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## Wing It With Mike and Dedre

June has brought with it hot weather, on and off rain, and definitely a multitude of opportunities to ride. On June 14th, many of you rode in the All GOD's Children ride. This turned out to be a beautiful day, a wonderful ride, and a lot of FUN with other riders, the State Police and the Lexington Motor Patrol. They put on a great demonstration on braking!

Dedre, myself, and others from the chapter have been visiting other chapters and guess what: it paid off this month with Chapter C re-capturing the Traveling Plaque.

I am very pleased to inform our chapter that Kentucky Motorsports and Outdoors has agreed to sponsor Chapter C.

Roger is offering multiple rides this summer. We hope that many of you will join us as we enjoy this pastime called riding. There are a few more district conventions coming up, Wing Ding next week, the Summer Event in Nashville, and many more chances to be with our friends.

We hope that you continue to enjoy your chapter, the offerings we have, and the FUN we will have together. Dedre and I look forward to enjoying our times together with you and the possibilities that presents.







During the All GOD's Children ride, we had an opportunity to watch a wonderful demonstration on the braking potential of motorcycles. The Lexington Motor Patrol displayed utilizing front only braking, rear only braking, and using both brake systems together. The officers would speed up to 35 mph, then apply their brakes to show maximum capabilities of the motorcycles they ride.

The demonstration was impressive and we urge everyone in our chapter to enjoy the riders education classes available to all members of the GWRRA. These will make you a safer, more educated, and better informed rider that you would ever imagine.

We hope to be able to announce a new chapter educator soon that will take over the riders education of chapter C.

Be safe out there and ride with the utmost safety.

# Thank you Chapter C for all you do!!



Chapter C has a For Sale area now! You can send information on anything you wish to sale to Roger and he will place your information on the Chapter webpage.

We have for sale : 1 Tourmaster Blue and Black XL textile riding jacket men's.

1 Joe Rocket Blue and Black XL textile riding jacket with liners in women's.

1 Joe Rocket Black\Gray\Red heavy riding jacket XL men's.



This was the scene as we gathered at the Kentucky State Capital on May 31. The weekend turned out beautiful and the FUN we had was immeasurable. We hope to have you with us in 2015.

Photograph courtesy of Roger Early.

The 2014 Kentucky District Ride went off very well this year. We has a total of 15 bikes and 26 participants starting the ride. We had 5 Kentucky Chapters represented on this weekend, and everyone had an opportunity to learn Kentucky history. We will hold the 2015 Historic Ride covering the western half of the state to be announced after the first of the year. The state park system has committed to working with us to make this an enjoyable experience and educational as well. We look forward to seeing our friends on this wonderful and educational experience. Times and dates will be announced early next year.

# **KY-C MONTHLY GATHERING INFO**

Don't forget New 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!!



# **Ride Events**



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I had the pleasure in participating in part of the District Historic Ride on Memorial Weekend. I rode with the group on Saturday but had to head to Louisville for a family gathering on Sunday and then went back to Lexington. We had a great ride and Mike did an excellent job planning the ride and leading us on the ride. I heard from others that Sunday and Monday were also great days and I wish I could have participated in the whole trip but I also had a great time with my family. I appreciate all of the work Mike put into planning the ride. I look forward to our trip in Western Kentucky next year on Memorial Weekend.

Some of our more recent rides have been changed and I apologize for the changes. I was not aware of the Kentucky State Police Motorcycle Safety Awareness Day Ride on 5/31 until I saw it in our Newsletter so I made a change for that date and switched from a ride through the Daniel Boone National Park to the KSP ride. I have added the ride through the Daniel Boone National Forest on the schedule on 9/6. On 6/7 I was not able to find a Road Captain due to various commitments so I was not able to participate in the ride to Quaker Steak and Lube. Again, I apologize for the changes.

