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Good day Chapter C!

June is here and riding season is in full force. Roger has recovered from his incident, has his bike back on the road again and is riding. So good to have you back Roger! The big news in the district is the change in district staffing. Rick Broadway is our new District Director effective July 1. Dedre and I will no longer be a part of the district team, meaning we have more time for the chapter, and we like that idea.

We have been very fortunate to win the Traveling Plaque again so we can expect company at our gathering for June. Jeff, Earl, John and Dedre have really been busy chasing after it.

The 2017 Woodford Ride for Life is coming up on July 22. We would really like to see a good turnout from Chapter C for this charity event.

Roger is busy setting up rides, and we have been fortunate to acquire new sponsors for our chapter. Please keep these businesses in mind when you are making your purchases.

Now for a reminder to wear all the gear all the time. You can never be too safe. Roger and Darrell can both attest to events they have been through, and their gear made a difference!



From our Ride Coordinator — Roger Early

I cannot share much about our recent rides because I am still recovering from my accident and was not able to participate. (see the May Newsletter for more details) We cancelled the ride on Derby Day due to the weather. We had a group go to Casa Fiesta in Frankfort on 5/8. Mike also led a ride to Mammy's in Bardstown after our chapter gathering on 5/20. He had some people from Chapter A join that ride.

On June 3rd we had a group participate in the Cruise for Kids that benefits All God's Children. Prior to the ride, I met the group at Bethel Harvest Church to talk with them and get some pictures of the bikes. It was a beautiful day. Here is a picture of the Chapter C participants.



Randy and Denise Coy were asked to be the lead bike and follow the State Police Cruiser during the ride.



Our theme for the 2017 Kentucky Blast:

WE SUPPORT OUR TROOPS



Since I reported on my accident in the May Newsletter, I wanted to follow-up with a couple of lessons I have learned after the accident. First, please be sure as you add accessories to your bike that you have adequate insurance to cover them. At one point they were considering totaling my bike and I started adding up the value of the accessories and realized I was under insured. I had a plan to remove some of the accessories if they totaled the bike and the insurance adjuster was fine with that plan. They have decided to repair my bike so the insurance on the accessories will not be an issue.

Second, if you ever have to use GWRRA's Rescue Program to get your bike towed, please make sure you are familiar with tying down the Gold Wings. The tow truck company that showed up to get my bike was ready to tow a car and not a motorcycle. I got out the Gold Book and showed him how to tie it down and he did a great job. I also had to get some friends to come over and help him get the bike on the truck. I have reported this to the Rescue program and they said it be addressed it but I wanted to let you know about my experience.

My leg is healing well and the bike repairs should be done soon so I hope to be riding again soon.

The events that are coming up include:

- June 9 and 10 – District Ride-In
- June 17 – Ride to Kentucky Fudge Company in Harrodsburg
- June 19 – Dinner at Jerry's in Paris (We're grateful to have them as one of our Sponsors)
- July 1 – Ride to Bucky Bees Barbeque in Cave City (This is also a chance to see the location of The Blast that will take place in August)
- July 6 – Dinner at The Kentucky Depot in Stanford
- July 15 – Ride to Stanton through the Daniel Boone National Forest
- July 29 – Ride to Jane's Saddlebag
- August 10 – Dinner at DaVinci's Pizza in Frankfort (We're grateful to have them as one of our Sponsors)
- August 18 and 19 – Kentucky District Convention, The Blast, in Cave City
- August 29 to September 2 – Wing Ding in Grapevine, Texas

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/>



Hello Fellow Wingers,

06/13/17

June, summer is here in a big way. Thunder storms and heat along with windy conditions. You know what else we get during the summer are the charity and group rides. Last week Alice and I along with a few other chapter members rode in a charity ride for "All God's Children". It was well attended by I would guess about 80 to 100 motorcycles of all sizes styles and colors. The ride started off as usual with a police escort and some back roads. The difference this year from the last few was the pit stop for us half way thru the ride was in a very heavy traffic area and that caused us some scare. Somehow the front of the group got separated from the back of the group. What was also separated was the police escort so bike riders took it upon their selves to block intersections and you can imagine how scary that was. Put a single motorcycle without flashing lights in the middle of an intersection full of shoppers in cars and we had some very close encounters of the worst kind.

What this made me really appreciate was how well organized our GWRRR group rides are. I believe that most of the riders in the charity bike ride do a lot of solo riding and most, except for the few Gold Wings in the group, did not have CB radios so there was no communication. When riding in a group, your actions not only affect you, but the other riders as well. Therefore it is important to recognize and remember that group riding is a "group" effort.

During the charity ride our small group of Gold Wingers broke away out of concern for safety and completed the ride as a smaller group. The difference in feeling safer was the difference between night and day. So the next time you ride with your GWRRR group don't forget to thank the **Ride Captain and Tail dragger** for keeping you safe and making your ride just what it should be and that is something you will always remember with good thoughts.

