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It's May, and so far we haven't exactly had a good riding season. Seems the wather just won't cooperate with us. If I recall correctly, we had 13 of our chapter attend Spring Fling in Tennessee. We took the opportunity to ride The Cherahola and what a ride! The weather that day was beautiful! We have missed a few rides here and really hope that fixes itself soon. The District Ride is on the horizon and I can't wait. Locally, Darrell Hampton has been ill, now recovered, Alan and Shea welcomed twin grandchildren into the world. We have made several attempts to capture the Traveling Plaque to no avail, but a big thank you to all those that made the road trips with us. We will keep trying! Remember that this month our gathering is on Sunday the 22nd. We will eat at 1 and meet at 2. Just maybe we can have a ride afterward. The Lead Like You Ride training is in June at Pigeon Forge on the 25th. This is open to all who wish to participate and is offered by the National office of our GWRRA. Besides, it is another opportunity to ride the roads of Tennessee. It is shaping up to be a wonderful summer, let's get out and enjoy our beautiful state.

IT'S TIME TO RIDE!!

Mike and Dedre VanHoose





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Please join us as we
welcome our newest

Summer Winging

Summer is quickly approaching and I know we are all looking forward to more great rides on our Wings. We have already taken some fun rides and would have done more if this crazy Kentucky weather would cooperate. Now that we are anticipating summer and vacations, our Goldwing trips may be a bit longer than just a day ride. When we go for the day we just throw our legs over the bike and take off. If we are planning a longer trip, however, there is more planning and preparations we must take before we hit the pavement.

There are a few things that we must consider when we are taking a long (several days) trip on our Wing as opposed to a day ride. Before we take off we know that our bikes need a good physical but please don't forget that you need to be assured that you are physically prepared for the trip. A visit to your doctor to make sure everything is OK is advised. Is your body and stamina what it needs to be to ride safely for long distances?? Have your eyes been checked within the last year so that you are that assured that your vision is good? Are there any medications that you are taking that may impair your ability to ride safely? Go over your medications with your doctor to insure that you are taking them correctly and with the right dosage and make sure you pack enough to last you on your trip. I know all of these suggestions seem to be extreme but sometimes extremity is necessary for safety.

There are a few more reminders that should be noted before you venture out for a long journey on your Wing:

Give your motorcycle a physical too to make sure everything is in check.

Make sure you have stopped your mail or have someone to pick it up for you.

Notify credit card companies of your trip and possible charges from other states.

Turn your home alarm system on.

Make sure your insurance is up to date and that you have verification of coverage.

Check your route for detours or travel delays. Rescue Plus can help with this.

There are some states that require a license on your trailer (Florida) so make sure that you are prepared for the laws of the states you travel in.

May is National Motorcycle Safety Month so be extra cautious and practice all safety precautions at all times when riding your Goldwing.

Ride Safe,

Alan Ernest

KYC Educator

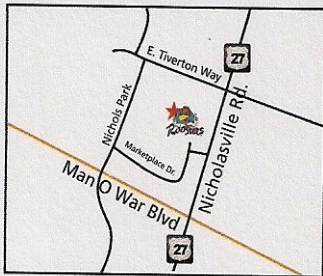
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Event Schedule Region "A" & Region N

Date	Event
May 20 - 21	Kentucky Ride-In
May 19 - 21	Alabama District Rally
May 20 - 21	Region Ride-N Marion, VA
July 14 - 16	South Carolina District Rally
July 22 - 23	WV District Rally & Convention
August 18 - 20	Kentucky District Rally
August 31 - Sept 3	Wing Ding 38
September 22 - 24	North Carolina District Rally
October 6 - 8 (not confirmed)	Virginia District Rally
October ???	Mississippi District Rally
October 27 - 29	Region A Rally
November 4-5	Region N Rally, Johnson City TN



Never let it be said that Alan can't take orders! LOL
As you can see, Shea makes sure that Alan gets the bike nice and clean before a ride.



