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**May 2020**

Well Chapter C, I hope this article finds you all well and safe. The weather has definitely not been very forgiving with rain again and again. Granted I would not have been up for very much, but that is beginning to resolve. This past Saturday, we did get to make a ride into the north west parts of Kentucky. We had a great group of bikes and riders out to enjoy the day. Alan commented that he had never seen so many bikes out that day, and I must agree. Bikes were everywhere. Gas was not an issue, but food could have been. Drive ins were open, but no sit-down service. We have new information coming from national that I will share later.

With riding weather coming upon us, please do your safety checks, TCLOCS, oil and fluid checks. New tires may be for some, while I am sure new chrome and lights are being sought after. If you see Alan's bike, look for bare spots. I think he has waxed a few into it.

See you on the road!!

Mike VanHoose

Chapter C Director



Greetings Chapter C!

I think I see the light at the end of the tunnel!!! I think we are finally going to be able to meet again in July!!! But.....it's going to look different. We have the traveling plaque, so we expect visitors. We are in the process of finding an alternate meeting place that we can meet the social distance guidelines and keep everyone safe. We will have to wear masks. The hardest part of all will be no hugging!!!! As Andy would remind us – “we can't be doing that!” Stay tuned – we will provide more information as we know it.

Here are some other events information that we do know. The combined Chapter C/ Ohio X-2 trip at the end of May has been postponed. They are looking at Labor Day weekend or one of the first couple of weekends in October. Mike and I hope to go with them! As soon as we hear something, we will pass it along.

The Ride-In at Big Bone State Park scheduled for June 5 & 6 has been postponed. There is no revised date at this time.

Wing Ding 2020 has been canceled.

The August 2020 Kentucky Blast has been canceled. The 2021 Blast will be held in Lawrenceburg.

Now for the good news! We've had one ride and it was quite successful! It even included a Dairy Queen stop, so it was an official Goldwing ride! Your Chapter Team will be meeting soon to establish our ride calendar for 2020. We will certainly be mindful of safety precautions. Let John Connor or me know if you have any more ideas to provide.

In the meantime, stay safe and let me know if we can help you in any way! Share stories of your rides with Roger so he can include them in our newsletter. As always – tell us something GOOD!

Dedre VanHoose

Chapter C Director

## District Newsletter:

If you are curious about what is happening in our Kentucky District, please check out the District Newsletters. They can be found at <http://www.gwrraky.com/newsletters-page/>.



## Chapter C Ride Coordinator

April was a lost month. We had no scheduled rides or events. I know some of you were able to get out on your own and get some miles in and I hope you had a good time.

May looks to be a re-emergence month. The Kentucky Governor is starting to loosen the restrictions a little, with a staged approach, per the federal guidelines. And we have already had an outing on May 2 where a group of 10 bikes were able to get out for a day ride around the local area. Everyone that rode was REALLY happy to get out, including me. We will look for more opportunities to ride in May and maybe by June be able to get on a firmer schedule of rides.

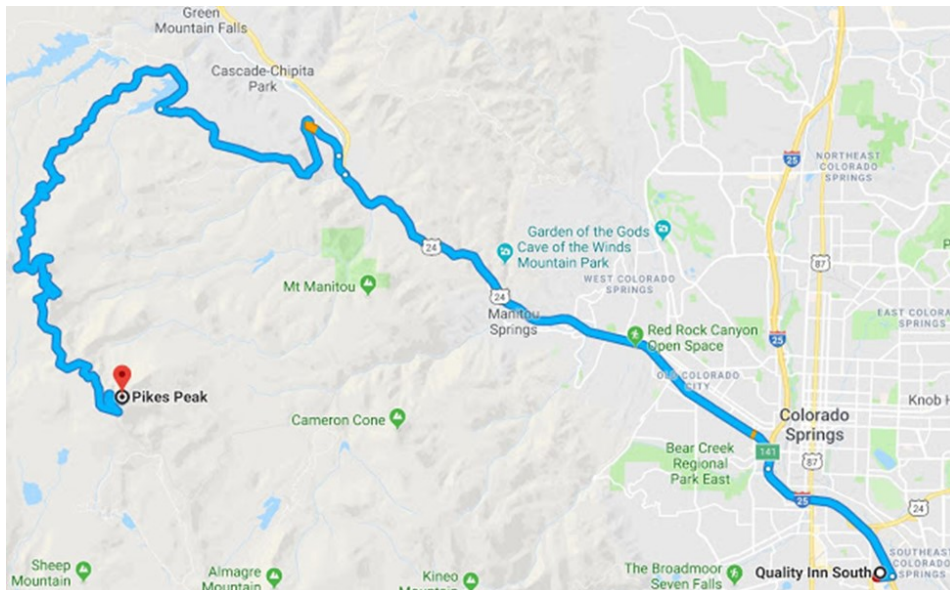
As of this writing, The KY Blast has been canceled for this year. All GWRR chapter meetings are also still on hold. Wing Ding has also been canceled for 2020. The District Ride-In is postponed with a To-Be-Determined date... probably early fall.

