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**April 2020**

Not that I would be able to do anything about it right now, but I miss all of you. I miss our gatherings, our rides, and conversations in between. This Coronavirus has really kicked the public's butt and thankfully our household is free of the virus. That being said, I was surprised by my orthopedist April 2 when he sent me to Samaritan for admission to have another knee surgery. That is 3 in three years. Ok, we will work with it. Shortly after getting to my room after the surgery, I became extremely sick and wound up in ICU with an irregular heart rhythm. I hope that none of you ever go through this!

Dedre and I are doing our part to hold down the fort at home. Please take care of yourselves, social distance, stay well in these trying times. We will get back together as soon as our Governor opens the state. Until then, ride if you can, use all possible precautions and remember that Dedre and I miss you. We will see you again!

Mike VanHoose

Chapter C Director



Hey Chapter C!

I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy! Please let us know if we can help you in any way!

It seems like forever ago that we last met! I'll be glad when we get back to our normal activities again! We miss being with you all for sure. It's really strange to be working from home, and between his two surgeries, Mike has been home most of the time as well. Tiger (our cat) is spoiled with us home – I'm not sure which of us will have the biggest adjustment when I go back to work!

Has anyone been riding this spring? Have you discovered any good motorcycle roads that you want to share? Has there been any places that have been difficult to ride to due to closures? Please tag along on Roger's newsletter email or one of Mike's emails to the Chapter and let us know what you've been doing! With Mike's knee out of commission, we're not riding!

GWRRRA news –

- Chapter A (Louisville) is alive and well! Ray and Angela Taylor from Chapter H (Shelbyville) have stepped up to become the Chapter Directors. We'll be sure to visit them once the gathering ban has been lifted!
- Spring Fling, the TN District convention has canceled. It was supposed to be April 30-May 2. This would have been Dennis and Jan Peterson's first as District Directors, so I'm sad for them.
- We have not heard from Ohio X2 about the late May West Virginia ride
- Fingers crossed that the Ride-In will go on as planned. Chapter G has put so much work into this event that I hope it will not be canceled!

We hope to see you soon, but in the meantime, stay healthy at home! When we do have our gathering, we should have some visitors as we have the traveling plaque!

Dedre VanHoose

Chapter C Director

## Items for Sale on our Chapter Website

Our website includes a "For Sale" page. We currently have 4 bikes, a trike and some miscellaneous motorcycle items listed for sale. The latest update to the list is Randy and Denise Coy's 2012 GL1800. Please [review the list](#) and contact the seller with any questions. If you are one of the sellers and your item has already been sold, please [email the webmaster](#) so the item can be removed.

## 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://www.gwrraky.com/newsletters-page/>.



## Chapter C Ride Coordinator

In March we had the good fortune to attend the Chapter G meeting on March 10 and win the plaque! And we attended the Chapter A meeting on March 14. We found out that they were probably not closing their doors, after all. They still needed to get some paperwork done and approved before the new Chapter Director could be official, but it looked promising.

Then the Covid 19 virus pre-empted the rest of the rides and events in March. It looks like the same is happening for April and May as well. Our calendar for April and May is now clear of scheduled events. If our fortunes improve, we will happily put some events back on our calendar. Please stay tuned for any updates.

I was thinking about group rides and that they would be safe. We are at least 6 feet apart and we could pack ourselves a lunch or snack for the ride. Sounds like we should be able to get together for a small group ride and that we could do it safely. But consider what would happen if someone went down during the ride. Any injury that required visiting a hospital would put that person in jeopardy of more than getting their scraped knee bandaged. Because of this, I don't intend to lead any rides until the Covid 19 experience is behind us.

If you want to go for a ride on your own or with a friend, please consider all the risks and make your own best judgement. I will probably go out myself on occasions. Cabin fever, especially now that Spring has arrived, is just too compelling to get out for a while. But I will be exercising extra caution if I do go out. And I hope you will too.

