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May 2021

Welcome to May 2021 Chapter C!

We were so thankful to get to meet again last month. A sign that some things are getting back to normal, or so we hope. We had a district officers meeting last week and the word is, we may be back to normal meetings and visitation by June. Time will tell!

Last week, we had a great time at Joe B's for dinner. Alan, Frank and Tim have been getting in a few good rides and last Friday we took a ride to Pigeon Forge for the Tennessee Spring Fling. They had a great turnout and were trying really hard for normalcy. My mileage Friday was 482 miles. The others had a few more than me.

Our group going out west had another planning meeting. Looks like everything is coming together!

Dedre and I are planning a ride to the Blue Ridge Parkway later this month in case any of you are interested.

Our next gathering is on May 15th at Roosters as usual. Eat at 11 and meet at 12. It will be good to see everyone again!

Mike and Dedre

Director - Chapter C



Greetings Chapter C!

Is anyone as confused about this weather as I am?!?!?! A month ago we were having June's weather, and now we're having April's weather!! I hope Mother Nature will get her act together soon!

We have two new members to welcome to Chapter C! Allan and Catherine Kaulback have recently joined us and have participated in the ride to Cornbread Café and Joe Bologna's last week. Please give them a warm Chapter C welcome when you have the opportunity to meet them.

As more of us are getting vaccinated, we are planning some dinner rides and Saturday rides, weather permitting. Is there somewhere that you would like to eat or ride to? I have suggested Our Best for a Saturday ride – we haven't been there in ages! What is your favorite destination?

Mike and I will be riding the Blue Ridge Parkway beginning after work on Friday, May 21 through Tuesday, May 25. The highlight of the trip will be lunch on Monday or Tuesday at the Pisgah Inn. Anyone is welcome to join us!

The Kentucky Ride-In is coming up on June 4 and 5 in northern KY at the Big Bone Lick State Park. Information and registration forms are on the Kentucky District website – www.gwrraky.com. The district has asked for a head count for Saturday's pizza dinner. Mike and I plan to go for the day on Saturday if you'd like to join us. Wing Ding will be held in Springfield, MO June 29-July 3. If anyone is going, and would like to volunteer, please contact Leah Cridlin. Most of our crew is heading west on July 5, so we will not be going to Wing Ding.

We need to start making plans for the KY Blast. We have been asked to provide a basket for the raffle. Creative people, get thinking! The Blast is in Lawrenceburg, KY August 19-21. Friends of ours are in the band that will be playing Thursday night. Punccheon Creek played at our Chapter Anniversary party a few years ago.

Looking forward to seeing you May 15!

Dedre VanHoose

KY-C Director and Membership Enhancement Program Coordinator





[Chapter C Ride Coordinator](#)

In April we had a dinner 'ride' to Joe Bologna's in Lexington on April 29th. We had about a dozen people attend, including some new faces. The food was good, as usual and the company was even better.

On April 30, a group of 4 rode to Spring Fling in Pigeon Forge for a daytrip. The weather was great and the guys had a good time.

For May we had planned to attend the Baptist Biker's event on May 1 but were not able to attend. We did get a ride in on May 8 to Hillbilly Hotdogs in Lesage, WV. It was a great and fun ride with mostly backroads. I was not able to leave with the group but was able to catch up by taking I-64 to Exit 133, a few miles short of Morehead, and dropping down to Hwy 60 where I met up with the group. The hotdogs were almost as interesting as the restaurant. There were 4 bikes and 2 trikes with 2 couples in the group. Great fun and good conversation over our hotdogs. Spoiler alert, nobody ordered the Homewrecker.

Weather permitting, I expect we will have a ride after the chapter meeting on May 15 and the rest of the weekends in May. I am also scheduling a dinner ride for May 20 (Thursday) to DaVinci's Pizza in Frankfort. We may add another dinner ride in May so look for an email update or check the calendar. Please stay tuned for more rides in May and June.

My arm is doing much better and I have been able to get out and ride for a couple weekends now. Please expect more rides and if you have a favorite ride or suggestion, please let me and Mike know. We are always looking for new ideas.

I hope everyone celebrates Mother's Day on Sunday, May 9th.

Ride Safe.

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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:

