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Happy October Chapter C!

We had a good turnout for our September gathering. We even had a visit from John and Beth Flaherty, longtime friends from Chapter A. As you know, I am stepping down as chapter director on December 31st. No one has yet to step up to fill this position. If you have any thought about this, please let me know.

Chapter A has their gathering this Saturday, 10/9/21. If you are interested in going with us, Dedre and I will leave from the Versailles Kroger at 0930.

With the weather starting to cool down, this will make riding more comfortable. Let's get out and do just that-RIDE!! If you have any ideas of destinations, let us know.

Another tell-tell sign that winter is approaching, our leaves are changing color! Remember to winterize your ride if you intend to store it. Change motor oil after your last ride and use any fuel treatment to preserve your gas tank. See you on the 16th!

Mike and Dedre VanHoose

Chapter Directors



Greetings Chapter C!

Fall is in the air and we will soon be riding to see the pretty fall colors. If you spot any, email the group and we'll all go see them!!

Chapter K held their Chapter Kick Off in Henderson, KY on September 19. John C, Jeff and Sharon joined Mike and I on a soggy ride to Henderson. Other chapters in attendance were Chapter A (Louisville), Chapter G (Florence), Chapter S (Elizabethtown) and Chapter Y (Mayfield). Chapter K had won the traveling plaque at the Blast, so it was up for grabs at their Kick Off. Chapter A won the plaque, so it will be available at their next gathering on Saturday, October 9. They have moved to Roosters on Shelbyville Rd near Hurstbourne, so it's a little closer for us, I think!! They eat at 11 and meet at 12 like we do. Let me know if you want to go try to capture it!

Save the Date! Our Chapter C Christmas party will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 6:30pm at Versailles Brewing Co in Versailles. We will also enjoy our Dirty Santa gift exchange! If you want to participate, please bring a gender specific gift (a man's gift if you are a man and a woman's gift if you are a woman). The cost should stay between \$20 and \$25.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our next gathering on Saturday, October 16!

Dedre VanHoose

Chapter C Membership Enhancement Coordinator



From our Couple of the Year—Lynn and Julie Tucker

Julie and I attended her third European Riders Rally in Burkesville, Kentucky September 9th through the 12th, along with another Goldwing couple. It was my 6th time to this event, which features a lot of BMWs but includes a wide variety of bikes. There were several Goldwings. Sometimes Julie and I have trouble finding kids our age who will motorcycle camp with us. We had three dry nights in a tent and some good rides. If you pick up Kentucky Hwy 214 off of 61 south from Burkesville, it will take you on a twisty ride to a free ferry across the Cumberland River and you can loop back to Burkesville on some more twisty roads. We met a 91 year old man from Pulaski, TN, who drove a Can Am with a trailer and yes, he tent camped. The traditional steak dinner on Saturday evening was great, as usual, and one lucky person won a new set of Bridgestone motorcycle tires. The 2022 Burkesville Rally will be in May, if anyone is interested. There were a few camper trailers, a few who stayed at the Alpine Motel on the mountain in town and many who had a day pass for Saturday only.

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 September we rode with the Baptist Bikers on the 4th for the Winchester Children’s Home Benefit Ride. We had a ride to Danville for ice cream after the chapter meeting on the 18th. It was good ice cream! We also rode to Chapter K’s first chapter meeting in Henderson, KY on the 19th. That was a wet ride. We were 100 miles into the ride when it started raining on us. We were in rain suits the rest of the way there and all the way home. I did 400 miles that day and 300 of it was in the rain. We also had a special church service at Salvisa Baptist Church on the 26th.

October is going to be prime for fall colors. I’m looking forward to having some good rides to see the leaves change in October.

West Virginia Report

A few of us attended a 4-day event in West Virginia from Sept 29 to Oct 3. Frank Hardy, Alan Earnest, Michael Sanders, and Buck Daily (Mike’s riding friend) joined me for the WV-STOC event. While this is not a GWRRRA event, it was well represented from Chapter C and had four 2018+ Gold Wings, Alan’s Goldwing Trike, and a 1500 Goldwing with a side car at the event. There were two ST-1100’s, three ST-1300’s and a Pacific Coast at the event. The rides were led by a good friend of mine, John Gregory, who rides a BMW K1600.

