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**September 2017**

Good day Chapter C!

The Kentucky Blast is over and per our District Director Rick Broadway we finished toe event in the black. That is great news for our district.

Hurricane Harvey has hit Texas twice and caused considerable damage to the state. Many people have died, an estimated 180 billion dollars in property damage done, and many families and hearts are left broken and needing. With your permission, I would like for our chapter families to get a box of clothes, durable goods, personal hygiene products, whatever you can muster and lets get it to Texas. A very good friend of mine is a police officer and pastor in Georgetown. His church is doing this, and I would like for our chapter to supplement their donations. If you think this is appropriate for you, let Dedre or I know and we will arrange to pickup your donation. We have talked many times about being part of a charity, and I can't think of a better one at this time. Let's work to have this completed by our gathering. You may even bring your donation with you.

You missed a great ride over Labor Day, or at least most of the weekend. Earl, Dennis and myself rode the Blue Ridge Parkway over Labor Day weekend and had a great time. Friday was miserable, Saturday rainy, but a great ride overall. According to Earl we rode over 1300 miles from Friday till we got home Monday.



## From our Ride Coordinator — Roger Early

We had a great turnout for our ride to DaVinci's Pizza in Frankfort on August 10<sup>th</sup>. They are one of our sponsors and we had a great time and the food was fantastic.



On August 12<sup>th</sup>, a few of us attended the Chapter 5 Anniversary and Reunion in Hodgenville. They were celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and had games, food and lots of stories about their chapter's history.

**Condolences to John and Jodi Conner on the passing of his mother. The chapter will continue to pray and support you.**



Karen and I enjoyed the Blast. We had great weather and one of the highlights was the Light Parade. We had 34 bikes participate and we were led through Cave City by a couple of their Police Officers. Mike was asked to lead the ride. It was fun to see some people come out and view the parade. When we got back to the Convention Center there were a few kids on bicycles with lights on their spokes. Who knows they might be future Gold Wing owners.



Dennis North and Earl Broome setup a dinner ride to Jerry's in Paris on August 25<sup>th</sup>. They invited the Chapter to join them and I understand they had a great turnout. Karen and I had our grandsons visiting that weekend so we could not participate. Jerry's is one of our sponsors and they always welcome our chapter. The food is great so I am sure the group had a great time.

After our last gathering Mike led a ride to Richmond to enjoy some Dairy Queen treats. I wasn't able to participate in that ride due to our grandsons visiting. It was a beautiful day so I bet they had a great time.

The events that are coming up include:

September 16 – Ride to The Colonel's Creamery in Florence

September 28 to 30 – Wings over the Smokies in Waynesville, North Carolina

October 16 – Dinner at Gibby's in Frankfort

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

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/>

An addendum to Rogers comment about the ride to Richmond for Dairy Queen. On our journey we took the backroads to Winchester, then on to Irvin. During the ride I began to feel bad, and didn't feel good about the ride. We stopped at the Shell Station just outside of Irvin for a break. After taking in some water and a potty break I informed our riders that I was calling it a day and heading home. 3 other riders decided to ride with me, while a couple of others continued on to the Natural Bridge area. About a mile out of Irvin, for some reason I call a divine intervention, I looked downward through the front forks tunnel on the right. I noticed a bolt sticking out that I knew was not there earlier. We pulled off the roadway while I inspected my finding. To my amazement, the bolt was barely attached to the upper support brace for my front forks. There are 2 bolts, the lower one was completely gone, and the remaining bolt was holding on by 2 threads. Alan and I had just had the Traxxion front suspension put on our bikes. I can only surmise that the mechanics failed to tighten\torque the bolts properly after the install. I am thankful to have been safe and limped to Richmond Honda where we found the replacement bolts I needed and prevented what could have been a total disaster. The following day I took the front end completely apart and then torqued every bolt back in place to the proper settings. Please feel free to ask me about it if you have any questions.

Calling all Chapter C ladies! Please join me on our own "ride" after the Chapter gathering on Saturday, September 16. I propose that we carpool and visit the Midway Fall Festival. Parking is limited in Midway, so we will find a convenient place to park and carpool from there. Admission is free, the weather is expected to be good, and there are usually good vendors there. We might even find some ice cream to make it an official Goldwing event!

