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## July 2018

Good day Chapter C!

Wow, we have started the sum! Roger set up a ride to the Portsmouth Murals and we had a big crew go on the ride. The day was beautiful and the ride even better. The history on the murals was extraordinary.

Next, we had a dinner ride to Jerry's in Paris and as usual, the food was excellent and the time with friends even more valuable. Alan and Shea were welcoming as usual.

With July quickly coming to an end, and summer really getting under way rally season is ramping up. The KY Blast is only a month away, Wing Ding 2 weeks later, and Wings Over the Smokies 4 weeks later.

The KY Blast falls on our monthly gathering day. We will hold our gathering at the normal time and location.

We are looking forward to the chapter ride to the Pine Mountain State Park on August 10th and 11th. Roger has set up a great ride, as a chapter we owe Roger a great big thank you for he has done for us. In case you are not aware, Roger has stepped down as our Ride Coordinator. Let's let him know how much he was appreciated for his 6 years on the chapter team.



## From our Ride Coordinators — Roger and Dennis

After our last gathering we had a beautiful sunny day to ride to General Butler State Park. It was a hot day so once we got to the lodge, we enjoyed the view from the lodge as well as the air conditioning. We relaxed in the lodge for a while and then headed to Owenton and a stop at McDonalds for some food and to cool down again. The last leg of the trip was from Owenton on Route 227. We enjoyed the curves on 227 and finally made it home.



On July 7, we had 12 bikes ride to see the murals on the floodwall in Portsmouth, Ohio. I believe this is the most bikes we have had on a chapter ride, at least in my time in the chapter. The weather was perfect, low 80's and low humidity. Thanks to everyone who participated. It was a great day and the murals are always amazing. This is my third time to visit the murals and each time I find something that I missed on the previous trips.

The events that are coming up include:

- 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,

07/13/18

July, Wow month #7 on the calendar so you better enjoy that bike while the weather holds. But you know with summer months we also get a chance to take some time and visit family and friends and not always are we able to take our motorcycles.

When your taking those family vacations in the car I bet you notice just about every group of bikers that go by and your thoughts might be “I wonder where their heading” or “wish that was me riding along with them”. Whatever goes through your mind you might notice something else with the groups. The majority of the time you see groups riding together, they are generally dressed or suited up the same as each other. We think of ourselves as individuals, maybe a little maverick or rebel for riding a motorcycle. But we tend to follow the group when it comes to appearance. Alice and I traveled to Indiana a few weeks ago for a graduation party for a niece that had graduated from Purdue University, “Congratulations Daniel”. I was surprised at how many motorcycle riders in Indiana ride without a helmet. I even saw one guy with sandals and a muscle shirt on even though he was rather skinny. Talk about taking a chance on getting your body chewed up by pavement if you go down for any reason.

I know during those “Hot” summer days when you can’t ride fast enough to cool off it is a tough choice to wear something that is hot and making you sweat. Well, consider trying some of the rider safety gear that offers a way to flow air thru it or covers a little less. Some of the new mesh jackets are ideal for this type of weather and still protects your skin from the rock that gets tossed from a monster truck tire or the huge bug that feels like a “BB” when it hits you at 75 mph. Wearing DOT approved half helmets can also help you enjoy the breeze and still ride on the safe side. Whatever rider protection you use just stay safe and enjoy your motorcycle.

Quote: **On a motorcycle no one ever asks “Are we there yet”!**

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

Membership Enhancement Coordinators

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## Let's ride West Virginia!!

Chapter C, are you ready for a FUN weekend riding the roads of West Virginia? I have made arrangements for us and anyone that wants to join us to enjoy the scenery of West Virginia from Hawks Nest State Park. We will ride over on May 29th and ride out to different destinations everyday. We will have 4 nights coming home on June 2nd. Among the sights we will enjoy are the Green Bank Radio Observatory and the Cass Scenic Railroad. Hawks Nest actually overlooks the New River and also has a ferry and cable car ride up the mountains with some beautiful scenery. I will provide additional information as it come available. You can call Hawks Nest State Park at 304-658-5212, extension 1520 to make your reservations. I have blocked off 15 rooms under Bluegrass Wings. They have given us a 20% discount on the room prices for our group. I urge you to make reservations as soon as you can in order to reserve your room. According to Hawks Nest, they book up very early. Our booking offer will expire on December 31 for any unclaimed rooms. This will be a great adventure!!

