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Good day Chapter C!

Wow, what a change in weather! From the mid to upper 70's down into the 40's, we have really crashed weather wise. Thankfully, we were able to get in some good riding and visiting. Since our last gathering, we went to Wings Over The Smokies, Chapter T, Chapter S, made a pass on the Blue Ridge Parkway to eat at the Pisgah Inn, back to October visiting Chapter A. With the changes we now have to be even more aware of our surroundings and environment when riding. Versailles recently passed an ordinance outlawing grass clippings on the roadway within the city limits. While this helps, most of our county is where this is a problem. The horse farms are particularly bad for doing this.

Our Christmas Party for Chapter C is on December 6th again at the Chop House on Richmond Road. We will start at 6:30 pm. Remember we will have a meal, great conversation, social time, and exchange presents. Males bring a male gift, females a female gift. We set our price limit at \$20 max. We look forward to having a good turnout for this event! It is time to think about our next Couple of the Year. Alan Ernest will be handling that this year. Contact him with your ideas.

See everyone at our October gathering!!



From our Ride Coordinator — John

Chapter C Ride Coordinator, October 2018 News Letter Input

We had a pretty busy month in September. We wrapped up Wing Ding in Knoxville and even though it rained some, a good time was had by all that attended.

We attended monthly chapter meetings for Chapter H (Shelbyville), A (Louisville), S (Elizabethtown), and T (Paintsville). We had a dinner ride to Casa Café in Richmond that was well attended. We had over a dozen people present and had a lot of good fellowship.

After our Chapter C meeting on Sept 15, we had a ride to the Kentucky Fudge Company in Harrodsburg AND a trip to visit Chapter T for their meeting in Paintsville.

We had our Chapter C 35th Anniversary Party which did draw members from Chapter H and A.



The weather was less than hospitable, which attributed to a modest turnout. That's unfortunate because the band that played there was very good and for those of us that were there, we did have a good time. The food was catered and very good. Here is a photo of the cake.



A small group, led by Mike, attended Wings Over the Smokies in Waynesville, NC. The weather was not good for this event either and several people chose to drive instead of ride. The event was not well attended, most likely because Wing Ding had just been held a few weeks before. Vendor participation was reported to be down as well. This event should see stronger attendance next year.

We have an active month planned for October so please stay tuned to the Chapter C calendar, along with the weekly emails.

Thank you,
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Darrell and Alice Hampton present moments from Membership Enhancement



Hello Fellow Wingers,

10/11/18

Hey it's October – where did our summer go?

What a great summer it was and we had a blast meeting and riding with our fellow wingers, so thanks for being a part of the summer of 2018. Alice and I were just down in the Smoky Mountains the end of September for Wings Over the Smokies but it was raining so bad on Thursday that we took the car. Went to the Biltmore Estates on Friday and really enjoyed seeing it for the first time. This was a down year for the North Carolina Wing event due to just having Wing Ding in Knoxville the end of August and the threat of bad weather from Hurricane Florence. One member told us they had 10 vendors pull out because of Florence and had 5 more cancel due to expected rain a few days before the event. I will tell you it would be hard to find a nicer bunch of Gold Wingers than the people from North Carolina. They run a great event and I really enjoy visiting with them.

But on the drive down in the pouring rain it made me reflect on an article on braking in adverse conditions a few years ago.

The Do's and Don'ts of Emergency Braking (By Wes Siler – January 29, 2014)

Category: How To

Emergency braking is the most crucial safety skill you can learn, but also one you'll hopefully never have to use. If you suddenly find a car turning in front of you, it's often your only way out. Here's some easy do's and don'ts to keep in mind when it comes to emergency braking on a motorcycle.

Do: Progressively squeeze the lever

Starting gently and working up to max pressure will transfer the motorcycle weight to the front wheel and compresses the tire, expanding its contact patch and increasing its grip.

Don't: Just grab a handful

Even with ABS, simply going straight to max brake pressure will overwhelm the front tire's grip and cause it to skid. If you don't have ABS, that will likely lead to a wipe out. If you do, you just won't be achieving an optimal rate of deceleration.

Do: Use both brakes

Even on bikes that don't come with handlebar tassels, where the weight bias is dramatically forward under braking, the rear tire may retain contact with the road and even have a little traction, so using both brakes will help slow you down.

Don't: Rely on the back brake only

Not only is the back brake less powerful than the front brake, weight is also transferred off the rear brake under deceleration and reduces the rear tire's traction.

