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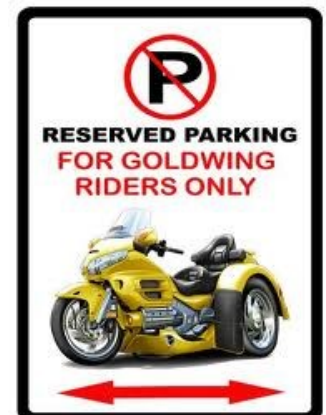
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## Wing It With Mike and Dedre

Since our last gathering, Dedre and I have been made aware of many changes coming to the Kentucky District of the GWRRA. First, the Kentucky Blast convention will officially be the weekend of August 14th—16th. It will be held at the Frankfort Convention Center and we are obviously hoping for an improved turnout for 2014. Dedre attended the district team meeting recently and will share additional information with our participants in the future. If you any questions, feel free to ask.

We enjoyed a great time with Tennessee District traveling to the Stearns Big South Fork Railroad. Their were approximately 30 total riders on the trip, 6 from Kentucky and all of them from Chapter C. GO CHAPTER C!!!! We followed that up with a ride to the Cumberland Falls for dinner and great social time. Thanks Gary and Patti Hamilton and Tennessee District for the invite.

Roger has set up several great dinner rides and across the state rides. We hope you take advantage of the great opportunities. Good riding weather is quickly sliding past us for the year. Be thinking about a couple you want to nominate for the upcoming chapter couple of the year, and also be thinking about stepping up as an assistant chapter director.





# RIDER EDUCATION



## 15 Tips For Riding In Traffic

### Part I (1 – 5)

**Close your eyes and recall your last ride in heavy traffic. Imagine the vehicles around you, crowding you, boxing you in and cutting you off. Imagine yourself monitoring traffic speed, reading street signs, anticipating traffic lights, and guessing what pedestrians are going to do. Then there is the soccer mom with a car load of screaming kids, a teenager driving and talking on a cell phone. Riding in traffic is a nightmare. Is it any wonder so many of us motorcyclist have more accidents while riding on congested streets? Here are some smart strategies for dealing with traffic-choked streets.**

#### ***Watch drivers' head and mirrors***

**Watching the head movements of drivers through their rear window and our mirrors is a way to anticipate sudden moves. Most drivers will not turn left or right without first moving their heads one way of the other.**

#### ***Trust your mirrors but not totally***

**Your motorcycle mirrors can be lifesavers, but they don't always tell you the entire story even if adjusted properly. Verify your mirror generated rear view with a quick glance over the appropriate shoulder.**

#### ***Never get between a vehicle and an off ramp***

**This sounds simple, but vehicle drivers who decide to exit at the last minute kill plenty of riders each year.**

#### ***Cover your brakes***

**In traffic you must often react quickly. In traffic reduce your reach time by always Keep a couple of finger on the brake lever and your right foot close to the rear brake pedal.**

#### ***Be noticed***

**Make sure you can be seen from a distance by both drivers and pedestrians. Ride with your lights on and wear brightly colored gear (especially your helmet and jacket).**

**More tips next month**

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



The Cupcakes enjoy a northern trip to Michigan

Birthdays

Anniversaries

**Kentucky Chapter C**

- Helena Taulbee 10/11**
- Perry Gertz 10/19**
- Ryan King 10/24**
- Rita Glasscock 10/29**

- Michael and Dedre VanHoose 10/10**
- Roy and Helena Taulbee 10/21**
- Tom and Brenda Wise 10/29**



**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

Web page [www.kybluegrasswings.org](http://www.kybluegrasswings.org)

Fall is my favorite time to ride so I'm looking forward to our October and November rides. It's been years since I have visited the Corvette Museum and it will be even more fun since they are having a motorcycle exhibit. For more information see the following link: <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/exhibits/motorcycle.shtml>

We also have a ride planned through the Nada Tunnel and the Daniel Boone National Forest.

In November we'll take a tour of some of the great roads we have right here in the Bluegrass area. I think we are fortunate to have some great scenery close to home so I am looking forward to that ride as well.

The list of upcoming rides is below.

