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Hello Chapter C,

We hope all is well with you and your families. Looks like our weather is finally going to give us a break and warm up. In other words, riding season is upon us! We will finally be able to get everyone back together starting this month. Roosters, 11 am eat time, noon gathering time. It will be so good to be able to meet and socialize with you again. Third Saturday!!!

As for me, I have finished 5 rounds of chemo, and I look forward to hearing the magic words "You're in remission." Hopefully, that happens soon. I am currently planning our western trip, getting mileage and lodging lined up for us. Our plan is to leave out the morning of July 6th and head west. Next stop Colorado Springs!

We have several new bikes in the chapter. Alan, John, Mitch, Jim and Frank have all bitten the bullet and bought the new style Goldwing. We need to get a picture guys!!

The district has set up a challenge for us to complete. We have a puzzle to complete based on GPS coordinates and landmarks. Check out the district newsletter and ours for information.

Mike and Dedre

Director - Chapter C



Greetings Chapter C!

The sun is shining and the temperatures are improving..... we get to meet in person this month.....it doesn't get much better than this!!!

We will be back in our regular room at Roosters on Saturday, March 20. The address is 124 Marketplace, in front of the WalMart at the corner of Nicholasville Road and Man O War. We eat at 11 and meet at 12. They have asked us to mask and to remain seated, but at least we get to meet again!!!

After the gathering on Saturday, we will start the Crossword Puzzle Scavenger Hunt sponsored by the KY District. We follow the GPS coordinates provided on the crossword puzzle that will take us to a historical marker. A word on that marker will fit on the crossword puzzle. It's an individual activity, but we thought we would provide ride destinations as group rides for the Chapter. We can go on the bike or 4 wheels, depending on the weather. You need to take a picture of your thumb in front of each marker.

Upcoming potential events include the Spring Fling (TN District Rally) in Pigeon Forge and the KY District Ride In at Big Bone Lick State Park in northern KY. We'll have those dates for you at our next gathering.

Can't wait to see you in person.....6 feet away!!!

Dedre

KY-C Director and Membership Enhancement Program Coordinator



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

In February we had a dinner 'ride' to DaVinci's Pizza on the 25th. We had 11 people in attendance and a good time with good food was enjoyed by all.



On February 28 we met at Jerry's Restaurant to plan the 2021 Great Adventure Ride – Go West! This will be a 2-week trip out west lead by Mike VanHoose.

We are adding the Owensboro Air Show to our calendar for August 14 and 15. This should be a fun weekend get-away with about a 165 mile ride each way. Expect this to be an overnight stay as we want to watch the air show and see the Blue Angels.

We are also adding the Kentucky District (<http://www.gwrraky.com/>) Ride Challenge to our ride destinations. For more information on this crossword puzzle challenge with destinations to different sites in Kentucky, please visit this link – <http://www.gwrraky.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Crossword.pdf>

We will work in rides to all the locations and identify the plaques at each location. While I am planning to lead this as a group, individuals can do this on your own, if you have the time to do it. There are about 20 locations but most of them are within 50-75 miles of Versailles so we can probably do a couple a trip on most rides. I have to admit I am not a crossword person, so I'll need some help from someone to fill in the puzzle – any volunteers? But I am happy to lead the rides to the locations.



We now have **FIVE** 2018+ Gold Wings in the chapter. On February 27th, Frank Hardy took delivery of his brand new 2021 Gold Wing Tour. Alan Ernest and I went with Frank to visit M & E Honda in Bedford, IN to pick up his new 2021 GWT. We trailered the bike back to Frank's home to keep it out of the weather.



Frank with Tammy Dillon, manager of M & E Honda



The manager, Tammy Dillon was a super nice person to work with. This is a Honda Powersports exclusive dealership, and they sell more Gold Wings than anyone else in Indiana. Tammy's family started this dealership when she was 5 years old. Her first motorcycle was a QA-50 and she still has it on the wall in the service department. We need to ride up there as a group and see this shop.

If you are in the market for a new Gold Wing Tour, she still has a Red/Black Tour and an all-black Tour on the show room floor. They are selling for \$2,000 below Honda's list price.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Rooster's in Lexington for the March 2021 Chapter C meeting. If the weather is good, we will have a ride after the meeting. Stay tuned!

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/>

Attention Facebook Users:

Jim Springate has created a Facebook group for our chapter. It is another way to communicate with chapter members. If you use a Facebook application, search for "Bluegrass Goldwing Riders". You can also use the following link to get to the group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1036597176793894>

The Kentucky District also has a Facebook group. Search for "GWARRA OF KENTUCKY MEMBER'S PAGE" or use the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/328362664780>

Gripes and Likes of the 2021 Goldwing DCT from a New Owner—Submitted by Frank Hardy

From the moment I first saw the 2018 Goldwing I knew I had to have one until I walked to the rear of it and saw the reduction of storage space from models preceding it. I knew then I could live without it..unless or until Honda corrected this blunder if they wanted to continue to call it a “touring bike.” Dreams dashed! Then in January when Honda released all the changes to the ‘21 Goldwing after listening to customer complaints I had the dream revived. Thus, on February 9, I paid a deposit on my future wing with M&E Honda in Bedford, Indiana. They were the only dealership in a four state area to have a couple in stock that they just received, one black and one red and black (the only colors available). I chose the red and black one. They were very accommodating and agreed to hold the bike for me until February 27 due to all the terrible weather in progress and forecasted to come. Finally the day arrived and the weather was still iffy but John Conner graciously not only offered the use of his enclosed bike trailer he drove to Bedford with the trailer, loaded and tied down the bike and delivered it to my home in Winchester. Alan Earnest was also along and you can only imagine the tales that were told among the three of us. It was a nice drive up and back, lots of laughs and countryside to see.