Quote: **You can't buy happiness, but you can buy a bike and that's pretty close!**

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

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I read this in a New York Chapter D newsletter and thought it was worth sharing – credits to John Stein!!!

IGNITION RIDE SMART

OK! Here we go again on tire safety. All kidding aside tires are all we have to keep us off the road, literally.

I found this fellow's article to be a little different approach to the same old subject. I hope he gets your attention and you come away with a new appreciation for the "T" in T-CLOCS.

Throw two credit cards on the ground. Then shoulder a 500-pound motorcycle, sprint forward, and leap onto the cards at 50, 100, or 150mph. Although tires are rubber instead of plastic, that's still all the contact patch you get. Odd analogy perhaps, but the point is to get you thinking: Given the speed potential of modern street bikes, these precious little footprints make tires your bike's most important components.

Besides visually inspecting for wear and damage, get to know your tires by finding the four-digit date code, molded into an oval on the side-wall. The first two digits represent the week and the second two represent the year of manufacture (e.g., 1109 means the 11th week of 2009). Worn out or not, if a tire reaches the age of eight I consider it ready for recycling. As a test, press your thumbnail into the tread of new and old tires you'll feel the difference in hardness.

Other markings include the tire's load index, speed index, and construction (radial or bias belt). "For maximum tire life, store your bike in low-temperature and low-humidity conditions, away from ozone, salt, and moisture," advises Piero Misani, Pirelli R&D and industrial director.

Ride Smart polled Misani, along with Shawn Bell, senior tire development engineer for Dunlop, and Peter J. McNally, general manager for Avon's European Technical Centre, for some quicker, helpful tips on choosing and using street tires.

LOAD AND SPEED RATINGS. Match or exceed your bike's OE specifications when replacing tires. "A load calculator on

Dunlop's website lets you enter rider, motorcycle, and accessory weight to select the correct tire," Bell says. "Choose based on rider attitude and usage, such as sporty/short trips, commuting, touring, or freeway," Misani adds.

WEATHER CHECK. For hot, cold, wet, or slippery roads, the latest tire technology is the best strategy. "Pirelli tires are designed for immediate grip in all conditions," Misani says. Avon's McNally adds, "High silica content helps wet grip, while the tread pattern clears water away."

WEAR BARS AND TREAD DEPTH. "Tread-wear indicators help identify tire wear," Misani notes. Surprisingly though, legally you can run tires almost slick. "The tread-wear limit for motorcycles is 1/32 inch in the US," McNally says. "However, we recommend replacement before this."

HEAT CYCLES: FACT OR FICTION? At the track, tire warmers idealize temperature and reduce heat cycles. "Except when used in extreme environments, road tires are designed to withstand a great number of heat cycles," McNally says. Bottom line for street riders: Just go out and ride!!

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*It is interesting and informative to browse other GWRRA newsletters from all over the country. I have learned so many interesting things and gotten lots of great ideas from our Goldwing brothers and sisters across the country by scanning their monthly publications. I challenge each of you to visit some of these Chapter sites and enjoy what's going on in Chapters around the country. It's fun and enlightening!!
Ride Safe!!!!*



Chapter C, please take notice that we have been able to obtain another sponsor for our wonderful chapter. DaVinci's Pizza in Frankfort has totally gotten involved with our chapter. Please keep them in mind when you're riding through Frankfort and need a pick me up.

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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



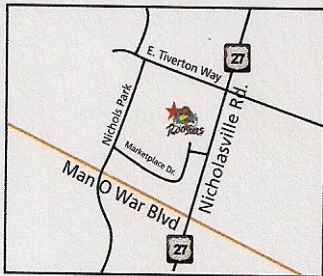
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Look for visitors at our gathering on Saturday, June 17th. We were successful at capturing the traveling plaque this past Tuesday from Chapter G's gathering. A big thanks to Jeff Sullivan and Earl Broome for traveling with Mike to Florence! It was a great day to win again.

Jeff, Earl, Alice and Dedre have been great supporting the chapter vying for the plaque over the months. Others have also, but special recognition of them!



Birthdays

Connie Jones

07/06

Anniversaries

One of our newest sponsors for Chapter C is Heritage Honda in Maysville, KY. We are proud to announce them for our Goldwing and servicing needs.

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We are still trying to figure out where Jeff is going to put all that pizza!



See you Monday evening June 19th Jerry's. Chapter C is coming to see ya!

Please let Roger know about going so he can report a good head count.

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 Hot Spot, 6415 Dixie Highway Florence, KY 41041 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 Shoney's, 1046 Executive Dr. Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Eat @ 4:00 PM, Meet @ 5:00



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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.