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.



Hello Fellow Wingers,

09/09/17

September is here and daylight hours are getting shorter. I was on a ride just the other day late in the afternoon, shadows were heavy and the sunlight was in my eyes when I was heading west. I had just passed the Woodford Reserve distillery and was heading towards Frankfort when I hit a spot where the sun was blinding me. As I was rounding a small curve I heard hoof clatter on the road surface and grabbed some brake to slow, and out of the shadows a small white tail deer ran in front of me. I think I missed hitting that deer by a fraction of an inch and it actually felt like I ticked one hind hoof with my front tire. Well needless to say that woke me up real quick and for the rest of the ride I counted about 8 deer along the roadway. I thought I would include a deer safety article I read recently on the Geico Insurance Web site.

### **By Dawn McCaslin Deer Safety: Tips for Avoiding a Collision**

Like a scene straight out of a sports car commercial, you're driving along a winding road in the dead of night, the eerie glow from your headlights meeting the narrow asphalt, when suddenly, two green eyes flash in the darkness ahead – and a deer steps onto the roadway.

Unlike the television ad when the driver swerves wildly around the animal and then speeds off carelessly into the blackness, encountering a deer while you're on the road can be dangerous and scary. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), large animal-vehicle collisions resulted in an average of 187 fatalities in recent years.

So, what can you do to stay safe during deer season?

Read on to learn the latest statistics and a few tips for making your ride through deer country as safe as possible.

#### **Deer Statistics**

- ☐ Dawn and dusk are the times you are most likely to encounter deer along the roadside.
- ☐ Deer breeding season runs from October through early January, and during this time they are highly active and on the move. This is when deer-vehicle collisions are at their peak.
- ☐ Though deer may wander into suburban neighborhoods, they are most frequently found on the outskirts of town and in heavily wooded areas.
- ☐ As pack animals, deer almost never travel alone. If you see one deer, you can bet that there are others nearby.

#### **Preventive Techniques**

- ☐ The two most important ways to avoid a deer-vehicle collision are: slow down and SLOW DOWN. If you are driving through an area known for high deer populations, slow down and observe the speed limit. The more conservative you are with your speed, the more time you will have to brake if an animal darts into your path.
- ☐ Watch for the shine of eyes along the roadside and immediately begin to slow.
- ☐ Use your high beams whenever the road is free of oncoming traffic. This will increase your visibility and give you more time to react.
- ☐ Deer can become mesmerized by steady, bright lights so if you see one frozen on the road, slow down and flash your lights. Some experts recommend one long blast of the horn to scare them out of the road, as well.
- ☐ Pay close attention to caution signs indicating deer or other large animals. These signs are specifically placed in high-traffic areas where road crossings are frequent.

☐ If you're on a multi-lane road, drive in the center lane to give as much space to grazing deer as possible.

### Encountering a Deer

☐ Never swerve to avoid a deer in the road. Swerving can confuse the deer on where to run.

Swerving can also cause a head-on collision with oncoming vehicles, take you off the roadway into a tree or a ditch, and greatly increase the chances of serious injuries.

☐ Deer are unpredictable creatures, and one that is calmly standing by the side of the road may suddenly leap into the roadway without warning. Slowing down when you spot a deer is the best way to avoid a collision. However, if one does move into your path, maintain control and do your best to brake and give the deer time to get out of your way.

☐ Don't rely on hood whistles or other devices designed to scare off deer. These have not been proven to work.

☐ If you do collide with a deer (or large animal), call emergency services if injuries are involved, or the local police if no one is injured, but damage has been caused to your property or someone else's. Never touch an animal that is in the roadway. Report the incident to your insurance company as soon as possible.

Unlike that fictional driver from the car commercial, knowing what to do when you encounter a large animal on or near the roadway can be a life-saver. Keeping calm and driving smart improve your chances of avoiding a collision and staying safe on the road. Safe travels!

