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June 2020

Finally, weather we can ride in! As most of you have noticed, June has started off with some incredibly beautiful riding days. And yes, we have taken advantage of those days. Nice weather, lower humidity and sunshine have all contributed to our joy! We have maintained 7 bikes or more on our rides and from our conversations, everyone was ready to get out.

Helena Taulbee is home and doing much better. As a matter of fact, Roy has been able to ride with us while his family watches over Helena. We have a few of our members that have physical needs, me included.

Our plans for now are to have a chapter gathering in July. We will be trying to organize that at an outside venue. We will let everyone know as soon as we figure it out. We know that situations will be different, and we must consider social distancing. It will be so great to get everyone together again!! Dedre and I cannot wait to see ya'll again!

We talked about this at our chapter team get together. We will be making every effort to get word out earlier and to note a destination when rides are posted. Over night rides and some classic destinations are coming!

Ride safe everyone, make sure to stay healthy and get out and ride.

Mike VanHoose

Chapter C Director



Greetings Chapter C!

Mike and I had a Chapter Director's meeting with Rick Broadway, the Kentucky District Director. He informed us that visitation and the traveling plaque are done for the year. The calculations will be made as of the last gathering, which was back in March. He wasn't sure when the winners would be announced, but I'll bet it will be at the Ride In, which has been scheduled for September 11 and 12.

So.... with no visitation allowed for the present time, our first gathering will be just Chapter C folks. The team met in May to discuss what our next gathering(s) might look like. Based on the Governor opening gatherings up to 50 on July 1, we should be able to meet at our regular day – July 18. We are looking at an outdoor venue where we can easily practice social distancing. Masks will be recommended to keep us all safe. We discussed each bringing our own food so we would still eat at 11 and meet at 12. As soon as we have specifics, we will send an email, but in the meantime, put it on your calendar! I can't wait to see everyone!!!!

As I mentioned above, the Ride In has been rescheduled for September 11 & 12, still in northern KY at Big Bone Lick State Park. We will pass along any information that we receive.

We just learned that Wings Over the Smokies, the NC District rally has been cancelled. In its place is Wings Over NC, a regional riding event over the same time frame. They are splitting the state into 3 regions so no one has to stay in a hotel. An interesting concept - if you live in NC!!! Let me know if you want more information.

The ladies of our team are working on a trip to Brown County, IN. Yes, we will let the men go too, but they can ride while we explore the area! If this sounds like something you would like to do, please contact me so we can have an idea of how many to plan for.

Stay safe everyone, and hope to see you in July, if not before (on a ride!)

Dedre VanHoose

Chapter C Director

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

May was indeed a “break-out” month. We started the month with a Ride to Nowhere on May 2. Mike lead the ride and we went East of Lexington, then NE and finally West, returning to civilization in northern Frankfort on 421. It was a great ride with 10 bikes and 12 riders present. I think everyone was more than ready to get out and ride.

For Memorial Day Weekend, on Saturday we started to have a ride up to Augusta and then East to Portsmouth area. But Saturday and Sunday had a lot of rain forecast. (It rained 4 times at my house on Saturday, starting about 12:30.) So the ride didn’t happen until Monday, Memorial Day.

We changed up the ride destinations and rode to Blue Licks Battlefield State Park. We entered on the southern entrance off 68 and rode around the park. The River Rd drive was closed and so was the lodge. The rain from the past 2 days had things a little damp and when we went to leave, we found the northern exit onto 68 was closed. So we retraced our route to the southern exit and continued on to Greenup County War Memorial.



The Greenup County War Memorial is a really nice memorial with a tank, canons, a helicopter, and a jet. They even had a troop carrier landing craft. Plus some of the nicest memorial stones I have seen. They covered WW 1, WW 2, Korean and Vietnam Wars.

When we pulled in, we had to dodge a firetruck ladder rig. While we were there, another ladder truck set up and they stretched out a huge US Flag between the ladders, across the entrance. I would guess the flag was 75 to 100 feet tall. Very impressive and had a lot of spectators driving by.



We had our final stop at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Northeast. This was a very nicely done cemetery with headstones grouped by the war. There were plenty of people paying their respects to loved ones and flags were on display on every tombstone.





We ended May with a ride on Saturday the 30th. This was a VanHoose special with 7 bikes attending. They rode to McKee, down Hwy 15 and 11, to the Red River Gorge. The group covered about 300 miles and had a great time.

In mid-May we also had a planning session at Mike and Dedre's, where we observed social distancing. Destinations we are planning include Augusta, a Covered Bridge ride, and Butcher Holler.

