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**August 2017**

Good day Chapter C!

The Kentucky Blast is just around the corner folks! Many of us will travel to Cave City for the educational aspect, many for the technical aspect, but everyone will go for the social aspect. There is no better time to catch up with old friends or make new ones than at the Blast. We hope you can make the trip and enjoy all the area has to offer. I have sent out the work assignments issued to our chapter by the district. Please look us up when you get there so we get credit for the chapter.

The Ride for Life went well for the American Cancer Society! We continue to enjoy great rides and dinners with our chapter members, and of course we have ice cream along the way.

The national office of the GWRRA has issued a new organizational chart and job guidelines for our members and chapters. This does affect our chapters. We will share more with you when these are finalized. Should you find yourself interested in being part of the chapter team please let us know.

On a lighter side, let's get out and have some FUN!! The one constant in our organization is our love of motorcycling and specifically riding a Goldwing. What a great way to pass the day!



## From our Ride Coordinator — Roger Early

I received some special protective wear from my kids for Father's Day that I wanted to share with you. I haven't worn it on any rides yet because it is too time consuming to put on and it is also hot. My kids waited until I recovered from my accident to give me this equipment so they knew I would be ready to laugh about it. They gave me 200 feet of bubble wrap. (No jokes about 200 feet not being enough to go around me!) Here is a photo of me trying it on:

Since the last newsletter we have had several rides:

July 10 – A group rode to the Kentucky Depot in Stanford for dinner. I couldn't join this ride due to another commitment but I hear the food was great and everyone had a good time.



July 15 – We rode through part of the Daniel Boone National Forest and stopped at a DQ in Stanton.

July 22 – We enjoyed the route Mike designed for the Woodford County Ride for Life. It was a great route and we had folks from Chapter C keeping the group safe by helping the Versailles Police Department escort vehicle.

July 29 – A group rode to Jane's Saddlebag. I was not able to join this ride due to our grandsons being in town. I did get out and ride part of the route on the following Tuesday. I especially enjoyed route 227 to Owenton. I enjoyed it so much I rode it on my return trip.

August 5 – We took advantage of the cool weather and rode to The Works restaurant in Loveland, Ohio. I had a commitment at church so I only rode part of the ride. Mike planned and led this ride (Thanks Mike!) We stopped at Heritage Honda in Maysville on the way to the restaurant.



Our theme for the 2017 Kentucky Blast:

**WE SUPPORT OUR TROOPS**



As I write this article, I have been adding rides to our calendar and realizing that I am planning rides for the end of the riding season is a little depressing. On the positive side, we have some fun rides coming up so I encourage you to come out and join us.

The events that are coming up include:

August 18 and 19 – Kentucky District Convention, The Blast, in Cave City

August 26 – After our August gathering we will take some backroads to the DQ in Richmond

August 29 to September 2 – Wing Ding in Grapevine, Texas

September 7 – Dinner at Don Senior in Winchester

September 16 – Ride to The Colonel's Creamery in Florence

September 28 to 30 – Wings over the Smokies in Waynesville, North Carolina

October 16 – Dinner at Gibby's in Frankfort

October 21 – Ride to Swope's Cars of Yesteryear in Elizabethtown

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.

## **Gathering Date Change**

**For the month of August only, our gathering will be held on the 4th Saturday, August 26. We will eat at 11:00 and meet at 12:00, with a wonderful ride to**



Hello Fellow Wingers,

08/09/17

It is August already and fall is just around the corner. A while back one of our chapter members mentioned that he would like to ride with a group on a camping trip so I thought this month's newsletter could be devoted to Motorcycle camping prep. **And by the way I would also be very interested in a motorcycle camping trip.**

Motorcycle camping can be a rewarding and seriously fun adventure. If you don't already have camping gear getting started can be a little expensive. Unlike a car you need to be cognizant of weight and packed size so you can carry everything you need on your motorcycle. What follows is a list of what I have used, it's on the lower end of money spent to get a decent camping setup.