Quote: **Race the rain, ride the wind, and chase the sunset!**

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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Over Labor Day weekend, Dennis, Earl and Mike rode the Blue Ridge Parkway. We left Friday and got home Monday.





Let's talk about riding. Over the Labor Day Weekend, Earl, Dennis and I went out and rode the Blue Ridge Parkway. We had a wonderful time, almost. Friday, we left Lexington and had fair weather. We got below Richmond and hit a downpour. It only lasted a few minutes, but did continue to remind us that rain existed that day. We rode on, had dinner at the Texas Roadhouse in East Knoxville. We had a wonderful meal! The service was outstanding and the staff were very personable. We headed out toward the **mountain** just after 7 pm. As we started through Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, the rain proceeded. When we got to Sugarland the rain was awful, fog had set in, it was dark and we were running 20 miles an hour just trying to see the road. Thank GOD for lines on the road! We had to get to Bryson City—right. I never want to go through that kind of a ride again. Going down the mountain, we were able to get behind several other cars and follow their tail lights. Again at about 20 to 30 mph. It was rough, but we made it.

Saturday morning we got up and had breakfast, cleaned off our bikes and hit the road. We had heavy fog, light rain most of the trip, and easier riding with temps on the low 50's. Our ride was hit and miss with good and bad weather. We saw some of the mountains between fog banks, and the temps rose during our ride into the low 60's. By the time we got to Mount Pisgah for lunch the weather there had cleared off and visibility was good. The food was outstanding! Dennis wants to go back for the trout! Off we went to finish the day. Rain caught up with us again south of Asheville and never let up again. As we arrived at the High Meadow Motel, we got our keys and seriously called it a night. The only good thing about this stop was the restaurant Nikola's. The food was great, and this seemed to be the social corner of the county. This helped us sleep the night away.



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The view from the back of Mount Pisgah was beautiful. You can see the fog lifting and the rain had let up during our time here. We were here last year during Wings Over the Smokies.

As we continued our journey on Sunday, the weather had cleared off and we had sunshine and warming weather. The longer we rode the better the ride got. We were able to see much more of the mountains as the fog cleared. We had lunch at Sonic in Roanoke just in time. We were needing a pick me up and Dennis's Coke Zero had worn off. As we started back up the Parkway we met a lot of nice folks, every bike waved as we waved back, and the journey was such a fun time. We dropped off the Parkway and ended the ride at about 2:30 pm. From there we rode to Lewisburg, WV and finished a wonderful day. Altogether we rode approximately 1320 miles. Earl tracked us on his GPS, so you can see his blog.

The ride though, was about to get even better. As we headed toward Lewisburg, we encountered some wonderful riding roads. If you are ever in WV and can ride route 39 and 92, take advantage of it. We had so much FUN riding these routes. Who knows, maybe we will be back that direction again in the near future. The weekend turned out great, Dennis, Earl and I had a great time and everyone made it home safely. We had FUN!!





## ***Happy September fellow Goldwingers!!!***

Well September is here and we are entering my favorite riding season. Safety is our prime concern so this month I will complete Wes Siler's advice on tips to avoid the top ten motorcycle accidents. In August we discussed the first five and this month we will wrap it up with the last five. Thanks to Wes Siler from [Ride Apart](#) for his insight.

Here we go.....

### **6: Your Riding Buddies Are Idiots**

You've seen it happen. A group is out for a ride when one of them stops suddenly or something similar. His buddy is too busy daydreaming to realize and hits him from behind. This has happened to us; it can happen to anyone.

**How To Avoid It:** Make sure everyone is aware of proper group riding etiquette and knows to ride in a staggered formation. You'd be amazed how many people are unaware of this simple technique. Doing so increases vision and moves bikes out of line with each other, meaning a temporary lapse in attention won't result in a collision. Pick smarter riding buddies or do what I do: ride alone.

### **7: You Locked the Front Brake**

Oh no, a deer/cute girl/cop/stopped traffic. You grab a fistful of front brake and, next thing you know, you're lying on the ground, watching your bike cartwheel down the street.

