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## March 2016

Can you believe last month we were still talking about winter setting in and snow, and all those evil wet words. Thankfully, spring has arrived along with some great riding temperatures. It is time to shake the dust off your bike, change the oil and do a good TCLOC getting prepared for this years riding season.

CW is finally home and doing well! Please keep up your prayers as he continues to recover, and that Pat can keep her sanity at the same time. :)

We have made several chapter gatherings since last month, as the trend seems to be that the chapter with the most people ( that means they get an extra ticket) wins the Traveling Plaque. Dedre and I will continue to visit, but it would be really nice to have more of the chapter go with us. Hopefully, the warmer temps will bring you out of the closet so to say!

The Tennessee Spring Fling is next month and the KY District Ride around West Virginia is the end of May. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible. And please drop me a line so I may track how many we have going. I will need to arrange for more leads and drags if the group gets any bigger.

Please ride safe, do your safety checks, wear all the GEAR all the time, and keep it between the little lines on the road.

*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

## C.B. Radios

The CB radio is an extremely useful and important component and tool for effective group riding with KYC. We normally use channel 1 unless notified otherwise by our road captain. There are many types of information that is relayed using the CB radio including road conditions and obstructions, hazards, pit stops, lane changes, and emergency situations. It is also a crucial tool for the road captain and drag to implement in order to keep our formation safe and together.

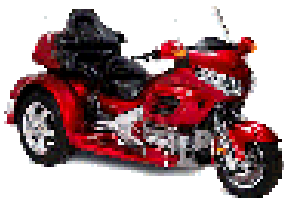
When you want to transmit information to your group, insure that there is nobody else transmitting before you start talking. You do not want to interfere with or possibly block the transmission of another rider. Important information that is being transmitted could be blocked from the road captain or the drag. This could result in the compromising of our safety on the ride.

Your voice on the CB radio can possibly be distorted for several reasons. The installation of your equipment or the clarity of your microphone could cause your transmission to be unclear. Be sure that you use your normal voice when you use the CB radio because increasing your volume can lead to added distortion. Speak slowly and distinctly into the microphone and make sure that you do not speak louder than you normally do.

If you are aware that your CB is malfunctioning please don't use it until you can get it repaired. The static could block incoming transmissions that are safety related. It is crucial that the road captain and the drag have CB radios that are clear and easy to receive as their information is imperative for a smooth and safe ride.

Courtesy is another rule of correct CB usage. We all need to show courtesy and respect while transmitting on our CBs. Profanity should never be practiced. Also, it may be appropriate to identify yourself with your name or bike location before transmitting. This is helpful if there are new riders joining in or to insure that the group knows who is speaking.

If you do not have a CB radio installed on your Goldwing, you should always ride in the middle of the group. The road captain and drag will use the CB radio for information and instructions and use hand signals if necessary for those without a radio. Although a radio is very useful and helpful in group riding, it is not an absolute necessity. We just want everyone to have fun and be safe along the way.



Ride Safe,

Alan Ernest

KYC Educator

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# 2016 GWRRA Region N Convention Schedule

## Event Schedule Region "A" & Region N

Date	Event
March 31 – April 2 .....	Louisiana District Rally & Convention
April 21 – 23 .....	Georgia District Rally & Convention
April 28 – 30 .....	Tennessee District Rally & Convention
May 20 - 21 .....	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



## **From Darrell and Alice– Membership Enhancement**

Hello Fellow Wingers,

03/10/16

I am sure you have all heard the expression “between a rock and a hard place”; well we are about there now. The between I am talking about is being between winter and summer. This is the time of year to step back from your motorcycle, take a deep breath and decide if it is time to do all the things to your bike that you have been thinking about. Things like new tires, changing the oil and filter, changing the rear drive grease, upgrading your head and tail lights, replacing worn brake rotors and disk brake pads, getting that Ultimate seat that you have been dreaming about since Wing Ding.

I think you get the picture, that if we are not careful and do some planning the full riding season will be upon us and we have not completed our check list. I had new tires and wheel bearings added to my bike last spring so I felt safe riding to Huntsville Alabama for Wing Ding. My bike was in the shop about 5 days so I did not miss out on too many riding days but if you wait too long the wait at the shop can increase do to more procrastinators taking their bikes in for work. Our District ride to West Virginia is about 2.5 months away and that time will fly by.

Please keep in mind that Engine service, tire and brake inspections are some of the important things to do to keep you safe during our next riding season. The April Wing World has a good article on choosing tires for you Gold Wing.

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 gatherings or dinners. We need to share the secret as to why we walk around with a big grin on our face.

**Quote: “As long as I can hold it up, I’ll ride”**

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

Membership Enhancement Coordinators

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# GOO'S TOOL BOX

## ETHANOL LABELING

None of our beloved Honda Gold Wings or the other marquis of motorcycles and off-road vehicle engines are designed to use fuels with more than 10% (E-10) ethanol content. Use of Flex-Fuels containing more than 10% will cause fuel system damage and void engine warranties.

The advent of 10% ethanol gasoline fuel presents numerous problems for our late model highly computer managed fuel systems in our trusty GL1500 and GL1800 Gold Wings. The earlier 4 cylinder models are a lot more forgiving than the 6 cylinder models but still should avoid fuels with high percentage of ethanol even with the so called fuel additives.