As you can see from the photo below, Alan was well represented at the event.



We rode into the Canaan Valley Resort and stayed in two of the deluxe cabins which have 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, a full kitchen and living room. There was also a standard 3-bedroom cabin in our group. Mike Sanders and Buck stayed in that cabin with another couple from our group. I served breakfast at my cabin, Thursday through Sunday mornings. We ate dinner 2 of the 4 evenings at the other deluxe cabin. See photos below...



2018+ GW: John Conner ('18), Mike Sanders ('21), Buck Daily ('21). Frank is in the photo but his '21 is not...



Mike Sanders, Buck, Frank, and Alan



Roasting hotdogs around the campfire. Went really well with the chili and spaghetti on Wednesday evening.



Friday evening was Lasagna night.

Riding in West Virginia is a little different from Kentucky. (They have shoulders on most of the roads.) The mountains were great to ride through, with a lot of spirited and technical roads along with beautiful scenery. We were about a week early for full fall colors in most of the area we traveled, but we did get to see our share of color on the rides.



Heading out from the cabins. Frank and Alan in the back of the pack with me. I was the sweep. They did not stay at the back for very long.



Saddleback mountain.



A rest stop by a dam.



Same rest stop.



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My favorite scenic overlook. Hwy 150 – Highlands Scenic Highway.



Here is the WV-STOC group at Hwy 150 scenic overlook. There were 4 others at the event that were not able to be in this photo.



Smoke Hole Road – a very beautiful and challenging road.



The drive leaving Canaan Valley Resort, before you get to the main road.

At this time, we are not sure if we are having the event next year as several of the people are planning a 2-week trip out west for July. Not sure if they will be up for WV-STOC again, but I hope so. It will be the tenth annual event. We will make up our minds by January and I'll publish something to see if anyone from Chapter C would like to join us.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the chapter meeting this month. Until then...

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—Richard Artmayer

Here we are at the beginning of the last quarter of the year. Fall gives us some good weather for riding, but it comes at a cost of increased dangers on the road. Things like wet leaves, small animals searching for their last meals before hibernation, and big animals searching for a mate, are now experienced with increased frequency compared to summer. We need to be aware and vigilant as we participate in our solo and group rides.

Speaking of riding, I was able to make it to the North Carolina District Rally last month and attend the Crash Scene Response seminar. I think this is a very worthwhile course and offers good content. I have a few take-aways that I think are worth sharing. At the start of every group ride, it is recommended to have a rider meeting. This is the time to discuss the basic route, talk about scheduled and unscheduled stops, identify the vehicle with the shortest range, and other specifics about the ride, the machines, and the participants that effect the group. We know all this from the Team Riding and Road Captain courses. Crash Scene Response covers what to do if/when you or your group happen upon a crash. There are many “jobs” that need to be filled in an event like this. These jobs are discussed in the seminar, as is the importance of quickly filling these positions to manage the scene and help the victims and the other motorists alike to keep everyone safe.

My suggestion is to ask for volunteers and to assign these jobs at the beginning of the ride, before leaving the parking lot. The jobs assigned to the volunteers can be an added column on the participation list that the Ride Captain and Tail Gunner should carry. In the event of an emergency, each specific role has been assigned and each ride participant has had the entire ride up to that point to think about and get comfortable with their responsibility. Should the need arise, each participant will know where to go and what to do.

I know when I have planned rides, I have spent hours on the route, checking for the ideal roads that include enough curves, a reasonable number of miles, the proper number of stops for the group’s physical needs, good food, available fuel, and comfortable lodging. All to fit in the time available. But I had never thought about the “what if” we come upon a crash or are involved in a crash. I will on the next ride I plan. I hope you do too. You might think it is unnecessary and maybe even a waste of time because you have never needed it on any other ride. But what if...?

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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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 "GWRRA OF KENTUCKY MEMBER'S PAGE" or use the following link:

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

Birthdays

Allan Kaulback 10/26
Lily Broome 11/9
Jonathan Jones 11/10
Julie Tucker 11/17

Anniversaries

Roy & Helena Taulbee 10/21
Tim & Jayne Ellen Mourning 11/9
Kevin Crane & Angela Carter 11/11

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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.