October 5 – Corvette Museum

October 19 – Nada Tunnel and Daniel Boone National Forest Ride

November 2 – Ride to Our Best Restaurant in Smithfield, Kentucky

November 16 – Horse Farm Ride

We continue to enjoy the food and fun at the dinners. Please come out and join in the fun. Here are the upcoming dinners:

October 10 – Ride to Euro Wine Bar in Nicholasville( Meet at Kroger's in Brannon Crossing at 6:00)

October 28 – Ride to Miguel's in Frankfort (Meet at the Thornton's on Versailles Road at 6:00)

November 14 – Dinner at Cracker Barrel on Brannon Road (Meet at Cracker Barrel at 6:00)

For more information about the rides and future dates please see our events calendar at <http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/events/>. 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: <http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/photos/>

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 calendar so hopefully you can join in the fun.



## 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 Rooster's 7405 Preston Highway Louisville, KY 40219 Dinner 5:30 - Meeting 6:30



**Chapter C** Meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Golden Corral 185 E. NEW CIRCLE ROAD LEXINGTON, KY 40505 Eat @ 6:00 PM 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 at sometime.**



*Wing Ding 36 Returns to Madison, Wisconsin in July 2014.*

*We have reserved 5 rooms for our chapter. Please see Mike or Dedre to discuss going to Madison.*

## A FEW WORDS FROM RANDY AND DENISE

Remember how when we were kids and time seemed to drag ever so slowly. Waiting for Santa Claus was excruciating. Waiting for our parents who would say, "Just a minute..." We thought time would never pass.

What I've discovered in my ripe old age is that my perspective on all that has dramatically changed. Time is flying by and waits for no one. I often find myself saying, "Didn't we just do this?" (Like writing this article, "Is it time for that again? Seems like I just did it.") It makes me know that the saying, "Life has an expiration date," is indeed true.

That being the case let me encourage you to work on your "bucket list." You know, all the things that you want to do before you "kick the bucket." I'm working a busy schedule right now, but I'm trying to remind myself that the normal riding season will soon be coming to an end. The fall color will be upon us and it will be a great time to put on the safety gear and ride comfortably as we enjoy one of Nature's best tricks.

Perhaps there are chapter gatherings in some parts of the state that you've never visited. There are more interesting people to meet and probably some really neat places to eat on the way. Don't put it off. Seize the moment and invest the time to live the life that you want life.

What is it that you'd really like to do before..... Make it a priority and do it. You might even want to call some of Gold Wing family and invite them to join you.

See ya soon at the gathering place.

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I'm adding a special request to Randy's thoughts. The traveling plaque is in circulation again and will be at Chapter S (Elizabethtown) on Sunday October 13th—eat at Golden Corral at 4:00, meet at 5:00. Mike and I will just be getting back from vacation about that time and will not be able to go. Would you please make plans now to ride to Elizabethtown and capture the plaque?

I'm also game to visit Chapter Y—will someone go with me?  
Dedre



## News from your Couple of the Year

### Greetings from your Couple of the Year!

Since our last gathering my foot has been healing and improving daily. Finally out of the cast, my foot is getting some relief. It is so great to be weight bearing again. We have been thinking about our Couple of the Year replacements for the upcoming year. Remember that our tenure ends on December 31st. Please be thinking of the couple our chapter feels would make a great couple of the year. The position itself has no requirements to do anything, just the honor that our chapter has recognized their participation and contributions to the chapter. We will enjoy working with them to help guide and encourage their endeavors.

We will be taking nominations at our October and November gatherings and announce the new Couple of the Year in December.

There is something fun brewing at the Kentucky District! We are going to have a Goldwing cookbook before Christmas! Calling all good recipes that would like to be included! The Chapters will sell the cookbooks for \$10 and will receive \$1 for each one we sell. They will make great Christmas gifts. If you want to submit a recipe (or 2 or 3), email them to Jeannie McKenzie at [kydistnews@yahoo.com](mailto:kydistnews@yahoo.com). For any with spare time, she's also looking for typists to type recipes into the cookbook website. The deadline is looming to be able to get them for Christmas, so get them in today!



Bring your calendars to the September gathering so we can make decisions about the November and December gatherings. Our November gathering is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, and we need to plan our Christmas party time and place. Bring some ideas with you!



# 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



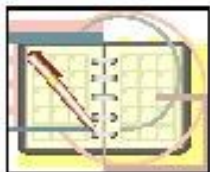
## THE BLAST

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

