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Happy May Chapter C!!

As you are well aware, riding season is here. As I say this, at least 3 of us are down for the count because of multiple reasons and not able to ride. Spring Fling was a good time, the weather cooperated for the most part. Sunday was an absolutely horrible day to ride home, as several of you can attest.

We are gearing up for rally season with our own Blast coming up sooner than you think. We welcome our newest sponsor to the chapter, Heritage Honda. I met with them this past week and I am thoroughly convinced that they are sincere in working with our membership. They have the experience and I believe the resources to service us. Please give them consideration with your servicing needs.

At our next gathering, we will have some stories to share, and hopefully some very strong education to go with those stories. I am not going any further than that. You will have to be there to find out.

Roger has some interesting rides coming up. Hopefully I will be able to join ya'll on these. It kills me not being able to ride. Hope to see ya'll soon, and remember our next gathering on May 20th.



From our Ride Coordinator — Roger Early

We had a great time at the Spring Fling in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. We left on Thursday, 4/20 and returned on Sunday, 4/23. We met at Cracker Barrel on Winchester Road and then road down I-75 to Berea and then took US-25 most of the way to Pigeon Forge. Three trikes from Louisville joined us in Winchester so we had a total of 10 bikes/trikes.

On Friday we enjoyed a ride on NC209 known as “The Rattler”. Our route took us past the Bush’s Baked Beans Factory so we stopped in and went through their museum and shop. We also had lunch there and had a chance to get our pictures taken with Duke as you can see in the picture below.



Our theme for the 2017 Kentucky Blast:

WE SUPPORT OUR TROOPS



We thought Duke looked good in a Chapter C hat:

[The Rattler](#) was a fun ride with sharper curves than I had expected. We climbed up to 3900 feet and then the road dropped quickly through a series of curves. We rode through Waynesville, NC which is the site of "Wings over the Smokies". That is the North Carolina District Rally which runs 9/28 to 9/30.

After the ride we enjoyed a great meal at the condo and then had a few games of "Pass the Trash".

Sunday was cold and rainy so we put on our rain gear and headed home. We rode in rain the whole way home. I think it had stopped raining for only the last 20 minutes of my ride. It was a cold and wet ride and I was relieved when it was over. I hung up my gear so it would dry and then took a long hot shower to warm up.

You may have heard the saying that there are 2 kinds of motorcyclists, those that have been down and those that are going down. I don't really believe that saying but after more than 110,000 safe miles since I bought my first bike in 1995 I am now in the group that has gone down. I was riding on 4/26 and my hope was to plan the route for our Chapter ride on 5/6. I was going through a left hand curve and a pickup came around the curve so I was trying to move further right to give him more room. I should have looked where I wanted to go but instead I fixated on the right shoulder and that is exactly where the bike went. I went off the road and down on my left side with the bike. Three people stopped soon after the accident and they helped me get the bike back on the road.

A Versailles Police Office happened to be in the area and came upon the accident. I rode the bike to a driveway for Ashford Stud and he took a report and called an ambulance due to some chest pain I was having. They checked me out and offered to take me to the hospital but I declined. I wanted to get the bike taken care of since I was now less concerned about my chest. I had called Karen and she made it to the scene soon after the ambulance left. We were trying to figure out what to do about the bike and I decided to ride it home rather than wait for a tow truck. The ride home was uneventful but did help keep my mind off the chest pain. My left leg hurt but I managed to get the bike home.

We ended up going to an Urgent Treatment Center for x-rays on my chest and leg and they discovered a hairline fracture in my left fibula. I have seen an orthopedic surgeon and they the break will heal if I can keep from causing more damage. They have me using a knee brace to help keep the area stable.

The bike has some obvious cosmetic damage but hopefully nothing mechanical. I'm still waiting to get it to a shop for estimates.

I'm still frustrated with myself that I caused this to happen. It just shows that our hobby/sport is risky and even a small mistake can be painful. I am thankful that I didn't have more serious injuries and that Karen was not riding with me since she could have also been hurt. My jacket has scrapes on the shoulder and elbow pads and my helmet also has some scrapes. I firmly believe in wearing safety gear and it paid off for me in this accident.

I hope to be riding again as soon as my bike is repaired and I am healed.

The events that are coming up include:

- May 6 – Derby Day Ride
- May 8 Dinner at Casa Fiesta in Frankfort
- May 20 – Ride to Great Saltpeter Preserve in Mount Vernon
- June 3 – All God's Children Cruise for Kids
- June 9-10 – District Ride-In
- June 17 – Ride to Kentucky Fudge Company in Harrodsburg
- July 1 – Ride to Bucky Bees Barbeque in Cave City

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/>

Cycle Light is associated with SOCAL you have seen at Wing Ding and other rallies. A great many of us have already done business with them. They are in Utah, and are easily accessible.



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May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

Let's Lead the Way by Being Safe Riders!