A recent ruling by the Federal Trade Commission did not do enough to protect consumers with its new ethanol label ruling that will start showing up at retail locations on or about July 14<sup>th</sup> of this year. Motorcyclists remain at risk of inadvertently misfueling with some of the higher Flex-Fuel ethanol blends (as much as 40%). Studies show that a lot of the general public shop fuel by price and pay little attention to the ethanol content percentage. The E-15 label will still be marked on pumps, but pumps dispensing higher ethanol blends will be labeled "Use Only In Flex-Fuel Vehicles". This means more ethanol gasoline blends sharing the same pumps with the common 3 octane grades of E-10, E-15 and diesel.

Another ruling affecting E-10 is the retailers do not know the exact ethanol percentage of the fuel being dispensed. The FTC now allows for the percentage to be rounded to the nearest 10. So the next time you fuel your Wing that E-10 blend maybe E-8 to E-12. Pay attention to the grade labeling at the pump and make sure you do use any gasoline grade that has wording or similar phrases for "FLEX-FUEL VEHICLES ONLY"

Russ "La GOO" Bell  
Technical Advisor

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Remember:  
Roosters at Man O War and Nicholasville Road. We eat at 11 and meet at 12 noon. Ride following our gathering weather permitting.



**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

We had a great time on our ride to Bardstown after our February chapter gathering. The plan was to head to Baskin Robbins for ice cream but we changed plans and decided to go to Mammy's Kitchen for some homemade pie instead. We were disappointed when we walked to Mammy's only to find an empty building so we headed to Baskin Robbins. We found out Mammy's has moved so the good news is they are not closed for good.

In my last newsletter article, I stated that the Co-Rider's Choice ride was being added to the schedule on July 30th. I also reminded everyone about the simple rules for the ride. What I did not plan for was the editorial comment that was added to the article stating "To my fellow co-riders—just like the last co-rider's choice, these rules will be adjusted as the day progresses!" I am sure you can probably guess which newsletter editor added that comment (HINT: It was Dedre).

Since the original simple rules allowed for too much "adjustment" I have decided to define some new rules that will hopefully make the day more enjoyable for all and will help us try to control the amount of adjustments made to the rules. I have tried to be fair to both the riders and co-riders. I am sure there will be some negotiations and compromises throughout the day but hopefully these rules will help the riders and co-riders have a great day. Here are the new rules:

The Minimum Ride Time (MRT) will be 1.5 times the amount of time spent on any activity (besides riding or eating) that occurs during the day. The MRT must be greater than 1.5 hours. Examples of these activities include shopping or making crafts. Any ride time not used on this trip will be added to the MRT for the next Co-Rider's Choice ride. For example, if the activity time on this trip is 2 hours, the MRT is 3 hours. If we only ride for 2 hours then the next Co-Rider Choice MRT will start at 2.5 hours (1.5 hours default time added to 1 hour carry over time)

If crafts are involved, the riders are allowed to opt-out of the activity with no penalties at the time of the ride or in the future. If the riders choose to opt-out and take a ride, the amount of that ride time will be deducted from the MRT.

Additional activity time can be exchanged for food treats for the riders. The amount of time is directly related to the quality and quantity of the treat. The Ride Coordinator, or his sub, has the final say in the amount of time exchanged. The amount of activity time exchanged for treats will not count in the calculation of the MRT.

Co-Riders, by definition must be on the bikes throughout the ride and not carpooling. Some exceptions may be made and are to be approved by the Ride Coordinator or his sub.

Keep in mind these rules are being created during tax season in an election year. If I'm not careful I may need an accountant and a lawyer to try to help with all of the calculations, carry overs, exceptions, exemptions, etc. I think I can see how our tax code has gotten so complicated.

I am sure there will be attempts to add some editorial comments to this article so let me state that even with the rule adjustments in the last Co-Rider's Choice ride I think everyone had a great time. We rode to Berea, shopped, ate some fudge and ice cream, had lunch (yes we did it in that order) shopped some

more and then stopped at Kentucky Motorsports and Outdoors and shopped some more. I think we even worked in a trip across the Valley View Ferry. It was a fun day.

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 19 – Ride to DQ in Eminence, Kentucky

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

April 5 – Dinner at Joe Bologna's in Lexington

April 16 – Ride to Opals in McKee, 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/>

### **And we have a few words form Dedre!**

-Gosh, can you believe the newsletter editor left this space for Dedre to follow Roger's article about the upcoming Co-Rider's choice ride?!?!?!? Roger, never fear! I just happen to be that accountant who will be more than happy to help you figure those MRT calculations! How nice of you to ask for help! So, fellow Co-riders, let's put our thinking caps on for a good ride. Since so few of us are going to Wing Ding this year, would you be up for an overnight ride? I've heard good things about Brown County, IN. (And don't tell the guys, but there's an outlet mall close by too). We would want to come up with a backup plan in case the weather is not conducive for an overnight ride. Maybe a ride to Simpsonville via Our Best Restaurant in Smithfield? (They'll be so full they won't mind resting in the shade on a bench at Bluegrass Outlets) Does anyone have a favorite county festival that we need to see? Let's come up with a plan ladies!

SAVE THE DATE! Friday, April 1. We need a bunch of folks to visit Chapter H in Shelbyville, KY. Chapter H brought the Region N Wandering Plaque back to Kentucky. Let's go get it!

The Kentucky Traveling Plaque was won by Chapter G so it will be available Tuesday April 12 in Florence. Future emails will provide meeting times and places for both of these adventures.

The next overnight event is the TN Spring Fling April 28-30. We will discuss who is going when so we can try to travel in groups to ride more safely. It's back in Pigeon Forge again, so there will be fun times, good riding and SHOPPING! (Yes ladies, a car will be going as well.)

I will have the most recent shirt orders available to pick up at our next gathering. I've already gotten another shirt request so I'll be placing another order shortly. Does anyone else want a shirt while I'm ordering?



## 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.