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Greetings Chapter C!

As I write this article, I am watching it rain and the temperature is in the mid-40's. They are forecasting freezing rain tomorrow and temperatures in the low single digits in the next few days. I can tolerate snow and enjoy its beauty, but ice is not enjoyable at all. I can't wait until spring!

We had the District Operations (OPS) meeting on the 29th of January but unfortunately Karen and I missed it because of some Covid symptoms that popped up on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Fortunately, we did not have Covid. We did not want to miss the meeting, but we also did not want to pass a bug or something worse to others at the meeting. I think others would have made the same decision and if they had symptoms, they would decide to miss the meeting rather than risk passing something on.

Mike and Dedre attended the OPS meeting. They shared their notes with me. Here are some highlights:

- Chapter A is planning the 2022 District Ride In which will be held in Bardstown on June 3rd and 4th. They are planning multiple rides. I'll pass along more details as they become available.
- The District team is planning to have a daytime parade at the Blast instead of the traditional light parade. They are also hoping to get the Puncheon Creek band to provide a concert again this year. Chapter C has been asked to provide some rides for the are and Mike is working on it.
- There will be a GWRR 101 workshop on 3/26. It will be held in northern Kentucky.
- The Couple of the Year program is raffling off a gas griddle at the Blast. Our Couple of the Year, Mike and Dedre, will be selling tickets. Please support them as they sell the tickets.
- Please check our district website (<https://www.gwrraky.com/>) for more details about these events.

I hope everyone stays safe and warm with our upcoming weather. Hopefully, it won't be too long before we can get together and enjoy some rides.

Thanks,
Roger Early
Chapter Director



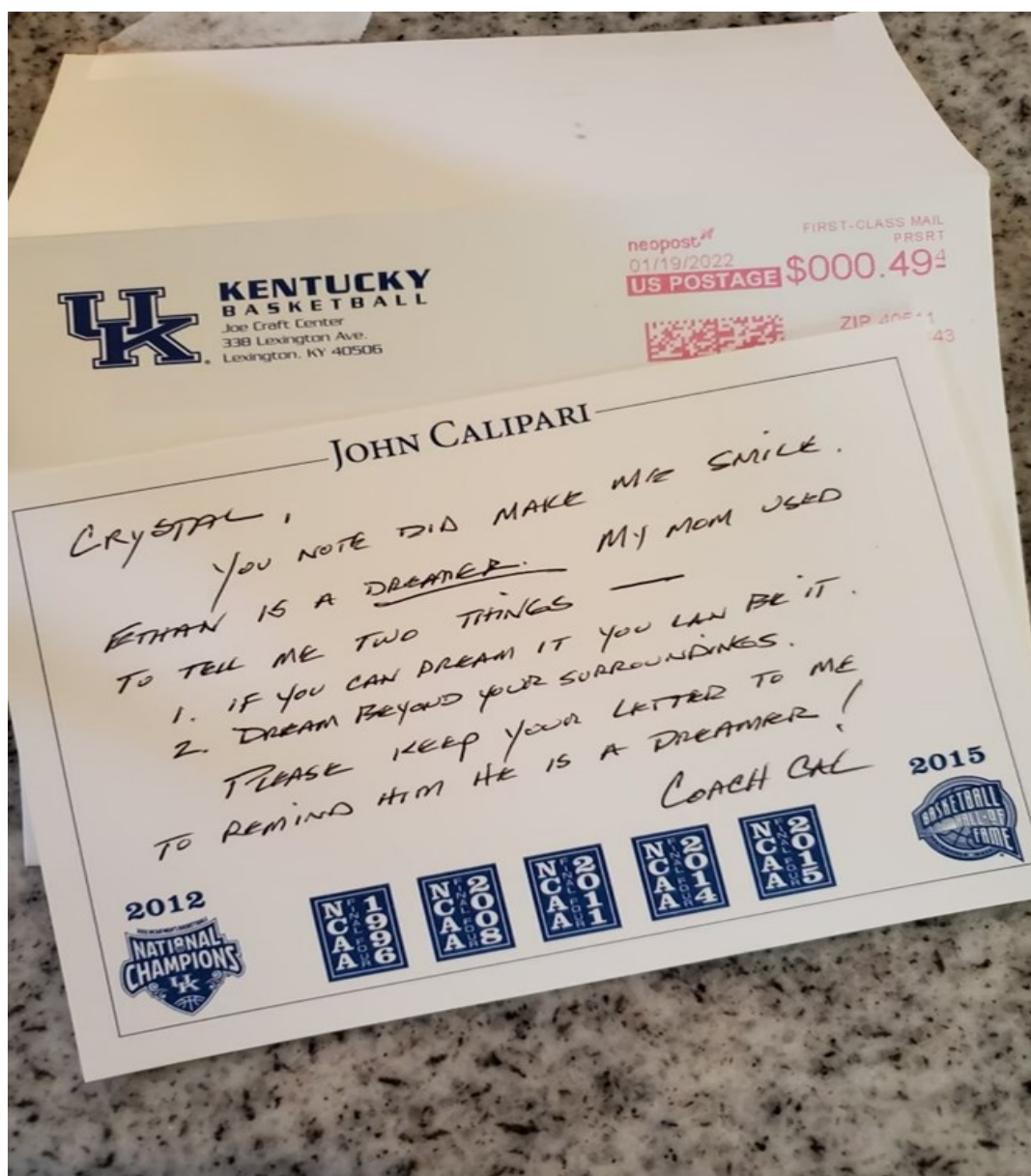
A Message from Coach Cal to my Daughter—submitted by Roger Early