Our riding season was in full swing but this crazy weather has set us back a bit. Chapter C had 12 members attend Tennessee's Spring Fling in Pigeon Forge last month. Although our saddle time was limited because of the weather, just fellowshiping with all of our Goldwing buddies translated into an unforgettable weekend!! Thanks to our Directors Mike and Dedre VanHoose for our beautiful accommodations and for all that you do for us. Tennessee does a fabulous job of hosting this annual event and a fun time was had by all of the Kentucky Chapter C. members that attended.

As most of you already know, May is National Motorcyclist Awareness Month. We have loads of fun riding our Goldwings but only if we do it in a safe and responsible way. We all need to be acutely aware of safety tips in order to insure that we do our part in remaining safe on the roads. Keeping that in mind - one of the leading causes of accidents is being rear ended at intersections. I would like to remind all of us on a few safety tips when stopping at intersections.

1. Plan an escape route: This is in case someone is not going to stop behind you - plan where you will guide your motorcycle to avoid a collision.
2. Make sure that you leave enough room to facilitate your escape route. I normally like to leave a car length between me and the vehicle in front of me. If you are in a center lane - plan a direction to go in case someone isn't paying attention.
3. Always point your Goldwing in the direction of your planned escape route.
4. Stop with your bike in first gear.

5. Always check your mirror for oncoming vehicles behind you.
6. Cover your clutch and your brake.
7. Wear Highly Visible (Hi-Viz) clothing.
8. Have additional lighting on your bike.

Adhering to these tips on intersection/stopping safety could possibly help you avoid being in an accident. Please first and foremost – Have Fun by Riding Safely!!

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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.

805 Louisville Road

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



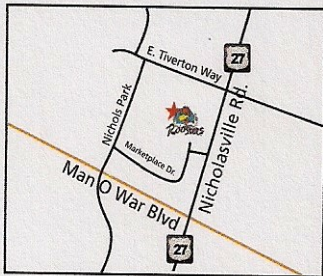
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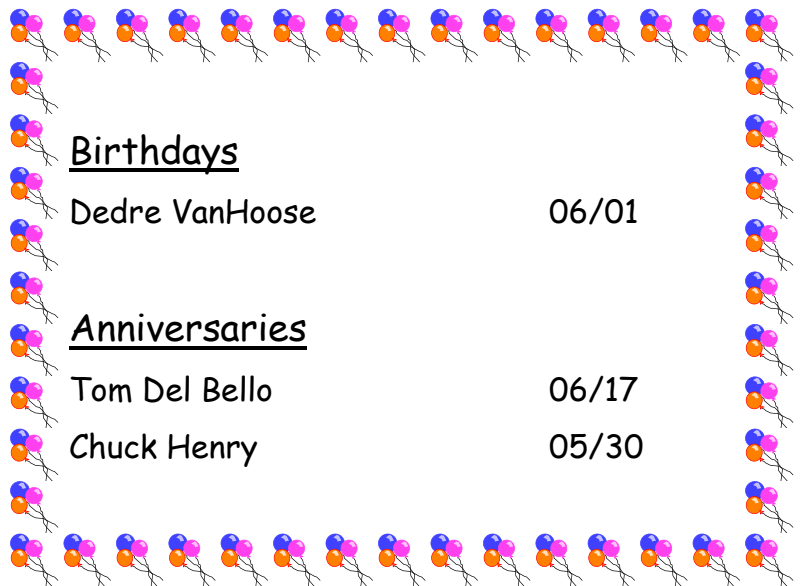
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Look for visitors at our gathering on Saturday, May 20. We were successful at capturing the traveling plaque this past Saturday from Chapter A's gathering. A big thanks to Jeff Sullivan and Jonathan Jones for traveling with Mike and Dedre to Louisville! It was a beautiful day for a ride!

Almond Bars

- 1 cup melted butter
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 2 t almond extract
 - 2 cups flour
 - 4 eggs
 - Pinch of salt
- Spray 9 x 13 pan and bake at 325 for 25-35 minutes.



Birthdays

Dedre VanHoose 06/01

Anniversaries

Tom Del Bello 06/17

Chuck Henry 05/30



Hello Fellow Wingers,

05/09/17

May, summer has arrived (well maybe) but for the most part we can look forward to good riding weather. I want to talk about one word in the English language that can mean a couple of things. **RASH** – this could mean a skin rash of bumps or blisters or it could mean displaying or proceeding from a lack of careful consideration of the possible consequences of an action. If you add one word in front of it then it has a whole new meaning to a biker and that word is “ROAD” meaning hard pavement. Combined they total **Road Rash** of which I came close to getting on our return trip from the Tennessee Spring Fling just a few weeks ago. For those that rode bikes to the fling they most likely will not forget that we had several rain storms that came thru the Smokies. Needless to say chapter “C” did not get as much riding in as we had hoped to.

