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Just in case you missed it, we had an incredible September! We had a lot of rides in September and have continued that into October. We had 10 chapter members go to Wings over the Smokies and I can tell you we had a wonderful time. The weather was fantastic, the roads were great and we had a really, really good time. If you haven't ridden the Blue Ridge Parkway, put that on your bucket list. What a ride! Between Cherokee and Asheville we found a wonderful place to eat. At Mount Pisgah we found a gift shop, nature area and one of the best places to eat I have ever been to!! The scenery outside was absolutely incredible. The rally was help under a big top tent and North Carolina really put on an impressive weekend.

As fall continues to set in, be mindful of hazards along the roadways. The trees in fall color look great, but not on the roads where accidents may happen. Be vigilant at times.

We are in the process of planning your chapter Christmas party. Please make plans accordingly for early December. We will keep you posted on the day, time and location. At our November gathering we will take nominations for your next Couple of the Year. Please be thinking about what couple you feel would best exemplify Chapter C for 2016. Till next time, ride safe and enjoy the weather!

Mike and Dedre VanHoose





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Paris, KY

Please join us as we
welcome our newest

Riding in Bad Weather

Riding a motorcycle in inclement weather can pose a challenge for even experienced riders. Take it easy on your brakes and throttle and always complete turns before accelerating. It's imperative to avoid sudden movements because your tires won't be able to grip the road as they usually do. When making a turn, slow down beforehand instead of braking for corners. In addition, reduce your risk of skidding by using engine braking for junctions and corners. Engine braking is letting go of the clutch and allowing the engines RPM to drop so you slow down naturally.

When it starts to rain, it's safest to align your bike with tire tracks left by cars. The tire tracks are likely to be less slick than the center of the road. If your rear wheels lock you run the risk of losing control of your bike. If you lock up, release the rear brake and immediately reapply it (repeat if needed) in order to make your stopping distance as short as possible on a slippery surface. If other vehicles are in front of you, be sure to maintain a distance of a few car lengths ahead to allow for more reaction time in these changing conditions.

In inclement weather always wear brightly colored clothing and reflection gear. Also use orange or yellow fog lights. Trigger your brake lights frequently to help other drivers be able to see your motorcycle. Use your low beam headlight when it's difficult to see through the mist. Maintain your distance and speed because you will need to increase your reaction time when braking. Always avoid sudden stops and use engine braking as often as possible. Let the tail lights of the car ahead of you help you navigate. Although these tail lights can be helpful, don't rely too heavily on them as it can give you a false sense of security. Your dependence on another driver to show you the way can spell trouble very quickly - just use other drivers as a point of reference on the road.

Often in bad weather we are inclined to go faster so we can reach our destination as soon as possible. If the weather is bad and your vision is compromised please go slowly and take all precautions so you will reach your destination safely!!! It is imperative to ride safely regardless of the weather conditions but inclement weather presents challenges requiring added concentration and caution.

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What a great time we had at Wings Over the Smokies! We learned that they are moving to a new date and location next year. It will be the last weekend in September and they are moving to the fairgrounds in Waynesville, NC. We went through it on our ride, and it seems like a nice town.

The next event on our calendar is the Region N Fall Finale. For the first time in a long time, Region N is having a rally! It is November 4th and 5th in Johnson City, TN. Look for the registration form on gwrra.org. Select the region map and click on Region N to get to their website. The registration form is there. Let us know if you're heading down.

We tried really hard to get the traveling plaque last weekend! Friday night we were at Shelbyville Chapter H. Chapter A won the plaque. Their meeting was the next day so a bunch went to Louisville to try again. Chapter H won the plaque. If Chapter H doesn't change their meeting date because of the Region N Fall Finale, it will be November 4. We will need folks to go to Chapter H's meeting to try to capture the plaque as Mike and I will be in Johnson City. We'll keep you apprised of the date.

November is our time to nominate a Couple of the Year for our Chapter for 2017. Look around at our October gathering and see who will be our Chapter Ambassadors for next year.

Dedre VanHoose



Birthdays

Lily Broome	11/09
Lane Hait	10/06
Alice Hampton	10/21
Helena Taulbee	10/11

Anniversaries

Roy and Helena Taulbee	10/21
Mike and Dedre VanHoose	10/10

Save the Date!

Bluegrass Wings

Christmas Party

Thursday,

December 1

6:30pm

The Chop House

2640 Richmond Rd.

Lexington, KY

We have the private room in

the back of the restaurant.

