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Good day Chapter C!!

April ended well and May has started with a bang. Spring Fling was good and we enjoyed a great time with friends. Dennis Peterson is the new Tennessee District Director. Chapter C was well represented! We found a new addition to the Foothills Parkway that is beautiful to ride. We enjoyed a great dinner at Jerry's in Paris with 14 folks showing up, and more is planned for the month. John is continuing to fill up the ride calendar and we hope to have more great weather to enjoy our Goldwings!

The West Virginia ride is coming up at the end of the month, the Ride In and Blast are in sight. Wing Ding is later in September in Nashville and should be a great rally.

We have Chapter G coming up this week and we need you folks to go with us. Our gathering is upcoming and we have the Couple of the Year Mascot so we can expect some visitors!

Our tech day will be held again later in the year on a date to be announced. We had such a good time with good turnout, seems the right thing to do. Send ideas to John and come on out with us on our rides and excursions. This is going to be a good year to ride!!

Thanks all you do Chapter C!

Mike VanHoose

Chapter C Director



Couple of the Year News:

Mike and I won the Couple of the Year Mascot (see photo below) from Chapter A on 5/11/19! We will give her away at our gathering so we may have some visitors. We were up against Chapter S Couple, Dave and Roxie, but our ticket was drawn. Thanks to Jeff, John and Joni for going with us today.....more visitation points!

Traveling plaque:

Chapter G currently has the traveling plaque, so we will chase it Tuesday night, 5/14. We need many to join us - the chapter with the most people in attendance gets an extra ticket for the drawing for the plaque.

Other news:

A great time was had by all 14 folks who went on the last dinner ride to Jerry's in Paris. Good food, good friends! I highly recommend you join any dinner ride on the schedule. It's a good time to catch up with friends, and the best part - a night off from cooking dinner!

Dedre



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. Ohio Chapter X2 will be joining us on the ride! This will be a great time! Please book your room as quickly as possible. I don't want anyone to miss out on this opportunity.

Mike VanHoose



Hello Fellow Wingers,

May, What a wonderful month. It starts out with the Kentucky Derby (Greatest Horse Race in the World) just up the road in Louisville and ends with the Indianapolis 500 (Greatest Car Race in the World) just up the road a little further. When you think about it we are fortunate enough to live within a couple of hours ride time from each. Then add the fact that we are in the prettiest horse country in the USA and how could we complain.

So it is decided and we plan a road trip on the Wing and reality sets in.... Road repairs and heavy traffic. I know as bike riders we love to ride our Gold Wings but not to set in traffic for hours on them. One of the things I want to talk about is patience. When you're riding on the highway you have to be prepared for the unexpected like road repairs and slow or stopped traffic. Being prepared might mean leaving yourself extra time to travel to your destination in case you are delayed. Or leaving yourself extra time by planning several alternate routes just in case traffic gets too heavy. If you are traveling and see the **road under repair** signs just be very aware and alert to the road conditions and surface conditions. When new surfaces are being added the level between lanes can be dangerous if you are not expecting it when having to change lanes. Also these areas can sometimes be covered with loose asphalt and gravel so **slow down**.

Our West Virginia Ride is just around the corner and I hope to see our members out in numbers for this one. We are heading to Hawks Nest state park in West Virginia and we will make rides from this hub every day that weather permits. Alice and I cannot wait to ride and have fun and fellowship with our ride family.

Quote: **Only a biker knows why a dog sticks its head out the car window!**

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

Membership Enhancement Coordinators

District Newsletter:

If you are curious about what is happening in our Kentucky District, please check out the District Newsletters. They can be found at <http://gwrraky.com/id5.html>.





Chapter C Ride Coordinator

Riding season finally arrived in April. We had several great rides including Lake Cumberland State Park and the Kentucky Speedway Event, along with chapter visits and our Tech Event.

In May we begin and end the month with 2 major events. Spring Fling in Pigeon Forge starts May 2 and we end the month with the West Virginia Ride starting May 29.

Here is the schedule for May:

May 2-5: Tennessee District Spring Fling in Pigeon Forge, TN.

- May 2: Chapter Y Meeting in Mayfield.
- May 3: Chapter H Meeting in Shelbyville.
- May 9: Chapter Dinner Ride – Jerry’s Restaurant in Paris.
- May 12: Chapter A Meeting in Louisville.
- May 13: Chapter S Meeting in Elizabethtown.
- May 14: Chapter G Meeting in Florence.
- May 18: Chapter C Meeting in Lexington.
- May 18: Chapter C Ride planned – to Chapter T’s meeting.
- May 18: Chapter T Meeting in Paintsville.
- May 23: Chapter Dinner Ride to Madison Garden in Richmond, KY.
- May 25: BBQ, Blues & Bikes Festival in Elizabethtown, KY

May 29-Jun2: West Virginia Ride!

Chapter Y Visitation in June -

For those not planning to attend the West Virginia Ride, I am looking to organize a group to attend Chapter Y’s meeting on Saturday, June 1. They normally meet on Thursdays but for June they are moving the meeting to Saturday to give visitors a chance to ride in and visit. They meet at the Majestic Family Restaurant, at 700 S. 6th St. Mayfield, KY 42066. They eat at 11:00am and meet at 12:00 noon. This is about a 4-hour ride 1 way. I suggest we meet at the Walmart in Lawrenceburg and head out by 8:00am on Saturday, June 1. We will not be taking back-roads to get there, although we may do some sight-seeing on the ride back. If the weather is bad, we can still do this on 4 wheels.

We are busy planning other fun things to do in the second half of the year. Please let me know if you have anything in particular you would like to include in the ride plans and we will work to include it.

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

August 27-31: Wing Ding 2019

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

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For more information about the rides and future dates please see our events calendar at <http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/events/>.

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

Tech Day 4-27-19 ([click here for more Tech Day Photos](#))



Spring Fling 5-2-19 to 5-5-19 ([click here for more Spring Fling Photos](#))



Spring Fling 5-2-19 to 5-5-19 (continued, [click here for more Spring Fling Photos](#))



April Showers Bring May Flowers

What else does May bring? Motorcycle Safety Month! What can we do to keep safe? T-CLOCS are a great start. Checking out your bike before your first ride is a start to safe riding. Include your Gear in that check list. A worn jacket with holes in it will not give you much protection. Gloves with holes might give you a leak and wet hands get cold even in the summer.

What else? Go out on your motorcycle and practice in a parking lot. Just think, you have not been riding all winter and you jump on you motorcycle and try and ride a few hundred miles first time out. You might be able to get there but how many miles will you have to ride before you get the hang of it or get tired and stop a lot more. So, Practice, T-CLOCK and Check gear. This should make for a safe riding season.

Bill Mucha
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Where was Chapter C?

If you can guess where we were when the following picture was taken, please send your answer to the Newsletter Editor (NE@kybluegrasswings.org). The first correct answer will win a prize at our chapter gathering on 5/18/19. The winner and the correct response will be announced in our next newsletter.



Birthdays

John Conner 05/19
Dedre VanHoose 06/01
Lynn Ervin 06/05
Lynn Tucker 06/15

Anniversaries

Chuck Henry 05/30

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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.