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**October 2020**

What's up Chapter C!

Well, fall has arrived and so have the temperature changes. With highs in the 60' and 70's, and lows in the 40's, it's fair to say that our riding season is drawing to a close. It is time to start thinking about getting your bike ready for winter and making preparations to winterize it.

Dedre, Lynn and Julie Tucker, Randy Hyde and I spent the past weekend in Branson, Missouri. We found a lot of great riding roads, beautiful scenery, history, and local events to take in. We also found Table Rock Lake that is absolutely huge. We made our way to Eureka Springs, Arkansas for lunch at Myrtle Mae's. This was a recommendation from Frank and the food was wonderful!

John, Mitch, Earl, Roy, Dedre and I went to Cornbread Café a couple of weeks ago for another wonderful meal. The ride was great, and we had a beautiful day to enjoy the sunshine!

We are looking forward to the next gathering and our upcoming Christmas Party. Remember, we will have our party at the Versailles Brewing Company again. Dinner at 6:30 and the party ensuing thereafter. As usual, men bring a man's gift and women bring a woman's gift. Spending limit is \$20 on the gift. We will play dirty Santa!!





Dedre, Randy and I took a ride on the Branson Belle Showboat while on our trip. Excellent ride and show.

Lynn and Julie took in the #1 Hits of the 60's show on their final day.



No true Goldwing event is complete without ice cream. We found this quaint little shoppe called Mr. B's in downtown Branson. It is one of the oldest such businesses in Branson. It was a decent stop we all enjoyed.

Photos from the ride to the Cornbread Café.



Mike VanHoose

Chapter C Director

Where's Chapter C?!?!?!?!?!?

We had a successful gathering in September, so we will be gathering under the old oak tree in our back yard again in October! (Actually, we started under the oak tree and decided we would rather be out in the sunshine!) If it happens to rain that day, there is a park behind our house with a pavilion and we will gather there.

From the 60 bypass in Versailles, turn on Big Sink Pike. In approximately one mile, turn left on Quail Run, just past the post office. Follow Quail Run and the blue line if it's not raining and the yellow one if it is raining. The blue line is Quail Run to Kuhlman Dr. Turn right at the first court and we are the wedgewood blue house on the left. Cars, please park in the driveway – it's too steep for bikes.

The yellow line is Quail Run, turn right on Falcon, left on Pheasant, left on Deerfield. There's not much parking here so those of you that can walk "cross country", please park in our driveway!

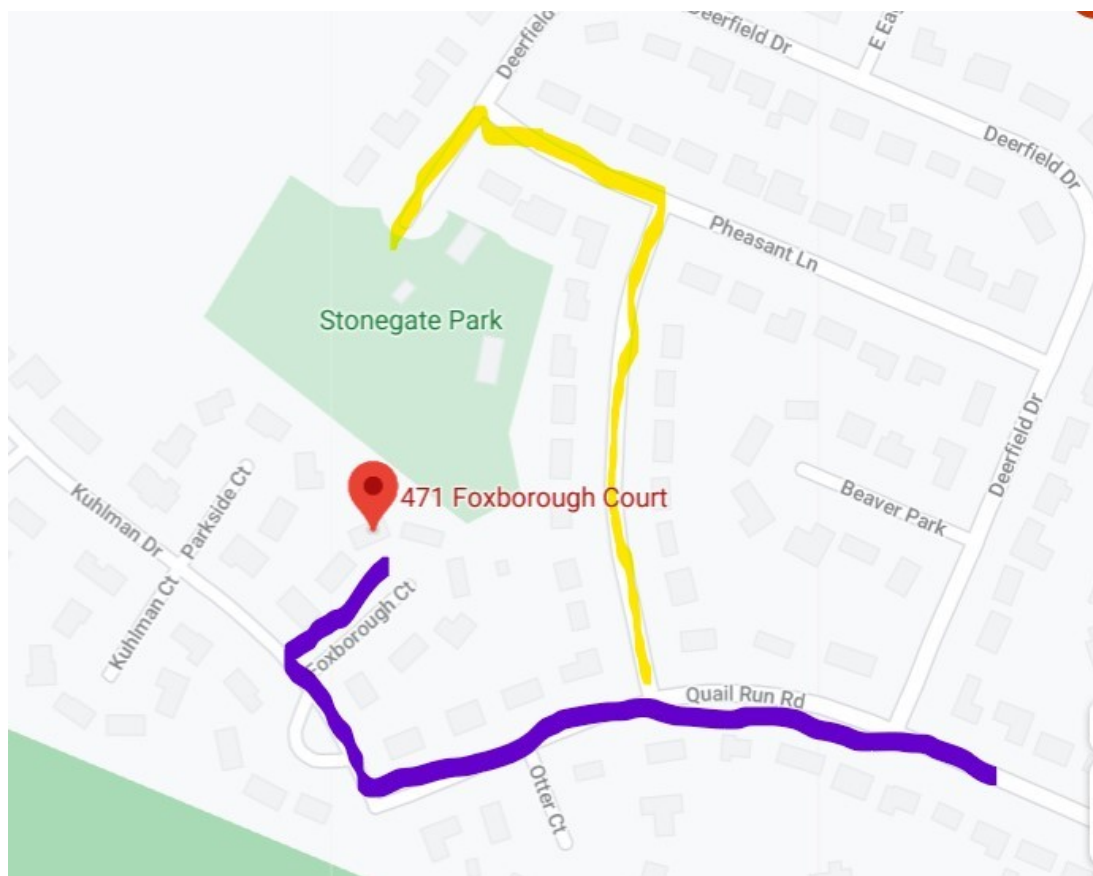
**We will eat at 11:30**, bring your own lunch, and meet at 12. Those that are driving and can bring your own chairs, please do. We have at least 6, so if you're riding, don't worry. We will ride afterwards, weather permitting.