Look forward to a night of

fun, good friends, good food

and Dirty Santa!

(bring a gift valued at \$15-

\$20 and let the stealing

begin!)



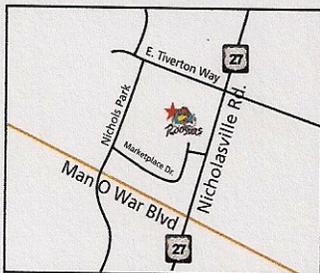
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Hello Fellow Wingers,

10/07/16

October rolled in while we were sleeping, can you believe the year is $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way over. Heading into the fall riding season brings some challenges for bike riders in the form of an early setting sun and darkness rolling in earlier. Some bike riders are afraid to ride after dark. I can understand this as it makes it more difficult to see what road conditions you have ahead of you and also the approaching headlights can glare in your eyes and make it difficult to see at all. I read an article a couple of years ago written by Wes Siler who gave some very good advice on the Dangers of Darkness. I'll try to cover some of the advice he gives but in a shorter version

Increase your vision-by making sure your headlights are properly adjusted so they shine approx. 50 to 80 yards down the road on low beam. Sounds obvious but make sure your headlight lens is clean and free of moisture. If you still have stock bulbs you could look into upgrading to either HID or LED bulbs. Its best to have a dealer install any light upgrades, as they better understand the focus of the bulb and the headlight lens. You don't just want bright but you need the beam focused on the road surface.

Address the Dangers – If a car is coming at you on a dark road with its high beam on then focus on the white line on the right side of the road to avoid looking into the light beams. You can use the headlight beams of the car in front of you to look further ahead on the road. Another danger to be aware of is drunk drivers on the road . If you are riding after the local bars close then be extra careful for cars driving in unpredictable manners and give them plenty of room. Be especially careful at red lights, stop signs and at intersections, where impaired drivers are known to speed thru without stopping. Flash your brake lights while stopped, keep your bike in gear, look in your mirrors and be ready to move out of the way. Be careful of animals at night, as they tend to cross the roads late evening to early morning.

Because you'll have a harder time spotting debris, your chance of puncturing a tire increases. If you have a tube tire you can install Slime in them right now and it will help prevent punctures. If you have the more common tubeless tire then carry a can of Fix-A-Flat. It should allow you to ride to a much safer place to fix the tire properly. Remember no matter what conditions you ride in only ride as fast as you can safely see what's ahead of you.

And again I want to remind you to invite that neighbor or friend that has a bike to come to our chapter meeting and see what fun we have.

Quote: **You Meet the Nicest People on a Honda!**

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

Membership Enhancement Coordinators

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From our Ride Coordinator and Webmaster– Roger Early

We made some changes to our ride schedule since the last newsletter. We were planning to ride to Mammy's Kitchen in Bardstown but that was also when they were having their Bourbon festival so to avoid the crowds, we switched the September and October rides. We were planning to ride to Winchester for some frozen yogurt after our September gathering but had to cancel due to the threat of storms.

We had good time at the North Carolina District Rally, Wings Over the Smokies in Cherokee, North Carolina. We rode to Cherokee on Thursday and on Friday we rode part of the Blue Ridge Parkway and then enjoyed a ride on US 276 and stopped at the Looking Glass Falls for a few minutes. US 276 is on the bucket list of rides recommended by RoadRunner magazine. It was a great road with plenty of curves. We stayed at the rally on Saturday and enjoyed the vendors and the drill teams. Sunday we had a fun ride back home. My odometer showed about 750 miles for the total trip.

We stopped at an overlook on the way to Cherokee:



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

- October 15th – Ride to Mammy's Kitchen in Bardstown
- October 29th – Ride to Whistle Stop Restaurant in Glendale, Ky
- November 4th and 5th – Region N Fall Finale in Johnson City Tennessee
- November 7th – Dinner at Copper Creek Grill in Nicholasville
- November 19th – Mystery Ride after our Chapter Gathering

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/>

Here is part of the group at the Looking Glass Falls.



We had a great turnout for our dinner at DaVinci's Pizza in Frankfort. The food was great and we also enjoyed the ride to and from Frankfort. I am sure we will return in the future since the food was so good.



See anyone you remember in the picture?

What a view we had from
this overlook!



Like I said, the view was absolutely
incredible!

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 Frisch's 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 visit them all sometime.