**Mike VanHoose**  
**Director, Chapter C**  
**Bluegrass Wings**



Chapter C at the Portsmouth Murals

A quick note from Dedre:

At our Saturday gathering we will have a quick talk about our upcoming overnight adventure—Pine Mountain. If you can't attend the gathering, please email Dedre so I can include you on the email notifications ([dedrej2@aol.com](mailto:dedrej2@aol.com))

We will also discuss who is going to Wing Ding and when so we can hopefully travel in groups.

I've had a request to order shirts—is there any others that want to purchase a Chapter C embroidered shirt?

Speaking of shirts.....Mike had a great Father's Day gift this year from our daughter Sabrina. Many of you saw the Goldwing logo shirt that he wore to the Portsmouth murals. We will have some samples at the next gathering and you will be able to place an order with Sabrina if you would like one also.

Thanks to all who have volunteered to bring the goodie plate to our gatherings! I think everyone really enjoys a little sweet treat after lunch, so I would like to continue the practice.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday!



**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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**Birthdays**

Sam Carneal            07/22  
Jeff Sullivan            08/11

**Anniversaries**

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Dennis and Sherry North    08/04

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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



### What If You Drag A Peg?

**If you react instinctively you probably won't recover By: James R. Davis**

Most of us do not need to test limits, but it still happens that you might someday find yourself leaning too far into a curve and hearing/feeling your peg start to drag. What should you do about it?

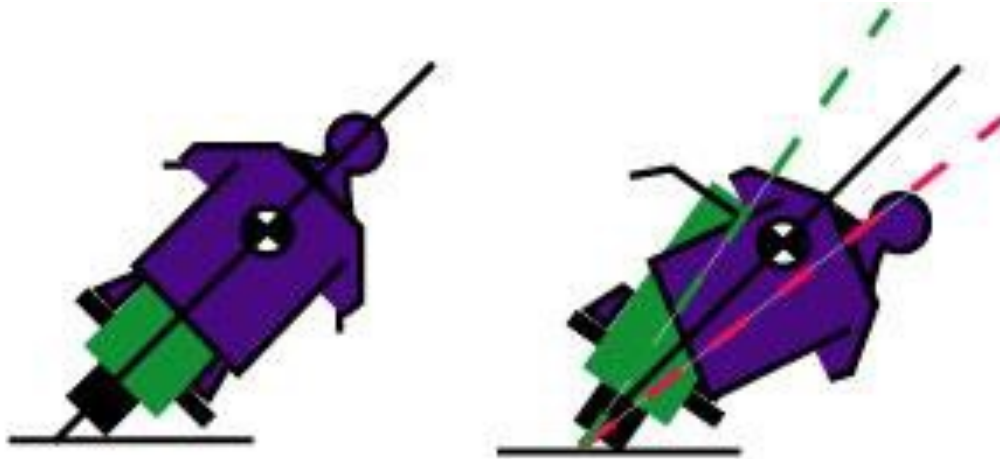
Well, let me start by telling you what most people, I believe, instinctively try and what is dead wrong! They immediately roll off the accelerator and lean away from the dragging peg. These are BOTH wrong things to do because each action either lowers the bike (rolling off the accelerator) or increases the lean angle and as a result the peg will no longer be gently scraping the asphalt but will try to gouge a trough into it. There are three things that can be done as soon as you hear/feel a peg scrape:

- *Increase* throttle - (but note that you are already close to sliding and ANY increase in speed can be all she wrote). This is a VERY DANGEROUS solution and it relies on the fact that acceleration raises the middle of the bike while at the same time INCREASES its lean angle. At best, a momentary and trivial net gain in peg height.
- Counter-steer away from the dragging peg - (widen the turn)
- Shift body weight **towards** the dragging peg - (that is not a misprint)

Each of these actions tends to straighten the bike up. Any one of them will 'cure' the problem and is sufficient by itself. You can, of course, do two or all three of these things at the same time. (The use of throttle to increase clearance is a VERY SHORT-TERM GAIN and is quickly followed by the dragging part digging harder as the lean angle overwhelms the modest new height clearance. Use of the throttle makes most sense, of course, at very slow speeds. At higher speeds it is by far the hardest technique to master in reacting to a dragging component and though I indicated it could 'cure' the problem all by itself, it REQUIRES that you simultaneously counter-steer a wider path.)

Note, however, that doing the wrong things, it seems to me, is instinctive and that you need to mentally prepare to do the right things in advance. But that is exactly why you are reading this tip - to determine what experience has shown others is the right thing to do without having to 'discover' by trial and potentially fatal error for yourself.

Let's see if this makes that third alternative clearer as it is your best choice. Here is a diagram that on the left shows a motorcycle that is about to drag a peg in a turn and on the right, it shows what happens if the motorcyclist leans INTO the turn. (It lifts the peg off the ground.)





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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.**