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Merry Christmas Chapter C!!

Dedre and I want to wish each one of you a safe, happy, and Merry Christmas. Since we cannot meet or gather it is our wish to know that you are following proper social distancing and wearing your mask. Keep yourself and your families safe!

We were able to get in a few rides before the weather crashed on us. Dedre has lost over 50 pounds and is looking good, we are both fairly healthy with my next chemo treatment due over the new year's holiday. We are not planning to travel due to the virus constraints but would love to get the opportunity to have lunch with some of you. Right now, we are planning to have our chapter Christmas Party in March.

For your Chapter Couple of the Year, Lynn and Julie Tucker have agreed to carry the torch another year. I am incredibly pleased to announce that we have chosen our Individual of the Year. This person has been active in the chapter and district, led many rides and is a good friend! Congratulations Roger Early on becoming our 2021 IOY!!

In the event we have a favorable forecast, keep your bike ready to go. You never know who will ring the bell to get out for some wind therapy!

Mike and Dedre VanHoose
Directors- Chapter C



Happy almost end of 2020 Chapter C!!!!

I think we will all be happy to escort 2020 out of here! Andy would have cancelled our Christmas party anyway, but it was important to your team to keep us all safe, so we beat him to the punch.

Here's hoping that we will be able to have our gatherings sooner than later in 2021. But, until that is possible, keep watching for ride opportunities if there are breaks in the weather. We can't send the notices out too far ahead of time due to the uncertainty of weather forecasts, so if the weather starts improving, keep an eye on your email!

At our last gathering I announced that I would be placing a shirt order.... then promptly forgot to include it in the next newsletter.....so I haven't done it yet! Please email me at dedrej2@aol.com or call/text me at 859-229-5859 to place an order with me if you would like a shirt. We have short and long sleeve polos in red, blue and big bird yellow, and long sleeve denim shirts available with the Bluegrass Wings logo. For an additional \$4, your name can be embroidered as well.

We received a new marketing brochure from national. It has the updated cost of GWRRA membership. It is meant to be printed and carried with us to hand out to riders that we meet in our travels. We will be receiving them eventually, but in the meantime you can get a copy from our website at: <http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/GWRRA-Recruitment-Flyer-110120.pdf>. The brochure is also on the next 2 pages of this newsletter.

The holidays are looking different for a lot of us as we are not able to be with some of our loved ones. Please keep finding ways to stay in touch and find those silver linings in these tough times. Look for ways to help others and you will be doubly blessed!

Mike and I hope you find happiness in this wonderful Christmas season!

Dedre

Chapter C MEC

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/>.



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WHAT IS GWRRA?



The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is the world's largest single-marquee social organization for owners and riders of Honda Gold Wing/Valkyrie/F6B motorcycles — and some would say, the world's largest family.

Dedicated to our Motto — Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge, GWRRA Members enjoy the freedom of belonging to a not-for-profit, nonreligious and nonpolitical organization. Founded in 1977, GWRRA has grown to more than 60,000 U.S., Canadian and International Members in 53 foreign countries in just 40 years. Over 600 active Chapters are managed by 3,000 volunteer leaders working with Members to foster safe, enjoyable riding while also working to improve the public image of motorcycling.

OUR MEMBERS

Members at GWRRA are men and women from all walks of life and age groups with varied interests and backgrounds. Many of our Members join for the technical information shared; other Members join for meetups, making new friends, to ride and have fun! In short, the GWRRA family of Members is YOU!

CANADIAN MEMBERS

GWRRA Canadian Members number over 4,000 and reside in three major Canadian Regions. The Great Northwest is made up of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Yukon Territory. Central Canada is comprised of Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. Canadian Atlantic is home to New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

GWRRA International Members located overseas number in excess of 700. GWRRA is truly International with Chapters in Norway, New Zealand, Israel, Indonesia, Iceland, Germany, England, Denmark, Italy, Slovenia, France and Switzerland.





Chapter C Ride Coordinator

As I write this there is snow on the lawn. Winter has arrived in Kentucky which means fewer and shorter days of riding for the next few months. But I am not a fan of parking the bike for the winter. If the weather is clear and above 40 degrees, we will schedule and have rides this winter. I do want to avoid salted roads, icy roads, riding in snow or rain, or riding when the temperature is in the 30's or below. But if it looks like a nice weekend, look for a ride event in your email and on the calendar.