Alan’s new Goldwing had been in his garage for over a month without him having ridden it since he got it. So, on the second day of March and my having never ridden my bike either since it was delivered, we finally hit the road for the first time. We were joined by Roger Early for the inaugural ride for both Alan and me. We rode south to Clay City by the back roads, east over the mountains and then north to Mount Sterling, from there on US 60 to Winchester and then north to Paris to Alan’s home where we discussed what we learned about the bikes.



Likes: First of all, I felt like I was getting out of a Cessna 150 and getting into a F-15 fighter. Goodness, this thing is so different than anything I had ever ridden. It is buttery smooth; the DCT transmission is a joy to use; has more power than I'll ever use; gets great gas mileage; the suspension soaks up the bumps like they aren't there, and it's quiet and comfortable. There are four different driving modes for any type of roads and conditions (the sport mode is like one Youtuber called "bat out of hell mode..he's not lying.) The capabilities of the electronics are almost limitless, and the brakes are outstanding as are the LED lights. With the electric windshield there is little to no wind to the upper torso but there is a little more wind on the legs and feet than on previous wings. Putting the bike on the center stand is easy peezy. Slow speed maneuvering in parking lots is going to require a little practice with the DCT but cornering is a breeze..simply amazing. Plus, it's a pretty nice looking bike.

Dislikes: Not too many, certainly not enough for me to take it back! As I stated, the electronics are a major upgrade and therein lies a problem of sorts, for me anyway. I'm fairly technically knowledgeable regarding today's tech stuff..at least I thought I was. Truthfully, the learning curve will be more than a little bit challenging than I thought. I'll be spending a good bit of time on the seat with the owner's manual in my hand. And then there's the navigation system..it has it's own manual by itself and it's thick. With time perhaps I'll at least learn the basics.

Storage is still a little lacking. The trunk has been enlarged so that now you can place two large helmets and a little more in them but the saddlebags are still too small compared to earlier Wings. As a solo rider I feel confident I can make a week or two trip with the onboard capacity plus a backseat travel bag. With a co-rider I would recommend a trailer or at least a hitch and travel rack if planning a long trip.

Mention of the trailer hitch brings me to a final gripe: the cost of accessories! Honda has fallen in love with themselves I think. Add-ons have reached the ridiculous as far as I can tell. For instance, if you would want a CB radio the cost is \$1250 plus installation well over \$300. For me, I think not and have purchased a Sena 50S instead. (don't tell Honda but I think it sounds better). Other aftermarket suppliers have raised pricing of many of the "want to get" items too. Have you looked at the price of a decent seat, trunk rack, trailer hitch, air control wings, foot pegs, etc. lately? I know I'll have to suck it up and dole out for some comfort foot pegs but chrome items will be a distant past. Oh, I forgot to mention the added lights (decorate or safety) is also out of sight. I won't even mention the cost of the bike itself.

All in all, I the likes far outdistance the dislikes and I plan on riding this bike for years. Find the right dealer and you can add 5 extra years of factory warranty for a very fair price..that's 8 years of worry free riding! If you're thinking about a new bike I wholeheartedly suggest you take a test ride. I think you'd be as amazed as I am.

Note from Roger Early:

Before we started the ride, I told Alan and Frank I was about 160 miles from hitting 90,000 miles on my 2008 Gold Wing. I bought it new in Richmond back in 2009. When I got back to my subdivision in Lexington, and less than a mile from home, the odometer rolled over to 90,000. Maybe this year I can add another digit to the odometer and hit 100,000!!



District Educator—Rick and Kim Artmayer



This month I would like to get back to the Levels program. The fourth level is known as **Level IV: Safety By Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness**. Level IV is the most prestigious of the REP levels and is referred to as Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the highest commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to safe riding and preparedness. This commitment is shown by a demonstrated history of safe miles and current certification in both First Aid and CPR. These Master Tour Riders and Co-Riders are the finest examples of the highest commitment to safe motorcycle operation and preparedness.

In past articles, I have discussed the meanings of commitment (Level I), and preparedness (Level III). Now let us investigate the meaning of enhanced. In the Meriam-Webster dictionary, we find the definition: to increase or improve in value, quality, desirability, or attractiveness. Enhance was originally formed from adding the prefix *in-* to the Latin word *altus*, meaning "high", and evolved in Middle English to mean "to raise", not so much in a physical sense but more in a figurative sense.

We see examples of enhancement all around us, every day. With our motorcycles, we install safety chrome and lighting accessories to enhance the visibility and style. As individuals, we style our hair, choose our clothing, eat, and exercise, all in ways to make ourselves noticed, to enhance the way we are perceived, to be the best we can be. In our careers and in our hobbies, we constantly look for ways to be more efficient and accurate, to enhance our skills, to become the "master craftsman" of the task at hand.

Those who move on to Level IV are the "master craftsmen" of GWRRA. The Master Tour Riders and Co-Riders are shining examples to the rest of the membership. They are individuals who are caring, trained, and prepared, with the experience to back it up. They become ambassadors for the organization and examples for others to follow. To advance to Level IV, one must be current in Level III for one year and have taken both First Aid and CPR training, have 25,000 Safe Miles and must be committed to riding with "Proper Riding Gear" at all times. GWRRA provides special recognition to celebrate the Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider commitment each year at the District Rally and Wing Ding.

Level IV is the only level in the REP program that requires a one-time financial commitment of \$35.00 for each participant. For this you will receive a "Special Triangular" patch with dark blue border (a Black and Gold patch is available for an additional \$8.00 if you prefer) and your individual Master number embroidered on it, to further enhance your appearance to others.

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 Roosters, 10430 Shelbyville Road #7, Louisville. They eat @ 11:00am, meet @ 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 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.