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*Thanks for stopping in!
Check Out Some Of Our Great Events*

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Thursday Night Bike Night:

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Off Road Ride / Demo Day:

We will be holding an Off Road ride at Wildcat Off Road Park the first weekend of October. Arctic Cat will be bringing out a few ATV and Side X Sides to take for a spin. We will provide a FREE lunch also, so mark your calendar this will be an event you do not want to miss!

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From our Ride Coordinator and Webmaster– Roger Early

Warm weather and riding season is finally here and we are able to get out and ride more. After our chapter gathering in April, we rode to Eminence, Kentucky to get some Dairy Queen Ice Cream. We rode as one group to the DQ but some of the group took different routes after enjoying the ice cream due to other commitments. The rest of us took our time and rode some back roads that led us through Lawrenceburg and then back home.

On 4/28 we rode to Pigeon Forge to enjoy the Tennessee District Spring Fling. We rode to Pigeon Forge on Thursday and picked up our registration material. We visited the vendors on Friday and then headed out to ride the Cherohala Skyway. Some of us had ridden it before so we decided to ride it from west to east since most of us usually went east to west. It was a great day and we rode approximately 230 miles. Here is a picture of the group that participated on the ride on Friday:



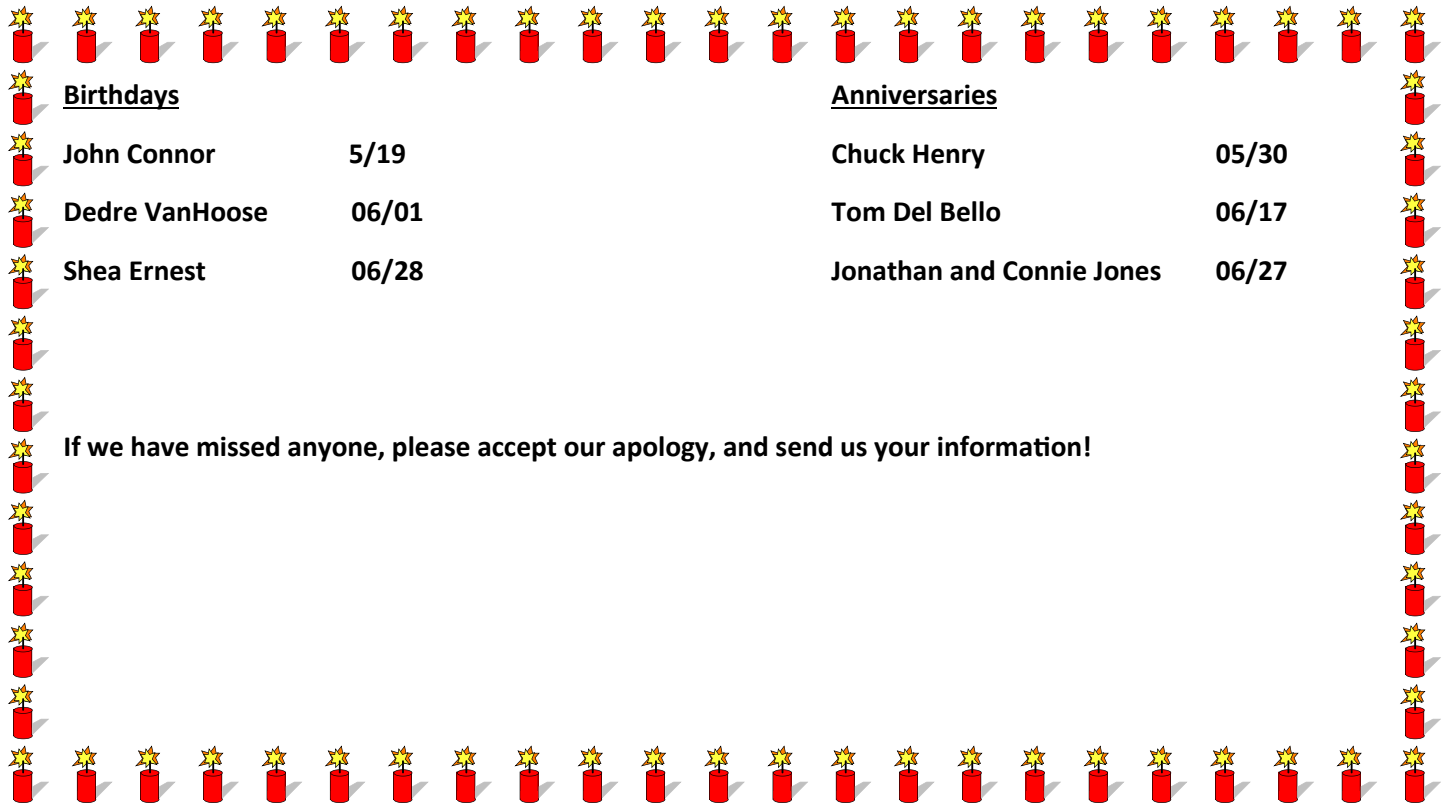
We rode to Chapter H's gathering on 5/6 to try to capture the traveling plaque and I was also trying to capture the Couple of the Year Mascot. We had 5 people from Chapter C and we unfortunately did not win anything. We did not even win one door prize among the group. We had a great ride so we at least had that to show for our efforts.