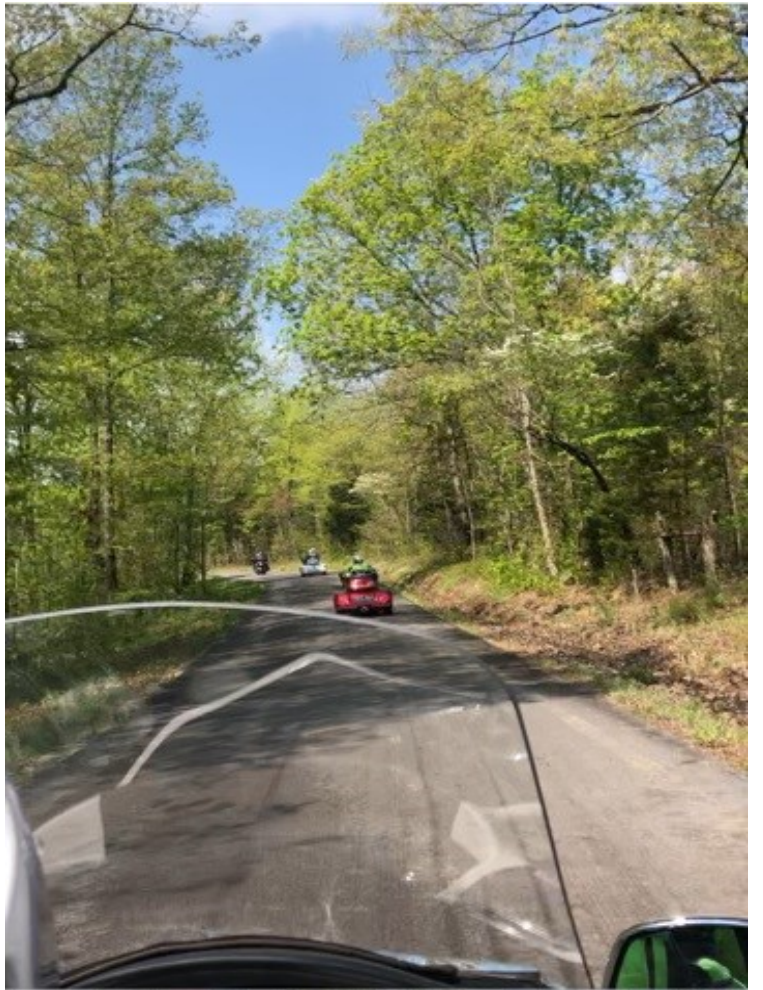
<http://www.kybluegrasswings.org/photos/>

Chapter C Couple of the Year—Julie and Lynn Tucker

Julie and I were able to join Chapter A for the Sunday and Monday legs of their Shamrock Ride from Bardstown. Sunday there were 6 couples and 3 single riders. We stopped at the Lincoln Birthplace National Park, saw a lot of good scenery and some miniature horses and kangaroos. Monday there were two couples, three trikes and our two-wheeler. Many of the Sunday riders had to work Monday. It was a 300 mile day with good food and scenery.

On Tuesday we rode with neighbors and Chapter C members, Jim and Karen Fields, to Madison, Indiana on the Ohio River. It was a new personal distance record for Jim. We found a good restaurant and enjoyed the view from the River park. This would make a good group ride. It was new to us and those who have been to Madison might enjoy a return trip.







2021 Kentucky Ride Challenge

It's time for some FUN!!! This year the District Staff is issuing a riding challenge to our members with the hope that you will get out and enjoy the beauty and wonder of our great state, and have FUN doing it! The challenge was issued at the annual operations meeting marking the beginning of the event. Members will have until The Blast in August to complete the puzzle. This will give everyone the entire riding season to make the trip, and it may take that long for some. Although it's true that it is only a crossword puzzle, this one will not be a daily endeavor. The resident county of all Kentucky chapters each contain destination points for the puzzle clues. Make it an individual or group ride, or even a chapter event, but don't forget your required "thumbs-up" photo. And most of all, HAVE FUN!!!!

For more information please see: <http://www.gwraky.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Crossword.pdf>

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.gwraky.com/newsletters-page/>.

Using a Sena Bluetooth Headset on 2008 GL1800—submitted by Roger Early

On 4/26, Alan Ernest, Frank Hardy, Tim Mourning, and I had a great ride in the London area. Frank planned the route which included taking route 89 out of Winchester and all the way to London. We stopped at a Cracker Barrel in London for lunch and then made our way through the following towns: Burning Springs, Oneida, Buckhorn, Jackson, Beattyville, and Slade. Once we reached Slade, we got on the Mountain Parkway and headed home. It was a great day for riding, and we had an awesome trip.

This trip was the first time I got to use my Sena 50S headset on a group ride. Since several people in our chapter have purchased new Gold Wings and are also moving to Bluetooth headsets, I decided to take the plunge and bought a Sena 50S headset and the Sena Freewire (It's much cheaper than a new bike!). I had tried the headset on a few solo rides and we got together at Alan's house one day just to try them out in the driveway. This was the first time to use the Freewire and the 50S headset with a group ride.

The Freewire is a Bluetooth device that plugs into the Gold Wing just like the cabled headsets. When the Freewire is plugged in and paired with a Bluetooth headset, all of the audio from the bike goes through the Freewire to the headset, including the CB. With this setup, I was able to talk to Alan and Frank using the Sena Mesh Intercom system and I could also talk with Tim using the CB. When I talked on the CB, Frank and Alan could hear what I was saying through the Sena Mesh Intercom but they could not hear Tim's part of the CB conversation.

The Sena Mesh Intercom system allows multiple headsets to communicate if they are on the same Mesh channel and within range. Frank and Alan had used the Bluetooth Intercom on previous rides. It uses less battery power, but we were not able to get more than two people connected using Bluetooth. That is something we need to explore further. It is possible but we just needed more time to get it to work.

The Sena products worked well on the trip, but we all learned that we need to find a way to charge the headsets if we plan to ride all day. We could have charged them during lunch but none of us remembered to bring a charger.

