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Winter has definitely set in this week. Between the cold and some snow showers, riding has been non-existent. Fortunately we have had good weekends to get out and roam the countryside. I can deal with that, nice weekends and poor work days.

As a chapter we have already started off with a bang. We have had excellent turnout at dinner rides, a couple of bike rides are in, and 5 of us rode to E-town last week to visit Chapter S. The visitation program and Couple of the Year competition are alive and well. Chapters H, A and G have turned up the heat to get that district prize in August. What we need are more of our chapter to join us on these visitations. The chapter with the most members that come out get the extra chance to win. These other chapters are coming out in force with 8 to 10 or more showing up. Come on chapter C and help us bring the Traveling Plaque and Mascot home every time it comes available.

We will have many educational opportunities coming up over the next several months. We hope you will give these workshops your time and presence. We really need to improve our safety and riders education.

You are the best Chapter C and thank you for all you do. Riding season is just around the corner!!





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

Winter Survival Tips for Your Goldwing

Winter weather and everything that goes with it does a good job of destroying our bikes during winter driving. Road salt can be a bike's worst enemy because it is the primary culprit of bike corrosion. When you ride your bike during winter weather it is of utmost importance to clean your bike properly after each excursion. If you don't, the salt will begin eating at the metal on your bike. Salt is indeed an evil component when it comes to bike maintenance!!

It is also important to note that if your bike has any existing nicks in the paintwork or chips off the muffler, the salt will penetrate and immediately begin to attack the metal. The moment the salt makes contact with exposed metal, a chemical reaction begins resulting in oxidation, rust, and corrosion. That's why immediate cleaning is necessary!! Remember to always use cold water when spraying down your bike as hot water will result in a reaction that causes the salt to corrode even faster. S100 is a good product to use to remove the salt but a good spray cleaning with cold water is the best!! There are spray gel products on the market that you can use on your bike before you ride to prevent the salt from getting to your paint and metal. However, a good cleaning after your winter rides is the best survival tip for winter driving.

Ride Safe,

Alan Ernest

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2016 GWRRA Region N Convention Schedule

Event Schedule Region "A" & Region N

Date	Event
March 17 - 19	Florida District Rally & Convention
March 31 – April 2	Louisiana District Rally & Convention
April 21 – 23	Georgia District Rally & Convention
April 28 – 30	Tennessee District Rally & Convention
May 13-15	Kentucky Ride-In
May 19 – 21	Alabama District Rally & Convention
May 20 – 21	Region Ride-N Marion, VA
July 14 – 16	South Carolina District Rally & Convention
July 22 – 23	WV District Rally & Convention
August 18 – 20	Kentucky District Rally & Convention
August 31 – Sept 3	Wing Ding 38
September 22 – 24	North Carolina District Rally & Convention
October 6 -8 (not confirmed)...	Virginia District Rally & Convention
October ???	Mississippi District Rally & Convention
October 27 – 29	Region A Rally & Convention
November - - -	Region N Rally & Convention



"I UNDERSTAND THAT IT NEEDS TO BE WASHED, BUT WHY DO YOU HAVE TO WASH IT IN THE TUB?"



From Darrell and Alice– Membership Enhancement

Hello Fellow Wingers,

02/09/2016

Membership: the state of belonging to or being a part of a group or an organization: the state of being a member.

We are all members of a great organization called the “Gold Wing Road Riders Association” or as we like to acronym everything “GWRRA”. It sounds great to me when I say I am a member of the GWRRA. It tells me I have several thousand brothers and sisters across this country who have a lot of the same interests that I have. I ride a motorcycle to enjoy experiences I can’t get in a car or truck. When I became a member of the GWRRA I really started enjoying my motorcycle like I have never imagined I would have or could have. All of a sudden I was being exposed to opportunities to ride to places I have never heard of. Meet people I would not have met on my own, see things I would not have found on my own. All of this because I chose to become a member of the greatest motorcycle group ever. When you think about it, it’s almost like your extended family has grown by 100 x’s overnight. This riding season Alice and I already have several trips planned with our GWRRA group and I am especially looking forward to the District ride around West Virginia in May!

Keep all of this in mind and think about what you enjoy the most by being a “Member of GWRRA” and care enough to share all of this with someone else you know that has a motorcycle. Take the time to introduce them to our organization, invite them to one of our events or the chapter gathering. Let them see how much more fun they can have on their motorcycle with a group of wonderful people that enjoy our time on 2 wheels of maybe even 3 wheels.

GWRRA can continue to grow as we invite and add more riders to become members of our organization. Come on, don’t be selfish with our group, invite others to enjoy the fun.

