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**January 2018**

Good day Chapter C!

We hope that our chapter had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year! Winter has fully set in and riding is pretty much out for now. I know that Earl has been utilizing his heated suit, but so much right now. Me, I am waiting for the salt and ice to go away.

As most of you know, we announced our new Chapter C Couple of the Year for 2018 - Earl and Lily Broome, and our chapter first ever Individual of the Year is Jeff Sullivan. We will announce the High Mileage winner at the next gathering. Does anyone have a guess whom it may be?

Heritage Honda is officially out of business, hence we lost a sponsor. I am looking for a dealer/sponsor as well to continue our maintenance. I am comfortable doing a lot of things on my Goldwing, but some things I don't dare touch. We are continuing with Rooster's and they were glad to keep us coming back. The District Ops meeting is January 27th in Shelbyville at 0900. GWRRA has removed the Educator position from the chapter level, now all communication will come through the district educator. Alan Ernest will continue on the chapter team as an Assistant CD. Please let him feel the love!



## From our Ride Coordinator — Roger Early

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As 2017 ends, I took a quick review of our 2017 rides. It was a fun year and our Chapter had plenty of riding opportunities. We also had many chapter visitations and our monthly dinner outings. Thanks to everyone who participated in our rides in 2017. I look forward to riding with everyone again in 2018.

Our rides in 2017 included:

Multiple rides in the Natural Bridge/Red River Gorge Area

Rides to some restaurants (some old favorites and some new) including:

Our Best

Blue Bird Café

Mammy's Kitchen

Kentucky Fudge Company

Jerry's

Ricardo's

Casa Fiesta

Kentucky Depot

DaVinci's Pizza

Don Senor Mexican Restaurant

City Barbeque

The Work's (Loveland Ohio)

Colonel's Creamery

Charity Rides:

Cruise for Kids

Woodford County Ride for Life

Chapter S 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Hodgenville

Jane's Saddlebag

Swope's Cars of Yesteryear

Cumberland County Playhouse

Blue Ridge Parkway

District Conventions:

Spring Fling in Tennessee

Visited Bush's Baked Beans

NC 209 "The Rattler"

Wings over the Smokies in North Carolina

Rode "The Rattler" again

Wheels Through Time Museum



Dennis North and I will be planning the 2018 Ride Schedule. I have already updated our Chapter Calendar with some ride dates. These are subject to change as the year progresses so please continue to check the calendar for updates and we'll be sending out emails as the various dates approach.

The events that are coming up include:

- January 11 – Dinner at J Renders BBQ in Beaumont Center
- February 8 – Dinner at the Versailles Brewing Company
- March 6 – Dinner at Ruby Jean’s Café (one of our sponsors)

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 District Events. If you have any questions or corrections, please let me know.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR CHAPTER C FAMILY!

It will be good to be together with you again at our next monthly gathering on January 20! With our Christmas party so early in December, it seems forever since we’ve been together. I hope everyone had the merriest of Christmases and good times with family and friends. Hopefully you made Santa’s nice list, and he was good to you too!

January and February are double points months for visitation. We will try to make as many other Chapter gatherings as we can. Remember that it only takes three people to obtain the points, so if you can go, announce it with an email and we’ll get a group together to go! Earl and John joined Mike, Ben and I at Chapter H this past Friday. The traveling plaque was up for grabs, but it went to Chapter G. Hopefully we can get a group to chase it on Tuesday! Visitation forms can be downloaded from the Kentucky District site.

I will be placing a shirt order soon, so please let me know via email ([dedrej2@aol.com](mailto:dedrej2@aol.com)) if you would like to place an order. We offer short and long sleeve polos (blue and red), long sleeve denim and long sleeve button down dress shirts (blue and red). They come with the Bluegrass Wings embroidered logo. You can also have your name embroidered as well. Both mens and ladies shirts are available. We have a limited number of summer hats for sale too.

While you’re considering vacation ideas for 2018, keep in mind the TN Spring Fling April 12-14 in Pigeon Forge, TN, the Kentucky Blast August 17-18 in Cave City KY, Wing Ding in Knoxville, TN at the end of August and Wings over the Smokies at the end of September. We had hoped to go to West Virginia this year but it’s the same weekend as our July gathering. We would like to plan some overnight weekend rides as well. If you know some fun destinations, please let Roger, Dennis, Mike or me know. We will also have a co-rider’s choice in 2018, even if we decide to leave our drivers at home!

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Hello Fellow Wingers,

12/10/17

It's January, so I want to wish everyone a safe and happy new year! Since it is getting colder and now that we have had our first official snow I was thinking about putting the Wing away for the season. I did not want to lead you astray with the proper things to do so I searched and found an article in a 2014 Wing World.

**"April of 2014 Wing World"** Written by **HOWARD HALASZ**.

I copied the entire article below so please read before storing your Gold Wing this winter

## **HOW TO: STORE YOUR GOLD WING FOR THREE MONTHS OR LONGER**

BY: HOWARD HALASZ  
ISSUE: APRIL 2014

Posted 03/07/2014

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.

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 bottled 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 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.



Famous Quote: Whatever it is, it's better in the wind. ~Author Unknown!