I know this is not motorcycle related, so I hope you'll forgive me for including it in our newsletter.

Some of you know I grew up in Louisville and graduated from U of L. I am not a big UK basketball fan because I'm not a big fan of Coach Cal. This story changed that a little.

My grandson, Ethan, is a UK fan. My daughter was explaining to him that UK was trying to find a new team to play when a team (OK, it was U of L) dropped out of their game with UK because of Covid. Ethan told her he had been playing basketball with some of his first-grade classmates and maybe they could play UK. He said if they lowered the goal, they might be able to beat UK.

My daughter sent that story to Coach Cal and received the following response.



Membership Enhancement Meanderings:

Greetings Chapter C!

The chase for the Traveling Plaque continues! We need YOU to go with us to Chapter S in Elizabethtown on Sunday, February 20. They eat at Shoney's near I-65 at 4pm and meet at 5pm. We will leave from the Versailles Kroger at 2:30. (Their gathering was rescheduled due to the Super Bowl.)

There are two different programs for visitation in Kentucky. One is the Traveling Plaque. We get 1 point each time we go for it and 2 points if we win it. The Chapter with the most points gets a \$100 check and a wooden plaque. Chapter Visitation has a form to complete and get signed by the Chapter Director (or other officer) of the Chapter that we're visiting. Points are determined by the distance traveled (our meeting location to the other chapter's location), the number of folks there from our chapter, and what kind of event that it is. Three months of the year are double points for every Chapter, and each Chapter has a specific double points month. For 2022, Chapter C's double points month is May, so we need to visit as many chapters in May as we can! The Chapter with the most visitation points gets a \$100 check. Forms are on the district website if you decide to go on your own. Get it signed please!! And email a copy to Roger.

If you want to learn more about GWRRA, there is a class for you! GWRRA 101 will be held on Saturday, March 26, 9:30-4:00, at the Boone County Main Library Branch in Burlington, KY. It will cover the different programs within GWRRA and offer an overview of each one.

Dedre



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

The Riders Trail

Happy February Chapter C!! Well, where do I start. We met on January 1 for our first ever and annual Hot Fudge Cake ride to Jerry's. Last week 7 of us gathered at Davinci's Pizza for a wonderful dinner and fellowship. I know I am having cabin fever as are most of you. My bike needs a chance to breathe some fresh air.

Dedre had identified that we need more folks to come out with us on chapter visitations, so we are looking forward to more of you joining us when we visit different chapters.

This coming Thursday (Feb 10), we are going to Joe B's in Lexington for dinner. Meet up there at 6:30 and let's have a great time!

I have compiled a partial list of rides for 2022. The Windy 9 out of Athens, Ohio will be a weekend ride. The Schoolhouse Restaurant in Dennison, Ohio, Grandpa Joe's \$5 Candy Shop in Middletown, Ohio. The Works at Loveland, Ohio. The Indiana Perimeter Ride will take 4 days. The Benham Schoolhouse will be an overnight ride We will visit Portal 31 while there. I have many other ideas and welcome destinations from you. Please feel free to drop me a suggestion.

