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**October 2017**

Good day Chapter C!

Wow, have we been riding or what! Between Wings Over The Smokies, our Kentucky Blast, and other activities going on in Kentucky, the past several weeks have been busy. Wings closed out September with a blast, and last weekend 12 of us went to Crossville, TN and enjoyed some wonderful roads. While there, we enjoyed a play called the "Drowsy Chaperone" at the Cumberland County Playhouse. What a great time we had! And the rest of this month looks to be busy also. We have a Road Captain course on Saturday the 14th. Alan Ernest will be heading up the class and we hope to have a great turnout. We have Chapter A coming up this weekend, with Chapter S the following Sunday. Hey Chapter C, let's get out and visit with our sister chapters while the weather is still good.

As many of you know, John Conner's mother passed away. The chapter sent flowers and prayers for John and his family.

Our Christmas party is on December 7th at the Chop House on Richmond Road at 6:30 pm. We are looking forward to seeing more of our chapter and having a great meal with them. Old and new members, we would really like to have you come out and enjoy time with us. Dirty Santa will again make an appearance at our party.



## From our Ride Coordinator — Roger Early

We had a great turnout for our ride to Don Senor Mexican restaurant in Winchester on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The food was good and we had a great time.

After our August chapter gathering we rode to The Colonel's Creamery in Florence. They have some unusual flavors as well as most of the standard flavors. I had their Cherry/Pomegranate/Habanero flavor. It was good but it was strange to have ice cream that had a slight spicy kick to it. We enjoyed the ride and of course the ice cream was a hit.



We had lots of fun at the North Carolina District Rally, Wings over the Smokies, on September 28<sup>th</sup> through September 30. Karen and I were in Gatlinburg the week before so we met the group at our hotel on 9/28. We enjoyed a great breakfast on Friday and visited the rally for a while before heading out on a ride that included "The Rattler" which is NC route 209. It also included a ride along the shore of the French Broad River. We stopped at the Pisgah Inn on the Blue Ridge Parkway for lunch.

On Saturday we visited the Wheels Through Time museum in Maggie Valley and then rode state routes 215 and 281. Both of these roads had plenty of curves and we also rode along some lakes and creeks. We rode across the damn on Wolf Creek Lake while on route 281. It was a great place to stop for some pictures:



Saturday night, we had a couple of games of Pass the Trash in the hotel dining area. The big winner was Earl Broome.



The events that are coming up include:

October 16 – Dinner at Gibby’s in Frankfort

October 21 – Ride to Swope’s Cars of Yesteryear in Elizabethtown

November 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> – Region N Fall Finale in Johnson City, TN

November 9 – Dinner at City Barbeque on Harrodsburg Road

November 18 – Chapter Ride, destination to be determined by the weather

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/>

Mark your calendars and plan to join us at our annual Christmas party on Thursday, December 7 at the Chop House on Richmond Rd in Lexington at 6:30pm. This party will replace our regular gathering time in December. We will have sign ups at our October and November gatherings so we can ensure a seat at the table for everyone. As usual we will have the gift exchange with the sneaky Santa component.



On October 7th, Chapter C members made a trip to Crossville, TN. While there, we rode a lot of Tennessee roads, and attended a play at the Cumberland County Playhouse. We saw the “Drowsy Chaperone” and what a laugh we all had. The cast and narrator were all wonderful and very skilled in their art. Their next venture is the newly revised “Sleepy Hollow”. The lady behind Karen is from Louisville, KY. Great time!!

The picture is Chapter C with the cast of “The Drowsy Chaperone”



Hello Fellow Wingers,

10/11/17

Hey it's October – where did our summer go?

What a great summer it was and we had a blast meeting and riding with our fellow wingers, so thanks for being a part of the summer of 2017. I read this article about braking a couple years ago and thought it might be time to remind ourselves on this issue.

## **The Do's and Don'ts of Emergency Braking** (By Wes Siler – January 29, 2014)

### **Category: How To**

Emergency braking is the most crucial safety skill you can learn, but also one you'll hopefully never have to use. If you suddenly find a car turning in front of you, it's often your only way out. Here's some easy do's and don'ts to keep in mind when it comes to emergency braking on a motorcycle.

### **Do: Progressively squeeze the lever**

Starting gently and working up to max pressure will transfer the motorcycle weight to the front wheel and compresses the tire, expanding its contact patch and increasing its grip.

