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Good day to you Chapter C. Have you ever had one of those months where you felt organized, but were really distracted in other directions? That is me right now. After getting away from EMS and the rush of that job, now spending a record amount of time with family and friends, I find myself emotional about more things than I ever have. I think I have to add sentimental in with that also. I don't think it is a bad thing, but something I have to learn to deal with. Where am I going with this you ask.

Dedre and I have three kids, and 5 grandchildren between us, and they are our family! We are passionate about our relationship with them. Well, Chapter C is our family also, just not to that extent. But, we are passionate about our chapter and what each of you bring to the chapter. It gives us great pleasure to see all of you and to be with you whenever we can. The GWRR has given us this opportunity, and we both appreciate what it means to us. Our goal is to try, somehow, to get that same enthusiasm to you. Seeing more of you at gatherings, on rides, and on visitations would bring you that same level of FUN. The more you participate, the more you get out of your membership. Thank you Chapter C for all you do! To our chapter team, we couldn't do this without you!!

Mike and Dedre VanHoose





4129 Lexington Road

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Please join us as we welcome our newest sponsor of Chapter C. Thanks Jerry's of Paris, Kentucky

"Winging It" In the Rain

Spring has arrived and along with this long awaited season comes the rain. Most of us would rather not ride in these conditions but if you are a frequent rider, you will not be able to avoid these conditions completely. As we all know, rain can pop up at any time and when we least expect it.

When you ride in the rain, the pavement will be wet and slick. Motorcycles tires are designed to maintain traction in rainy weather. There are some additional riding techniques that can be implemented by the rider to ensure a safe ride on wet pavement. Some of these include:

Avoid any sudden moves

Accelerate smoothly

Turn smoothly

Use both brakes gradually when stopping

Reduce speed to increase stopping time needed

Maintain a larger space cushion in traffic to allow more time to react

Take turns slower to minimize the lean of your Goldwing

Avoid hydroplaning by following in the tire tracks of other vehicles

Watch your footage at stops as your feet will have decreased traction as well

If possible, avoid riding until 60 minutes after the onset of the storm

When the rainwater hits the pavement, it immediately mixes with the dirt and oil already on the pavement making it even more slippery. Warm pavement on highly traveled roads to lead to depressions and increase the risk of hydroplaning. Avoid those areas on the road that have an oil glisten to them as they will have decreased traction. Also avoid or practice extra caution on metal covers on the road, bridge gates, train tracks, painted lines or lane markings, leaves, wood on older bridges, and potholes.

Being alert and ever aware of the dangers of wet slippery pavement is the best safety precaution when riding your Goldwing in the rain. Ride safe!!



**Ride Safe,
Alan Ernest
KYC Educator**

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From Darrell and Alice– Membership Enhancement

Hello Fellow Wingers,

04/09/16

Hey we are already into the 4th month of the year and with our crazy Kentucky weather we have not had that many good days to ride. You know those days are just around the corner so it's time to prepare your riding gear. Several of our chapter members rode to Maysville on Saturday the 2nd and boy did we have a variety of weather. For the most part it was a bit chilly and there was a forecast for afternoon showers with high winds. So I wanted to make sure I was prepared for any weather that Mother Nature could throw at me.

I decided to start off the ride with my riding pants over my jeans with the zip in rain liner. I also wore my long riding coat with the cold weather zip in liner and the rain liner. That allowed me to wear a t-shirt under everything and not over heat. I did pack my mesh riding jacket with a zip in cold weather liner in one saddle bag just in case it got hotter later in the day. I also brought along my leather chaps, again just in case it got too hot I could remove my riding pants and go with the chaps. Maybe it sounds like I over packed for a short trip but if you have the room in your bags and trunk why not prepare for anything. My main riding gear can have each zip in liner removed as the weather changes and would allow me to stay comfortable and safe at the same time. I will tell you that on our return trip Saturday back to Lexington I rode in some of the strongest winds I have faced which made it very interesting the whole ride home.

Moral of the story is to ride safe and being comfortable in all types of weather and in your choices of riding gear. I'll close with a reminder to tell all your friends, neighbors, relatives and anyone else for that matter how much fun you are having with our Gold Wing group. Invite them to come to one of our chapter meetings or dinners. We need to share the secret as to why we walk around with a big grin on our face.

Quote: "If you don't ride in the rain, you'll be missing some of the best rides on the other side of it"

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

Membership Enhancement Coordinators

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Event Schedule Region "A" & Region N

Date	Event
March 31 – April 2	Louisiana District Rally
April 21 – 23	Georgia District Rally
April 28 – 30	Tennessee District Rally
May 20 - 21	Kentucky Ride-In
May 19 – 21	Alabama District Rally
May 20 – 21	Region Ride-N Marion, VA
July 14 – 16	South Carolina District Rally
July 22 – 23	WV District Rally & Convention
August 18 – 20	Kentucky District Rally
August 31 – Sept 3	Wing Ding 38
September 22 – 24	North Carolina District Rally
October 6 -8 (not confirmed)	Virginia District Rally
October ???	Mississippi District Rally
October 27 – 29	Region A Rally
November 4–5	Region N Rally, Johnson City TN



Anyone care to guess where this picture was taken?

