



Bluegrass Wings Team

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Greetings and Happy New Year Chapter C!

Dedre and I hope all is well with our members and their families.

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As for the chapter, 2020 has started off with a bang! New Years Day we had a group ride out for a Polar Bear Ride into Ohio for lunch after having a big breakfast at Jerry's in Paris.

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Following that we went to the Chapter H gathering and competed for the Traveling Plaque. Chapter G was also present to make things interesting. Both of us had 7 members present. Thanks to Lynn and Julie Tucker, Jeff Sullivan, Frank Hardy, John Conner and Dedre for making the trip with me. No advantage to any chapter because Chapter C showed up with good numbers also. Unfortunately, Chapter G had to winning ticket. We will be going after it at Florence Tuesday the 14th. We will meet up at the Wendy's at the 129 mm on I 75 north of Georgetown at 5:30 to eat a quick dinner and make the gathering at 7 pm. Hopefully, we will have better luck this time.

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Your chapter team will be meeting in the very near future to plan our ride calendar for 2020.

Remember John is asking for ideas. It is our hope to have more rides this year and put some miles on those Goldwings.

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Let us know if we can do anything for you. Dedre and I are always willing to help whenever possible. Here's to a great year with Chapter C!!

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Happy New Year Chapter C!

I can't wait to see you all at our next gathering! The time between our Christmas party and the January gathering seems to last forever! Come prepared to tell us about your favorite part of your Christmas or New Year festivities. I've been off work for these past two weeks for Christmas break and that has been wonderful! Three years and nine months to retirement! The countdown has begun!

Chapter C started the year on the right foot! We had seven people at Chapter H last Friday night attempting to capture the traveling plaque! That is the most that we have had for visitations in a long time!!! Unfortunately, Chapter G also had seven, so we had a 50/50 chance of winning the plaque. Our luck did not hold however, so we are looking for folks to go to Chapter G on Tuesday, January 14 to attempt capture once again. Please try to go! We will meet at Wendy's in Georgetown, exit 129 of I-75. We eat there at 5:30 to be able to leave Wendy's at 6 to make their meeting at 7. Thank you in advance for considering making the trip!

Let's come up with some dinner ride destinations before riding season starts again. We can keep them local since we'll most likely be on four wheels. Come with your favorite restaurant in mind and we'll set up some dates.

See you all January 18th!

Dedre VanHoose

Chapter C Director

2020 Couple and Individual of the Year

Congratulations to Lynn and Julie Tucker who were selected as the 2020 Couple of the Year for Chapter C.

Congratulations also goes to Earl Broome who was chosen as the 2020 Individual of the Year for Chapter C. Alan Ernest presented the honorary awards to Lynn, Julie and Earl at our Christmas Party. Congratulations!



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

December was a Holiday filled month but had very little riding. We had a great time at our Chapter C Christmas Party on December 5th. Like us, all our neighboring chapters had their Christmas parties in leu of having their regular chapter meetings, so we had no visitations in December. We did get a ride in on December 28th, although it had some interesting twists – see the ride write-up later in the newsletter.

For 2020 I would like your help in writing trip reports for the newsletter. We don't really need these for the visitations of nearby chapters, unless there is something special about that trip. But we should at least document how the trip went for any Chapter C Rides or trips. So when we head out on a group ride, I or Mike will ask for someone to write-up the trip so it can be published. We should identify who at the beginning so you can be thinking about it while you are on the ride. If nobody else is up to it, Mike or I can provide a trip report, but we would appreciate hearing from others, to get different points of view and experience different writing styles. To that end, there are 2 articles in the January newsletter – one for the December 28th ride and another for the January 1st Polar Bear ride. These are good examples of different writing styles and lengths. So you can be as brief or pontificate as much as you would like about your ride experience. Photos are also welcome. Please provide as many as you wish.

I would encourage you to also write about any bike trips you take without our chapter. If you are a member of other groups, or if you head out on your own or with a riding friend, we would love to hear what you did and how things went. Perhaps it will inspire someone else, or even a Chapter C event, to make a similar trip.

