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Good day Chapter C!

If you haven't noticed, Chapter C has been mighty busy lately. From the Pine Mountain trip to Wing Ding, we have been enjoying a lot of riding. Officially, Wing Ding reported just under 9000 attendees. Not the best, but the venue was nice and the trade show was great. Most of us had some work\modifications done while we were there. Chapter C at one point had 15 members present. Nice job Chapter C! The weather, though spotty, turned out pretty good. We had folks on the Tail of the Dragon and the Cherahola Skyway. Pictures can be found on Killboy and other sites. We are preparing for our 35th Chapter C Anniversary party on Sept. 22. Our Christmas party will again be held at the Chop House on December 6th at 6:30. Maybe Santa will make an appearance!

This issue includes John Conner's appearance as our new Ride Coordinator. His article is included in the newsletter. WE know John will do his best! Please feel free to offer him any ideas\assistance you might have.

Wings Over the Smokies is coming up at the end of the month, If you haven't been before, this is a great rally and opportunity to meet old and new friends.



From our Ride Coordinator — John

I want to start by thanking Roger Early for his many years as the Chapter C Ride Coordinator. Roger set a high bar on consistently organizing and leading really great rides for our chapter. I will do my best to measure up to Roger's standard.

Allow me to introduce myself. I am John Conner, a Florida native and lived in the Pittsburgh, PA area for 12 years before moving to Frankfort, KY in July 2014. I first rode a motorcycle at age 15 when I got a Honda CB-100. I rode it for 3 years and put 10,000 miles on it. Then I got a car my Senior year of High School. 36 years later, at age 52, I finally satisfied my itch to get back on a motorcycle and bought a new 2008 Honda ST-1300. I put over 60,000 miles on the ST in 7 years. I joined Chapter C in the fall of 2014, a few months after moving to Frankfort. After selecting our home in Frankfort, I purchased a 2001 Gold Wing. Today I have put 36,000 miles on it in a little over 3 years.

My riding style has been mostly solo or 2-bike long distance trips. In Pennsylvania, I rode a lot of Ride-to-Eat trips of 200 – 250 miles one way to meet up with friends for lunch. After spending a couple hours dining and visiting, I would ride home. Many of these day trips were between 500 and 600 miles. My longest trip on the ST was from the Pittsburgh area to Moonshine, IL (Moonshine Lunch Run) to Key West, FL and return to PA. I road about 4,100 miles with a friend from Hummelstown, PA on that trip. I surpassed this in 2016 when Earl Broome and I road to Wing Ding in Billings, MT, and then on to Spokane, WA, before returning home. That trip was about 5,400 miles.

As I pick up the mantle of Ride Coordinator I would like to ask you, what kind of rides most interest you? We currently have rides planned through September but starting in October, we need to get some specific rides planned. I solicit your input. I will be planning rides for 2019 over the winter months. Please keep feeding me your ideas so I can put together rides you will enjoy. Talk with me at the meetings, call me and visit, or drop me an email.

Thank you,
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September 15 – Ride to the Kentucky Fudge Company in Harrodsburg

September 22— Chapter C 35th Anniversary Gathering

September 27 through 29 – Wings Over the Smokies

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.

If you want to see some of the photos from our past events, check out the following page: <http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/photos/>



Darrell and Alice Hampton present moments from Membership Enhancement



Hello Fellow Wingers,

09/14/18

Just got back from Wing Ding and did we have a great time! It was hot and mostly dry but we had more than 8,000 people show up. Next year is scheduled in September, and will be in Nashville, TN. Let's see if we can generate some interest in the chapter for that one as it will be another short ride. Even though it is September, there are still a lot a good weather days left to ride here in Kentucky before the weather gets bad so get out and ride that Wing!!

Don't forget we have Wings over the Smokies coming up the 27th thru the 29th later this month and I know Alice and I will be making the trip to Waynesville North Carolina to have fun. I hoping that Hurricane Florence will all be gone by then and no rain and no damage in the area. We are staying at the Ramada Inn in Maggie Valley and this year we are planning a full day at the Biltmore Estates. We have never been there so we want to get some designer ideas for our next winter home (I wish).

I follow a Goldwing site on Facebook and recently someone posted that they had visited a Goldwing chapter meeting and thought the people were quite pleasant to be with but asked the question about joining. They mentioned it cost \$55 per year per person but what did you get for that besides a magazine. You would be surprised at some of the answers. Check out the Goldwing sites on Facebook and see what the outside world thinks of us wingers.

Don't forget to invite a friend to our chapter meetings and invite them along for your rides!

