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## June 2018

Good day Chapter C!

Summer is finally here!! Our time to ride is finally upon us and I for one am tired of the rain. Dedre and I just returned from our vacation and as most of you know, we sold our Illusion Blue trike to Dennis North. In turn, we bought a hot rod yellow 2005 GL 1800 with a Motor Trike kit on it. We have a little touching up to do, but we will have it up to par soon. Hey, it matches our trailer!

Roger has a great ride set up for this coming weekend to General Butler. With the weather being so nice, if slightly humid, we should have a good day. Chapter G won the Traveling Plaque last weekend and now Chapter H has it. It will be available the first Friday of July.

Coming up are the Kentucky Blast, Wing Ding, and Wings Over The Smokies. It would be great to have a big group of Chapter C go.

Our 35th Chapter C Anniversary party is September 22 at the Falling Springs Center in Versailles. We will have a live band, games, food and FUN. Come on down from 11:00 until 4:00 pm and join the party with us.

See ya'll Saturday at our next gathering!!



## From our Ride Coordinators — Roger and Dennis

Since my last article, we have had 2 rides and 2 dinner rides on the schedule. The first dinner ride was to Gibby's in Frankfort but I had a conflict and could not attend. I always enjoy the food at Gibby's, so I am sure the group had good food and hopefully a great ride.

We were scheduled to ride to the Great Salt Peter Preserve in Mt. Vernon after our May gathering but it was cancelled due to rain. I was available for that ride so my streak that I mentioned in my last article still seems to be holding. We seem to get bad weather when I am available to ride.

We had a ride planned for June 2<sup>nd</sup> to visit the Wolf Creek Dam and National Fish Hatchery. I was not available for that ride and the weather was great. Unfortunately, I canceled the ride because there was a Fishing Derby for kids that day which meant it would have been very crowded. I started to pick a new destination, but I did not have a Road Captain available, so I decided to cancel it. I have added back to the schedule on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

We rode to DaVinci's Pizza in Frankfort on June 5<sup>th</sup>. I was able to join the ride and the weather was great. After dinner, we rode to the Vietnam Memorial in Frankfort and then took some backroads through Midway and finally back into Lexington. I hope my streak of bad weather is over, the weather that night was fantastic.

The events that are coming up include:

- June 16 – Ride to General Butler State Park
- July 7 – Ride to the Murals in Portsmouth, Ohio
- July 12 – Dinner at Jerry's in Paris (one of our sponsors)
- July 21 – Ride to Big Bone Lick State Park
- August 4 – Ride to Wolf Creek Dam and National Fish Hatchery
- August 7 – Dinner at the Cattleman's Roadhouse in Danville
- August 10 through 12 – Overnight Ride to Pine Mountain State Park
- August 16 through 18 – The Blast
- August 28 through September 1 – Wing Ding in Knoxville
- September 13 – Dinner at Casa Café in Richmond
- September 15 – Ride to the Kentucky Fudge Company in Harrodsburg
- September 27 through 29 – Wings Over the Smokies

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 District 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/>





Hello Fellow Wingers,

06/12/18

June has finally rolled around and you can see motorcycles everywhere now. It is for sure riding weather and one of your top priorities is being safe while riding. It has been a long cold winter this year and people might not be looking for motorcycles on the road yet. I read an article on motorcycle safety a few days ago and would like to share it with all of you. The article was written for a home safety newsletter by Aaron Gunderson back in 2014 but his safety tips still ring true today.

## 10 Motorcycle Safety Tips Every Rider Should Know

[Aaron Gunderson](#) | Jan 2, 2014 | [Safety Tips](#)

[Home Safety News](#) 10 Motorcycle Safety Tips Every Rider Should Know

There's no denying that motorcycles are cool, fun and fuel-efficient. But it's also true that riding a motorcycle is more risky than driving a car.

The reality is, a crash as a motorcyclist is about 30 times more likely to be fatal than as a motorist, according to the [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety](#) (IIHS).

There are plenty of dedicated riders who are able to steer clear of accidents and enjoy their bikes without incident – but their success comes from following basic motorcycle safety practices. To make sure you stay on the safe side of riding, here are ten ways to keep your rides incident-free.