We have regular chapter meetings on our calendar starting in June, however they may be canceled as we are awaiting word on when we can resume our regular meeting schedules. Restaurants opening would be a good sign that we are getting ready to resume our meetings. Please stay tuned and check the calendar for June events to be confirmed or canceled.

Thought I would give you all something more to read about this month so here is a copy of a blog that I did for a 2-week ride to Colorado in June 2018. I did a daily blog entry and here is the one from the day we rode to Pikes Peak. If you have a favorite ride that you would like to publish in the newsletter, please submit it. Would love to hear from others.

This trip was with 2 couples I've been riding with for over 10 years. Jay and Pam live in Hummelstown, PA and ride a 2010 Gold Wing. John and Kristy live in Morgantown, VA and ride a BMW K1600. Both couples chose to trailer their bikes to Colorado and then we did 2-day rides from the motel before moving on to another location. I chose to ride all the way there and back.

### **June 12, 2018 Day 4: Colorado Springs – Pikes Peak – Eagle, CO – 249 Miles.**



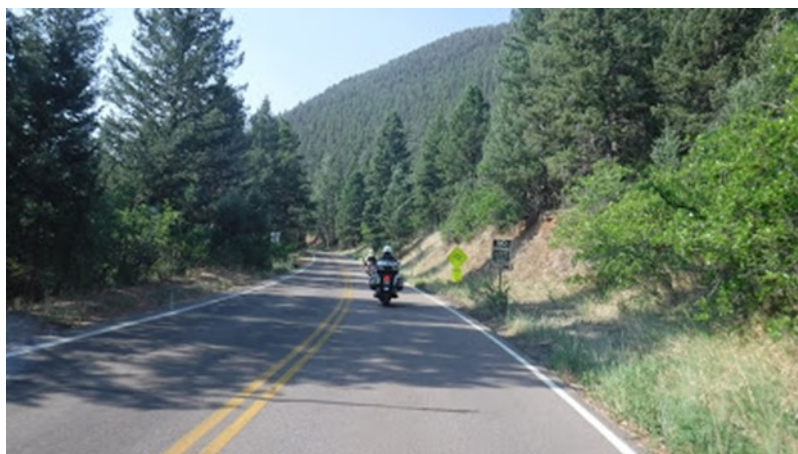




I woke up about 5:00am with my mind on the ride to Pikes Peak. The last time I visited the peak was about 20 years ago. I got hypoxia and spend about an hour sucking oxygen in the first aid station before I could drive me and my family back down. I wasn't feeling too perky and was thinking maybe I shouldn't take the trip. Even went far enough to text Jay and John that I was going at 5:50. I fell asleep after that and woke at 7:10 feeling good. Decided to go after all.



We left the hotel at about 8:10 and rode up I-25 to Hwy 24 and took the exit for Pikes Peak. Jay was first at the park entrance booth and they gave us a discount as a group - \$12.50 each. We rode up the peak, snapping pictures and noting the altitude changes. We also noted how hazy it was. You could barely see 30 miles.





The speed was slow, 15-20 mph. After another mile or two, we realized our bikes were overheating. When we got to the half-way point ranger station at about 11,000 feet, we pulled off to take a break. The slope of the parking got me off balance and I tipped over as I came to a stop – right next to Jay and Pam. By now I was already feeling the lack of oxygen so John and Jay helped get my bike righted. After a break there we headed up the rest of the way.



When we headed out from the ranger station, it wasn't long before the bikes began overheating again. There wasn't much we could do as there were limited places to pull off. Jay and I got to the last white mark on our temperature gages. John had his pegged at one point with a warning light on. A little after this the road straightened out and was less of a climb. Plus a cool breeze and our bikes recovered, almost back to normal.



The top of Pikes Peak was under construction. Lots of rocks and boulders, along with earth moving equipment. We parked and got off the bikes – slowly. Some other riders from Jay's hotel showed up at that point so conversations started up. We got a group picture in front of the "Pikes Peak" sign and went in.

We selected T-Shirts and hats, and while John, Kristie, Jay & Pam went out to the observation deck, I ate a ham & cheese sandwich, and drank a Gatorade. So I am lite headed, a little unbalanced, clearly feeling the lack of oxygen, but I didn't have a headache or worse symptoms. Seemed to be what everyone else was experiencing. As I began to eat, I thought, 'when I eat food, the blood will go to my stomach to help with the digestion. Is that a good thing when my brain needs more oxygen?' I ate the sandwich and drank the Gatorade and felt better. So it did help.