Since I am bringing up changes I wanted to let you know that our Co-Rider's Choice ride has been moved from 7/19 to 7/26. We found out that a Baby Shower has been planned for our daughter on the 19<sup>th</sup>. I didn't think it was right for Karen to miss the ride she is helping to plan. I know she was not going to miss the shower so the best choice seemed to be to move the ride. I hope it is early enough that many of you will still be able to participate. I don't think she has received any suggestions from any other co-riders yet so please contact her if you have ideas for that ride.

The list of our upcoming rides and dinners is below. I hope you can join us for many of these.

June 28 – <u>Dayton Air Show</u> July 10 – Dinner Ride to <u>Windy Corner Market</u> July 26 – Co-Rider's Choice Ride August 2 – Ride to <u>Jane's Saddlebag</u> August 5 – Dinner Ride to <u>Gibby's in Frankfort</u> August 23 – Ride to Cynthiana for the <u>Cynthiana Rod Run</u> September 6 – Ride through the Daniel Boone National Forest.

I will send out an email a few days prior to each ride or dinner to provide more details.

For more information about the rides and future dates please see our events calendar at <u>http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/</u> <u>events/</u>. The calendar also includes the various Chapter Meetings and the Region Events. If you have any questions or corrections, please let me know.

If you want to see some of the photos from our past events, check out the following page: <u>http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/photos/</u>



# **District Trainers News**

An OCP (Officers Certification Program) class was held Saturday, May 31. Six participants passed the course, including our District Educators and Assistant District Educators, and two from Chapter C - Roger Early and Jeff Sullivan. Thanks for coming y'all!

During the off season we will teach a UTDP (University Trainer Development Program). This course is for anyone interested in becoming a University Trainer in any or all of the three areas - Leadership Training, Rider's Education or Membership Enhancement. This will enable you to train others during Chapter Gatherings, special training days, the Blast, or even Wing Ding. Let us know if you're interested and we'll schedule the training with your schedule in mind.



This photo is courtesy of my cousin Charles Blevins. It was taken at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. It is hard to find scenery more beautiful than this.

What fun we have had this month! Bill Mucha had told us about the All God's Children ride, and this year we were able to go. We estimate there were 200+ bikes and it was a very impressive sight! I couldn't see the lead state trooper ahead of us or the tail end through Mike's side mirrors, just two rows of bikes as far as I could see! No stop lights the whole 65 miles with police at every intersection holding back the traffic.

After a short break eight of us drove to Chapter A in Louisville who had the Traveling Plaque. Thanks to Randy & Denise Coy, Darrel & Alice Hampton, Roger Early and Ben Smith for going with us! We got the plaque, so expect some company at this month's meeting!

Shirts will be distributed at the meeting to those who ordered. Please bring your checkbook because I forgot to include sales tax in your totals. Sorry!

# 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 3rd Saturday of the month at Shoney's just off I-65 and Fern Valley Road in Louisville. They eat at 5:30 and meet at 6:30.



**Chapter C** Meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Roosters. This is at the intersection of Nicholasville Road and Man O War in front of Walmart. 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 1st Tuesday of the month at Frischs in London off Highway 192. Eat at 6, meet at 7.



**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 at sometime.



# **REQUEST**

We would love to get as many of our chapter participants together as possible for a Chapter C picture. Would everyone please provide a weekend day and time when you could be available briefly for the picture. We will find the right place for a beautiful picture. Hey, we want your bikes in the picture also. We also want individual pictures with your bike too, as a form a "meet and greet" on Chapter C's web page.



Bill and Sue Mucha were awarded for their participation in the All GOD's Children Ride for 5 years straight.

Congratulations Bill and Sue!!!

# THE 2014 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

**SPRING FLING** 

TENNESSEE DISTRICT CONVENTION

CAMP ICTUAN ARENA, EAST RIDGE TENNESSEE

April 24-26, 2014

## DOWN HOME RALLY

**SUCCESS!** 

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 "Looney Tunes in the Valley" HOLIDAY INN—TANGLEWOOD—ROANOKE, VA October 9—11, 2014