Famous Quote: **Some need therapy, I have my motorcycle!**

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

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From Assistant Chapter Director Jeff Sullivan:

Thanks for letting me serve Chapter C as the Individual of the Year for 2018. I am trying to fill the position as well as possible. I want to thank those whom selected me for the Magnanimus position.

Safe riding until we meet again.

Thanks again, Jeff Sullivan, ACD Chapter C





Kicking back on the balcony at Pigeon Forge



More from Deal's Gap!



Yes we took our motorcycles!



A little
guy talk
going on!



Group picture
poses please



Pass The
Trash
anyone?!



Sightseeing on the Cherahola Skyway



From our District Educator

Bill Mucha

Another month has gone by and August was a Blast. Speaking of Blast, we put on a Road Captain Course. Why? To make sure all our rides are safer, as you know the road captain is the lead for our rides no matter where or what they are (Ice cream, overnight, or just a day riding.) Don't forget about the person in the back of the pack they are the drag who keeps you all together. As we all know it is called team riding and I hope all of you can take the Team Riding course to help us all be on the same page when in a group.

In the last year we had 3 classes for Road Captains. Yes! that Gives Kentucky 14 new Road Captains I want to thank all who took the class so far and hope more of you will do so in the future. When you understand why we ride the way we do, it makes it pleasant for all of us.

Keep safe

Bill Mucha

District Educator Ky

Let's ride West Virginia!!

Chapter C, are you ready for a FUN weekend riding the roads of West Virginia? I have made arrangements for us and anyone that wants to join us to enjoy the scenery of West Virginia from Hawks Nest State Park. We will ride over on May 29th and ride out to different destinations everyday. We will have 4 nights coming home on June 2nd. Among the sights we will enjoy are the Green Bank Radio Observatory and the Cass Scenic Railroad. Hawks Nest actually overlooks the New River and also has a ferry and cable car ride up the mountains with some beautiful scenery. I will provide additional information as it come available. You can call Hawks Nest State Park at 304-658-5212, extension 1520 to make your reservations. I have blocked off 15 rooms under Bluegrass Wings. They have given us a 20% discount on the room prices for our group. I urge you to make reservations as soon as you can in order to reserve your room. According to Hawks Nest, they book up very early. Our booking offer will expire on December 31 for any unclaimed rooms. This will be a great adventure!!

Mike VanHoose
Director, Chapter C
Bluegrass Wings



5th annual WINGERS-N-WAVES 2019



Mark your calendar and come sail away with us on the 5th annual Caribbean WINGERS-N-WAVES. The Independence of the Seas will depart from Fort Lauderdale and travel to Nassau, Labadee & Jamaica. You will have the opportunity to meet Chapters from all over the US and Canada!



Our special group rates **include port taxes**, based on double occupancy. The rates are subject to change until booked. Please book your cabin with **WINGERS-N-WAVES** to ensure you're included into the special functions, parties, group dinners & Winger perks!



Oceanview Balcony cabin - \$788 per person

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GWRRR Wing Ding 40 will give a FREE WINGERS-N-WAVES cruise for two at closing ceremonies! Check out our Annual Alaska Cruisetour, Viking River Cruise & Australia & New Zealand! All Wingers and friends are invited to join our group!

LIMITED SPACE – CALL TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR CABIN (386) 299-7535

For full event details: WWW.WINGERSNWAVES.COM





**Chapter C
35th Anniversary
9/22/2018
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Falling Springs Center
Versailles, Kentucky**



**Come enjoy food, music, games and fellowship.
Lunch(BBQ, sides & desserts) will begin at 12:00.
Music by Puncheon Creek from 1:00 to 2:00.
All members, past and present, are welcome!**



Visit www.kybluegrasswings.org or contact CD@kybluegrasswings.org for more information

Birthdays

Earl Broome 9/23
Roy Campbell Jr. 09/20
Peggy Prang 10/11
Alice Hampton 10/21
Dennis North 09/21
Helena Taulbee 10/11

Anniversaries

Mike and Dedre VanHoose 10/10
Jon and Ursula Fox 10/13
Roy and Helena Taulbee 10/21

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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, 6501 Bardstown Road. They eat at 11:00 and meet at 12:00.



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 Dave and Busters, 781 Heights Blvd, Florence. They eat at 6 and meet at 7.



Chapter H Meet on the 1st Friday of the month at the UK Shelby County Extension Office, 1117 Frankfort Road, Shelbyville, KY 40065 Meet @ 7:00pm



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



Chapter T Meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Carriage House Ramada Inn Paintsville, KY. Meet @ 6:00



Chapter Y Meet on the 1st Thursday at Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S. 6th St. Mayfield, KY 42066. Eat at 6:00, Meet @ 7:00

Look at the Chapter Gathering days as we will try and visit them all sometime.