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Happy February Chapter C!

So, winter is still here, Covid at last prediction is winding down, and our Goldwing's are still in the garage. Personally, I am ready for warmer weather. As you know, we have not been able to do much, at least I have not.

This past Saturday, the District Ops meeting was held via zoom. Each chapter was given a chance to update the district on the latest events. The rules for the traveling plaque and visitation have been changed which we will share with you soon. Visitation is still on a lockdown, and traveling is useless.

Chapter K was awarded the Traveling Plaque to kick off the new season, whenever that occurs. The plans are still being formed to hold the Ride In and Blast this year. We will keep you apprised of the results. Be prepared for some new challenges this year!

We have had a lot of movement regarding bikes in the chapter; Earl has sold his bike, Tom Del Bello has his for sale, John Conner got his back from repairs, and Alan has made a change. We hope that each of you have maintained your rides and will be ready when the weather allows!

Mike VanHoose
Director - Chapter C



Hello Chapter C!!

I'm so sorry that I missed our January zoom gathering, but I'll do better for February! I will see you all on Zoom on Saturday, February 20 at high noon! Maybe the weather will be good enough in March that we can meet outside....time will tell.....stay tuned to email notifications! Tell me how you're doing covid – wise so we can determine when we can resume a more normal gathering inside Roosters. I have had both vaccines, and Mike is expecting to get his second next week. Some other members have also had the vaccine or have tested positive for antibodies, so we're on our way!

We have some good news to share within the Chapter! New bikes for Jim Springate, John Conner, and Alan Ernest! Earl Broome has a new old convertible – can't wait to see it! Earl will continue to ride with us on four wheels. Jeff Sullivan got a pretty new truck last fall. Mike had some good medical news....his lymph nodes shrunk 70% after just three chemo treatments!! He had round four last week, so will be done with chemo in April...just in time for riding season! Tell me something good will happen again in the Zoom call February 20!!

We participated in the Kentucky District Operations meeting via Zoom this past Saturday. For you retired folks, Chapter A (Louisville) posts their rides on their Facebook page – Derby City Wing Riders. Check them out if you're looking for someone to ride with. Kentucky District also has a Facebook page – GWRRA of Kentucky Members Page. Find District events there. Donita Nardi of Chapter G has created a Ride Challenge that our chapter will participate in once riding season begins. It sounds really fun! See the information below for more details.

If anyone is planning on going to Wing Ding this year and is willing to work in the store on Thursday, please let me know so I can pass your info on to Leah to contact you with details. The Ride In is scheduled for June 4-6. Chapter G is hosting at Big Bone Lick State Park. The Kentucky Blast is August 19-21 in Lawrenceburg. Both of these activities are expected to happen as they are primarily outdoors and social distancing protocols can be followed.

Until we are able to meet again in person, stay safe!

Dedre

2021 Kentucky Ride Challenge

It's time for some FUN!!! This year the District Staff is issuing a riding challenge to our members with the hope that you will get out and enjoy the beauty and wonder of our great state, and have FUN doing it! The challenge was issued at the annual operations meeting marking the beginning of the event. Members will have until The Blast in August to complete the puzzle. This will give everyone the entire riding season to make the trip, and it may take that long for some. Although it's true that it is only a crossword puzzle, this one will not be a daily endeavor. The resident county of all Kentucky chapters each contain destination points for the puzzle clues. Make it an individual or group ride, or even a chapter event, but don't forget your required "thumbs-up" photo. And most of all, HAVE FUN!!!!

For more information please see: <http://www.gwrraky.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Crossword.pdf>

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

We had a nice New Year's Day breakfast at Jerry's Restaurant in Paris. Unfortunately, the weather was too cold for a ride so everyone drove. That seems to have set the pace for January. We have not had a good day with the temperature above 40 (on a weekend) the entire month. So, no group rides were had in January. It looks like at least the first half of February is staying cold and/or wet. Typically, February and the first half of March are not full of riding opportunities. But stay tuned and if a good day presents itself, we will get in a ride.

For 2021, we have a standing ride planned for the first Saturday of every month. Our chapter meeting is on the third Saturday of the month, with an afternoon ride planned for after the meeting. Based on weather, we will name the ride destination at least a few days in advance of the planned ride. If the weather doesn't support the ride, we will announce the ride is canceled.

We have a standing dinner ride planned for the fourth Thursday of the month. We are going to have one on Thursday, February 25th at DaVinci's Pizza in Frankfort, KY at 6:30pm. Address is 805 Louisville Rd, Frankfort. Please RSVP to me so I can give the restaurant an accurate count and have enough tables and chairs reserved.



I took the opportunity while the weather was bad to get some work done on my new-to-me 2018 Gold Wing Tour. Mike Sanders installed a Honda CB radio and the Goldstrike trunk taillight. He also did a brake fluid change, an air filter change, new spark plugs, and some other maintenance. If you haven't used Mike's services yet, you should try him. He does excellent work and is much less expensive than the dealer. His number is 502-338-7018.