I'm still learning about the capabilities and the limits of the Sena products but so far, they have worked well. I pair my iPhone with the headset and it allows me to listen to music from my phone and I can also make and receive phone calls. I can also use Siri commands to my phone to send texts. I don't plan to use the phone calls and texts often, but it is nice to have the capability.

I also pair the headset with my Garmin Zumo GPS. This allows me to hear the directions from the GPS. My phone is also paired with the GPS so if I get a text, the Garmin will read the text to me through the headset. It's a nice feature to have in case someone is trying to get in touch with the group.

When I am on a solo ride, I do not use the Freewire since I don't need any of the audio from the bike. In a group ride, I plan to use it so I can still communicate with others using the CB. I have found that when I am using the Freewire, I can only get music from the bike and not from my phone. There may be a way to do that but that is one way I can tell the Freewire is working by hearing the music from the bike.

While we were trying the new headsets and the Freewire at Alan's house I was able to verify that if I get a phone call, the Sena doesn't broadcast what I am saying to the people on the Mesh Intercom. It does broadcast what I say on the CB and I suspect if I had a co-rider, it would broadcast anything I would say on the bike's intercom system. It is basically an open microphone but the headset knows when a call comes in so it does not send the conversation out to the Mesh system.

Having two systems (Mesh Intercom and CB) to communicate in the group meant that I was sort of an interpreter in the group. I could pass information from Frank and Alan to Tim and pass information from Tim to Frank and Alan. Since Frank was leading the ride, if he announced a turn or road hazards to the group, I would have to relay those to Tim. In the case of road hazards, it took too long to get all of that relayed so we relied on hand signals for road hazards.

One other drawback is if Tim was talking to me on the CB and Alan or Frank were also talking, I would hear both conversations.

I am still learning about the systems but if you are thinking about moving to Bluetooth and have any questions, please let me know and I'll be glad to try to answer them or even setup a demo of the devices.



District Educator—Rick and Kim Artmayer



In March, I reviewed Level IV in the Rider Education Program, Master Tour Rider/Co-rider. Members who reach this level have worked hard and trained well and are at the top of their game when it comes to motorcycle training and education. Level IV is the last chapter of the Rider Education chart, but it is certainly not the end of the story. Motorcycling is a sport/hobby/activity that is evolving and changing every year. The Master Tour Rider/Co-rider is someone who recognizes this and continues to seek additional education and training, both new and review. GWRRA supports and encourages this continued attention to safety and knowledge by further recognizing the members who have reached Level IV and continue to train. Master Tour Riders/Co-riders that have remained current (Riding Course/Co-Rider Seminar/Two-up Rider Course and First Aid/CPR re-certification requirements) for increments of 5, 10, or 15 years are eligible to be awarded special recognition. This comes in the form of a Masters' Recognition patch. To check if you might be eligible, review the "Master Recognition Eligibility" found in the Educators Toolbox of the Officer section on the GWRRA website on the Rider Education page, or contact your friendly and helpful District Educator. The three recognition levels are:

Senior Master - Members meeting a minimum 5 years of active participation and continuous* recertification as Master Tour Riders/Co-riders may be recognized and receive a Senior Master rocker upon application to GWRRA.

Grand Master - Members meeting a minimum of 10 years of active participation and continuous* recertification as Master Tour Riders/Co-riders may be recognized and receive a Grand Master rocker upon application to GWRRA.

Life Grand Master - Members meeting a minimum of 15 years of active participation and continuous* recertification as Master Tour Riders/Co-riders may be recognized and receive a Life Grand Master rocker upon application to GWRRA.

Application for the Master Recognition Program is made by completing the Master Tour Rider/Co-rider Application Form (N.9). The cost of the optional rocker is \$2.00 USD. The form is sent to the District Educator for verification.

*Simply fulfilling the longevity requirements does not fulfill the requirements of the Master's Recognition Program. The applicant must also remain certified during the corresponding time. Having a Master number on the eligibility list does not automatically qualify someone for the Master's Recognition program. If there is a period of time when levels are not current, or membership expires, the member needs to rejoin GWRRA, recertify at the member's highest level of achievement, and remain current for any additional time required to compensate for any non-current time. It is the responsibility of the Master Tour Rider/Co-rider to ensure there is no lapse in the time their membership or levels are current. The GWRRA database and District Educator can help in assisting the members in their rider education goals.

Richard 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

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Attention Facebook Users:

Jim Springate has created a Facebook group for our chapter. It is another way to communicate with chapter members. If you use a Facebook application, search for "Bluegrass Goldwing Riders". You can also use the following link to get to the group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1036597176793894>

The Kentucky District also has a Facebook group. Search for "GWRRA OF KENTUCKY MEMBER'S PAGE" or use the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/328362664780>

Birthdays

Anniversaries

John Conner 5/19
Dedre VanHoose 6/1
Lynn Ervin 6/5
Lynn Tucker 6/15
Tim Mourning 6/18

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 Roosters, 10430 Shelbyville Road #7, Louisville. They eat @ 11:00am, meet @ 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 American Legion Post 4, 8385 US Hwy 42, Florence. Eat @ 6:00pm, meet @ 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.