Mike VanHoose
Ride Coordinator

Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt at 70 mph can double your vocabulary!



Dinner at DaVinci's with great friends and great food!

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/>

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I am looking forward to a great 2022 riding year for our Chapter C family. Michael has already started plans for an exceptional lineup of rides and touring for us for in this New Year. We are also anticipating and looking forward to this New Year under the leadership of our new Chapter Director Roger Early. I will be taking on a new position in the Chapter as the Chapter Skill Enhancement Advisor along with Assistant Chapter Director. I look forward to this position as I am so passionate about training and enhancing our ability to be skilled motorcycle operators. This position will proactively support members by providing them with information they can consider implementing in their efforts to become skilled, prepared, and safe riders and co-riders. I am a firm believer that as our motorcycle riding community ages it becomes necessary for us to actively participate in monthly training to maintain our riding skills. At the next chapter meeting I will be outlining different types of training available and gaining input from our chapter members on specific training that you are interested in. If you have any ideas that you would like to share before the next meeting please call or email me. I am certainly open to any suggestions you may have and am excited about serving you in this capacity. Let's have an adventurous and safe year of riding and fellowshiping together.

Alan Ernest

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Couple of the Year Chatter:

The Couple of the Year (COY) has a Mascot that the Chapter Couples chase, similar to the Traveling Plaque. The 2022 Mascot is a Bear named Smokey. (No, not THAT bear!)



We will be asking YOU to join us as we try to capture Smokey from now to the Blast. He is supposed to move among the chapters every two weeks.

The Kentucky Couple of the Year program will be raffling a 22" griddle on a stand for this year's fund raiser. We will have tickets available for \$2 each. Anyone can purchase a ticket – it will be given at the Blast, but you do not need to be present to win. The purpose of the fundraising is to supplement the KY District COY's travel expenses. The tickets will be available at our gatherings – see Mike or Dedre.

Till next month,

Mike and Dedre VanHoose

Chapter C 2022 Couple of the Year

District Educator—Richard Artmayer

Rider Education Report

Have you ever purchased a product that indicated “some assembly required”, like a small table or computer desk? How was your experience with putting it together? Most of these items include some sort of instruction manual, a materials list, and maybe even a list of tools required (usually a considerably basic list) to help you through the process. Reading the manual through before starting the assembly is always recommended so you can prepare and be informed for what is required.

Usually the first page (or pages) is dedicated to the warnings and dangers associated with use of the product. I was once told that for every warning message listed in the manual, or on a sticker on the product, there has been some legal action taken against the manufacturer. These warnings are usually considered “common sense” by many people but are still important to know. And repetition is a terrific way to learn.

Some manuals are nothing but pictures; two-dimensional likenesses of the parts with arrows indicating how the items are to be put together. Other manuals may include some words or sentences about the assembly, while still others go into complete detail and give advance warning about an otherwise unforeseen hurdle to help you bring the parts together smoothly. The best instruction sets in my opinion use pictures and words and offer links to videos so one can see the actual assembly performed.

After finishing your project and admiring your accomplishment, have you ever wondered what the author of the manual was thinking? What were the thought process behind the document that was produced for you and everyone else who would buy the product? Did they build the item themselves before (or during) the writing of the manual? Was your success in assembly based on the instructions or on your experience?

Operating a motorcycle is similar in many ways I think to assembling furniture. There are many steps involved in a successful ride. And while the motorcycle comes with an owner’s manual and maybe a list of basic accessories, the bike is only the tool we use to assemble the successful ride. There is no manual for your commute to work, or the ride to dinner. And even though we may take the same path for each of these rides over and over, each experience can be new and different, because so many variables exist that can change from day to day. Assembling a good ride will only be as successful as the experience we bring with us.



As members of GWRRRA we are fortunate to have a reliable source of information and others’ experience in the Rider Education Program. The classes, seminars, and on-bike training opportunities often come with documents that include both pictures and words, and sometimes even links to videos we can watch. They will provide the opportunity to learn the skills and knowledge to help you “write the manual” for your next ride.

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

Anniversaries

3/19 Roger Early

None during this time frame

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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, 2640 Richmond Road; the location of the old Chop House. Eat @ 11:00am, meet @ 12:00pm.



Chapter G Meet on the 1st Tuesday at American Legion Post 4, 8385 US Hwy 42, Florence. Socialize @ 6:30pm, 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.