What is the name of the river in the picture?



ON-SITE CLASSES AVAILABLE

*Thanks for stopping in!
Check Out Some Of Our Great Events*

Dogs & Discounts

Thursday Night Bike Night:

Every Thursday 5pm-6pm with FREE food and parts discounts throughout the store.

Off Road Ride / Demo Day:

We will be holding an Off Road ride at Wildcat Off Road Park the first weekend of October. Arctic Cat will be bringing out a few ATV and Side X Sides to take for a spin. We will provide a FREE lunch also, so mark your calendar this will be an event you do not want to miss!

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From our Ride Coordinator and Webmaster– Roger Early

I can't wait until the weather finely turns warmer and stays warm. There have been some nice days to ride so we have still had at least one Chapter Ride each month since March of last year. Mike had a ride on 3/25 so our streak was kept alive (Thanks Mike!). I am hoping the weather will finally get warm and stay warm so we can have more fun on our bikes and get out and enjoy all of the spring scenery.

We had a ride to the Underground Railroad Museum on 4/2. Alan and Darrell led the ride and even though it was cool and windy they said everyone still had a great time on the ride. Unfortunately, the museum was closed even though the web site states they are open from 10:00 to 3:00 and they were even informed we had a group coming on Saturday. The group still enjoyed the day and had a good lunch in Maysville.

We continue to get some good groups for our dinners. We had dinner on 3/10 at the Cracker Barrel on Newtown Pike and we also had dinner at Joe Bologna's on 4/5. I captured a picture of the group before all of the breadsticks showed up at Joe B's.



We have several Chapter and District events coming up. They include:


























































- April 16 – Ride to Opals in McKee, Kentucky after our Chapter gathering
- April 28 to May 30 – Tennessee Spring Fling in Pigeon Forge
- May 12 – Dinner at Gibby's in Frankfort
- May 14 – Ride to the Great Saltpeter Preserve in Mount Vernon
- May 20 to May 21 – Kentucky District Ride-In in Elizabethtown
- May 20 to May 21 – Region N Ride "N" at the Hungry Mother State Park in Marion, VA
- May 27 to May 30 – Kentucky District Ride around the perimeter of West Virginia
- June 4 – All God's Children Cruise for Kids

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/>



																							
	<u>Birthdays</u>											<u>Anniversaries</u>											
	Michael VanHoose	4/05																					
	Esther Coy	4/08																					
	Earl Wiggins	4/16																					
	Brenda Wise #2	4/16																					
	Tim Hamby	5/1																					
	Denny Grimmett	5/9																					
	Tom Del Bello	5/16																					
	John Connor	5/19																					
	If we have missed anyone, please accept our apology, and send us your information!																						
																							

And we have a few words from Dedre!

And only a few words it will be! Work has been crazy and my brain is fried!

Spring Fling is a week out and Mike and I are looking forward to the time off from work to spend time with good friends at a fun event. We are happy to be back in Pigeon Forge as well. Good riding (for Mike) and good shopping (for Dedre). We were just there last week, but we were busy with kids and grandkids and moms. This will be our time!

Our May meeting has been changed to **Sunday, May 22** due to the Kentucky District Ride -In on Saturday May 21. We will eat at 1:00 and meet at 2:00, with a ride afterward.

Mike, Roger, Karen and I went to a District staff meeting at our new Blast venue in Cave City. The only drawback is that it's further for us to travel. They are rolling out the red carpet for us and we've made some changes to the schedule as well. The Blast will start on Friday this year. We encourage you to pre-register as that will be a great value. Pre-registration will include a barbecue dinner Friday night, a grand prize ticket and a ticket to win a trailer that has been donated by a Chapter H member. Forms are on the District website—www.Gwrraky.com. We will have some copies available at our next gathering. Also back on the schedule will be on the bike games. Chapter C will have a table at the Blast that should include information about our chapter. Shea and Lily are in charge, so give them any ideas/pictures that you have.

One more note on the Blast—there will be two tours available for Mammoth Cave. Frozen Niagara tours will be available in the morning and afternoon. These will be pre-registered and prepaid. August is a busy month at Cave City, so we advise you to make your reservations at the Comfort Inn, Sleep Inn or Baymont soon. Camping is available also.

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 Mark's Feed Store at 6501 Bardstown Road in Louisville. They eat at 11:30 and meet at 12:30.



Chapter B-1 Meet on the 4th Sunday at Ryan's Steakhouse at 1921 Mel Browning Street, Bowling Green, KY 23104. Eat at 4:00 pm and meet at 5:00 PM.



Chapter C Meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Roosters. This is at the intersection of Nicholasville Road and Man O War in front of Walmart. Eat @ 11:00 AM and meet @ 12:00.



Chapter G Meet on the 2nd Tuesday at the Golden Corral, 4770 Houston Road Florence, KY 41042 Eat @ 6:00 pm, Meet @ 7:00 pm



Chapter H Meet on the 1st Friday of the month at the UK Shelby County Extension Office, 1117 Frankfort Road, Shelbyville, KY 40065 Meet @ 6:30 pm



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 sometime.