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How many holidays can we stick into one month. Let's see, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Black Friday which Dedre thinks should be a holiday, and whatever other reason we can find to travel, eat, socialize and eat some more. Yes it's that time again! Remember we will have our Christmas Party on December 5 and Earl and Lily's house. This should be a lot of FUN! Please make certain to RSVP CD@kybluegrasswings.org with your plans on attending. We need a good head count for the caterer (Sonny's BBQ). The chapter is going to cover \$5.00 toward your cost for the meal, and yes we will have Dirty Santa!

With the cold weather coming in, I know many of you are putting your rides into storage. Remember what GOO said about changing your oil and run a fuel conditional thru the lines before you shut it down. I personally hope to get to ride during the off season. Roger, Ben and Earl captured the Traveling Plaque last week, thanks guys for making the trip! Dedre and I were in Abingdon, VA for the Region Ops meeting. We will be sharing the information with you folks in the near future.

As the year winds down, Dedre and I just want to say thank you for a wonderful year of FUN and riding that we have had with the chapter. From Roger's rides to district events, this has been a wonderful year. Thank you for allowing us to share this with you! We enjoy our time with you and are looking forward to another great year. It will time to ride again before you know it! **Here's to you Chapter C!!!**





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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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Alan shares some new found knowledge

Thanks to Howard Halasz for these great tips on storing our Wings over the winter. We want them to be ready to roll as soon as the weather breaks in the spring!!!

How To: Store Your Gold Wing for Three Months or Longer

• **By: Howard Halasz**
Issue: April 2014 Wingworld Magazine

Most of us here in the greater Houston-Conroe-Galveston area are able to ride our Gold Wings the whole year-round. But there are a few of us, particularly those folks who reside in the Snow Belt, who choose to store their



Gold Wings until next spring when warmer weather finally arrives. Then they get on their trusty Wings and find out that they either won't turn over, start but won't idle properly or start but won't idle down, and fuel is leaking from the fuel system all over the floor. Sound familiar? Let's get into the right way to store your Gold Wing for three months or longer.

The first thing you ought to do is get all of the gasoline out of the carburetors. Some Gold Wings have them, but not all. The 1985 Limited Edition, the 1986 Aspencade SEI, and all 2001 and later Gold Wings have electronic fuel injection; all other Gold Wings have carburetors.



Rider Education Cont'd:

On the fuel-injected 1985–1986 Gold Wings, simply turn off the fuel valve at the fuel tank and then run the engine until it stops by itself. On four-cylinder Gold Wings with carburetors, do the same thing. Then open the brass drain screw at the bottom of each carburetor bowl and let the unburned fuel drain out. This can be a simple but time-consuming job if your Gold Wing has a lot of stuff like chrome carburetor and manifold covers. If you own a 1200 or a 1500, plan to remove a few plastic parts to get to the bowl drain screws.

On the 1988–2000 GL1500 Gold Wings, open the fuel filler door and remove the vacuum hose from the vacuum fuel valve. Hold your finger over the end of the hose and start the engine. Let it run until it burns all the fuel out of the carburetors and stops by itself.

Why all the work? If you leave gasoline in your fuel system, it will turn into dried up glue in three months and it will smell like, well, putting it mildly, it will stink. This dried-up gasoline residue can only be removed professionally, regardless of how much Gumout or similar chemicals you dump into your gas tank. Professional carburetor cleaning on the Gold Wing is also quite expensive, so think about that when you put yours in storage.

The next thing you need to do is to buy some STA-BIL and read the directions. Dump the specified amount of STA-BIL into your fuel tank and then top it off with some fresh gasoline. This procedure will keep moisture and rust from forming in your tank and it will keep the gasoline from turning into that stinky stuff that I mentioned previously. STA-BIL can be purchased at most Honda dealers and auto parts stores.

If your motor oil is stale, stinky and looks like raw sewage, it's probably time to replace it with some fresh oil and a new oil filter.