Our January 2020 calendar (Wow! 2020 is here. A new decade!) of events looks like this:

- Jan 1: Polar Bear Ride – starting at Jerry's in Paris.
- Jan 2: Chapter Y Meeting in Mayfield.
- Jan 3: Chapter H Meeting in Shelbyville.
- Jan 11: Chapter A Meeting in Louisville.
- Jan 12: Chapter S Meeting in Elizabethtown.
- Jan 14: Chapter G Meeting in Florence.
- Jan 18: Chapter C Meeting at Roosters in Lexington.
- Jan 18: Chapter T Meeting in Paintsville.
- Jan 23: Chapter C Dinner Ride to Bad Wolf Burgers in Lexington.
- Jan 25: Chapter C Ride to the Sunset Grill in Warsaw, KY.

We also have the District OPS meeting coming up on February 1. It is at the First Christian Church in Shelbyville. The address is 1000 Eminence Pike, Shelbyville, KY 40065. All are welcome to attend the meeting.

Happy new Year, everyone! 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/>

December 28, 2019 Ride – Submitted by John Conner

The planned ride was to meet up at the Versailles Kroger's at 9:00am and ride to Beattyville, Pittsburg, Corbin, and Somerset. The route would take us on Highway 52, a particularly fun and twisty piece of road from Richmond to Beattyville. Then we would travel south-west in the Daniel Boone National Forest to Pittsburg (chosen because I once lived in Pittsburgh, PA), and then to the Sonny's BBQ in Corbin, for lunch. After lunch we would head out to Somerset to pick up Hwy 27 for the return ride back to Versailles.

The ride to Versailles started about 8:30 and it was still rather foggy. Jeff and Jim met me at the Versailles Kroger's about 8:50. Jim was just pulling away from the pumps when I got there and Jeff was still fueling. I pulled in and topped off the tank. We visited in the parking lot while we waited for others to join and commented on the fog. About 9:10 we decided to go to McDonald's and have a cup of coffee while the fog burned off.

We left McDonald's at 10:00am with blue sky starting to emerge from the rapidly dissipating fog. We found our way to Man-O-War Blvd and turned right onto HWY 25 at the CarMax in Lexington. During this short part of the ride we discovered CB communications were less than optimal. Jim's portable CB provided only a screeching noise, but he could hear me. Jeff could transmit just fine but he could not hear me. So we were reduced to the basics of follow the leader.

As we neared the I-75 on-ramp, I kept checking my mirrors to ensure we all made it through the light. Just as I entered the on-ramp, I realized Jeff, who was last in line, was nowhere to be seen. Jim and I pulled onto I-75 South and I kept the speed at about 60 mph so Jeff could catch up. He never did.

We exited at Clay's Ferry Road, Exit 99, our first available exit. We stopped on the off ramp and I tried several times to call Jeff, but never was able to get an answer. So we turned around and headed back to look for him. I kept checking the south-bound traffic to see if he went by but never did see him. We went all the way back to Exit 104 and back to the CarMax dealership before stopping again. I tried calling Jeff again and this time he answered.

There is a Speedway just before you get onto I-75 at Exit 104. Jeff's trike lost power and he coasted into there. After sitting for a few minutes, it started back up and ran fine so Jeff got back out and onto I-75 South, racing to catch up with us. He made it to the Exit 99 1-Mile sign and his engine died again. He coasted to a stop on the shoulder of the road. And that is where we found him after getting back onto the highway. Jeff made it to about ½ a mile from the exit that we had stopped at.

Jeff called Rescue Plus to arrange a tow. It was pretty noisy, standing there next to the highway so it took probably 20 minutes to get the call completed. We waited about 1 hour before the truck showed up. The driver was also a bike rider (H-D) so was sympathetic to our situation. While we got the trike loaded onto the flatbed, we discussed next steps.

The original route planned was no longer reasonable. We would be getting back at sunset or later. Jim also wanted to be home in time for the game at 3:00pm. We decided to ride to the Sonny's in Nicholasville while Jeff got his trike delivered. Jeff would join us as soon as he could.