Polar Bear Ride, January 1. This ride is on our calendar, but the destination is not declared yet. We need to see what the weather will be doing that day. I really enjoyed the January 1, 2020 ride where we started with breakfast at Jerry's in Paris. If the restaurants are open, starting at a breakfast place seems like a good beginning to the ride. Please keep an eye on your email and updates to the calendar. New Years is on a Friday so we may be riding on the first and second.

How cold have you ridden in? Please write back and let us know. My personal low temperature was 16 degrees. I had a heated jacket and gloves, but my feet got pretty cold, even with 2 pairs of socks. My coldest ride was in November, riding back from a bike event in north Florida, home to Frankfort. I left the camp site at 6:00am and 38 degrees. The temperature stayed in the mid to low 30's throughout the day. Heated gear and 3 pair of socks kept me from freezing. When I reached the mountains north of Knoxville, the temperature dropped into the upper 20's and never got above 30 the rest of the ride. A long, warm shower was enjoyed when I reached home.

Please write and tell us about your more interesting winter rides. Would love to hear from you.

Ride Safe.

Sincerely,

John Conner
Frankfort, KY
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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/>

Wednesday, October 14 – Frankfort, KY to Canaan Valley, WV

This was a drive and trailer day. I headed out from home and drove to Canaan Valley Resort. John and Kristie Gregory and I had each rented a 4-bedroom cottage to accommodate the group. There were others that chose to stay at the main lodge or to camp. I had 5 others in my cottage and John Gregory had 7 in their cabin.

The cabins are very comfortable with 2 full baths, a full kitchen with dishwasher, and a nice living room with TV and Wi-Fi at each cottage.

John Gregory's cabin was responsible for cooking dinners and I got to prepare breakfast for everyone. We typically fed 15-20 people every day. Lunch was on the road, except for Thursday when we chose to return to the cabins for lunch.



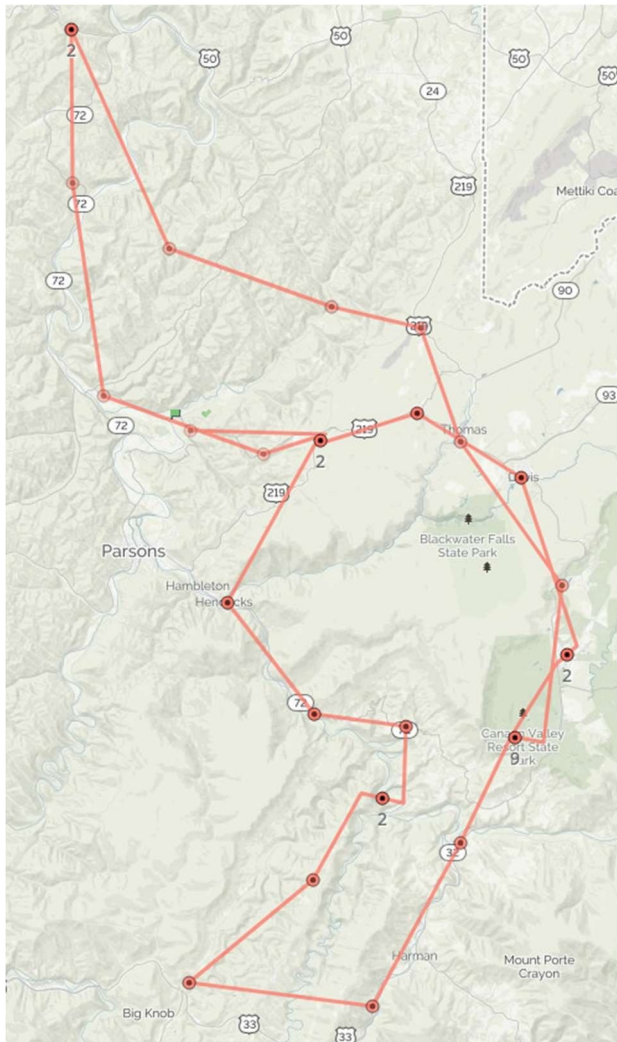
Pat O'Briant was staying in my cottage and brought along a canopy for outdoor seating. We set this up at John Gregory's cottage to facilitate outdoor dinners. This was really helpful and kept a lot of our non-cottage guests from adding foot traffic into the cottage. (Pat hosts the OH-STOC event every year in June.)