Remove your spark plugs. Spray a little WD-40 into the spark plug holes. Turn off the kill switch and operate the starter for a couple of seconds. NOTE: On some of the later model Gold Wings, the starter will not operate with the kill switch in the off position. Replace the spark plugs.

Check the water level in your battery and top off the cells with some distilled water. Don't use tap water, deionized (soft) water or Ozarka drinking water — it must be distilled water. If your Gold Wing has a maintenance-free battery, you need not be concerned about the electrolyte level.

Trickle charge the battery once every three weeks for about 12 hours with a one-amp trickle charger. Better yet, buy a Battery Tender or a Battery MINDER and keep it connected to your battery during the storage period. If your battery is not maintenance free, and if the electrolyte level drops below the low level line, top it off with distilled water.

Check the coolant level in your radiator and coolant recovery tank. Top off the coolant levels, being careful not to overfill the coolant recovery tank.

Take a look at the fluid in your brake and clutch cylinder reservoirs. Look for gray or white flaky residue in the reservoirs. The flaky residue is corrosion due to moisture mixing with the fluid. The reservoirs need to be cleaned and flushed out with fresh fluid from a sealed container. Check the brakes and clutch and make sure the wheels rotate freely when the brakes are released. Also, check to make sure that your clutch engages and disengages properly. The 1975–1983 Gold Wings have a clutch cable. The 1984 and later Gold Wings have a hydraulic cylinder operated clutch. You may need to lubricate the clutch cable on the older Wings and bleed any air out of the hydraulic system on the newer models. Be very careful not to spill any DOT 3 or DOT 4 fluid on any plastic or painted surfaces — if you do, wash it off immediately with cold water. (If you use DOT 5 fluid, you don't need to be as careful.) NOTE: I recommend using only DOT 4 fluid from a sealed container.

Put the Gold Wing on the center stand (if it has one) and store it. It should be ready to start the next time you're ready to ride if you follow these helpful hints concerning storing your Gold Wing.

When you're ready to ride your Gold Wing again, make sure to check your tire pressures and that the tires are inflated according to the tire manufacturer's recommendations.

Ride Safe
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Hello Fellow Wingers,

11/09/15

Shut your mouth!! It's not November yet? I cannot believe how fast our summer went by and the air is turning a bit chilly. We need to use every possible opportunity to get your rides in before the roads get slick and salty. Roger Early and I enjoyed a fine ride to Portsmouth Ohio this past Saturday to admire the floodwall murals. The murals are unbelievable and some of them looked 3D. We spent several hours at the murals and also eating lunch of course at Ohio's oldest brewery, est. 1843 called "The Portsmouth Brewing Company. The service was excellent and the food was very good. We enjoyed our time so much that we headed home a little later than planned and at this time of year the darkness caught up with us.

Riding in the dark can be intimidating and dangerous. Once the sun goes down, it's not just your vision that decreases, so does that of everyone around you. With reduced vision, it becomes much harder to spot hazards, judge corners and plan ahead. Making matters worse, night time brings additional hazards for the motorcyclist: drunk drivers, animals in the road and decreased temperatures. To increase your vision, make sure your headlights are properly adjusted. If you only ride in the daytime and get caught at night your headlamp might need to be adjusted. Sometime when the sun goes down find a dark, level parking area with a big wall in front of it. Park about 75 yards from it, sit on your bike in your usual gear and ride position. Now, alternate between high and low beam. Low beam should shine in the area between you and the wall, high beam should hit the wall from the ground up. Adjust your headlamp until you feel comfortable with the area it covers.

Making sure your headlight is bright and works for you on low and high beam will make riding at night less of a challenge, but as with slick roads you need to slow down and not override your headlamp coverage. Don't be afraid to make yourself visible to traffic coming up behind you. Hit your brake lights as they get closer to give them a better idea of how far ahead you are and that you are a motorcycle and not a car farther away than think. Remember that they are also having a harder time seeing what's ahead of them. Hopefully these tips will help if you get caught in the dark.