### 1. Gear up.

Contrary to popular belief, looking cool is not the top priority when getting on your bike. No matter how hot it is outside, shorts, a T-shirt and sandals are not proper riding attire. Even jeans provide minimal protection against injury and road rash if you happen to slide. You can go for extreme protection with leathers or reinforced jackets, pants and boots.

Glasses or goggles are a must if you have an open-faced helmet and to protect your hands, you should always wear gloves. In warm weather there is specially designed gear that is intended for ventilation and cooling. And, it should go without saying, never ride without a DOT-approved helmet. It doesn't matter if you look silly because it will help keep you alive.

### 2. Stay in the comfort zone.

Know your abilities and make sure that neither your chosen route nor motorcycle is more than you can handle. Your bike should fit you; that means that your feet should be able to rest flat on the ground when seated – no tiptoes. And if the bike feels too heavy for you, it probably is.

You want to be able to easily get on and off your motorcycle and the handlebars and controls should be easy for you to reach. The more familiar you are with your route, the easier it will be for you to focus on safety instead of not missing a turn. And if you're riding with a group, don't push yourself just to keep up with the pack. Always ride to your comfort level, not theirs.

### 3. Inspect your ride.

Give your bike a good once-over before hitting the road. Things you should check out every time you get on your motorcycle include tire pressure, mirrors and lights. Taking a quick walk around your bike will give you an idea if there are any loose bolts, leaks or other potential mechanical hazards.

You also need to be diligent about regular care and maintenance. Don't delay fixing something that needs attention, conduct all recommended regular maintenance including oil changes, chain and suspension adjustments, and stay on top of brake pad and tire wear.

#### **4. Use your head.**

While mirrors are there for a reason, you can't solely rely on them to remain aware of what is in your immediate riding space. To keep cognizant of your surroundings and your position in relationship to those around you, you need to use your head.

Experienced riders know that it's important to keep your head and eyes up while rounding corners and that the safest way to change lanes is to actually turn and look over your shoulder to make sure you are clear. You will also be able to get a feeling for whether other drivers are paying attention to you.

#### **5. Watch the road.**

As a motorcyclist, you need to pay attention to the road you are riding on. Err on the side of caution when going into curves; be vigilant for potential gravel or other unstable road conditions. Be careful when crossing rail road tracks because the paint can be slippery – the same goes for the white lines at stoplights.

#### **6. Find your happy place.**

One of the biggest dangers to a rider is getting on your bike in the wrong state of mind. Riding angry, drowsy or distracted can be a recipe for disaster. Remember, when you're on a motorcycle you are ultimately the only one on the road looking out for you. If your mind and emotions are anywhere other than the road ahead, you are susceptible to making rookie mistakes that can end in a crash, injuries or worse.

#### **7. Know the forecast.**

Weather is a regular foil to perfect driving conditions and the dangers of wet or icy roads multiply when you're on two wheels. Not only do you have half the stability of a car, but the lack of a windshield and your body's exposure to driving rain add to the risk.

Lack of visibility is a rider's worst nightmare and until you've been caught on your bike in the rain you will never understand just how much being pelted by rain drops at 50 or even 30 miles per hour can hurt.

#### **8. Make sure two isn't a crowd.**

Who doesn't want to cruise around with a hottie riding on back? But you need to make sure you are comfortable with a passenger and also make sure that your passenger knows how to do their part to make sure the ride stays safe and sexy. Something safe and sweet is ensuring your passenger has the right gear.

They need a helmet, protective clothing and the right shoes. You also need to make sure they know what to do when you turn corners or need to stop. It might be a good idea to take a test run together in a safe environment like a parking lot before hitting the open road or the stop-and-go of city traffic.

#### **9. Brake for motorcycles.**

Just because you're on a motorcycle doesn't make it any easier for you to see other motorcycles. Always double-check when changing lanes or turning. You also need to practice braking in all sorts of conditions.

To make sure that a quick stop won't result in tragedy, always give extra space to the vehicles in front of you and know how to stop on a dime without locking your brakes. In fact, you might want to upgrade to anti-lock brakes. According to IIHS research, having ABS brakes on your bike can reduce your chances of being in a fatal accident by 37 percent.