Do: Be aware of traffic around you

It's no good going to maximum braking power only to be swatted by the texting SUV driver tailgating you. Ride defensively at all times and try to create a "bubble" of space around you at all times. This will give you room to take evasive maneuvers like emergency braking should you need it.

Don't: Let other vehicles dictate your safety

Ride in such a manner that you control your relationship with other traffic. Don't find yourself in a situation where another motorist is able to tailgate you and restrict your vision. Move through traffic with authority and confidence.

Do: Plan ahead

As you're riding, you need to be constantly scanning your entire area – above and below and to the side and behind you – but pay particular attention to where you're going and look as far ahead as possible. As cars pull up to intersections or other traffic movements occur, plan how you'll deal with each one, then put that plan into action.

Don't: Get taken by surprise

Surprise creates panic, panic creates accidents. Use your superior vision – move around in your lane and alter your distance from other vehicles in order to maximize it – and develop a sixth sense capable of predicting what other people are about to do. Identify potential risks before they threaten you, then avoid them before they become a problem.

Do: Practice

Motorcycles have exceptional braking abilities, but conversely, their brakes are exceptionally difficult to master. Go find a big, empty parking lot and spend half a day familiarizing yourself with your motorcycle's abilities and working up from a walking pace until you're able to confidently bring your bike to a commanding halt from normal road speeds.

Don't: Rely on something you don't know how to use

How fast can your motorcycle stop? What happens when the rear wheel starts to lift off the ground? How much back brake can you use before that wheel locks? What does it feel like to lock the front wheel? You should know the answers to all these questions by heart.

Do: Brake hard!

Your rear wheel might lift up, the ABS might kick in, you might pee your pants a little bit, but every MPH that you can lose before hitting something will incrementally reduce impact forces, thereby reducing your chances of injury or death. What might kill you at 40 mph may only send you home with bruises at 30 mph. And that's a mere fraction of a second of max braking apart.

Don't: Let go

Trust your bike and your abilities. Your best bet to avoid the accident or reduce its severity lies in braking, not bailing.

Famous Quote: **Most people dread the middle of nowhere, motorcycle riders look for it!**

Safe Riding!

Darrell and Alice Hampton

Bluegrass Wings Chapter C

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We have a fun, overnight ride planned after our next gathering, October 20! We are riding to Paintsville for Chapter T's meeting, then we will spend the night in Paintsville and ride with Chapter T Sunday afternoon to Hillbilly Hotdog in West Virginia. We'll come home Sunday from there. Email me if you'd like to join us (dedrej2@aol.com).

We may have a few visitors this gathering! Last month we captured the traveling plaque from Chapter T, so there might be a few coming to get it from us. We did not have enough to visit Chapter H this month, but we did visit Chapter A this past weekend. You're welcome to join us for any chapter visits—just email me whenever you'd like to go and we'll get a group to go.

I'll start a signup sheet for our Christmas dinner on December 6. The Chop House wants a nose count a couple weeks ahead. I hope you all will join us this year. We laugh a lot with our Sneaky Santa game with the Christmas presents, and have a good meal and great socializing first! The Christmas party will take the place of our December gathering.

Embroidered Chapter C hats will be available at our gatherings. They are \$9 each.



From our District Educator

Bill Mucha

Are We Complacent with Our Comfort?

As we ride our “wings” we all know that they were designed for comfort on the open road.

I recently experienced a “comfort” situation that sort of made me think a lot about my level of comfort and complacency with it. What was it that made me think? A simple thing I lost the use of my CB!!! Now I know that you are going to say, “big deal, ride without it”. As we ride in groups, we always have a “drag”, what is his duty?

It’s to let the leader know that all made it through the light, around the corner, around the last car etc.

Let’s remember that the lead can’t drive with his eyes glued to the mirror, he must rely on others to keep him abreast of everything. I’m used to riding in the rear, especially here in Florida I always kept our leader informed on the situation. I’m now having to rely on riding without communications. I need to use and read the Hand Signals to inform me of what is going on. I was complacent, the CB worked so all I ever had to do was listen or talk now I must watch closely for a signal from a frontal rider.

I also had to relearn how to communicate without words. Let’s not get too comfortable with our riding try shutting off your CB and practice the hand signals next time you are riding in a group.

Thank you Bob Steigmeier for the article.

Bill Mucha DE KY

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



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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 Mark's Feed Store, 6501 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.