You can spend less by going to Wal Mart for everything and you can definitely spend a lot more on high end gear.

**The Carry Bags** It is imperative to have a bag, or bags, that will protect all of your equipment. You do not want your gear wet when you arrive to setup camp.

Depending on the type of motorcycle you will have different options for side cases, panniers, or saddle bags depending on what you want to call them. They can be hard bags, semi hard bags, or soft bags.

### **What's Inside The Bags?**

Maybe a 2 person or 4 person tent. A 4 person tent is massive overkill for two people, but is a great idea if you want to be able to stand up. A side benefit of all the extra space is it does offer the ability to store the rest of your gear inside and anything else you need dry. Equipped with the rain fly you can also leave your shoes or other items just outside the tent door and still protect them from the elements.

Another option to take on your trip would be a Cook set if you are going to really camp and cook your own food. This kit might include 4 polypropylene plates, 4 bowls, 4 insulated mugs, 4 Sip-It lids, a 2-liter pot with lid, a 3-liter pot with lid, a frypan, a pot gripper and a stuff sack. The stuff sack doubles as a sink for carrying water and cleaning the other pieces. The frypan and pot should be non-stick making clean up easier.

Don't forget your knife and fork set so you have something to eat with after your meal is cooked. If you have the room it might not hurt to carry two sets. Speaking of cooking your food don't forget the cooking fork, spatula, and spoon.

Lightweight sleeping bag designed for temperatures above 50 degrees but can be used in cooler temperatures with some clothing layers.

One of the most versatile items is a good blanket. Make sure it's lightweight, super strong, and doesn't hold water, so if it gets wet it dries quickly. It can be a pillow, a sleeping pad, something to wrap up in around the fire, and an extra layer for warmth when sleeping.

Always carry a good compass you know how to use, a knife that's comfortable and versatile, and a flashlight with fresh batteries. A tent lantern can be very useful. You can get small LED lanterns that put out a lot of light and pack very small.

Everything listed above should fit in your Gold Wing's saddle bags and trunk with room to spare. Which is good because things like toilet paper, wet wipes, towels, and other items may be needed depending on where you are camping. Campgrounds will have bathrooms on some occasions but more wilderness style camping requires you to carry everything you need.

An extra weather proof duffel bag can be secured to your exterior luggage rack if you have one and can be used for clothes, shoes, gear, and personal items. A second dry duffel is usually packed to carry really dirty items home, and to pack food items for the trip out. You have to be careful to balance everything so the back does not get too high and cause the bike to become unstable. So if you decide camping is for you then prepare well by planning your trip and calling ahead to reserve a camp site and enjoy your trip.

Quote: Sometime you need a really crooked road to get your head straight!

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

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No we are not under arrest. These are the Versailles Police officers that provided support and traffic control for the 2017 Ride For Life. Just in terms of safety, we could not have done it without them! They were great to work with! Thanks Versailles Police!



Riding our Goldwings is an exciting and fun adventure. Always ride safe to continue your enjoyment of Goldwing adventures.



## Common Accidents and Avoidance Tips

Happy August fellow Goldwingers!!! It's hard to believe that summer is almost behind us and fall is just around the corner. Autumn time is one of the best times to adventure out on our Wings and enjoy the beautiful countryside. Since safety comes first for us as Goldwingers, I wanted to start our fall riding with some more safety tips!! I was researching motorcycle safety as I often do and ran across an article from Ride Apart written by Wes Siler. It contains a list of 10 common motorcycle accidents and how to avoid them. I found them to be basic and packed with common sense ideas. This month I will share the first five and then in September the last five.



805 Louisville Road  
Frankfort, KY 40601

## **1: A Car Turns Left In Front Of You**

The most common motorcycle accident. A car fails to see you or judges your speed incorrectly, turning in front of you at an intersection. Blame inattention, distraction, blind spots and even psychology; a driver looking for cars perceives merely an absence of cars, not the presence of a motorcycle.