We took a break while riding the Cherohala Skyway. It was a wonderful ride! We met several other motorcyclist while there and even had a visit from the Eagle from VA-O who flew in to see what was happening. Ya'll missed a great time!

We have several Chapter and District events coming up. They include:

- May 12 – Dinner at Gibby's in Frankfort — Canceled due to rain
- May 14 – Ride to the Great Saltpeter Preserve in Mount Vernon — Canceled due to rain
- May 20 to May 21 – Kentucky District Ride-In in Elizabethtown
- May 20 to May 21 – Region N Ride "N" at the Hungry Mother State Park in Marion, VA
- May 22 – Ride after our Chapter Gathering (we eat at 1:00, meet at 2 and ride after the meeting) We'll ride to a DQ in Richmond
- May 27 to May 30 – Kentucky District Ride around the perimeter of West Virginia
- June 4 – All God's Children Cruise for Kids
- June 9 – Dinner at Wallace Station
- June 18 – Ride to the Kentucky Fudge Company in Harrodsburg
- July 2 – Ride to Cave City to explore the area where the Kentucky Blast will be held.
- July 16 – Ride after our Chapter Gathering – I am still working on the destination
- July 30 – Co-Rider's Choice Ride (Co-Riders please get your ideas to Karen!)





Birthdays

John Connor 5/19

Dedre VanHoose 06/01

Shea Ernest 06/28

Anniversaries

Chuck Henry 05/30

Tom Del Bello 06/17

Jonathan and Connie Jones 06/27

If we have missed anyone, please accept our apology, and send us your information!

Membership Enhancement Tidbits provided by Dedre

And only a few words it will be! Work has been crazy and my brain is fried! There are some important items that are a rerun below:

Our May meeting has been changed to **Sunday, May 22** due to the Kentucky District Ride -In on Saturday May 21. We will eat at 1:00 and meet at 2:00, with a ride afterward.

Lead Like You Ride will be in Pigeon Forge, TN on June 24. It is a great workshop for leaders that is presented by Joe Price, National Director of Training. We are so lucky to have a national conference in our back yard! You can register at gwrra.org.

The new Blast venue is in Cave City. The only drawback is that it's further for us to travel. They are rolling out the red carpet for us and we've made some changes to the schedule as well. The Blast will start on Friday this year. We encourage you to pre-register as that will be a great value. Pre-registration will include a barbecue dinner Friday night, a grand prize ticket and a ticket to win a trailer that has been donated by a Chapter H member. Forms are on the District website—www.Gwrraky.com. We will have some copies available at our next gathering. Also back on the schedule will be on the bike games. Chapter C will have a table at the Blast that should include information about our chapter. Shea and Lily are in charge, so give them any ideas/pictures that you have.

One more note on the Blast—there will be two tours available for Mammoth Cave. Frozen Niagara tours will be available in the morning and afternoon. These will be pre-registered and prepaid. August is a busy month at Cave City, so we advise you to make your reservations at the Comfort Inn, Sleep Inn or Baymont soon. Camping is available also. I noticed that Roger has a ride planned on July 2 to visit there. Come see it for yourself!

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 Frischs 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 to visit them all sometime.