### **Don't: Just grab a handful**

Even with ABS, simply going straight to max brake pressure will overwhelm the front tire's grip and cause it to skid. If you don't have ABS, that will likely lead to a wipe out. If you do, you just won't be achieving an optimal rate of deceleration.

### **Do: Use both brakes**

Even on bikes that don't come with handlebar tassels, where the weight bias is dramatically forward under braking, the rear tire may retain contact with the road and even have a little traction, so using both brakes will help slow you down.

### **Don't: Rely on the back brake only**

Not only is the back brake less powerful than the front brake, weight is also transferred off the rear brake under deceleration and reduces the rear tire's traction.

### **Do: Be aware of traffic around you**

It's no good going to maximum braking power only to be swatted by the texting SUV driver tailgating you. Ride defensively at all times and try to create a "bubble" of space around you at all times. This will give you room to take evasive maneuvers like emergency braking should you need it.

### **Don't: Let other vehicles dictate your safety**

Ride in such a manner that you control your relationship with other traffic. Don't find yourself in a situation where another motorist is able to tailgate you and restrict your vision. Move through traffic with authority and confidence.

### **Do: Plan ahead**

As you're riding, you need to be constantly scanning your entire area – above and below and to the side and behind you – but pay particular attention to where you're going and look as far ahead as possible. As cars pull up to intersections or other traffic movements occur, plan how you'll deal with each one, then put that plan into action.

**Don't: Get taken by surprise**

Surprise creates panic, panic creates accidents. Use your superior vision – move around in your lane and alter your distance from other vehicles in order to maximize it – and develop a sixth sense capable of predicting what other people are about to do. Identify potential risks before they threaten you, then avoid them before they become a problem.

**Do: Practice**

Motorcycles have exceptional braking abilities, but conversely, their brakes are exceptionally difficult to master. Go find a big, empty parking lot and spend half a day familiarizing yourself with your motorcycle's abilities and working up from a walking pace until you're able to confidently bring your bike to a commanding halt from normal road speeds.

**Don't: Rely on something you don't know how to use**

How fast can your motorcycle stop? What happens when the rear wheel starts to lift off the ground? How much back brake can you use before that wheel locks? What does it feel like to lock the front wheel? You should know the answers to all these questions by heart.

**Do: Brake hard!**

Your rear wheel might lift up, the ABS might kick in, you might pee your pants a little bit, but every MPH that you can lose before hitting something will incrementally reduce impact forces, thereby reducing your chances of injury or death. What might kill you at 40 mph may only send you home with bruises at 30 mph. And that's a mere fraction of a second of max braking apart.

**Don't: Let go**

Trust your bike and your abilities. Your best bet to avoid the accident or reduce its severity lies in braking, not bailing.

Famous Quote: **Most people dread the middle of nowhere, motorcycle riders look for it!**

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

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### Wing Ding 2018

If you are in the planning stage of Wing Ding 2018, good news; Wing Ding 40 will be in Knoxville, TN.

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**In researching special tips for fall riding safety, I came upon this article written by Liz Jansen which outlines and discusses ten season specific hazards for fall. I found them to be interesting and insightful and wanted to share them with you. The riding season is winding down so we want to ensure that we end it safely.**

**Enjoy and thanks Liz Jansen.**

Posted on [September 25, 2012](#) ↓

by *Liz Jansen*

**With autumn and autumn motorcycle riding officially here, the realization that the riding season is drawing to a close shifts the focus of riders from lavishing the dog days of summer to catching the final riding days before storing our bikes.**



**The predictable and cyclical changes in nature occurring at this time of year, create unique hazards for motorcyclists**



**Even though we can be temporarily teased by unseasonably warm weather and sunny skies, the unstoppable reality is that leaves are falling, temperatures are dropping and daylight is diminishing.**

**Here are ten conditions to prepare for.**

**Leaves on roads. Dry leaves can camouflage potholes and other road irregularities. Wet leaves are slippery and can appear unexpectedly in shaded areas. Use caution particularly during those scenic autumn rides as conditions can change.**

**Shorter days. If you do much riding at all, you're likely going to be riding in the dark. Take extra care to make sure bulbs in headlights, brake lights and turn signals are working and lens are clean. Wear high-visibility and reflective gear to make yourself as obvious as possible.**

**Sunlight glare. The sun is lower in the sky and glare can be an issue for much of the day, unless you're facing north. Along with this, as trees become barren of leaves, the patterns of light and shade can be like riding in a strobe light and very distracting.**

**Deer migration and mating season.** More collisions with deer occur now than at any other time of the year as a result of the dramatic increase in their movement. Be especially vigilant at dusk and dawn.