**How To Avoid It:** Learn to use your front brake. It might seem counterintuitive, but that front brake is the most powerful and difficult-to-master component on your motorcycle; it can alter your speed much more quickly than your engine.

If you're just learning to ride, have simply never mastered this skill or bought a new bike and need to learn it, find a big, empty parking lot and start practicing.

From a set speed (say, 30 mph), start braking at a certain mark, then repeat ad infinitum until you've reduced your braking distance as much as possible. You should be able to feel the tire on the very edge of locking up and the rear wheel lifting off the ground. Then go and practice at higher and higher speeds until you can employ the maximum braking ability of your motorcycle reliably and safe.

Or just buy a bike with ABS, remember you have it, and squeeze the lever as hard as you can when you need to make an emergency stop.

## 8 A Car Opened Its Door

The biggest gap in traffic was between a line of parked cars and a stationary line of active traffic. So you go scooting through it when, all of a sudden, Nathan-no-look swings his door wide open right in front of you.

**How to Avoid It:** Never, ever, ever, ever ride between an active traffic lane and parked cars. Not just because of the opening doors thing, but because pedestrians step out, cars pull out so they can see, and for a million other reasons. Just don't do it. If you do, somehow, find yourself in a door-opening situation though, follow all the advice above and brake as hard as possible. Even if a collision is inevitable, shedding even a small fraction of your speed can really help.

Cyclists call the area next to parked cars, within a door's width "The Death Zone" for a reason.

The end of the Blue Ridge Parkway, all 469 miles of it. It's a shame we didn't get to see more of it. That's alright, another day!



## 9: It's Slippery!



Stuff is coming out of the sky! That stuff is cold, wet and, surprise, slippery. Listen to Douglas Adams and don't panic.

**How to Avoid It:** Does your bike have decent tires on it or were you silly and decided that running track rubber on the road was a good idea? Hint: it's not. So long as you're running reasonable tires and those tires aren't worn out, you'll be surprised at how well a motorcycle does in wet or even snowy conditions. Just slow down and be as smooth as possible on the controls.

In the wet, stuff like manhole covers become super, extra slippery and you'll need to watch out for oil and diesel on the road as well. Look for patches of rainbow and avoid those. If it hasn't rained for a while, the first hour or so of rainfall is the most treacherous; it lifts all the oils and whatnot out of the pavement, floating it on top. Treat yourself to a hot cup of coffee and wait for a solid downpour to wash all that junk away.

Also beware of the limited visibility rain creates for other drivers and their general ineptitude; car drivers don't seem to understand that slippery conditions necessitate longer following distances and earlier braking.

Ron Haslam advocates keeping revs up in the wet. The thinking is that, should your rear spin up, you'll be using a smaller amount of throttle opening, allowing you to regain traction much easier than if you're riding at 30mph in 6th, at wide open throttle.

## 10: The Most Common Bike Accident

According to the 1981 Hurt Report — the largest study ever conducted on motorcycle accident causation **How to Avoid It:** Don't drink and ride.

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**So there you go fellow Goldwingers - the last of the top ten motorcycle accidents and how to avoid them. Have a great September of safe riding!!**

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# 2017 CONVENTION/RALLY SCHEDULE



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



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



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



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~~West Virginia XXXXXXXX~~  
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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 XXXXXXXX~~  
 Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center, Grapevine, TX



**September 28 – 30, 2017**  
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**November 2 – 4, 2017**  
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 Holiday Inn, Johnson City, TN



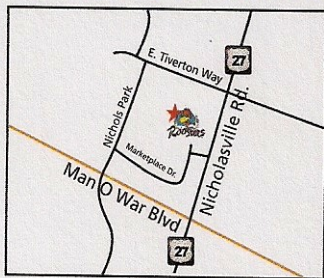
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<u>Birthdays</u>	
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Roy Campbell Jr	Sept 20
Earl Broome	Sept 23
Dennis North	Sept 21
Lane Hait	Oct 6
Angela Wiggins	Sept 14
Helena Taulbee	Oct 11
Alice Hampton	Oct 21
<u>Anniversaries</u>	
If we missed 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
Mitchell Young	Sept 14

## 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.**