some games and visited with the other participants. After a supper of bean soup and corn bread, we headed back to Lexington just as the rain began again. We came back on the Bluegrass Parkway and managed to get out of the rain for most of the return trip.

The ride to DQ in Harrodsburg after our last meeting was cancelled due to rain. I have put that ride back on the schedule for June 20.

We had a ride to Creek Side Restaurant in Campbellsville on 6/6. It was also the same day as the Highway 68 Yard Sale but we managed to pass on all the sales and had a great day. We enjoyed the ride and the food. We stopped at the DQ in Harrodsburg on the way back to enjoy some cool treats.

On 6/11, we rode to Richmond and had a good time at Madison Garden Bar and Grill. We rode down and back on US25 and were treated to a very colorful sunset as we rode home.

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.

June 20 – Ride to DQ in Harrodsburg (hopefully other chapters will join us)

July 7 – Dinner Ride to Gibby's in Frankfort

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

July 11—Ride to Natural Bridge State Park and Daniel Boone National Forest

July 18 – Chapter Ride (TBD)

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/>





GOO'S TOOL BOX

Oil Filters

The following oil filters are replacements equal to Honda OEM units selling for less and doing a equal or better job:

GOOD

Wal-Mart Super Tech ST 7317 \$ \$2.70

BETTER

Purolator PL 14610 (L)
PL 14612 (S) \$ 6.80

BEST

Mobil 1 M1-110 (L) M1-112 (S)
\$ 11.40

Oils

If you want to use oils found at Wal-Mart or your local auto parts store:

Mineral Oil:

Shell Rotella 15w – 40w
Chevron Delo 15w – 40w

Synthetic: Mobil 1 15w – 40w

Castrol and Mobil Motorcycle blends a \$11.00 +/- per quart

Some multi-grade motor oils below 15w use additives that could be harmful to your clutch plates / discs.