Jim and I road north on Hwy 25, following the tow truck. We took a different route after we got back to Lexington and took several interesting back roads over to Sonny's. We got to the restaurant about 1:30pm and ordered. Jeff got there about 2:15 and ordered. We had a lot of good conversation over lunch and left there about 3:00pm. Jeff drove home while Jim and I took 168 route through Keene to get back to Versailles. I departed Jim's company when we got to the Bluegrass Parkway. After a short run to the Lawrenceburg exit, I took the 10-mile ride north on 127 to my place, arriving home about 4:00pm.

This ride had some significant twists and we never did achieve the planned goal of enjoying some twisty roads in the Daniel Boone Forest. But we did achieve near maximum camaraderie. And we did spend most of the day on the bikes. A Win-Win for me.

Polar Bear Ride, 1/1/202 – Submitted by Lynn Tucker

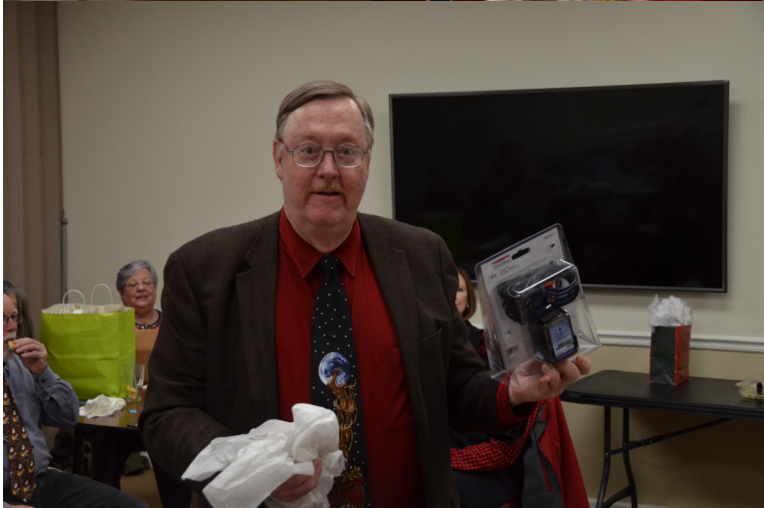
Due to unforeseen circumstances, the January 1, 2020 Polar Bear ride was revised. Roy, Mitch, Randy Hyde and Julie and Lynn took the more rural and twisty route to Augusta, Kentucky, a scenic town on the Ohio River. All but Mitch had breakfast at Jerry's in Paris, but Mitch treated us to coffee, while we watched him consume, what was billed as a pee wee pizza at Carota's Pizza in Augusta. A return trip may be in order for the pizza or one of the more upscale restaurants near the river and a visit to the Rosemary Clooney house, which fronts the river and is now owned by former Lt. Governor Steve Henry and former Miss America, Heather French Henry and houses some White Christmas, Heather French and George Clooney memorabilia. We then boarded the ferry at Augusta, which was a novice experience for one, crossed the Ohio and then followed the river road (Hwy 52) in Ohio to the bridge that returned us to Kentucky and the less curvy route back to Paris for group pictures. Roy escaped before we could include him. A good time was had by all. Happy New Year and good and safe 2020 riding to all.



2019 Christmas Party—Submitted by Roger Early

Happy New Year! Karen and I had a great time at the Chapter Christmas Party. We enjoyed the food at the Versailles Brewing Company and having a room just for our Chapter made it a great place for our party. The Sneaky Santa gift exchange was fun and there were several people who had their gifts stolen throughout the night, all part of the fun. My initial gift was stolen and it ended up with someone who will use it more than I would. The gift I chose and unwrapped in front of everyone was a UK mug. As a University of Louisville fan, I don't think I would have used it and fortunately Randy Coy stole it from me but then Lynn Tucker stole it from him. All of this gift stealing is part of the fun of the Sneaky Santa gift exchange. I have added a few pictures below, for more pictures please go to <http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/photos/nggallery/2019/2019-christmas-party>





Birthdays

Sheri North 1/6
Alan Ernest 1/24
Sam Bell 2/3

Anniversaries

Jim and Sherry Springate 1/26

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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.