**Cold tires.** While touring tires with their harder rubber compound are generally more suitable for cold weather, sportier tires are not. The sportier the tires, the softer the rubber. This is fantastic in hot weather and gives them their grippy characteristics which aid traction. In the cold, they're hard and that traction is gone.

**Cold riders.** Cold is fatiguing and in turn can cause greater impairment than moderate alcohol intake. Even when you're wearing good gear and staying warm, the ambient temperature takes its toll. You don't notice when you're riding, especially over long distances and it can be startling when you stop to realize how tired you really are. Staying hydrated and taking regular rest stops help with this.

**Improper gear.** Bundling up with lots of layers can be a great strategy for dealing with fluctuating temperatures during the day. However, too much bulk is not only fatiguing, it can impede your ability to react. Heated gear is a fabulous invention. You need fewer layers and it effectively – and comfortably – extends the riding season.

**Icy road surfaces.** Frosty mornings mean that pavement can have a thin layer of ice and you can lose traction. As the temperature drops in the evening, be particularly cognizant crossing bridges and shaded areas as they'll ice up first. Be prepared for changing conditions even during the day if you're travelling through mountains and changing elevations.

**Fewer riders out.** This means that car drivers, who don't see us at the best of times, are now expecting to see motorcycle riders even less often. Be more cautious and alert. Make yourself as conspicuous as possible and assume they don't see you.

**Isolation.** Scenic back roads which weave through quaint small towns, particularly in tourist areas have a whole different feel to them. Seasonal businesses close and rest stops and favorite watering holes may not be available. Plan accordingly for gas, food, lodging and emergency contacts.

**Autumn is a beautiful time to ride.** There is less traffic on back roads, the fall colors are spectacular and the air is clear and crisp. Once the leaves have fallen, the underlying rocks and terrain become visible. You can see much further and you note things that were always there but covered.

**The hazards aren't necessarily greater than during other seasons – only different. The challenge is being prepared — not complacent.**

**Enjoy the beautiful fall riding season but as always – be safe!!!**

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# 2017 CONVENTION/RALLY SCHEDULE



**April 20 – 22, 2017**  
~~Tennessee XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
 Ramada Inn, Pigeon Forge, TN



**June 9 – 10, 2017**  
~~Kentucky XXXXXXXXXX~~  
 Elizabethtown Crossroad Campgrounds, Elizabethtown, KY



**July 6 – 8, 2017**  
~~Virginia XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
 Holiday Inn, Tanglewood, VA



**July 2017**  
~~West Virginia XXXXXXXXXX~~  
 Home Event  
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**August 18 – 19, 2017**  
~~Kentucky XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
 Kentucky Blast  
 Cave City Convention Center, Cave City, KY



**August 29 – September 2, 2017**  
~~Wing Ding XXXXXXXXXX~~  
 Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center, Grapevine, TX



**September 28 – 30, 2017**  
~~North Carolina XXXXXXXXXX~~  
 Over The Smokies  
 Haywood County Fairgrounds, Waynesville, NC



**November 2 – 4, 2017**  
 Region N Fall Finale  
 Holiday Inn, Johnson City, TN



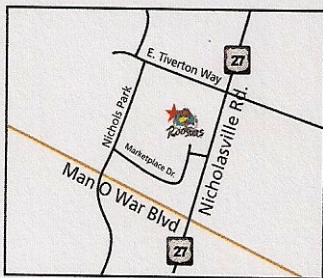
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**Birthdays**

Alice Hampton	Oct 21
Lily Broome	Nov 9
Chuck Henry	Nov 18
Jonathan Jones	Nov 10

**Anniversaries**

If we missed anyone, we apologize. Please get with Darrell or Alice to update your records with us.

Jon and Ursula Fox	Oct 13
Mike & Dedre VanHoose	Oct 10
Roy & Helena Taulbee	Oct 21
John and Joni Conner	Nov 21

## 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.**