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January 2019

It's A New Year Chapter C!

What a way to start 2019! We had 7 riders on a Polar Bear ride New Year's day. A bit chilly, but beautiful day. We followed that up visiting Chapter H last Friday. We have been in the GWRRA since 2010, and that was the first time we saw 6 of the 7 existing chapters represented at a monthly gathering. We had a really nice time, saw Chapter S win the Traveling Plaque and then had Davinci's Pizza for supper.

The district Ops meeting is February 24 in Shelbyville. Anyone wanting to learn more about your association is invited to attend. We will send out more next month.

John is working actively on our ride calendar for the year. Please send him any ideas you may have to keep us rolling!

Thank you Chapter C for your confidence in making Dedre and I your new Couple of the Year. We will do our best to serve the chapter well. But, in order to do that we will need you to visit with us and go to other chapter gatherings and rallies. It takes a team to pull this off, so get ready to travel!

See you on the road Chapter C!!



[John Conner, Chapter C Ride Coordinator](#)

In December we were able to get in a single ride. On December 2 we had a Ride for Pie event to Jerry's in Paris, KY. There were 4 of us in attendance. We did have a nice Christmas Party for the Chapter and all had a good time.

We held the Polar Bear Ride on January 1. We rode to the Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park in Carlisle, KY. It is a short ride NE of Paris so was not very taxing. The weather was cool, in the mid 40's, and the weather cooperated. We had overcast skies but only a little misting from the clouds and the damp roads.

I have started loading the 2019 ride schedule onto the Bluegrass Wings calendar. The theme is to visit many of the Kentucky State Parks. We will add other destinations into the schedule to keep it from getting boring so come ride with us.

For January we have the following events and rides planned:

Jan 3 Chapter Y Meeting at 6pm

Jan 4 Chapter H Meeting at 7pm.

Jan 8 Chapter G Meeting at 6pm.

Jan 10 Chapter C Dinner Ride to Cattleman's in Frankfort, at 6:30pm.

Jan 12 Chapter A Meeting at 11am.

Jan 13 Chapter S Meeting at 4pm.

Jan 19 Chapter C Meeting at 11am.

Chapter C Ride to Lincoln Homestead State Park, following the meeting.

Chapter T Meeting at 6pm.

Jan 24 Chapter C Dinner Ride to Don Pedro's Mexican Grill in Lawrenceburg, at 6:30pm.

We have a lot of other interesting things in the works, including:

Overnight rides to state parks that are too far for a 1-day round trip.

May 2-5: 37th Annual Tennessee District Spring Fling

May 29-June 2: West Virginia Ride

August 27-31: Wing Ding 2019

Happy New Year to all!

John Conner

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Hello Fellow Wingers,

01/09/19

Just a few weeks away and the good riding weather will be back with us, well maybe more than a few weeks but let's call it wishful thinking. This past Sunday was an awesome day for motorcycle riding but I chose instead to catch up on my honey do list and worked in my garage all day with the door open and really got a lot of stuff done. Since then I have been restricted to driving my car to and from work. This time of year the sun stays low in the southern sky and driving home at 3:00pm I seem to be heading right into it. That gave me some thought to an article for the chapter newsletter this month. "How to ride in low sun"

I read a great article on this subject several years back that was written by **Sean MacDonald** in October of 2013. Sean started the article with "The only thing more terrifying than realizing you're on a motorcycle and can't see where you're going is realizing you're on a motorcycle and no one can see you." Following are some tips from the article that might help keep you safe when riding in low sun.

1. Look toward the direction of your shadow, as that is the direction that other motorist can't see you from.
2. You know how driving into the sun in your car allows you to lower the sun visor and position your eyes just above the edge to shield the sun from your eyes and allows you to see ahead. Most motorcycles that I know of do not have a sun visor to pull down but with prior planning you could add some tape to the top of your face shield that would allow you to shield your eyes enough to allow clear vision ahead. I have seen a type of product sold at bike shops that is just for this so I will most likely be adding this to mine and Alice's face shields. (Done)
3. Be aware of traffic around you when stopping at a red light or stop sign as well as slowing down to turn off. Because if you are having a hard time seeing into the sun, the driver in the car behind might also be having the same problem and not see you until it's too late. It's good to tap your brakes several times to try and alert the driver behind you as well as keep an eye on them in your mirrors and leave yourself an out if you have to move quickly to keep from getting run over. It's better to run off the road than getting run over on the road!
4. **SLOW DOWN** anytime riding conditions are not the best, even though you might be in a hurry to get home before it is completely dark. This kind of low sun conditions means you'll want to give yourself every second of allowable reaction time to stay safe.

