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Great day Chapter C!

Happy February to all and we hope you are warm and dry. Flu season is upon us and with these Kentucky temps, you know to be careful and not risk getting sick.

John is in the process of getting our rides set up for the year and he has asked for your input. Please forward him any ideas you may have. We have attended Chapters A and S so far this month and will be going to Chapter G this Tuesday to try and capture the Traveling Plaque. We will leave from the Wendy's at the 129 mm on I75 at 5:30ish Tuesday afternoon. Please, we need as many as possible to geo with us because we already know other chapters are going to attend. We need numbers!! The District OPS meeting is on the 23rd at the First Christian Church in Shelbyville from 9 am to 4:30 pm. This meeting is open to everyone, but officers are highly encouraged to attend. I need someone to be our Motorist Awareness officer, **do I have any takers?** This is not a difficult position, but very important. Please remember the Ride In, Kentucky Blast and Wing Ding in the coming months.

After our gathering this month, we will be going to Chapter T in Paintsville for their gathering Saturday evening. Anyone that will go would be greatly appreciated.



Chapter C Ride Coordinator, February 2019 News Letter

In January we were able to do 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.

For February we have the following events and rides planned:

Feb 10 Chapter S Meeting at 4pm.

Feb 12 Chapter G Meeting at 6pm.

Feb 16 Chapter C Meeting at 11am.

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

Chapter T Meeting at 6pm.

Feb 27 Chapter C Dinner Ride to Mancino's Pizza in Lexington, at 6:30pm.

Don't forget the major events we have planned for later in the year:

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

May 29-June 2: West Virginia Ride

August 27-31: Wing Ding 2019

Ride Safe and looking forward to seeing you on 2, 3, or 4 wheels.

John Conner

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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 Gorge 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



GWRRA UNIVERSITY FLYER TRAINING EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT



KY DISTRICT IS HOSTING A TRAINING EVENT ON

February 23, 2019

EVENT LOCATION: First Christian Church

EVENT ADDRESS: 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

Recruitment ~ GWRRA Module More Members

Planning a Chapter Event ~ GWRRA Module We're Doing What?

RIDER EDUCATION

Levels Program ~ GWRRA Module On the Level /My RE

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE EVENT CONTACT

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We look forward to seeing everyone



Chapter C, we have a unique ride idea to present to you! The following exhibit is at the Henderson Community College in Henderson, KY.

Award winning photographer Joel Sartore started this incredible project to document every species on earth. Henderson Community College is proud to present the National Geographic exhibit **The Photo Ark**. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

This incredible exhibit features over 40 species along with descriptions. An opportunity to explore the issues of environmental changes, endangered species and climate change. The galleries of the Preston Arts Center will also feature the exhibit **Fragile Nature**, also by Joel Sartore

For more information on the exhibit <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/projects/photo-ark>

The next weekend that we have available to do this is Saturday, March 2. Since Chapter H's meeting is the evening before, we were thinking about leaving Friday evening for Chapter H, then drive to Evansville, IN to spend the night. I have found a Baymont for approximately \$70. Saturday morning we could enjoy a leisurely breakfast and cross the river to Henderson by 10am. After the exhibit, we could drive to Owensboro to enjoy some bbq. Mike met someone that claims to have the best!

The other choice would be to leave by 8am Saturday morning and drive down and back in the same day. Think about it and we will discuss at the gathering.

Coming attractions:

Tuesday, Feb 12: Chapter G has the plaque and we want it! Join us at the Wendy's at I-75 by 5:30 to leave for Florence. They eat at 6 and meet at 7, so you can leave earlier if you want to eat there—just let Dedre know so we know how many are able to go! Or get to Wendy's earlier if you want to eat there. Mike doesn't get out of work until 4:45, so we'll be getting our food to go.

Saturday, Feb 16: Chapter X2 from Middletown, Ohio will be attending our gathering. These folks will be riding with us on the WV ride. They have ridden WV many times, so they make know some good places to ride/eat!

We will also be heading down to Chapter T after the gathering. Mike and I have to return Saturday night, but you're welcome to spend the night in Paintsville. Chapter A is going and staying, so there will be others to socialize with!

Saturday, Feb 23: Kentucky District Operations meeting at First Christian Church in Shelbyville, KY from 9-4:30. All chapter members are welcome, officers are requested to attend. We will car pool from Kroger in Versailles, leaving at 8:15am.

March is double visitation points for Chapter C, so we will continue an aggressive visitation schedule into March as well! Mike warned you that as your Couple of the Year we would be asking you to visit with us! Come out and have fun with the other chapters! Chapter H didn't have a meeting in February, but we have been to Chapters A (Louisville) and S (Elizabethtown) this weekend.

See you Saturday!!!!



How to Avoid an Accident on a Motorcycle

Many people enjoy the freedom and adrenaline rush that riding a motorcycle can give you. However, riding a motorcycle is very dangerous if you're unprepared. First, take a motorcycle safety course in your area to learn how to ride safely. Next, always be aware of the road conditions and dodge any obstructions. Avoid common driving mistakes by paying attention to the cars around you. Finally, ride safely by wearing safety gear and maintaining your motorcycle

1 Complete a motorcycle safety course. No matter your skill level, you can benefit from taking a safety course. These courses teach you how to avoid accidents, how to crash safely, and how to deal with the aftermath. Many countries have motorcycle safety organizations or government agencies that offer safety courses. Do an online search to find one in your area.

- For example, the Motorcyclist Safety Foundation offers beginner and advanced courses all over US. In England, the government offers "Enhanced Riding Schemes," or courses that are designed to improve a rider's safety

2 Behave as if no car can see you. Many drivers have trouble spotting motorcycles on the road, whether because of a blind spot or because they're not paying attention. Whenever you're driving near a car, assume that the rider cannot see you For example:

- Stay away from potential blind spots by riding in front of or behind a car.
- When a car is backing up, assume they won't see you in time to stop. Let them finish and then continue on your way.

If a car is merging into your lane, give them space. If they can't see you they will run you over.

3 Pay attention to the wheels of other cars. If you're not sure where a car will turn, look at their wheels. The angle of the wheel will indicate where they want to go next This information can help you avoid many accidents. For example:

- You will be aware of cars trying to turn left on top of you.
 - A rider can see whether a driver will try to change lanes at an intersection.
- If the car is backing up, you will know what direction they will most likely go.

4 Watch out for any obstructions in the road. This can include cars, rocks, and other debris. By being watchful, you will give yourself enough time to avoid anything that you see on the road. For example, if you're riding on a small country road, keep an eye out for any cars parked in your lane. Other dangerous road debris include:

- Patches of gravel
 - Puddles of water
 - Oil on the road
- Large branches on the street

5 Check your mirrors often. Be aware of what's going on behind you by checking your mirrors. It can be tempting to keep the eye on the road in front of you at all times. However, you can benefit from knowing what's going on behind you. For example:

- If a car is speeding, they may come up behind you quickly and startle you.
- A car behind you may turn on their blinker, indicating that they may merge on top of you if you don't pay attention.

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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.