I'm writing this in sunny Branson, MO. We've had a great time and it's been nice to get away. On a personal note, I really appreciate the love and prayers that you've shared with Mike and me after his lymphoma diagnosis. We now have a treatment plan of chemo over 2 days, once a month for 3-6 months (depending on his progress). He starts 10/13, so please continue those prayers!

Watch your email for an upcoming dinner ride! We're still trying to eat outdoors, so weather plays a big part in our plans!

Dedre VanHoose

Chapter C Director





## Chapter C Ride Coordinator

September was a great month of riding, starting with a long day in the saddle for a ride on Ohio 555 on September 5. This turned into a very long day for all that went. But it was by all reports, a good day.

On September 12 we had a ride to Janes Saddlebag restaurant for lunch. On September 19, the Chapter C meeting was held in Mike and Dedra's back yard! After the meeting we all rode to Bardstown and had ice cream at Grandma's Homemade Ice Cream. We had some excitement on the way over when one of the trikes wasn't able to make the turn and ended up in a front yard. Fortunately, no damage to the trike or the rider, other than some very shaken nerves.

On Tuesday, September 22 we had a dinner ride to Jerry's in Paris and on Saturday, September 26 we had a ride to Cornbread Café.

We now have 3 active members with 2018+ Gold Wings. Mitch, Jim, and John. Jim and John got their Wings in September! I foresee a lot more riding for the group in the months of October and November.

As I write this, I am on a 2-week bike trip. I'll provide an article for next month's newsletter. Mike, Dedre and others were in Branson starting October 1 for a long weekend. I can't wait to hear about that trip.

Stay tuned for October ride events. They will be coming!

Ride Safe.

Sincerely,

John Conner

Frankfort, KY

John.conner.ky@gmail.com

Lynn Tucker will be leading a ride after the October Chapter gathering. He has arranged for the chapter to meet a guide from the Mercer County Historical Society at the Old Mud Meeting House at 2:00 PM. Lynn expects the guide to present some information about the Revolutionary War. After the presentation, Lynn plans to lead the group to get some ice cream.

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

The Autumnal Equinox has past leading us into Fall. This is the time of cool wet mornings, falling leaves, and increased animal activity. The early mornings can make for some anxious moments as the dampness tends to collect on the tar snakes and the painted lines of the roadway, making them very slippery. Use caution when cornering especially near crosswalks. Anywhere you see leaves in the roadway is a place to avoid riding. Dry leaves reduce traction, and wet leaves are likened to ice. Give them the respect they deserve and slow down if you must ride through them. Fall is also the time of the deer rut, and the male deer is concerned with only one thing – finding a female deer. They will take the shortest path to their destination, which means that through you may be an option for them. And you should look for them in unusual places. Kentucky ranks 15<sup>th</sup> out of 50 in the United States for deer strikes, according to one report I found. Peak activity for deer is just after sunset and just before dawn each day. For the season, peak activity depends on your county, but generally sees exponential increases starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, peaking early- to mid-November, and tailing off by Christmas.

The average nighttime temperatures are getting colder and they will start competing with the dew point to see which can go lower. Unfortunately, the dew point always wins, and given the right conditions, will cause the formation of fog. I think that we are all aware riding in fog is dangerous because we could hit things we cannot see or get hit by things that cannot see us. But fog can also make us drop our motorcycles, because we are unable to see the horizon. Balance is a function of the inner ear, but it is subordinate to inputs from our eyes. Most of us have been riding so long that we do not consciously realize we use the horizon to stay upright. Fog takes the horizon away from us, and in scenarios like a quick stop in a curve, our brains may become confused by the lack of detailed visual cues and signals from our inner ears. You may find out too late as you stop moving forward, that your bike is now rolling onto its side.

Another thing, more of a nuisance than a threat of harm, the stink bugs are actively seeking warm places to overwinter. Gold Wings have many places in which they like to hide, especially in the trunk and under the seat. Be prepared when you start your winter maintenance. A vacuum is a good collection tool.

Speaking of maintenance, when was the last time you really did a good T-CLOCS of your ride? Pay special attention to your tires and check the pressure with a good gauge. Especially if you are riding on radial tires, it is nearly impossible to tell the air pressure in a tire from just looking at it. Remember that with every ten Fahrenheit degree change in ambient temperature, your tire pressure changes by one PSI.

Especially this time of year, as the daylight hours are in short supply, you are much more likely to be riding in the dark, and your lights are critical to being visible to others. Just because a bulb has not failed does not mean it is not ready for replacement. The factory supplied lamps in your Gold Wing have wire filaments that disintegrate over time. Because the atoms of the metal filaments cannot escape from the inside of the bulb, they coat the glass and reduce the light that originates from within. Consider replacement this winter and really let your machine shine.

One last item. When cleaning and putting away your outdoor tools and accessories in preparation for winter, please be sure not to wash your wooden dancing shoes in the sink, because you may end up “clogging” your drain.

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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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/>.

**Birthdays**

Lily Broome 11/9  
Jonathan Jones 11/10  
Julie Tucker 11/17

**Anniversaries**

Roy and Helena Taulbee 10/21  
Tim and Jayne Ellen Mourning 11/9  
John and Joni Conner 11/21

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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.**