I got to unveil my new 2018 GW to the group on Wednesday afternoon. It was the only 2018+ GW at the event. But there was one other 2010 GW, Jay and Pam Bomberger, from Hummelstown, PA. I talked them into joining GWRRA a

couple years ago and they are now assistant chapter directors. We usually have another couple Gold Wings at the event but one person passed away and the other went on an Elk hunting trip to Wyoming.

Dinner Wednesday evening was chili and pasta dishes served around the campfire. Lots of good conversations and tales to share.

Thursday, October 15 – Cheat River in the AM, Lunch at the Cabin, Afternoon loop - ~190 miles



This was a ride on a lot of back roads. We had a lot of beautiful scenery to stop and take pictures.

It was a sunny but cool day with temperatures in the 50s and 60s. Not windy and a great day to see the countryside.





We came back to the cottages for dinner and found deer in the yard. The deer at Canaan are very friendly and always happy to eat a spare apple or carrot.



Dinner Thursday evening was pulled port and pulled chicken sliders with lots of side dishes.



We were paid a visit by the Elk Hunter and his wife, Bill and Suzanne. They came by on their 2010 Gold Wing and had dinner.

Friday, October 16 – Rain Day – Drove to Dolly Sods, Seneca Caverns for Lunch, and back.

It was really handy to have a car or SUV along for this trip. We often have at least one rain day where you don't really want to get out on the bike but you do want to get out. Friday was our rain day this year. We had 5 people that trailered their bikes to the event so we had plenty of autos to support loading up and taking a drive.

We drove up to Dolly Sods, which is a gravel road along the crest of a mountain range. I don't think I would have wanted to visit this on the bike due to the road. But the scenery up there is great. There is at least a 10 mile long stretch along the crest of the mountain and the climb up and down were also very nice. The road would be fine for an ADV bike and it could be done on a Gold Wing, but not pleasurable... Here are the photos.







Lunch stop at Seneca Caverns.



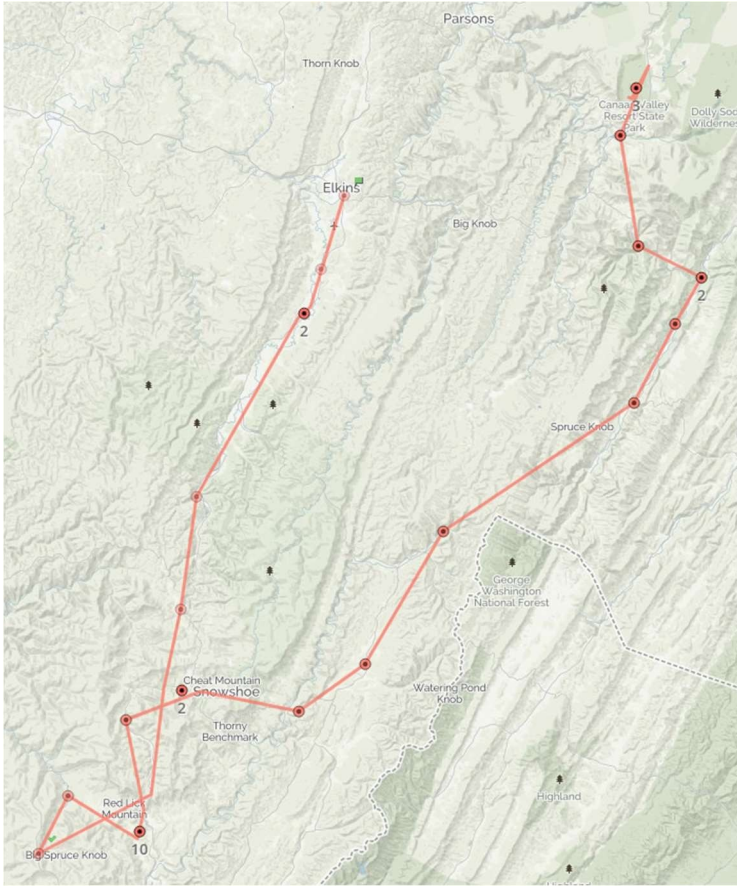
The deer greeted us when we returned. That is my trailer (and nightly garage for the bike).



