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June 2021

Welcome to June 2021 Chapter C!!

To kick off our summer season I have great news. Two weeks ago, my oncologist informed me that my cancer has been rendered dormant and inactive. GOD has been wonderful giving me a second chance at life!! As an immediate celebration of that announcement, Dedre and I along with Frank and Alan rode north to take in the Skyline Drive and Blue Ridge Parkway. We enjoyed a wonderful weekend of sunshine and warm weather!! What a wonderful time we had! Pictures are included on the next two pages.

We are back to open visitation starting this month. I must talk with Rooster's to see how many people we will be allowed inside our meeting room. Dedre and I look forward to seeing everyone and having things get back to normal.

Here's to you Chapter C for all you do for our chapter and continuing to be a part of our GWRRA family.

Mike VanHoose

Director - Chapter C







Found this place to eat in Davis, West Virginia enroute to the Skyline. Excellent choice!!

Entrance to the Skyline Drive





View from Skyline Drive



Entrance to the Blue Ridge

View on the Blue Ridge





Conversing as we finished the Blue Ridge

June greetings Chapter C!!!

I heard someone mention how many days are left until Christmas recently.......NO!!!! Let us enjoy summer first!!! I feel like we just entered riding season and someone is already rushing us to Christmas.

Speaking of riding season – we had wonderful weather to ride the Skyline and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Five states in 4.25 days was a bit numbing for my backside, but we had beautiful sights. Add it to your list if you've never been. One of our overnight stops was Blowing Rock, NC which is on my list to return to. There was a wonderful Holiday Inn and the city was very quaint. There was also a Tanger Outlet Mall that I could not visit, unfortunately!

We had a great lunch ride on Memorial Day! We visited Burley Market in Cynthiana. A new place for us that will be a repeat visit for sure.

Mark your calendars for the KY Blast on August 19-21. Our friends who play in the band Puncheon Creek will be playing Aug 19 at 7pm in Lawrenceburg. Please come out and enjoy them! They played at our anniversary party a few years ago. For our newer members, the KY Blast is the Kentucky District Goldwing convention. The full schedule is on the gwrraky.com website, but there will be vendors, rides and training. If you register before July 1, it's cheaper!

Visitation has begun June 1 for the 2021-2022 year. Nothing will be awarded for visitation at the 2021 Blast. If anyone would like to visit other chapters, please let me or Jeff Sullivan know and we will get them scheduled! The meeting dates are on our calendar on our website.

Hope to see you all at our June gathering on 6/19!

Dedre VanHoose

KY-C Director and Membership Enhancement Program Coordinator







Mike, Dedre and Mitch arriving at the District Ride In on 6/5/21.







Chapter C Ride Coordinator

In May we held five chapter events. We canceled the May 1 Baptist Bikers event but a group had a great run to Spring Fling on April 30. On May 8, we rode to Hillbilly Hotdogs and enjoyed the atmosphere of the place. Very unique venue and a fun ride there and back.



After the chapter meeting on May 15, we rode to Paintsville and collected another photo for the KY Crossword Challenge.









On May 20 we had a dinner ride to DaVinci's Pizza in Frankfort. It was well attended and we had a good time visiting. It was my unofficial birthday event as I turned 65 on the 19th.

On May 31 we rode to the Kentucky Vietnam Memorial in Frankfort and then to Cynthiana to The Burley Market & Café. We took the backroads and saw some interesting scenery (including a deer trying to get out of the road as we approached). The Burley Market & Café was a great lunch stop with good food and enough room for the group to enjoy visiting.





















In June we have the Kentucky District Ride-In from June 4 and 5, in Big Bone Lick State Park. Weather permitting there will be a ride after the chapter meeting on June 19. We still have a few more locations to collect for the Kentucky Crossword Puzzle challenge. They are a good day's ride so not sure what weekend we will attempt that yet. Wing Ding starts June 29 thru July 4. At this time there is no organized plan to attend but if you are planning to attend individually, please let us know and see if anyone else is planning to go.

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/

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.gwrraky.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.gwrraky.com/newsletters-page/.

District Educator—Rick and Kim Artmayer



Motorcycling is a perishable skill. And while the basic concept of riding changes little over time, our bodies and our environment are constantly changing. Every athlete competing in the Olympics, the MLS, the NFL, and others, goes to a gym, a stadium, or a field to practice daily for hours and hours before the meet, the match, or the game. As motorcyclists, most of us do not have a "practice" location to improve our skillset. Most of what we learn is in the "arena" of the real world, commuting to work, touring on our weekend ride, or riding to find ice cream. Every day is game day. So where can a committed rider and/or co-rider get their practice?

GWRRA offers many different and interesting courses, both theoretical and practical, for all its members at very reasonable prices. I recently completed the new and improved beta version of the GWRRA Advanced Rider Course. Otherwise known as the ARC, this course offers both theoretical (classroom) and practical (on-bike) instruction to supplement and improve your motorcycle operating knowledge. You may wonder, what is a beta version? A beta version a new program or course of action that is made available for testing, typically by a limited number of users outside the organization that is developing it, before its general release. In other words, it is a practical application of a theoretical design. Several GWRRA dignitaries were present for the ARC, both as observers and instructors, and I had an opportunity to discuss the course after I completed it and offer my opinion and suggestions. I believe much was learned on both sides and I encourage you to experience the ARC for yourself.

You may also ask; how does this new version differ from the old one? Unfortunately, I cannot answer that question. All my previous formal trainings were under the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) formats. But I found many similarities in both programs. Both present realistic scenarios which motorcyclists experience every day, and both encourage the importance of forward thinking; planning for what might happen instead of reacting to what is happening.

You may also think, I have taken the course before, and I have not had any incident, why do I need to rehash what I already know? There are many professions that require a refresher course be taken at regular intervals. Repetition I one of the best ways to learn something. The body does what it knows when there is no time to think, only time to act. The ARC and other courses allow you to practice the proper techniques in a controlled and safe environment, so your body learns what to do in an emergency. Each on-bike exercise is performed multiple times, giving each participant a chance to test themselves. And it is my opinion that one never really knows what they have truly learned until they are tested.

I recently checked the Wing Ding website, and there are many, many openings for the ARC and TRC courses. If it has been more than a few years, I highly encourage you to sign up for one. Worst that can happen is you may learn something that may save you from at least an inconvenience, and at most what you learn may save your life and the life of your co-rider. Don't let the only test of your riding skills be when the next traffic incident occurs.

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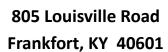
Jim Springate has created a Facebook group for our chapter. It is another way to communicate with chapter members. If you use a Facebook application, search for "Bluegrass Goldwing Riders". You can also use the following link to get to the group:

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

<u>Birthdays</u> **Anniversaries Gerry Harris** 6/27 Jonathan & Connie Jones 6/27 Shea Ernest 6/28 Al & Lynn Ervin 6/28 Mitch Lawrence 7/5 Dick Prang 7/5 Connie Jones 7/6











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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.