Other events planned for later this year include:

May 29-Jun 1: Elkins, WV Ride with Ohio Chapter X2

Jun 5-6: District Ride-In

Jun 30-Jul 4: Wing Ding 42, Springfield, MO

Aug 13-15: The Blast, Lawrenceburg, KY

Oct 14-18: WV-STOC 8, Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, WV

Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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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/>

## District Educator—Rick and Kim Artmayer

### March

Before my foot surgery, I would get up early to run a few miles before I went to work, at least three times a week. Of course, the coldest time of the day is just before dawn. So, as we move toward winter, I bring my running indoors. The scenery is constantly changing when I run outside, but as I cannot keep myself focused with the never changing view that is the wall in front of me, I watch movies when I run indoors.

I have watched many movies, some many times over, and even though the beginning, middle, and ending of any given movie is always the same, I always seem to see something new each time I watch it. The thought occurred to me that motorcycle rides are like movies. When I go on a ride, I always have a route and destination in mind. But even if I have ridden that route many times before, like when I ride to work each day, I see something new each time.

Every ride has variables. Some we can control, like the route we take, or the gear we wear, the music to which we listen, and the speed at which we ride. Some variables we cannot control, like the actions of the car in front or behind us, the wild animals that come from all sides, the amount of cloud cover and its effects on lighting, the road debris left by careless yard maintenance, or the inconsiderate highway maintenance technicians who scatter their cold patch material everywhere around the pothole.

Because of all the variables, it is important to approach each ride we take like it is a movie we are about to see for the first time. When I watch a movie for the first time, I am alert for nuances from the action, the background music, and the actors' dialogue, and I am always thinking about what this might suggest for the next scene. When I take a ride, I am always looking for movements from off the highway, changes in the road condition, and the sounds around me as I roll down the highway. The machine I use most often to watch movies is a DVD player. The machine I use for rides is a motorcycle. Unlike the DVD player, there is no fast-forward button on the motorcycle to preview what is around the next corner before I get there. There is no pause button when things start happening faster than I can process them. And there is no rewind button if I am not alert and miss a clue that could have prevented a mishap.

Great movies are ones that start smoothly, move at a comfortable pace where things happen neither too quickly for us to understand, nor too slowly that we lose interest and stop paying attention. And great movies always have a happy ending where all of our favorite characters turn out OK. Great rides happen likewise. But where the movie script *was* written *for* us, the ride *is* "written" *by* us. So please, be alert, plan ahead, keep your mind on the task at hand, and have a happy ending.

Rick Artmayer

KY District Educator



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April

The GWRRA Rider Education Program (REP) is intended to make the motorcycle environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities and increasing motorcyclist skills and awareness. The District Educator is responsible for promoting and implementing this program. The REP consists of four levels. Over the next few months, I would like to look at the different levels and ways to relate them to your riding. While this might initially seem like the same thing about which every other Educator writes, I would appreciate your attention and your patience while I try to change your mind.

The first level is Level I: Safety by Commitment. If I had to guess, I would think everyone says they want to stay safe. I say it. But what is “safe”? The Merriam-Webster online dictionary suggests safe can be used as a noun, “a place or receptacle to keep articles,” or an adjective, “free from harm or risk, secure from threat of danger, obsolete, harmless, unlikely to produce controversy, not likely to take risks, successful at getting to a base without being put out.” We ride motorcycles. Many of us say motorcycles are safe. I do. We can place things in various places on our Gold Wings (and other bikes too) but I do not think of my bike as “a safe.” So safe as a noun does not describe our activity. It must be the adjective definition.

When I first started riding, many people with whom I spoke said motorcycles are not safe. Based on the Merriam-Webster definition above, they must be correct. But I disagree. Because by itself, a motorcycle cannot do anything except fall over. Once this occurs, it is on the ground, at its lowest energy potential, going nowhere on its own, and, except for potentially spilling fuel, has become safe, in that it is now “secure from threat of danger”. And if the engine is cool, it would make a good anchor to which to tie up a dog.

