

Blue Grass Wings

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge



Your Chapter Team

Chapter Directors

Michael & Dedre
VanHoose

859-753-5818

859-229-5859

m.vanhoose@aol.com

Asst. Chapter Directors

Cliff and Sandy Planck

859-221-2167

cplanck5@hotmail.com

Chapter Treasurer

Karen Early

859-351-7149

rearly2000@insightbb.com

Membership

Enhancement

Randy & Denise Coy

859-753-7330

randy.coy@kyumh.org

Chapter Educator

Russ Bell

859-314-2380

rwbell@windstream.net

Ride Coordinator

Roger Early

859-608-1323

rearly2000@insightbb.com

Couple of the Year

Michael & Dedre
VanHoose

February 2013

Wing It with Mike and Dedre

Have you finished your pre-spring maintenance and tune ups on your Wing yet? Kentucky weather is definitely unpredictable, but before you know it, spring will be here with the warm weather. Personally, I can't wait.

We had a good time at CiCi's Pizza and are looking forward to the many more activities Roger has cooked up for us. We hope you find the ride schedule fun and inviting to all our participants.

Dedre and I will continue to chase after the Traveling Plague as your Couple of the Year. We appreciate your confidence in allowing us another year in that capacity. Of course, this will only be as FUN as possible if our chapter members join us. So, please consider this an open invitation to travel with us every time we go visit a sister chapter. We continue to catch up with old friends and find new ones. It really is a great thing to have so many friends you can relate to and talk about our great association.

Dedre and I helped the Tennessee District teach the first ever UTDP program earning our Senior Instructor certification last month. We really enjoy the educational aspect of the GWRRA and take every opportunity to teach and attend seminars when we can. These topics apply to situations you encounter in real life, as well as in GWRRA. Just because you don't want to be in a leadership role, doesn't mean you won't get something out of the free seminars that are offered.



Roger has a few words!

I am continuing to put miles on my Honda this winter but unfortunately it is my Honda mini-van. Better weather will hopefully be here soon and we have a few rides planned including:

- March 2 – Lincoln Homestead State Park
- March 16 – Elk Creek Winery
- April 6 – Kentucky Derby Museum
- April 20 – Buffalo Trace Distillery and Rebecca Ruth Candy Tours
- May 4 – Kentucky Derby Ride
- May 11 – Hot Brown Ride

We are also trying to have some dinner rides. We had a great time at CiCi's pizza on 2/7. We managed to get some tables right next to the buffet and had some good food and conversations. We had time to discuss some past rides as well as talk about some upcoming rides. Our next dinner gatherings include:

- February 21 – Cracker Barrel on Nicholasville Road and Brannon Crossing at 6:00
- March 4 – Fazoli's in Palomar Center at 6:00
- March 18 – Jalapenos on South Broadway at 6:00
- April 11 – Joe Bologna's at 6:00

I hope to see you at the rides and the dinner gatherings. I'll send more details and reminders as the dates get closer. Please mark the dates on your calendars so hopefully you can join in the fun.



Words of Wisdom from the "GOO"

Do We Ride As A Team ?



The answer to this question is another question? Have you attended the GWRRA *Team/Group Riding* or *Co-Riders* seminar or have you taken the "*Road Captains*" seminar/road course. When you have completed some of the GWRRA rider educational offerings you will be able to make an assessment of the riding skill of our Chapter.

Now we are very fortunate as Ky - "C" has several people who are Rider Ed seminar presenters and Road Captain instructors. There is no need for traveling long distances to take advantage of these GWRRA programs. It just a matter of selecting a time and place for this to happen.

Something that all members can do is to procure a copy of the GWRRA's "*Team/Group Riding Manual*" that is used when this seminar is taught. There are several places on the internet if you just do a web search for GWRRA TEAM RIDING MANUAL. It has been around for several years and the last revision took place in 2005. However there is a version I like and use to teach by. This edition was prepared by the California District CA1 and has additional information in it. It can be found on the internet at www.CA1S/CAGroupRidingManual. Either one will work and I hope you will print out a copy and take the time to read it. In closing group riding takes special skills, training and practice. Chapters that do it well are impressive as they maneuver through traffic or out on the open highway. It looks "cool" when done properly but the most important thing is you are taking advantage of being safe and an alert "Team".