**Safe Riding!**

**Darrell and Alice Hampton**

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**Ruby Jean's**  
Café

Our latest and newest Chapter C supporter is **Ruby Jean's Café.**

They are located at:

**450 Southland Drive, Suite B**

**Lexington, KY 40503**

Thank you Jeff Sullivan for your continuing efforts to further the interest of Chapter C.

Jeff frequents this location quite a bit and recommends their food. Just ask Jeff, he will give you the bottom line. Join us for a dinner ride on March 6 to find out for yourself!



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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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# **GWRRA UNIVERSITY TRAINING EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT**



**KY DISTRICT IS HOSTING THE ANNUAL OPS MEETING & TRAINING EVENT ON  
January 27, 2018**

**EVENT LOCATION: First Christian Church  
1000 Eminence Pike, Shelbyville, KY 40065**

**EVENT HOURS: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm**

**The day will be full of fun activities and important information**

**THE CLASSES BEING OFFERED INCLUDE:**

## **UNIVERSITY CLASSES**

Coaching Your Team; Chapter Finances; Email Etiquette

## **RIDER EDUCATION**

Levels Program

**BRING YOUR GWRRA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER WITH YOU TO THE EVENT-THANK YOU**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE EVENT CONTACT**

Rick Broadway, KY District Director

Leah Cridlin, KY Asst. District Director

**We look forward to seeing everyone!**



**Birthdays**

Sam Bell 02/03  
Alan Ernest 01/24  
Sheri North 01/06

**Anniversaries**

Sam Carneal 01/30



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Frankfort, KY 40601



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Paris, KY 40361

Reading through the Tennessee District Newsletter, we stumbled upon Alvin and Josie article. They are the Tennessee District Educators. They copied this from Brian Richardson and we also found it to be informational. For your viewing pleasure!! Thank Alvin and Josie for an insightful article.

## From the Tennessee District Educator

Thought I would repost this. It is an article written by Brian Richards for chapter M's newsletter. Great info:

As we know, starting January 1st, there are significant changes within GWRRA, one being in Rider Education, the administration of the Levels Program changes. Currently, a member submits a Level Application (N.7 or N.9) to their Chapter Educator to enter into or advance in the Levels Program. This changes because the Chapter Educator, though the position can exist as a Chapter Team Member, is no longer an officer position and does not have that responsibility. The member assumes this responsibility. The following is an excerpt from notes from a conference call hosted by National Director of Rider Education Tim Grimes. It clearly states his opinion about the member's role in the Levels Program.

A question was asked whether the new Chapter Ride Coordinator will be responsible for the member's Level Program administration. His answer:

"NO. The members will be responsible for their own Levels program experience. It is imperative EVERY District Educator promotes MY R.E. a tool created more than three years ago and has been underutilized in the past. Commencing January 1, 2018 any forms required to file Levels Program documentation for advancement will be available on the RE page of the GWRRA web site. These forms are to be completed by the member using MY R.E. to confirm the most current information and forwarded to their DISTRICT EDUCATOR for validation and processing. Monies for patches must accompany the submission."

Many of you may be confused and are asking, what is "MY R.E."? What we do under "Rider Education", the seminars, classes, etc., is entered into the Rider Education database. It is your Rider Education training record. You can see your record, and make sure it is current according to your own records,

- Go to the [www.GWRRA.org](http://www.GWRRA.org) web site
- On the blue bar near the top of the page hover your mouse over the "Programs" button.
- A gray bar will drop down, carefully go over to "Rider Education" and click on it.
- A sign in screen will appear. It asks for a User name and Password. Don't worry, you have it. Click on the purple "I need help logging in" area and a screen will appear that explains what you need.
- A screen appears that shows you and any family members that share your membership number.
- At the right of the person's record you want to see, click "view".
- You are now looking at your database information. It is exactly the same as what your Chapter Educators and District Educators look at when checking your record. You can see your Membership Information, Rider History, and Training Information.
- Click the "All History" button under Training Information and a list of all the training courses that you have taken will appear.

Okay, if you followed all that, you have been successful at seeing what is in your Rider Education record. Look closely to be sure that all your information is correct. If not, contact your District Educator. You can also get to the Level Applications

(N.7 and N.9) on the website. They are on the Rider Education page as Tim Grimes indicated in his response above. Please be reassured that, even though the member's role has changed, the Rider Education team will always be here to answer your questions and help you through the process. Brian Richards

Alvin, Josie

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## **DISTRICT EDUCATORS**

### **Bill and Susan Mucha**

Hello all, it is the start of a new year and as we all know some changes have been made in GWR-RA.

First, I would like to thank all the Chapter Educators in Kentucky for the great work that has been done over the past years. I hope you will help your chapter with any needs that may arise in the future. I personally hope you can help all members of your chapter in using MYRE information page. All of you will be missed. 6

Second, I would like to welcome the new Ride Coordinators to the District and Chapter Teams, and am willing to help with any needs that may arise, so don't hesitate to contact me.

Last, I know Kentucky will have fun in the coming years.

Happy New year





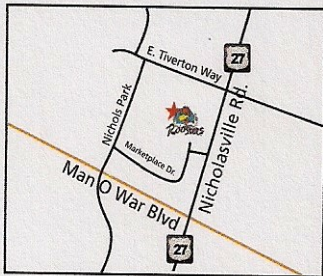


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## Information from your Membership Enhancement Coordinator

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.**