I think people really mean operating motorcycles is not safe. The definition “without risk or controversy” is I believe from where their thinking originates. And this is where each of us has the chance to change their minds. Obtaining and maintaining proper training I believe is the key to safe operation of a motorcycle. I know right now it is basically impossible to find or participate in on-bike or classroom training. But there are many different opportunities to increase your knowledge while we wait for the current pandemic to end. One of the best sources of information that can help make you a better rider is your owner’s manual. Take it out, sit on your bike, read through it, and get to know it again. Relearn the things you forgot. Knowing the tools you have and how they work is important to operate safely, especially in an emergency.

Rick Artmayer

KY District Educator



## 4 Month Trial Membership to GWRRA

If you know of someone who is interested in joining GWRRA, there is a program that allows them to get a 4 month trial membership for free. The membership includes:

- Rescue Motorcycle Towing of 35 miles
- 4 months subscription to Wing World magazine
- Opportunity to participate in a chapter

An application for the trial membership can be found at:

[http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/GB\\_TrialMembership-4months.pdf](http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/GB_TrialMembership-4months.pdf)

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## 2020 District Ride In

Chapter G has been very busy planning for the 2020 District Ride In that will be held on June 5th and 6th at the Big Bone Lick Historic State Park. They are planning a picnic, music, guided rides, games, a bike show, a baseball game and a live band. There will be camping available at the park campground. For those that prefer hotels, the host hotel is the Hilton Cincinnati Airport. Please see the district website for more information at:

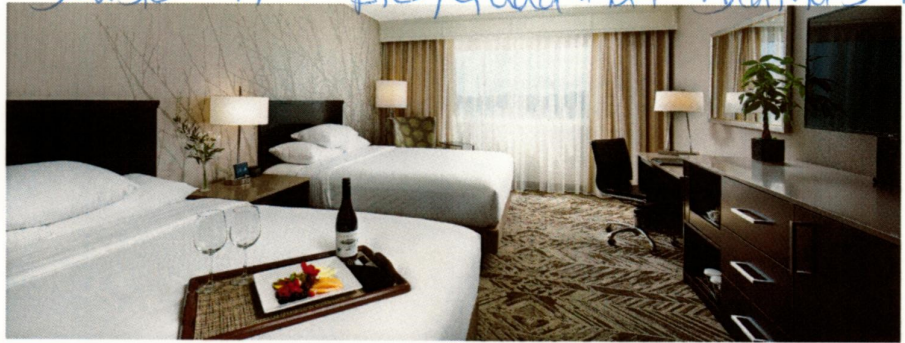
<http://www.gwrraky.com/>

Information about the hotel is included on the next 2 pages. See the district website for more information on making reservations.

Double \$119 - Triple / Quad \$179 Breakfasts Incl



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These suites feature a living room and a private bath with added enhancements including upgraded bath amenities.

### ACCESSIBLE ROOM

Additional special features are available for your safety and comfort in our Accessible Rooms, including a visual notification system. Bathrooms are equipped with a raised vanity and toilet and safety bars. A roll-in shower room is also available upon request.

## OUR FACILITIES

### FITNESS CENTER

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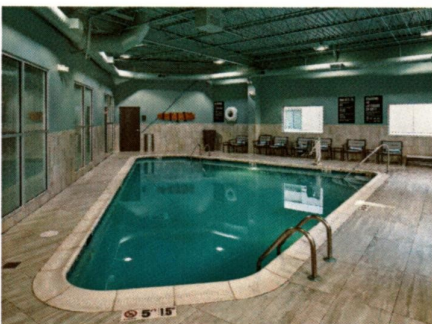
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### EXECUTIVE LOUNGE

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## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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## EAT AND DRINK

### KENTUCKY CRAVE RESTAURANT

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Herb N' Kitchen, features a range of healthy and delicious options for guests on the go!

- Open 24 hours for your convenience
- Sundries available
- Proudly serving Starbucks® coffee



## OUT AND ABOUT

Enjoy an endless amount of possibilities when visiting the Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati area!