Ride Safely
"Goo"
Russ Bell
Chapter Ky - C
Rider Educator



Your Couple of the Year 2013

Guess what Chapter C folks – we have the Kentucky traveling plaque again! Bill & Sue Mucha, Roger & Karen Early and I went to Chapter H to capture it. This time it was easy.....we were the only other chapter there! It just takes three of us to go and try for the plaque, but the more the merrier! Next time we put the plea out in an email to go to another chapter's meeting, please say yes, and go with us!

We also had a great time at our last dinner ride to Cici's Pizza! We could have ridden the bikes that day, but it had been scheduled to rain so we all took the 4 wheeled vehicles instead. These dinner rides are a great opportunity to get to know our members better. Join us this Thursday, February 21, at the Cracker Barrel on Nicholasville Road across from Brannon Crossing. Good food, good friends!

See you at our next meeting at Roosters on Tuesday, February 26!

Mike and Dedre VanHoose
Chapter C 2013 Couple of the Year



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is the world's largest single-marque social organization for owners and riders of Honda Gold Wing/Valkyrie 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, non-religious and non-political organization. Founded in 1977, GWRRA has grown to more than 72,000 U.S., Canadian and international Members in 53 foreign countries in just 35 years. Over 800 active Chapters are managed by 4,000 volunteer leaders working with members to foster safe, enjoyable riding while also working to improve the public image of motorcycling.



Membership Enhancement

My son who is now 33 years old, played baseball from childhood until his sophomore year in college. Most of that time, he pitched or played third base. It was fun to watch him develop as a player and as a man.

I remember having a conversation with him one day about why the catcher has a mitt on only one hand. Why does a catcher wear a mitt on only one hand? It leaves the other hand free to throw something back.

I think life is like that. We ought to consider throwing something back into the game.

For me, the best thing about chapter life in GWRRA is people. I have been the recipient of many gifts from a lot of different people that I've met in GWRRA. I've been given the gift of laughter. I've heard your humorous stories and laughed with you. I've been given the gift of knowledge. I know more about the sport of motorcycling since knowing you. I believe that I'm a better rider because you have given of yourself. You've taken me to places that I might not have ever been if I hadn't gone with you. I'd have missed a lot and it would have been my loss.

I think it's time for me to throw something back in light of your generosity. I think it was Gandhi who said, "Be the change you want to see in the world." I really do want Chapter C to be a stronger chapter and I believe that it can be if I put more of myself into it.

I hope to see you soon on a ride and at the chapter meeting. Let's laugh a little and learn a lot from each other. Let's be the change that we want to see.

Randy and Denise Coy—Membership Enhancement Officers



Birthdays and Anniversaries

03/01	Martha Samples
03/07	James Elam
03/09	Denise Coy
03/19	Roger Early
03/31	Jeannie Bigelow
03/16	Doug and Ester Coy



THE 2013 CONVENTION SCHEDULE



"Spring Fling"

Tennessee District Convention
Camp Jordan Arena, East Ridge, Tennessee
25 - 27 April, 2013



DOWN HOME RALLY 2013

THE WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION
SUMMERSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA
13 - 15 June 2013



THE GWRRA NATIONAL OFFICE PRESENTS

WING DING 35

TD Convention Center, Greenville, South Carolina
3 - 6 July 2013



THE BLAST

THE KENTUCKY DISTRICT PRESENTS
8 - 10 August, 2013
Frankfort Convention Center
Frankfort, Kentucky



The North Carolina District Presents WINGS OVER NORTH CAROLINA

26 - 28 September, 2013
CADARRUS ARENA & EVENTS CENTER



RALLY IN THE VALLEY

THE VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION
10 - 12 October, 2013
THE SALEM CIVIC CENTER
SALEM, VIRGINIA