**How To Avoid It:** Simple, you just need to see it coming. Part of your job as a motorcyclist is to develop a pre-cognitive sixth sense. Look for signs that could indicate someone may turn in front of you: a car is at an intersection waiting to turn, there's a gap in traffic near an intersection, driveway or parking lot. In either situation, slow down, cover your brakes and get ready to take evasive action. Yes, you do need to take something as innocuous as a car waiting in a turn lane as a major and immediate threat to your life. You also need to account for objects outside of your vision. Gaps in traffic indicate the possibility of someone coming through that gap, even if you can't see them. Again, MAJOR THREAT, PREPARE FOR EVASIVE ACTION.

And once you've identified said threat, you can work it through levels of severity. Is the driver clearly able to see you, without obstruction from their window pillars, trees or signs? Is that person actually looking? Are they looking at you? How are they situated in the road? What is their speed? Where are their wheels pointing?

Look at their wheels, not the car – they'll give you the first clue of movement. During all this, also be aware of what's behind and to your side. Should you need to take evasive action, you'll need to know your routes of escape. It's no good braking in time to avoid a turning car, only to be swatted from behind by a tailgating SUV. What's the road surface like? Is it going to be able to handle the full force of your brakes or are you going to lock them? You do know how to use the full ability of your brakes, right?

Under no circumstances should you "lay the bike down." Your best chance of survival comes from shedding as much speed as possible pre-collision, and you're going to be able to do that best with the bike completely upright, using both brakes. Even if you only have time to lose 10 or 20 mph, that could be the difference between going home with bruises and going home at all.

## **2. You Hit Gravel in a Blind Corner**

You're out riding the twisties when, seemingly without warning, you round a corner to find a patch of sand/gravel/leaves/horse dung/whatever in your path. You put your front tire in it and wipe out.

**How To Avoid It:** Don't hit it in the first place. Ride at a pace where your reaction time and ability to take action fit within your range of vision. On the road, "Slow In, Fast Out" is an effective rule of thumb. Enter a corner wide, to increase your vision and at an easy pace. You can pick up the speed on the way out, once you can see.

READ MORE: [What We Learned From Riding With British Police](#) | Ride Apart Trail braking is a slightly more advanced skill that you'll need to learn and practice on a track before applying on the road. Using it, you brake all the way to the apex using the front brake before swapping brake for throttle. Since you're already on the brakes and the bike's weight is distributed forward, compressing the front suspension and increasing the size of the front tire's contact patch, you can easily tighten your line by applying a little more brake or widen it by letting off. Doing so should help you avoid obstacles such as gravel.



Another advanced skill, which is oddly controversial in rule-loving America, but which is taught by advanced police riders abroad, is to maximize vision by using the full width of the road, regardless of lanes. Vision equals safety equals speed. Again, learn this from a trained professional before trying it yourself.

### **3: You Entered A Corner Too Fast**

And now it's unexpectedly tightening and you're just not going to make it around. Oh no.

**How To Avoid It:** Don't be a dummy. Only ride as fast as you can see and use visual clues like telephone poles and signs to judge a road's direction, even if that road is disappearing over a blind crest.

If you do find yourself going too fast in a corner, the best approach is to trust the bike and try to ride it out. The bike is likely more capable than you are, so it's really you that's not capable of making it around. Take as much lean out of the bike as possible by hanging off, look where you want to go and be as smooth as possible on the controls. Do not whack on the brakes, chop the throttle or do anything else that may upset the bike and cause a loss of traction. Don't panic if a peg or knee or something else touches down, just try to hold that lean angle, look for the corner exit and ride it out.

This is another situation in which trail braking can be a real help, allowing you to safely shed speed while already in the corner.

### **4: A Car Changes Lane Into You**

You're riding in traffic when a car in another lane suddenly veers into the space you're occupying. Remember, our tiny motorcycles can easily fit into blind spots and drivers looking for cars aren't psychologically programmed to see motorcycles.