## 10. Spread the love

There's no denying that motorcycles are often overlooked or regarded as the second-class citizens of the road. As a rider, you have the chance to help make that different. When you're on the road, always drive as if you are an ambassador for motorcyclists everywhere.

Ride with courtesy, care and awareness that you are representing motorcycles for those around you. Don't let an urge to prove a point or retaliate against an inconsiderate driver overwhelm your better judgment – after all, that takes away all the joy, which is why you're riding in the first place.

When all is said and done it boils down to this: wear your gear, know your bike and know your abilities. You can't control your environment but you can control how you react to it. What other tips do you have to stay safe and sane on two wheels?

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. Also remember now it does not matter what type of bike they have as all bikes are welcome.

**Quote: "Sometimes you need a really crooked road to get your head straight"**

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton



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**Chapter C  
35th Anniversary  
9/22/2018  
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Falling Springs Center  
Versailles, Kentucky**



**Come enjoy food, music, games and fellowship.  
Lunch(BBQ, sides & desserts) will begin at 12:00.  
Music by Puncheon Creek from 1:00 to 2:00.  
All members, past and present, are welcome!**



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## Wing Ding 2018

If you are in the planning stage of Wing Ding 2018, good news; Wing Ding 40 will be in Knoxville, TN.

This is a wonderful venue and close to home. Yo Kentucky, let's take some Kentucky attitude down there and enjoy the show!!

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From our District Educator

Bill Mucha



Article from Insight Newsletter June 2018 by

Chuck & Melanie Geggie

Assistant Director of Rider Education, Rider Courses

One of the cornerstones of the GWRRR Rider Education Program is the Rider Course. We are excited about the improvements our rider courses have undergone in the last two years. All the curriculums have been updated to be “user friendly” and more oriented to adult learners. Your experience at one of our Rider Courses should no longer make you feel as if you were back in Junior High School listening to the teacher drone on. We feel that the Rider Courses we now offer as part of GWRRR’s “World Class” Rider Education Program are on par with others in the industry.

GWRRR currently offers “On-Bike” training for traditional 2-wheel motorcycles (ARC), most styles of trikes (TRC), motorcycles with the add-on kits (AORC), and sidecar rigs (SRC) as well as two wheel (TC) and three-wheel motorcycles (TTRC) pulling trailers. All of our full Rider Courses offer a classroom component covering the findings from the “Hurt Report” showing that accident involved motorcyclists were deficient in the skills of cornering, swerving, and stopping. The classrooms also discuss, in depth, the mental aspect of riding.

On the range skills involving stopping, swerving, and cornering are practiced using the participant’s own motorcycle.

In addition to the courses with a full classroom, GWRRR also offers a 2-wheel Recertification class (ARC-R) and a 3-wheel Recertification class (TRC-R). All GWRRR courses count as “approved rider courses” for the Rider Education Levels Program.

However, the Recertification courses must be alternated with full courses that include a classroom.

We know that there are times when GWRRR courses are difficult to find in your District. An acceptable alternative is to enroll in one of the courses offered as part of your state Motorcycle Safety Program. Most of these programs offer courses from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

Some states (Oregon, Ohio, Idaho, and others) offer courses they have developed on their own and are equally as good. A list of the courses that GWRRR approves for use in the Levels Program can be found on the Rider Education website in the Toolbox.

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## 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 Roosters, 5338 Bardstown Road. They eat at 11:00 and meet at 12:00.



**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 Dave and Busters, 781 Heights Blvd, Florence. They eat at 6 and meet at 7.



**Chapter H** Meet on the 1st Friday of the month at the UK Shelby County Extension Office, 1117 Frankfort Road, Shelbyville, KY 40065 Meet @ 7:00pm



**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



**Chapter T** Meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Carriage House Ramada Inn Paintsville, KY. Meet @ 6:00



**Chapter Y** Meet on the 1st Thursday at Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S. 6th St. Mayfield, KY 42066. Eat at 6:00, Meet @ 7:00

**Look at the Chapter Gathering days as we will try and visit them all sometime.**