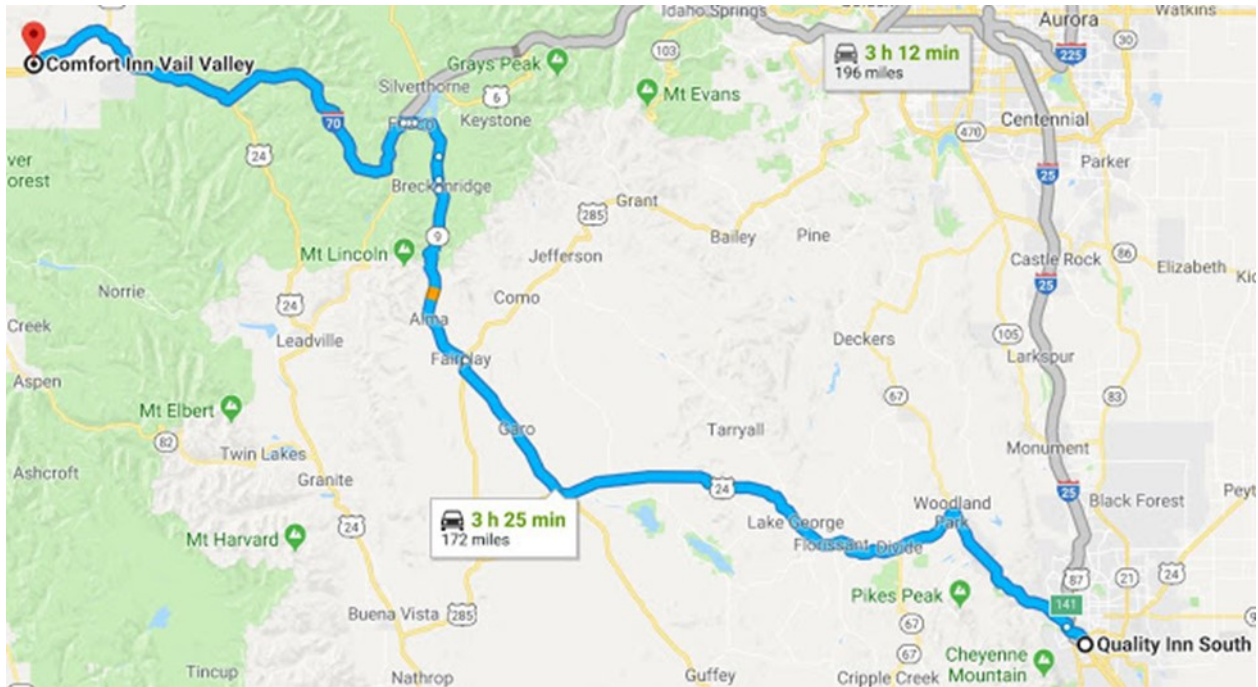




The ride back down was much easier. We did see about 25 bicyclists going down at the same time. They bus the riders up and then they coast down. Looked like fun! Sure beat the guy peddling up to the summit.

The scenery, even with the haze, was great. Worth the trip for sure. The tree line stopped about 12,000 feet. If it had been a clear day, the view would have been spectacular. I've been up Pikes Peak as a child, as an adult with my family, and now on a motorcycle. This will probably be my last visit to the summit. Glad I went.

We got back to our hotels about 11:45 and everyone checked out. I was already checked out so I hung out at John and Kristie's car. I had noticed my rear tire was reporting lower pressure (38 psi vs 40). But it never cooled off enough for me to put air in it. We got our wires crossed about lunch and Jay & Pam ate about 12:00 while John & Kristie finished checking out and getting John's K-1600 on the trailer. Then John & Kristie and I went to the Village Inn next door to eat and met Jay & Pam leaving. We ate and watched Jay get his bike loaded. We all left the area within 5 minutes of each other, about 1:30pm.



John & Kristie followed me on our drive to Eagle, CO. We looked at the map and decided to take Hwy 24 West to Hartzel, then turn North on Hwy 9. It looked like it would keep us more in the mountains than if we went out to Buena Vista and took Hwy 24 North from there. Besides, we had already visited Buena Vista.

When we passed Wilkerson Pass, Hwy 24 drops down to the high plains. It was actually cooler than I thought it would be. We were between 8,000 and 9,000 feet on Hwy 24 and 9, until we got back into the mountains. While I was on the bike, John & Kristie were in their car. It was nice and cool on the plains.