- Newport Aquarium / Cincinnati Zoo
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- Turfway Park Horse Racing
- Bourbon B-Line

## THE FACTS

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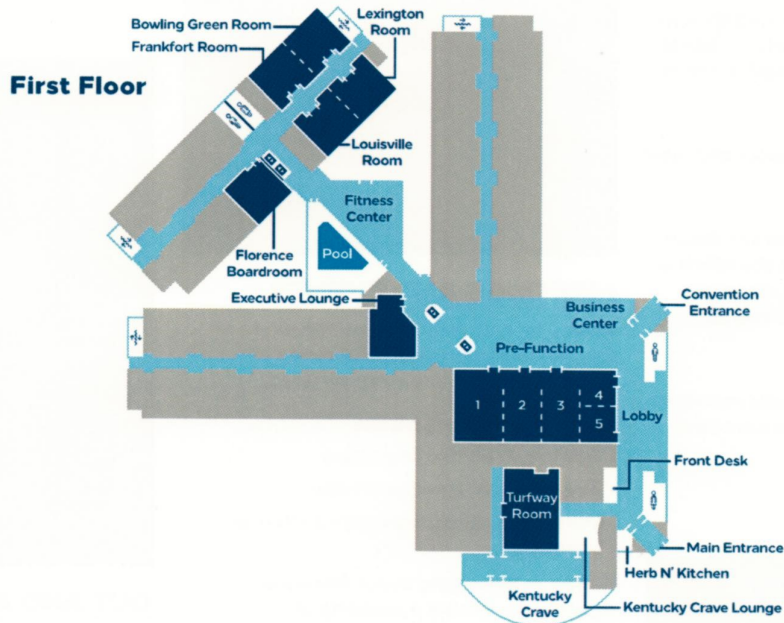
## Conference And Event Rooms Capacity Chart

Name	Area (Sq. Ft.)	Length (Ft.)	Width (Ft.)	Height (Ft.)	Classroom	Theater	Banquet 10	Reception	Conference	U-Shape	Hollow Square
Florence Boardroom	594	27	22	8	-	-	-	-	12	-	-
Louisville Room	594	27	22	8	24	40	30	40	20	18	24
Lexington Room	594	27	22	8	24	40	30	40	20	18	24
Frankfort Room	594	27	22	8	24	40	30	40	20	18	24
Bowling Green Room	594	27	22	8	24	40	30	40	20	18	24
Triple Crown Ballroom	3,940	96	41	12	200	400	280	300	120	80	96
Triple Crown Room 1	1,230	30	41	12	50	100	60	100	36	30	40
Triple Crown Room 2	902	22	41	12	48	80	50	80	30	26	32
Triple Crown Room 3	902	22	41	12	48	80	50	80	30	26	32
Triple Crown Room 4	441	21	21	12	15	40	20	30	20	12	16
Triple Crown Room 5	441	21	21	12	15	40	20	30	20	12	16
Turfway Room	1,363	29	47	10	50	100	70	100	32	30	40

Total sq. ft. = 8,273

### FLOOR MAP KEY

- Meeting/Conference Rooms
- Amenities
- Public Space
- Private



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## Information from your Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Lets get 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 11:00am, meet at 12:00pm.



**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 @ 11:00am, meet @ 12:00pm.



**Chapter G** Meet on the 2nd Tuesday at Dave and Busters, 781 Heights Blvd, Florence. Eat at 6:00pm, meet at 7:00pm.



**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 K** Meet on the 3rd of the month at the Golden Corral, 1320 North Green Street, Henderson, KY. Eat @ 4:00pm, meet @ 5:00pm.



**Chapter S** Meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Shoney's, 1046 Executive Dr. Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Eat @ 4:00pm, meet @ 5:00pm.



**Chapter T** Meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Carriage House Ramada Inn Paintsville, KY. Meet @ 6:00pm.



**Chapter Y** Meet on the 1st Thursday at Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S. 6th St. Mayfield, KY 42066. Eat at 6:00pm, meet @ 7:00pm.

**Look at the Chapter Gathering days as we will try and visit them all sometime.**