Quote: **4 Wheels move the body, 2 Wheels move the soul!**

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

Membership Enhancement Coordinators

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There are a few fun events coming to a Chapter near you! Besides the rides and dinner rides that Roger already has planned there are some District events happening over the next few months. Let's take a peek at a few:

CPR class—Mike will be scheduling in the near future. Leah Cridlin also has 2 scheduled in northern KY and one in Radcliffe. We all need CPR to move up in the levels program, so check out these opportunities

An Officer Certification Program (OCP) will be taught if there is interest. This class has been rewritten to include the national policy changes. Any officer or individual interested in learning more about your organization is encouraged to participate.

A University Trainer Development Program (UTDP) will be taught for those interested in becoming a University Trainer (formerly Seminar Presenter). If you've been thinking about this, now is the time before the changes are implemented.

Mike and Dedre have been asked to help set up a motorcycle ride to support the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Woodford County. We do not have a date yet, but this year's ride will include lunch and a silent auction. Each of us has had someone close to us diagnosed with cancer, so we hope you will join us for this fundraiser either by riding or providing an item for the silent auction.

In April a bunch of us will be heading to Pigeon Forge TN for the Tennessee Spring Fling. Those Tennessee folks know how to throw a party! What a great place to ride as well. Ride, shop, eat, shop, ride, shop.....repeat! Join us April 28-30.

May will be a busy month with something happening every weekend. A Chapter ride, the District Ride In in Elizabethtown, the Region Ride N in Marion, VA and the District Perimeter ride around the state of West Virginia. I'll give you a sneak peek next month, or you can check the website calendar in the meantime.

I'll close by echoing Darrell's sentiments. I appreciate our GWRRA family and enjoy spending time with each of you!

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*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



We are off to a good start for our dinner gatherings in 2016. We had 17 people at Mancino's in January and also had 17 people show up at Red Robin on February 1st.

We also had a great turnout for our first Chapter Ride on January 31st. We had great weather and Mike was taking us on the same roads that he and I rode in December. Unfortunately, we did not finish the ride due to CW's accident. I was in the drag position on our ride and as we got into some curvy and hilly roads, I was enjoying the view from the rear watching everyone gliding around the turns and go up and down the hills. It was an impressive sight until we got up the hill and around the turn where I saw the group stopped and CW off the road.

We were fortunate that Mike was with us and took control of caring for CW's injuries. The rest of the group tried to get in touch with the 911 operators and also tried to make certain no one else came up on the scene and possibly caused another crash. It was an event that I hope we never experience again but we have to try to learn from these experiences.

One lesson I learned, that I keep going over in my head is we cannot take our safety for granted as we ride. It is easy to become complacent and lose focus and end up in danger. Another lesson I learned was we all need to pay attention to where we are. Mike knew where we were but I am betting the rest of us were just following along. That was one of the questions we had to answer for the 911 operators. We have GPS on the bikes and on our phones but we need to also make our own mental notes about turns we make, etc.

I am continuing to work on our ride schedule. I wanted to let you know about some of the dates in advance. The [Cruise for Kids](#) ride that benefits All God's Children is planned for June 4th. If you register by May 20, you get a free T-shirt.

Back by popular demand is our Co-Rider Choice ride on July 30. The co-riders get to pick the destination. For those of you who do not remember the rules for this ride, I found them in a previous newsletter article and copied them here in hopes that they will be followed this time (Especially the shopping rule!). More rules may be added later and must be approved by the Ride Coordinator (me). The current rules are:

If shopping is involved, the total shopping time is limited to 1 hour unless shopping for motorcycle parts or sporting goods is involved. Obviously any purchases must be able to fit safely on the bike without having to remove any equipment already present. This does not apply to purchases of motorcycle parts or sporting goods which may be shipped if they will not safely fit on the bike.

When we stop to eat, real meat entrees must be on the menu.

The total travel time must exceed 90 minutes. (no short rides to Hamburg or Fayette Mall)*

Co-riders, please contact Karen if you plan to attend the ride and have suggestions for the ride. I will do my best to help plan the route and I promise to keep it a mystery.

Other events that are coming up include:

March 5 – I will choose a route later, depending on the weather

March 10 – Dinner at Cracker Barrel on Newtown Pike

March 19 – Ride to DQ in Eminence, Kentucky

April 2 – Ride to the [Underground Railroad Museum](#) in Maysville, Kentucky

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/>

*To my fellow co-riders—just like the last co-rider's choice, these rules will be adjusted as the day progresses!



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 at sometime.