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June 2019

Hey Chapter C, you missed a great time in West Virginia. We met up with Ohio X2 and boy did we have a great time. Taking in the National Radio Observatory and the Cass Valley Railroad was only a sampling. The roads we covered were outstanding with curves and elevation, great scenery and we made more friends along the way. We stayed at Hawks Nest State Riders Park in Ansted and were treated to great hospitality and food. On Saturday Al from X2 led us on a ride to more locations they were familiar with again with great scenery. Dedre and I left out early because her Mom fell and got hurt but we met up later for supper at Smokies on the Gorge. Great food!

Remember the Ride In and the Blast. This year The Blast will be vendor less and more of a social event with riding every day. Wing Ding is in Nashville in September so we do not plan to go to North Carolina this year.

We hope to have a better year of riding which means less rain- our fingers are crossed. Have a great month and join us as we chase the Traveling Plaque and Couple of the Year Mascot.

Thanks all you do Chapter C!

Mike and Dedre VanHoose

Chapter C Directors



Chapter News:

Jeff, Roger, Earl and Dedre went to the combined Chapter H and S meeting at the Ride In. We were after the Traveling Plaque AND the Couple of the Year Mascot! Jeff was the only winner of the group – the top 50/50 drawing, as usual!

On Tuesday night, 6/11/19, Mike, Jeff and Earl went to Chapter G and Mike won Tigress Liz, the Couple of the Year Mascot. Dedre had a prior commitment and could not attend. Thanks to Jeff and Earl for joining Mike on the trip because that means they also earned visitation points for our chapter.

Chapter H was the winner of the Traveling Plaque, so we will be looking for a group to go to Shelbyville on Friday, July 5. We will leave from the Kroger in Versailles about 5:50pm.



West Virginia Ride

Last year we joked that if you wanted to know when it would rain, just consult the Chapter C ride calendar. Well, it looks like it's happening again! The West Virginia ride was a little soggy at times, but we had fun anyway! We met four great couples from Ohio X-2! We will be planning some more joint adventures with them, and there's a big possibility that there will be another West Virginia trip in our future.

The Radio Observatory was really interesting (much to my surprise! :-0) and the Cass Valley Railroad was a treat (even though a couple of our leaders took a siesta midway through the ride!) The conductor was very passionate about the railroad and the area and kept us entertained throughout the trip.

West Virginia roads are good, curvy motorcycle roads! We will be going there again!

Dedre

Editor's Note: Mike and Dedre received the following email from some of the Ohio X2 chapter members. They obviously had a great time on the ride.

Michael and Dedre,

Just wanted to drop you all a line and say thanks for your friendship and a great time in West Virginia. The rides to Green Bank and the Cass RR were great! The scenery on US219 between Lewisburg and Marlinton was beautiful and the sun came out just for us. The twisties around Droop Mtn Battlefield were super. Mike, you are a great ride leader and Dedre you are a great ambassador for your chapter. I finally figured out why I had trouble pronouncing Dedre's name; my mind kept visualizing the spelling to be Deirdre, a popular name in Cincinnati. I got it down now, should have asked you to spell it. We look forward to meeting again soon!

Your friends

Allen and Donna Hoffman



"Relaxing" on the train ride!

Pictures from the West Virginia Trip





Chapter C Ride Coordinator

May was a good riding month. We had both the Spring Fling in Pigeon Forge, and the West Virginia ride to Hawk's Nest State Park. In-between we had 9 other events, including a ride to Chickamauga Battlefield, just south of Chattanooga, at Fort Oglethorpe.

June looks like a pretty full month. We started off with a ride to Chapter Y on June 1 and wrapped up the West Virginia ride.

Here is the schedule for June:

- June 1: Chapter Y Meeting in Mayfield.
- June 7: Chapter H Meeting in Shelbyville.
- June 8: Chapter A Meeting in Louisville.
- June 9: Chapter S Meeting in Elizabethtown.
- June 11: Chapter G Meeting in Florence.
- June 15: Chapter C Meeting in Lexington.
- June 15: Chapter C Ride planned – to Chapter T's meeting.
- June 15: Chapter T Meeting in Paintsville.
- June 27: Chapter Dinner Ride – Location to be determined.