We are also planning several overnight group rides. Stay tuned for more information as the plans come together.

While we are getting out and riding, we do not have any formal meetings planned in June. But as the weather permits, we will have riding events in June, so stay tuned.

Ride Safe.

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/>

May 30th Ride—Submitted by Michael VanHoose

May 30 we had a great ride through the Daniel Boone National Forest. We took 421 out of Richmond to McKee and had lunch at Dairy Queen. From there, Route 30 took us to Booneville, to 11 and then 715 into Rogers. We worked our way to Red River Gorge from there and found the most traffic on that road I have seen in over 30 years. Everyone was out for a beautiful day. We worked our way back to 15 and started home. In Clay City we stopped at the Shell Station for a break and re-hydration. Roy and Joel left us there and hit the parkway. The rest of us rode into Winchester and broke off for home from there. We had beautiful weather and another day with great friends!!



June 6th Ride—Submitted by Roger Early

On June 6th, we headed out of the Versailles Kroger with a group of 8 bikes. Mike created a route to take us to lunch at the [Harbor Restaurant and Tavern](#) which is located at Lee's Marina in Nancy, Kentucky. Unfortunately, before leaving Versailles, Mike reported an electrical issue and had to head back home. He quickly reviewed the route with me and I took over as the Road Captain, assisted by Alan as the Tail Gunner. We took route 33 into Danville and were supposed to pickup route 52 to Lancaster and then route 39 into Somerset. Since I did not have much time to review the route, I missed the turn onto route 52 and we ended up taking US-27 to Somerset. We arrived at the restaurant and had a good lunch and headed back.

Mike had a different route planned for the return trip but I decided to go back to route 39 and take it to Lancaster, where we got on US-27 for the trip back home.

In addition to Mike having to head home, we also had another event on this ride that made it unique. As we were making our way through Danville, we were stopped by a Black Lives Matter protest. If we had been just a minute earlier, we could have missed the protest and could have been gone before their police escort stopped us. We were fortunate that we stopped in the shade and the protestors went about a block and went into a parking lot to continue their rally.

It was fun day and was great to get out and ride with everyone!

District Educator—Rick and Kim Artmayer

GWRRA is an organization for people who share the love of motorcycling. For the last two months, I have written about the GWRRA Levels Program, specifically about Level I. I realized that, strictly out of habit and a lack of thinking, the articles I wrote were with a clear slant toward the rider. But there are many members who are not the rider. The co-rider is also a member of GWRRA, can be active in the Levels Program, and can be just as committed to safety as the rider.

All of us enjoy a good ride. What that means to one of us could be something quite different to another. A committed co-rider is someone to be appreciated. They share the ride in every way except they do not have direct control over the acceleration and deceleration of the motorcycle. So, it is just as important for them to be committed to the ride and to learning to be safe as it is for the rider. Shared experiences are often many times more fulfilling than those experienced alone. Shared workload is often more easily accomplished and much less exhausting than when it is completed by one individual. And usually when both participants are knowledgeable in their given role, greater satisfaction with lower effort results.

In my experience, a co-rider can choose to be an active participant or a passive one. As active participants, co-riders might listen to the motorcycle, learning what sounds “right” and what sounds “wrong”. On one of the very first long trips we took with our Chapter, my co-rider correctly detected a rapidly deteriorating rear tire condition. As they often have both hands free, and without the direct responsibility of maintaining the immediate path of the motorcycle, they can more easily handle radio communication and hand signals with other motorcyclists. They will hold their body, especially their head, in the proper position as their machine is piloted down the road. And they can be the second set of eyes watching for traffic and other dangers, especially those that present from the left or right. I have even participated in a group ride where the co-rider on the lead bike was the group leader. And a particularly good job she did too.

Also, in my experience, a co-rider can choose to be a passive participant. They can if they wish just sit on the saddle and enjoy the ride. My co-rider sometimes just reads her e-reader, but she is always careful to ride as if she is a package strapped to the seat, moving evenly with the bike, not leaning more nor leaning less.

GWRRA is continuing to offer alternative training opportunities for those individuals committed to safety. The courses will be presented by the University Team. If you wish to participate, these are the specifics:

You can register by going to the University website, gwrradot.com and clicking on the scrolling banner. The banner will take you to a registration form with a drop-down list of all the classes available. Fill out the form and click submit. Once the form is processed, you will receive a confirmation and the Zoom ID number for the class you registered to attend. Should you sign up for more than one class, you will need to submit a registration for each one.



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

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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.