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## Janaury 2014

## Wing It With Mike and Dedre

Way to go Chapter C!! We had a wonderful turn out for our Christmas Dinner and over ate some really good BBQ. Thanks so much to everyone in the chapter that blessed us with the opportunity to get together again. We had a wonderful time, and hope you did also.

During the dinner we were very proud to announce that Randy and Denise Coy were selected as our new Chapter Couple of the Year 2014. We are confident they will do us all proud. Of the eight chapters in Kentucky, 7 of them have a Couple of the Year. We are hoping to see that last chapter make a selection soon.

We had a team meeting this past week and discussed new opportunities, rides and training for our participants. Moving our chapter forward and having four seminar trainers in our midst, we will present a Riders Ed, Leadership or Membership Enhancement seminar at the end of our gatherings starting this month. We will have a list of classes for the website soon.

To reiterate our statement from the Christmas dinner, you folks make Dedre and I very proud to have such a group of folks like you in our chapter. We have the finest chapter team in Kentucky and this makes our job so much easier and trouble free. Thanks you again Chapter C for all you do and for making last year a wonderful year.

We are so looking forward to 2014 and all the riding we are going to do together.





## RIDER EDUCATION



# DRUGS, DRINKING & RIDING IN A WORD, DON'T

We kid you not. Mixing alcohol and drugs and motorcycles is like putting nitro with glycerin: there's a dangerous reaction.

Alcohol is a depressant. The first thing to go is your judgment – and good judgment is essential. Bad judgment gets you into trouble. Drinking riders tend to run off the road more often, have a high percentage of rider error, and use excessive speed for conditions around them. Those are the statistics, and that spells trouble.

It takes a long time for the effects of alcohol to be cleared from your body, roughly one hour for each bottle of beer, glass of wine, or shot of liquor.

Nothing but time will shed that alcohol – not showers, coffee, or other so-called remedies. Have a couple of beers if you wish, but have them at home. Then you don't have to go anywhere afterward. If you are going to drink, don't even think about riding.

Alcohol is not the only drug that affects your ability to ride safely. Whether it is an over-the counter prescription, or illegal drug, it may have side-effects that increase the risks of riding. Even common cold medications could make you drowsy – too drowsy to ride, and mixing alcohol and drugs is even more dangerous than using either alone.

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BlueGrass Wings KY-C Rider Ed

## **KY-C MONTHLY GATHERING INFO**

Don't forget our Gathering place !!!!

The Bluegrass Wings gather the 4th Tuesday of every month at Roosters Restaurant at 124 Marketplace Drive, Lexington, KY. We eat at 6:00 and meet at 7:00. Let's get together and have some FUN!!

## THE 2014 CONVENTION SCHEDULE



## **SPRING FLING**

TENNESSEE DISTRICT CONVENTION

CAMP JORDAN ARENA, EAST RIDGE TENNESSEE

April 24—26, 2014

#### DOWN HOME RALLY

THE WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION
SUMMERSVILLE CONFERENCE CENTER
SUMMERSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA
June 12—14, 2014





THE GWRRA NATIONAL OFFICE PRESENTS

## WING DING 36

ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER—MADISON WISCONSIN
July 2—5, 2014



#### THE BLAST

THE KENTUCKY DISTRICT CONVENTION
FRANKFORT CONVENTION CENTER
FRANKFORT KENTUCKY
August 14—16, 2014





#### **WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES**

THE NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT CONVENTION
ACQUONI EXPO CENTER
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA
September 25—27, 2014

## RALLY IN THE VALLEY

THE VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION

To be announced later.





## **Ride Events**

Web page www.kybluegrasswings.org



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and your New Year is off to a great start.

As I write this we are getting over some extremely cold weather and we finally "warmed up" into the double digits. Riding season seems like a long way off but hopefully it will get here fast. My last ride was on New Year's Day so now I'm waiting for better weather and less salt on the roads before getting the bike out again.

I have started planning some rides for this year starting in March. I've added the dates to our calendar which is available at <a href="http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/events/">http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/events/</a>. The calendar also includes the dates for Wing Ding, the various District Conventions and the dates and times of the Kentucky Chapter meetings. Please take a few minutes and visit the calendar and add the dates to your calendar. I don't have all of the destinations planned yet but I will be working on that as the year progresses. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. I'm looking for interesting places to visit and of course good places to eat.

If we get some good riding conditions before March, I'll send out a note and hopefully get a group together for a ride.

I look forward to another fun riding season and hope you will be able to join us for many rides in the upcoming season.





## **Information from your Membership Enhancement Coordinator**

Lets got 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 Shoney's at 6511 Signature Drive, Louisville, KY 40213 Dinner 5:30 - Meeting 6:30



**Chapter C** Meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Roosters Restaurant. 124 Marketplace in Lexington, KY. We eat @ 6:00 PM and meet @ 7:00.



**Chapter G** Meet on the 2nd Tuesday at the Holiday Inn 7905 Freedom Way Florence, KY 41042 Eat @ 6:00 pm, Meet @ 7:00 pm



**Chapter H** Meet on the 1st Friday of the month at Stratton Community Center 215 Washington St. Shelbyville, KY 40065 Meet @ 6:30pm



**Chapter S** Meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Golden Coral U.S. 31 W. Elizabethtown, KY Eat @ 4:00 PM, Meet @ 5:00



**Chapter T** Meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Carriage House Ramada Inn Paintsville, KY Eat @ 6:00 PM, Meet @ 7:00



**Chapter W** Meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month at Tri County Cycle Sales in Corbin at 09:30 am.



**Chapter Y** Meet on the 1st Thursday at Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S. 6th St. Mayfield, KY 42066 Eat @ 6:00, Meet @ 7:00

Look at the Chapter Gathering days as we will try and to visit them all sometime.



## News From Randy and Denise Coy, your MEPC's

Dr. Martin Luther King's message, "I've Been to the Mountaintop" begins with the follow words:

As I listened to Ralph Abernathy and his eloquent and generous introduction and then thought about myself, I wondered who he was talking about.

Denise and I kind of feel that same way about being recommended as Chapter C's Couple of Year. "Are they talking about us?"

GWRRA says that the Couple of the Year program is designed "to honor a couple for their dedication, accomplishment and within the Chapter."

We are honored to be recommended for this award. However, in our heart of hearts, we really believe that it says more about you, the Chapter, than it does about us.

Denise and I attended our first Chapter C meeting about two years. That's really not that long. We were received warmly and won both a door prize and a 50/50 prize that night. (It really doesn't take that much to make us happy!) So began the journey.

We've enjoyed our time in GWRRA. We've met wonderful friends, eaten good food, ridden some wonderful roads, and seen some beautiful vistas. We hope to do it all again with new friends who have come to Chapter life and some other new friends that we haven't met yet.

We'd like to thank you again for your nurture and fellowship. We'll do our best to represent GWRRA well and invite others to join our journey for fun, safety, and knowledge.

Randy and Denise