When we got to Breckenridge, I started looking for an ice cream stop. Didn't find one. Kept going and kept looking. Finally, in Frisco, about a mile from I-70, I pulled into a 7-11. Kristie had called me and was wanting a break too. After an ice cream each, we headed out to I-70 and West. It was a nice ride and I have to say I really like I-70 west of Denver. Beautiful drive through the mountains.

We got to Eagle and our Comfort Inn about 5:30pm. The management did not want us to park our bikes under the front awning. We had to use a regular parking spot. First time that has happened to me in probably several years. We parked and got cleaned up. Jay & Pam went to their Best Western on the other side of the interstate. They came over to pick us up for dinner about 6:30.

We ended up at the Eagle Diner in town. Had a nice simple dinner – three of us had the chief's salad. And some desert.







Back to the hotel. John was going to look at options to replace the Sunday and Monday that we were to be in Durango. We canceled out of that stay and the train ride due to the fires and smoke. I was going to get together with him but when I got to my room, my eyes were watering so I got a wet washcloth and put it over my eyes. Before long I was asleep.

Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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For more information about the rides and future dates please see our events calendar at:  
<http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/events/>.

If you want to see photos from our past events, check out the following page:  
<http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/photos/>

## District Educator—Rick and Kim Artmayer

The GWRRA Rider Education Program (REP) is intended to make the motorcycle environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities and increasing motorcyclist skills and awareness. The District Educator is responsible for promoting and implementing this program. The REP consists of four levels. Over the next few months, I would like to look at the different levels and ways to relate them to your riding. While this might initially seem like the same thing about which every other Educator writes, I would appreciate your attention and your patience while I try to change your mind.

This month I am continuing with the first level, Level I: Safety by Commitment. The root word of commitment is commit, which came into use sometime after 1350 AD, and finds its origins in the Latin word *committere*, meaning to send or give over. At dictionary.com, one can find the meaning of commitment as a noun with several definitions, including: 1) the act of committing, pledging, or engaging oneself; 2) a pledge or promise; an obligation; 3) engagement (as in involvement).

Everyone joining the Levels Program starts at Level I. We all must start somewhere, and I for one prefer to start at the beginning. Being the best at anything requires mastering the fundamentals. Level I asks the participant to commit to being safe - to pledge to be mindful of the risks of riding a motorcycle. A committed rider should be someone who engages their mind in the act of motorcycling before putting their bike into gear. They feel the obligation of their responsibility to themselves and others, that requires them to focus on best riding practices, so they can finish their ride without harm befalling themselves or others with whom they share the roadways.

UPDATE: Members participating in the Rider Education Levels Program who have expired or will expire on or after January 1st, 2020 are granted a grace period that has been extended until December 31st, 2020 allowing time for the Member to take part in one or more of the following courses or classes to bring their level up to date:

- GWRRA (or RE Program approved alternative) on-bike course
- The University's Co-Rider seminar
- GWRRA MEDIC FIRST AID® (or MFA Program approved alternative) class.

The grace period will not be decreased and may be extended if deemed necessary.

Additionally, GWRRA has decided to offer alternative training opportunities for those individuals committed to safety. The courses will be presented by the University Team. If you wish to participate, these are the specifics:

Preregister on-line on the University website: [gwrradot.com](http://gwrradot.com). Once registered, you will receive an email confirming your registration. Classes will be offered at 3:00pm and 6:00pm Central Time. Class sizes will be limited. A U.3 class roster will be completed submitted for entry into the database. You must participate by computer or phone with a camera. No dial in calls. All Members are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Rick Artmayer

KY District Educator





## 4 Month Trial Membership to GWRRA

If you know of someone who is interested in joining GWRRA, there is a program that allows them to get a 4 month trial membership for free. The membership includes:

- Rescue Motorcycle Towing of 35 miles
- 4 months subscription to Wing World magazine
- Opportunity to participate in a chapter

An application for the trial membership can be found at:

[http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/GB\\_TrialMembership-4months.pdf](http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/GB_TrialMembership-4months.pdf)

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None to report.

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## Information from your Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Lets get 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 11:00am, meet at 12:00pm.



**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 @ 11:00am, meet @ 12:00pm.



**Chapter G** Meet on the 2nd Tuesday at Dave and Busters, 781 Heights Blvd, Florence. Eat at 6:00pm, meet at 7:00pm.



**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 K** Meet on the 3rd of the month at the Golden Corral, 1320 North Green Street, Henderson, KY. Eat @ 4:00pm, meet @ 5:00pm.



**Chapter S** Meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Shoney's, 1046 Executive Dr. Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Eat @ 4:00pm, meet @ 5:00pm.



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



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

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