Friday evening we had spaghetti casserole, lasagna, chicken-spinach pasta, and other side dishes. We spent a good amount of time around the fireplace and when we went to the cottage for the night, found the temperature was below 40 while enjoying the fire.



Saturday, October 17 – Sceneca Rocks, Highlands Scenic Highway (Hwy 150), Mim’s Kitchen for Lunch, Return.



We motored south, through Elkins, WV and down past Slaty Fork on Hwy 219 / 55. Lots of nice scenery and fun roads along the way.

When we went through Elkins, I came upon another 2018 GW that was riding with a Harley. We stopped at a light together and talked briefly. They were headed to Snowshoe and Cass, then further south.

Our destination was the Highlands Scenic Highway which has some of the best views in the state. John Gregory and I had stopped by there the previous Friday (Oct 9) and saw really great colors. I expected the colors would not be as strong now it was 8 days later. I was correct. Still it is a beautiful view.





Then we rode on to Mim's kitchen. This is a real out-of-the-way stop at the intersection of some very minor back roads. Mim's husband built the restaurant from an old church and built everything inside it. They are an older couple and this is their livelihood and their passion. They are normally open from 3pm to 7 or 8pm for dinner. For our group, they opened early to serve us a very nice lunch. If you are ever in the area and looking for a nice meal, stop by.





We had a really nice and scenic ride back to Canaan Valley, riding past Snowshoe, Cass, Green Bank, with a stop at the gas pumps at Scenic Rocks, before returning to the cottages.

When we returned, I parked in my trailer again, but this time I tied her down for the road trip the next day. Dinner was leftovers! And we ate very well.



Sunday, October 18 – Canaan Valley Resort to Frankfort, KY

The morning started off as usual with me cooking 2 dozen eggs, scrambled. Potatoes sliced thin with onions and bell (green) peppers, and 30 sausage patties. Pat also made pancakes and we ate the last of Annette's pies. It was a hearty breakfast for all. Then we packed up everything and vacated the cottages by 10:00am.

It was hard to say goodbye to everyone but we all did with promises to get together in the spring, if not sooner. This is the same group that we met at Jim's Steak & Spaghetti House in Huntington. We may just do another trip there in January or February of 2021.



District Educator—Rick and Kim Artmayer

I hope everyone is safe and well after the Thanksgiving Holiday. For most of the year I have been writing about the Levels program and the advantages of participating. Many members are part of the program, but with the absence of monthly gatherings, it can be easy to forget one's current Level status, or all of the classes one has completed in the past. Fortunately, every participating member can check their status and history via the GWRRA website, any time, night or day. I will explain how you do this.

1. Go to the GWRRA home page (gwrra.org)
2. Under the logo at the top of the page is a blue bar of 10 tabs. Move your mouse over the Programs tab. This tab should turn gray and expand across the page with eight tabs.
3. Move your mouse to the Rider Education tab and click on it. You should be taken to the Rider Education home page.
4. On left hand side of the page will be 15 light blue tabs. Click on the My R.E. Information tab. This should take you to the Levels Database login page.
5. Enter your username and password and click submit.
6. If you do not know your username and/or password, click on "I need help logging in" at the bottom of the login box. You will be taken to the Member Login Help page, which explains what information is required and where to find it. There is also an option to have your password emailed to you.
7. Click on Return to Login to go back to the login page.
8. Enter your username and password and click submit. You should now have access to the Levels Database and see your name and city, state, and country of residence. If you are part of a Family Membership, then every member of your family will also be listed.
9. Click on View to be taken to your personal information. The top section shows your Member Information like name, address, phone, and email. If any of this information needs to be corrected, call the home office and they will correct it. The bottom section of the page shows your personal Levels information. Only the most current data is shown here. To see all your completed training classes, move your mouse over the word History, or click on All History. If you think any of your information in the bottom section is incorrect then contact me, your District Educator, and I will be happy to help you get the information updated.

With the 2020 riding season all but finished, now is a great time to reflect on what you have done in the past, and plan for what you want to do next year. The Rider Education Database is a great tool to see your past accomplishments, and to assist you to know what you need to plan to meet your goals for next year.

Did you know a herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest animal, and when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest that are killed first? This natural selection is good for the herd, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cell. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we all know, kills brain cells, but naturally it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, the regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brains cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That is why you always feel smarter after a few beers.

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
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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.