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Happy March Chapter C!

Is anyone tired of cold weather yet? It seems we have a few warm days, then we're back to cold days. We are ready for some transition to nice normal spring type weather. We have had some riding days, now back to shelter, and our heated suits.

As of this writing, we have had 2 very wonderful events happen for our chapter. Alan Ernest is now a certified GWRRA Trike Instructor, and Dedre VanHoose has successfully certified as an Instructor in the ITCP (Instructor Trainers Certifications Program). I was able to renew several Chapter A participants in their CPR certifications.

Roger has put together several dinner rides with a good turnout witnessed at each one of them. A great big thank you to Mike and Tine Fryman– Earl Broome– Jeff Sullivan and Alan Ernest for making the trip to Florence this past Tuesday. We all went to the Chapter G gathering and were successful in getting the Traveling Plaque back for Chapter C. With that we can expect a big crowd at our next gathering. I am recovering from having a total left knee replacement done. I may be a little slow, but I will try to keep up.

Mike and Dedre VanHoose



From our Ride Coordinator — Roger Early

I am hoping our weather is going to start staying consistently warm soon. I was finally able to get out and ride a week ago with a bright sunny day and with the temperature in the mid 40's which is about average for this time of year. I was out for a couple of hours and since it had been almost three months since my last ride it was a great time. The bike ran great, I just went out and made up the route as I went along. I think I was smiling the whole time because it was great to be riding again.

Mike led a ride the day after our last meeting and I understand he took the group into the Natural Bridge area. I'm sure everyone who could join the ride had a great time. Thanks Mike for keeping our rides going.

We had a group ride to the Bluebird Café in Stanford on 3/4/17. We had a great ride and came back through Danville and Burgin on Route 33. From there we took US 68 back to Lexington and enjoyed all the curves down by the river.

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 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



A MOMENT FOR A LITTLE RIDER EDUCATION

I hope that everyone is starting to enjoy the warm weather we are having and that your motors are wormed up, serviced and ready to go. Riding season is here and so are the dangers that go with it. According to the Kentucky State Police motorcycle related accidents are up 69% over the same time period last year. That alone is significant to us motorcycle enthusiast.

Now we all know about gators in the road, right? So our discussion this month involves remembering those road obstacles that somehow seem to find their way in our path.

Road gators for the new people in GWRRA are the remains of tire that have shredded or blown out on the roadway. Usually not a problem until you don't see one or it is night time and they are almost impossible to visualize. Everyone is cutting their grass now and they seem to always blow it onto the roadway. It's not too much of a problem until it rains, or the dew hits it during the mornings. With the heat, road oils and fuel are now coming to the surface, and we will probably still have a frost or two to worry about before the summer gets here.

For the next big problem, and can you guess what that is? Deer in our headlights or our eyes as I prefer to never find them. Night time is obviously the worst. According to the Kentucky State Police, nearly 47 percent of all accidents in the United States involving deer and vehicles happen in October, November and December because of the run of mating season, with November being the month with by far the highest number of incidents. Deer-auto collisions follow a pattern over a 24-hour period, the KSP said. The highest likelihood for a collision with deer is during the peak hours in the evening between 5 and 8 and in the morning between 5 and 8. Fifty-three percent of all collisions have happened in those time frames for the past five years.

The KSP also offered the following other defensive driving tips:

1. Be especially alert and drive with caution when you are moving through a known deer crossing zone.
2. Use your high-beam headlights whenever possible.
3. Upon spotting a deer, immediately slow down. Do not swerve because that can confuse deer as to where to run.

It could also cause you to lose control and hit a tree or another car.

Look for other deer after one has crossed the road. Deer are often found in herding packs.

If you are unable to avoid a collision with a deer, take the following steps:

Do not touch the animal. The deer, in attempting to move or get away, could hurt you or itself.

Remove your automobile from the roadway, if possible.

Call the police.

Please don't forget about our biggest problem, the other motorist on the roadways. They do not watch for us so we must remain vigilant.

Always remember to wear your safety gear; Helmet, Safety Jacket and Over the Ankle footwear. Have fun and ride safe!!!