Quote: **When life throws you a curve, lean into it and roll the throttle back!**

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

Membership Enhancement Coordinators





Join us as we welcome **Roosters Restaurant** as a Chapter C sponsor. We have been with them for 3 years and it has been a wonderful relationship. We thank them for their accommodations and open atmosphere. It really has been the right place for our chapter to gather, enjoy a good meal, and have the space to do our business. Thanks again Roosters for your participation in our chapter and we look forward to many more years with you!



I have to agree with Darrell—where has this year gone? The older I get, the faster they go, especially those weekends! We do have holidays to look forward to though! Our Christmas party is on December 5 at 6:00pm at Earl and Lily Broome's house in Nicholasville. We will provide the address soon, but it is near Lowe's in Nicholasville. Sonny's is catering the meal and the cost is \$7.00 per person for GWRRR Chapter C members. The menu is chicken, turkey and pulled pork, mac & cheese, baked beans, salad, bread, tea and lemonade. Some of our ladies will be providing yummy desserts too. Mike mentioned "Dirty Santa", but I prefer "Sneaky Santa"! If you choose to participate, please bring a gender specific wrapped gift (women bring a woman's gift and men a man's gift). Our suggested cost is \$15. We have a lot of laughter during this game! Come and join in the fun!

The District Operations meeting is January 23, 2016, 10am at First Christian Church in Versailles. Our Chapter Team is requested to be present, but anyone else is welcome to come to learn more about GWRRR KY. Let Mike or Dedre know if you'd like to participate.



Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Bruce Bigelow	11/26	Bruce and Jeannie Bigelow	12/04
Douglas Coy	12/12	Roy and Lena Campbell	11/28
Karen Early	12/14	John and Joni Conner	11/21
Jim Gilchrist	12/27	Randy and Denise Coy	12/21
Norvel Glascock	11/26	Roger and Carol Fischer	11/11
Rex Guinn	11/13	Jim and Shirley Gilchrist	12/02
Pat Guinn	12/11	Jere and Alice Sellers	11/09
John Conner	12/13		
William Harrison	11/30		
Fred Hight	12/2		
Ben Smith	12/29		
Roy Taulbee	12/13		



From our Ride Coordinator

We had to cancel our last scheduled ride after our meeting on 10/17. We did not have a ride planned for the Weekend of Breeder's Cup, UK vs UT and Halloween. I did go out for a solo ride that day and ended up going down to McKee to get some lunch at Opal's. I was disappointed to find out that Opal's is closed, hopefully just for winter. That was actually where we were supposed to ride on 10/17 so I am glad no one headed down there just to see they were closed.

We had a ride to Portsmouth, Ohio on 11/7 to see the [murals on the flood walls](#). We had a great ride and really enjoyed the murals. We stopped at Heritage Honda on the way there just to check out the dealership. Once we got to Portsmouth, we stopped at the visitor's center to get some advice on a restaurant for lunch. We ended up eating at the Portsmouth Brewing Company. After lunch we walked around to see the murals. They were impressive. My favorite was one that showed all of the churches that were established before 1870 and are still active. As you can see, it looks like a series of stained glass windows.



They also had several murals that showed what Portsmouth looked like in 1903 from the Kentucky side of the river. It was interesting to look at those and spot some of the buildings that are still standing today.

It was a great day and a great ride. Unfortunately we were too late for the fall colors but this would definitely be a ride to take before the leaves fall.

Ride Coordinator continued:

Since we are entering the colder months, I do not have more rides planned but if we get some good weather, I'll send out a note and we'll try to get some rides organized. We'll also try to ride after our meetings, weather permitting. We can also continue to meet for dinners.

The list of our upcoming events is below. Please come out and join us.

November 12 – Dinner at Bellacino's

November 21 – Ride after our meeting.

January 7, 2016 – Dinner at Mancino's on Leestown Road

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/>



This is the new logo being proposed for the GWRRA University.

The left side of the emblem represents Rider Education and Safety, while the right side will represent Officer and Member Training. We will provide additional information at our district operations meeting in January. To find out more, join us at the meeting.



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 County Extension Office, 1117 Frankfort Road, Shelbyville, KY 40065 Social time at 6:30, meet at 7:00.



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 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 at sometime.