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Hey Chapter C,

Since our last gathering we have enjoyed some excellent riding. Let us see, we rode the entire length of Route 32 from Georgetown to Louisa, we enjoyed an excellent meal and ride to the Marina at Rowena down on Lake Cumberland, and on September 5th 6 of us rode Route 555 in eastern Ohio. That ride turned out to be a 16-hour day, but we enjoyed some great scenery and excellent riding. 555 has a lot of curves, hills, and elevation changes. We stopped by Gallipolis and visited River Front Honda and saw one of the prettiest red 2019 GL 1800's I have seen. We got in some great night riding that most of us do not like or do. Thankfully, all of us made it home safely.

Dedre and I have figured out our next gathering location. Look at Dedre's article for information. We have been successful in maintaining the required social distancing. Lunches have been on your own.

We continue to need ride destination ideas. Please let John or I know of all ideas for rides. I am sure he would appreciate any ideas.

After a hot and rainy summer, we hope that fall will allow us to get in more rides. As always, we look forward to anyone that wants to join us for a ride. It has been nice to socialize and keep in touch with our friends.

Mike VanHoose

Chapter C Director





View from the Marina Rowena.

District Educator—Rick and Kim Artmayer

One of the reasons I joined GWRRA was for the opportunities that exist to ride in a group. Since joining, I have learned there are three types of group rides: mass riding, leisure riding, and team riding. Each type of group has its benefits and drawbacks, but one tends to be safer than the others.

Mass riding tends to be the type of event where people from all different backgrounds, on a variety of cycles, with a broad spectrum of training or lack thereof, get together to ride from a starting location to an ending location, often for a fundraiser or other public spectacle. This type of group offers the experience of meeting many types of people on all kinds of machines but relies on the attention of the individual participant to stay safe.

Leisure riding groups tend to be smaller and often the participants know each other. But there may not be a predetermined plan or destination for the ride, which could allow participants to become anxious or confused. These are often impromptu events. Often each rider is participating more as an individual in the group rather than a member of the group. The goal of the ride may not be the same for each rider, despite everyone traveling to the same place.

Team riding groups can be large or small but are always organized. Team riding groups share similarities with other types of teams. Each riding event is planned in advance, in the same way football team will plan for its weekly game. The ride leader will develop a route with respect to the goals of the ride and will share the details ahead of the planned departure, much like a coach will design plays to score against the opposing team. Team riding groups have designated positions with specific responsibilities in the same way a football team has different position players, each with their specific duties. Each rider and co-rider will arrive at the event with the proper equipment and supplies, in the same way a football player will dress for the game. The participants of a team ride will share in the safety of themselves and the other riders, in the same way football players will block for each other. The participants will know the basic “plays” of the game. For example, during a team ride, the group of cycles may need to change lanes. There are three main ways to change lanes as a team. The first method is to have the Drag bike secure the desired lane, after which the Lead bike will call out the instruction to change lanes. Following the lead bike, each successive cycle will follow the Lead and change lanes (filling from the front to the back) until the complete group is back in formation in the desired lane. The second method is similar to the first, but after the Drag secures the lane and the Lead gives the instruction to change lanes, the next to last bike will move to the new lane, followed by the bike in front of him (filling from the back to the front), with the Lead bike moving last, and the group is back in formation in the desired lane. The third method is to have each cycle move on their own into the desired lane. This method (sometimes called filtering) is used when there is not sufficient time, space, or both, to allow for each individual cycle to move sequentially. But despite the individual action, each rider is still operating in coordination from the Lead and Drag bikes, and the group continues to respond as a unit, albeit a sometimes disconnected one with other vehicles in the lane between the members.

I believe that Team riding is the safest way to travel in a group for the same reasons it is easier for an organized football team to win the season: both teams contribute to a unified plan for a common goal. When everyone participates in his or her role, everyone’s load is lightened, and the team succeeds. When you participate in your next team ride, no matter in what position you find yourself, be successful, be a Team player.

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.