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



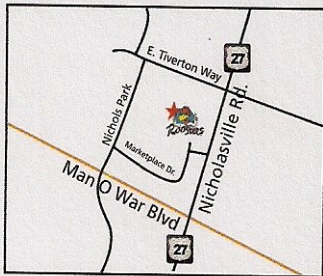
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The Fabulous Fifties

35th Annual Tennessee

Spring Fling

will be

April 20, 21, & 22

in Pigeon Forge TN

Guess what Chapter C?

For the third month in a row, expect some company at our next gathering! Six of us went to Chapter G to recapture the plaque. Chapter A and H were also there with their members. Thanks to Alan and Jeff, Mike and Tina, Earl 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

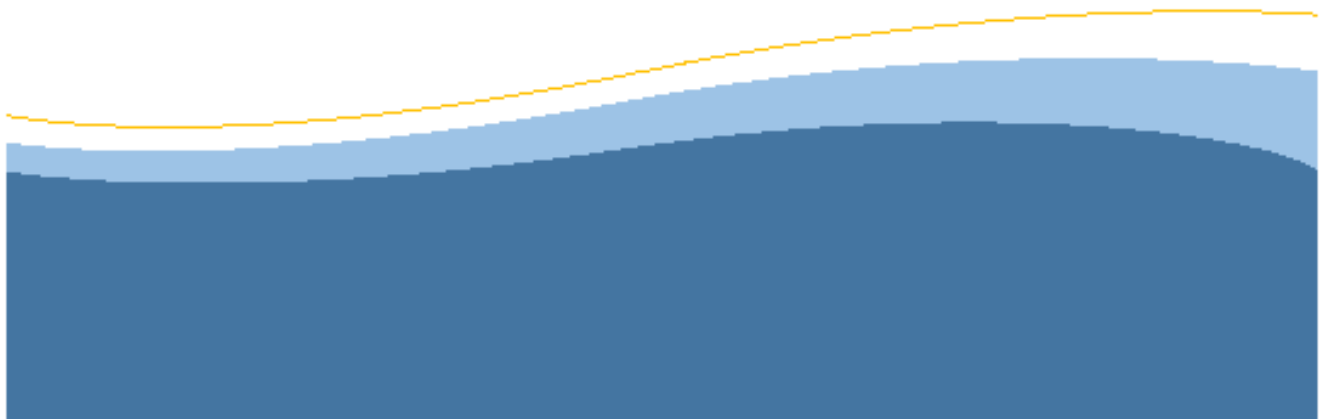
*Class will begin at 8:00 a.m.

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

Contact Michael or Dedre if you have any questions.





Hello Fellow Wingers,

03/08/17

March, What a wonderful month. It starts out with the excitement of March Madness for us College BB fans and ends with Baseball season just around the corner in April. Then add the fact that we are in the prettiest horse country in the USA and how could we complain?

A few rains and the salt is washed from the roads and we plan a road trip on the Wing and reality sets in.... Road repairs and heavy traffic. I know as bike riders we love to ride our Gold Wings but not to sit in traffic for hours on them. One of the things I want to talk about is patience. When you're riding on the highway you have to be prepared for the unexpected like road repairs and slow or stopped traffic. Being prepared might mean leaving yourself extra time to travel to your destination in case you are delayed. Or leaving yourself extra time by planning several alternate routes just in case traffic gets too heavy. If you are traveling and see the road under repair signs just be very aware and alert to the road conditions and surface conditions. When new surfaces are being added the level between lanes can be dangerous if you are not expecting it when having to change lanes. Also these areas can sometimes be covered with loose asphalt and gravel so slow down.

Our Kentucky riding season will be starting in just a few weeks so get started on the safety checks for the bike and make sure it is ready for the road. Alice and I cannot wait to ride with you.

Quote: Only a biker knows why a dog sticks its head out the car window!

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

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<u>Birthdays</u>		<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Lena Campbell	04/14	Darrell and Alice Hampton	04/26
Esther Coy	04/08		
Roger Early	03/19		
Jonathan Fox	03/24		
James Springate	03/21		
Michael VanHoose	04/05		
Earl Wiggins	04/16		

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 Mark's Feed Store, 4021 N. Dixie Hwy Elizabethtown, KY 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.