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/>



Greetings from the Ernest's

Shea and I are glad to be back in our monthly newsletter. We truly love our Gold Wing family and enjoy staying connected with each and every one of you. In the coming months we hope to address many subjects in the world of motorcycling but we will focus on safety. It is clearly understood that if we do not follow the rules of safety, we will no longer be able to have fun and enjoy our Gold Wings. Safety is the key that opens the door to fun, enjoyment, and great times together.

The members of our Gold Wing family range from 40-80 plus and some are riding two wheels and some ride three wheels. We would like to think that the longer we ride the safer we become but that really is not the case. We often get complacent about our riding habits and don't feel the importance of training. In reality this is the time that we need to review and retrain those safety rules so that we can be the safest riders and co-riders that we can possibly be. With our members aging we need to be stress rider education and stay diligent about enrolling in programs that will sharpen our safety skills. The only way we can get better is to practice, practice, and more practice. Most of us are not going to find an empty parking lot and practice those skills on our own. Rider education courses are designed to make us safer motorcyclists and that is our ultimate goal.

This year the Kentucky Blast will be held August 15-17 in Cave City. During this event several courses will be offered on motorcycling safety. Please check the district website (<http://gwrraky.com/>) to look at the courses being offered. On Friday August 16 I will be conducting a Trike Safety Course. The spaces are limited so be sure to sign up as soon as possible if you want to attend. I would love to see a bunch of my Chapter C riding buddies there.

Chapter C let's get out and ride!!! Shea and I are looking forward to a fun and safe riding season. We love spending time with our Gold Wing family and the fun is just beginning. As always – ride safe and have a blast!!! We love you all.

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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>.





MEPC Update

From the Editor:

Darrell and Alice Hampton have been our Membership Enhancement Program Coordinators (MEPC) since late in 2014. Unfortunately, they have decided to step down from that position. They sent a note to the team announcing their resignation on 6/2/19. Mike and Dedre accepted the resignation and thanked them for their service to the Chapter. I have enjoyed working with Alice and Darrell and I also want to thank them for their service. I enjoyed getting to know them and we have had lots of fun trips and activities together.

Alice and Darrell agreed to let me share their letter of resignation with the chapter:

"Hey KY-C Team,

It's with a heavy heart that Alice and I are submitting our immediate resignation from the MEC chapter officers position. We have enjoyed our years of serving the chapter but decided that it is time now to let someone new step up and take the position. We have made some wonderful friends during our time as officers and hope that those friendships will continue. Wishing you all safe riding in the future."

As they stated in their note, this is an opportunity for someone to step up and take on the MEPC role. Please contact Mike and Dedre (CD@kybluegrasswings.org) if you are interested in the role. If you want to find out more about the role and the Membership Enhancement Program, please see <http://mep.gwrra.org/>.

Where was Chapter C?

Last month we only had one correct answer that identified the location of Chapter C in the photo in our May Newsletter. Congratulations to Dedre for submitting the one and only correct answer. She received a gift card to Dairy Queen at our May Gathering.

I have a new picture for you to try to guess the correct location. If you can guess where we were when the following picture was taken, please send your answer to the Newsletter Editor (NE@kybluegrasswings.org). Each person that submits a correct answer will be entered in a drawing for a Dairy Queen Gift Card at our next chapter gathering on 6/15/19. You must be present at the gathering to win. The deadline for submissions is 12:00 AM on 6/15/19. Sorry, only one correct entry per person!



Birthdays

Lynn Tucker 06/15
Tim Mourning 06/18
Shea Ernest 06/28
Randy Coy 07/01
Disk Prang 07/05
Connie Jones 07/06

Anniversaries

Tom DelBello 06/17
Jon and Connie Jones 06/27
Al and Lynn Ervin 06/28

We also want to wish Randy Coy a Happy Retirement effective 06/29. Congrats Randy and Denise!

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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.