Sean also advises to avoid riding at this time of day if possible. If you can wait another few minutes for the lighting conditions to change for the better it might be the best and safest thing to do.

Hope this helps with preparing for that next short ride when the weather is better than we expected and you have just heard about a new restaurant to try out. Our goal is to help keep our fellow riders as safe as possible and encourage them to ride more.

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

Bluegrass Wings Chapter C

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Famous Quote: **I don't ride a bike to add days to my life, I ride a bike to add life to my days!**



Happy New Year 2019 from Bill Mucha, KY District Educator

Following is the list of “Approved” Rider Courses for use in the GWRRA Levels Program. If the course is listed as “No” in the “May be taken consecutively for Levels” column, it may be used in the levels, but the next rider course must be a course listed as “Yes”. The courses listed with a “No” are essentially “Track Day” courses and must be alternated with a more traditional course that covers all the topics of safer riding.

Co-Riders may of course also take the “Co-Rider” Seminar.

Courses may be added to this list by contacting the “Director-Rider Course Programs”.

Riding Courses accepted for GWRRA Levels May be taken consecutively for Levels

2-UP Co-Rider participating in a Rider Course (GWRRA) Yes

3WBRC Trike Rider Course (MSF) Yes

ARC Advanced Rider Course – GWRRA Yes

ARC-R Advanced Rider Course Recert (GWRRA) No

BBBRC Basic Bike Bonding Course (MSF) No

BRC Beginner Rider Course (MSF) Yes

BRC-2 MSF License Waiver No

BRC-2SP Basic Rider Course 2 Skills Practice NO

BRCGRP Basic Rider Course – Small Group No

CMSP California Motorcyclist Safety Program Yes

CSC Canadian Safety Council Yes

ESCS Evergreen Safety Council – Sidecar Yes

ESCT Evergreen Safety Council – Trike Yes

MORE Ohio State Program Yes

MSFARC MSF Advanced Rider Course Yes

OHPSR Oklahoma Highway Patrol Safe Riders No

RLAP Ride Like a Pro (Jerry Palladino) No

SPCW Streetmasters Precision Cornering Workshop No

SRC Sidecar Rider Course (GWRRA) Yes

SSKLS John Delvecchio's Street Skills No

STAR Idaho State Program Yes

STRR MSF Street Rider Course No

TC Two Wheel Trailering Course (GWRRA) Yes

TC-ARC Total Control Advanced Rider Clinic (Lee Parks) Yes

TC-INT Total Control Intermediate Rider Clinic Yes

TRC Trike Rider Course (GWRRA) Yes



Ya'll missed an amazing gathering last Friday night! Six of the seven Kentucky chapters were at Chapter H's meeting! It was a nasty weather night, but there were members from Louisville, Lexington, Florence, Shelbyville, Elizabethtown and Paintsville. It has been a long time since we have had this percentage of attendance. Chapter S from Elizabethtown won the traveling plaque, so we will be heading there at 3:00pm Sunday from Kroger in Versailles. We hope many of you will join us in this chase!

We will be placing a shirt order soon, so please let Dedre know if you would like to order. Call me at 859-229-5859 or email dedrej2@aol.com. I may not be at our next gathering, so please contact me via text, call or email.

Thank you for giving us the honor of being your Couple of the Year for 2019!!! We plan on lots of visitation, so come have fun with us! (Especially in January and February when it's double points months!)



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

5th annual WINGERS-N-WAVES 2019



January 25, 2019 – 6 nights of WOW!

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!



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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!

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For full event details: WWW.WINGERSNWAVES.COM



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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.