**How To Avoid It:** Be aware of where blind spots lie and spend as little time in them as possible. If you can see a driver's eyes in their mirrors, then they have the ability to see you, too (But remember that still doesn't always mean they're looking – Ed.).

Beware of situations where lane changes become more possible. Is highway traffic slowing, with one lane moving faster than others? People are going to want to be in that lane. Don't be where they want to be.

Look for signs of a car changing lanes: turn signals, wheels turning, the car wandering around its own lane while the driver checks his/her mirrors and, of course, the driver's head moving. Be aware of all that, in all the cars around you, at all times, and you'll be good.



## **5: A Car Hits You From Behind**

You come to a halt at a stop sign/cross walk/intersection/to avoid a family of baby ducks when, the driver behind you doesn't see you or isn't trying to and plows into you at high speed. The most common car accident is a "fender bender." A fender bender can kill a motorcyclist.

How To Avoid It: Use cars as your very own crumple zone. A single car stopped at a multi-lane stoplight, with more cars coming from behind? Pull in front of it (wave nicely) and you're cushioned from any subsequent impacts. Between a line of cars works just as well.

No free crumple zones available? Stop to the side rather than the center of a lane, rapidly flash your brake light by tapping a brake lever, keep the bike in gear and your right hand on the throttle. Pay attention to what's coming up behind you and be prepared to scoot away should it appear someone's about to come plowing into you.

Be particularly aware in situations where there's bad visibility, at times when drunk driving is prevalent (do all the bars around you let out at 1am?) and when stops are unexpected, such as at pedestrian crosswalks on very busy streets and stuff like those cute baby ducks crossing the road.

*Ride Safe my friends and I'll see you on the highways and byways of this beautiful country we are so blessed to live in!!*

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# 2017 CONVENTION/RALLY SCHEDULE



**April 20 – 22, 2017**  
Tennessee Spring Fling  
Ramada Inn, Pigeon Forge, TN



**June 9 – 10, 2017**  
Kentucky Ride In  
Elizabethtown Crossroad Campgrounds, Elizabethtown, KY



**July 6 – 8, 2017**  
Virginia Rally in the Valley  
Holiday Inn, Tanglewood, VA



**July 2017**  
West Virginia Down Home Event  
TBA



**August 18 – 19, 2017**  
Kentucky Blast  
Cave City Convention Center, Cave City, KY



**August 29 – September 2, 2017**  
Wing Ding 39  
Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center, Grapevine, TX



**September 28 – 30, 2017**  
North Carolina Wings Over The Smokies  
Haywood County Fairgrounds, Waynesville, NC



**November 2 – 4, 2017**  
Region N Fall Finale  
Holiday Inn, Johnson City, TN



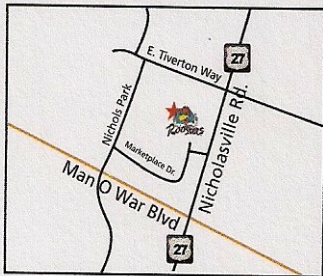
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The Blast is this coming Friday and Saturday! There will be classes (including a couple of the new modules and the co-rider class (to keep up in the levels program)), vendors, a scavenger hunt, and some riding places that we don't normally get to. Best of all—friends that you might not have met yet! Please join us for your Kentucky rally.

Since the Blast in our normal meeting time, we have moved the August gathering to Saturday August 26, eat at 11, meet at 12.

<u>Birthdays</u>	
Jeff Sullivan	Aug 11
Angela Wiggins	Sept 14
Josie Pennington	Sept 22
Roy Campbell Jr	Sept 20
Earl Broome	Sept 23
<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Roger and Karen Early	Sept 5
Denny Grimmatt	Aug 25
Mitchell Young	Sept 14
If we missed anyone, we apologize. Please get with Darrell or Alice to update your records with us.	

## 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 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 Hot Spot, 6415 Dixie Highway Florence, KY 41041 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 Shoney's, 1046 Executive Dr. Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Eat @ 4:00 PM, Meet @ 5:00

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**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 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 visit them all sometime.**