I updated my license plate to a custom plate! Check it out....





We now have FOUR 2018+ Gold Wings in Chapter C. Alan purchased a 2018 Gold Wing Tour DCT this past week and it has very low mileage. It is pearl white and beautiful. He should have her ready to ride this coming week. Can't wait to hear about his first ride experiences. Hope he will write us an article about it.





If you are considering the 2018+ Gold Wing, you will need a wireless headset. I would recommend you consider the Sena 30K or 50-series headsets. These support both Bluetooth and Sena's Mesh 2 protocols. So far, I have found the Bluetooth communications to be a little finicky. Recently Mitch and I had the occasion to link via Bluetooth. But when we did, my GWT did not recognize my headset. This had a compounding effect as the bike needs to link to the Bluetooth headset before it will let Android Auto start. I have found Android Auto to be a very good navigation tool and, on this occasion, I had our route planned on Google Maps and loaded on my phone. We had to break our Bluetooth headset link so my bike would recognize the headset and let Android Auto start. If you have Sena's 30K or 50-series, you can use the Mesh 2 protocol to do bike-to-bike and still have the Bluetooth talking to the Gold Wing. I discovered that this works very well in a week-long ride back in early October.

If you are tempted to join the wireless group and have a 2017 or earlier bike, Sena makes a Free Wire unit that will convert your wired headset connection into Bluetooth. I had this for the past few years with my 2001 GW and it works well, including with your bike CB radio. You still need the wireless headset in your helmet.

As mentioned earlier, I did get a CB installed on my 2018 GWT to facilitate leading rides. I really enjoy riding with you and visiting during our rides. Citizens Band radio started in 1945 so we are talking about a 75+ year old technology. It works well but is not what I would call 'high fidelity'. Honestly, I have a hard time understanding half the transmissions on CB. Bluetooth and Mesh are two-way and the clarity is comparable to talking on a mobile phone with headset, if not better. Open Mesh supports an unlimited number of connections that can be spread out up to 5 miles. If you would like to know more about Sena Mesh 2, please visit their web site.

Considering the always-on, bi-directional communications of Bluetooth and Mesh, I think this is a great medium for talking and visiting while we are riding. I can also see that if there is a lot of visiting going on it could affect the ride leader and tail gunner communications for turns, lane changes, etc. As we move forward with multiple communications options, I will rely on CB for proper directions for managing the ride and Mesh for informal visiting during the ride. Please join me on Sena Mesh 2 so we can visit during the ride.

Ride Safe.

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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

GWRRRA has developed a new opportunity for members to consider. I am asking you to investigate being your Chapter's CSEA. You ask what exactly is the CSEA? The role of Chapter Skill Enhancement Advisor (CSEA) is to proactively support any Member/Participant by providing them with information they can consider on ways to become more skilled, more prepared, and safer riders and co-riders.

Let us explore a bit deeper the encouraged responsibilities.

- Serve as an example by being actively engaged in the Levels Program.
- Monthly, or as often as possible and weather permitting based on Members' interest, put on an on-bike skills day with skill practice and bike games for riders and co-riders.
- Team with the Chapter Ride Coordinator to promote the importance of best riding practices at chapter gatherings, rides, and events.
- Utilize the quarterly Chapter Levels Report (N.6) provided by the District Educator to support the Members and assist them in achieving milestones and earning recognition.
- Communicate directly with the District Educator to advocate for classes and courses to serve any chapter participant with an interest in progressing in the Levels Program, becoming a proficient rider or co-rider, and being better prepared to respond to emergency situations.

You ask are there any qualifications and skills required to hold this Chapter Staff Position. The answer is, yes, there are. The CSEA:

- is not an officer; and the position is not mandatory.
- has a basic knowledge of the GWRRRA Rider Education Program.
- is appointed by the Chapter Director.
- is interviewed by the District Educator.
- completes a Confidentiality Agreement.
- is a current Level II Rider or Co-Rider.
- receives guidance and support from the District Educator.
- communicates with the District Educator directly, keeping the Chapter Director in the loop to assure the needs of the chapter participants are met. Remember, the Chapter Skill Enhancement Adviser is an active participant on the Chapter staff and primary direction comes from the Chapter Director.
- does not have access to the RE database and relies on the District Educator for the information.

In short, the Goal of this position is to provide the membership with the basic support needed to participate meaningfully and successfully in the GWRRRA Rider Education Program at the Chapter level. Most of the information I have provided here comes from a GWRRRA document that I can provide when asked. You will be the direct link from the Chapter to the District Educator to review and plan educational activities. And you will be working with your chapter members as they work their way through the Levels Program.

Richard 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 @ 11:00am, meet @ 2:00pm.



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 American Legion Post 4, 8385 US Hwy 42, Florence. Eat @ 6:00pm, meet @ 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.