And true to form on Sunday, the day to return to Lexington it was raining (more like pouring) so it did not look promising for the ride home. We bikers all suited up in our rain gear and took a deep breath and headed out on the road. We kept looking for those brighter skies and maybe a break in the rain but guess what, it didn't happen. If I recall we had 6 riders from our chapter in the group and we stayed off of I75 for most of the trip. We decided to split up at Mount Vernon as some were heading to Frankfort, Nicholasville and the south west side of Lexington. 3 of us decided to stay on 25 and head to the north and east side of Lexington and Paris (one was carrying a load of Vanilla Cream for his coffee). Just about to pass under I75 on 25 we talked on the CB's and decided to get on I75 to shorten our ride time. It did appear that the rain was getting lighter. I was leading this group of three and crossed under the expressway and turned into the left lane for the ramp.

That is when my ride took a turn for the worse. I should mention that this was my first trip pulling a loaded trailer behind my Wing. I made the slight left into the turn lane and it was as if I was on a frozen pond. I lost steering control on the front end and the bike slid sideways on me, I let off the brakes and got her going back straight but when I feathered the brakes again I was on ice again and now heading to the right. I let off the brake and fought her back to the left but was heading for the concrete curb on the edge of the lane so I turned her back right and she laid down on me. I stayed in the saddle and rode it to a stop, fully expecting a car to plow into me or the trailer. This all happened in just a few seconds but hanging onto the bike while it was sliding seemed like a long time. My two riding partners somehow managed to avoid hitting me (great job guys). After I came to a stop I crawled back to my feet and was surprised to see the trailer still right side up. I checked my body and did not find any damage and actually did not feel any type of bangs or bumps. Jeff Sullivan parked his bike and helped me get mine back on 2 wheels. I mounted back up and made sure the traffic was stopped and coasted to the right shoulder of the road to check for damage. Riding the slide out and hearing the scraping noise I had been thinking “Gosh there goes my paintjob” Well the inspection of the bike showed damage to the left rear crash bar and damage to my left side highway peg bracket where they had been scraping on the pavement. Everything else seemed as normal so I started it up and we headed to a gas station that was the next turn in on the right. I took a better look at the bike at the station and other than the skid marks on the two items I mentioned I could not find a single scratch so I guess the crash bar and highway peg bracket did their job and kept the bike off the pavement. As for me I had some road rub marks on my riding pants around the Knee area and nothing else.

What caused the crash? Well I think it was a combo of several things. My two co-riders said the ramp appeared to have gas or oil on it because they were sliding trying to avoid hitting me. I have never felt loss of steering like that before in all my years of riding. I think it might have been several things that caused this. The turn lane was slightly downhill, and it was still raining pretty hard, the ramp was concrete and covered with running water due to the slope. I was pulling a trailer and I think that maybe when I feathered the brakes for the turn the trailer momentum slightly lifted my back end and caused the front wheel to hydroplane.

This is where the second definition of the word RASH comes in, displaying or proceeding from a lack of careful consideration of the possible consequences of an action. Considering it was pouring rain and my first trip pulling a trailer I think I was aligning the stars for an accident. I blame myself for the accident for not using common sense and sitting out the rain or riding much slower. I am thankful that I had all my safety gear on because it did its job and I am happy to say I did not get any road rash or hurts from the crash. The Wing has road rash on the highway peg bracket and the rear crash bar and that is it.

Quote: **Wheels move the body, but 2 wheels move the soul!**

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

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Thanks Jerry's of Paris, Kentucky

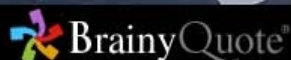
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One Region N Rally down and four to go! The TN Spring Fling was a fun time as usual! The TN District Team throws a great party! This year was no exception. We'll have to keep an eye on their website for next year—it might be a week earlier due to the Car Show moving their show up a week.

Our next event is the Kentucky Ride In on June 9-11 at the campground in Elizabethtown. On-site registration is \$5. Included in the registration is a pancake breakfast Saturday morning and a pulled pork potluck Saturday night. Everyone is asked to bring a side or dessert to share. Also bring your own drink. There are camp sites open, but hotel rooms are hard to come by. Mike and I will be heading down Saturday morning if you would like to join us.

Please mark your calendars for the second annual Woodford County Ride for Life. This year it will be on Saturday, July 22 with kickstands up at 10am. Lunch and ice cream will follow the ride. The ride will be designed by our own Mike VanHoose, so it is sure to cover roads you've never been on before! The proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. We will have registration forms as soon as they are printed.

We tried once again to capture the plaque from Chapter H, but Chapter A won it. Guess what, we won it from Chapter A on Saturday, May 13.

We still have summer weight Bluegrass Wings embroidered hats for sale for \$9. We can also order embroidered Bluegrass Wings shirts. Talk to Dedre if you're interested. She also has pins and patches.

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.