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Happy summer Chapter C.

Well, all I can say about our Wild West Trip 2021 is WOW!! What an unbelievable trip 10 of our chapter took. I cannot thank everyone enough for sharing this time with me. Thank you to those that came out for the July gathering. Dedre said y'all had a great time!

Our August gathering will be a little different. We will meet on Sunday the 22nd at 1:00 to eat lunch and then meet at 2:00. We can expect some visitors I understand. The KY Blast is that same weekend in Lawrenceburg. We will have some chapter news to share with you and look forward to seeing everyone again!

We have rides coming up and hope to see folks come out and ride with us. Please, please, please keep yourself safe during these pandemic times. I strongly suggest getting the vaccinations. I plan to have a pharmacy representative on hand to answer questions.

Mike VanHoose

Director - Chapter C



Greetings Chapter C!

The Kentucky Blast is right around the corner! What is the Kentucky Blast? It is the annual Kentucky District Convention that will be held Thursday, August 19 through Saturday, August 21 in Lawrenceburg, KY. You can purchase a pass for the whole 3 days or a day pass if you can only go for one day. Our Chapter will be asked to volunteer to work at certain times, but I don't have the schedule yet. Thursday night will be a lot of fun! On Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Lawrenceburg Green, the band Puncheon Creek will be performing from 7-9 p.m. The Chuck Diesel food truck and Captain Frank's Hotdog Emporium food truck will be set up there from 6-9 p.m., as well as the downtown ice cream shop Caroline's Creamery. Bring a chair or blanket as there is no seating. The address is 44 Western Ave, Lawrenceburg, 40342.

On Friday and Saturday, the Blast will be at the American Legion Post – 725 W. Broadway, Lawrenceburg 40342. Just look for the flags! It's just down the street from the Dairy Queen. The hours are Friday 8-5 and Saturday 8-2. There will be indoor and outdoor vendors, games, and daily rides (register by 9:45am for kickstands up at 10am both days). Guided and self-guided rides are available and will be different each day. Concessions are available by the American Legion Ladies group. Friday night is a light parade at 9:30pm – register with Dan Bondurant by 4pm Friday. Closing ceremonies will be at 4pm on Saturday. The traveling plaque will be given away via ticket draw. Each Chapter in attendance will get one ticket in the drawing.

For more information about the Blast, please see our District website at www.gwrraky.com

Due to the Blast being on our regular meeting day, our August gathering has been changed to Sunday, August 22. We will eat at 1:00 and meet at 2:00. We should have plenty of visitors on their way home from the Blast.

Kentucky has a new Chapter! Chapter K is in Henderson, KY. Due to Covid, they have not been able to have their Chapter Kick-Off. It is scheduled for Sunday, September 19 at 1:00pm. It would be nice if a group from Chapter C would go and formally welcome them to the District. Check your calendars and we will discuss at our August gathering. Via parkways it's a 3-hour drive, so backroads will be longer.

We hope to see you Thursday night at the Blast! The public is welcome, so you don't have to pay to go. Mike and I will also be there on Saturday. (We both work on Friday.)

Until then, ride safely and be safe from Covid!!

Dedre VanHoose

KY-C Director and Membership Enhancement Program Coordinator





Chapter C Ride Coordinator

In July we had at least one couple visit Wing Ding, plus the 14-day Wild West Tour lead by Mike. We also had a dinner ride to Wallace Station where we listened to the stories of the Wild West Tour. On Saturday, July 31, we had a ride to the Cynthiana Bike night event. We met at Jerry's for breakfast and then rode out the Cynthiana to see the event. We had 13 bikes and 15 people show up for this event. Here are some pictures from the Cynthiana event.











For August we have a trip to see the Blue Angels in Owensboro, KY on August 14-15, and the Kentucky District Blast, August 19-21, in Lawrenceburg. We will likely get a weekend regular ride and a dinner ride in there somewhere, too. Dates to be determined.

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/>

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/>.

Wild West Tour 2021—Submitted by Michael VanHoose

The Wild West Tour 2021 is over, but the memories that I have will last forever! Not just a bucket list ride, but a Celebration of Life ride for me. Most of you know that I was diagnosed with Stage 3 Lymphoma. After completing 7 months of chemotherapy, my doctor reports that the disease is now inactive and not spreading. This news along with my faith and trust in GOD gave me the strength to undertake this ride. Yes, I was worn out, but each day brought new expectations, new scenery and so many blessings that all I could do was cry and give Him praise!! Here is my favorite picture from the trip!



This is a picture of the Rio Grande River at its beginning (headwaters). It was breath taking. We left Versailles on July 5th and 3 days later rode into Colorado Springs, Colorado. Our first day there, we headed up Pikes Peak. Wow, 14,000 foot plus with an unbelievable view. And of course, no guardrails going up the mountain!! Just ask Alan!





Yes, we were in and above the clouds. Unbelievable!! The downside was, we all got a little lightheaded from the altitude. A little water and some deep breaths took care of that. Then we started down.

Day 4, we headed to Gunnison enjoying beautiful Colorado roads along the way. The rivers, mountains, streams and landscape all made for unforgettable memories. Frank led us across some backroads he knows of that really highlighted the trip. These roads, none of them bad, provided great scenery and a lot of picture opportunities. As you might notice, I took a lot of pictures while on cruise and trying to capture the beauty. None of our pictures lend any justice to the true beauty of our trip.



This view is from the Million Dollar Highway out of Durango headed north. Again, scenery you can only dream of seeing. When the guys and I talked at the end of the day, we all agreed that the roads in our end of the country would never feel the same again. From the mountains to the desert, we rode through it all, and keep going back for more. Would I go back out there again—in a heartbeat!! The Great Teton Mountains were truly amazing and a must see if you ever make it out there as seen below.



Yellowstone was impressive, saw plenty of bison, and other wildlife. Hot mud pits, geysers lakes and wonderful scenery.



All in all, we had a wonderful, safe and life changing trip. I can never thank Alan Ernest, Frank Hardy, Tim Mourning, Jeff Sullivan and Sharon, Randy Hyde, Mitch Lawrence, Scott Gray, and Jonathan Jones for their friendship, support and great times during the Wild West Tour. Most of all, I could have never even started this trip without the strength and love from Jesus Christ himself. From His healing to the blessings and courage he gave me to undertake this trip!! Praise to HIM and HIM alone for this opportunity.

Oh, and Mount Rushmore is just as impressive as I had heard it was!!



One of our final stops on the way home were the Badlands and of course Wall Drug!!



We also stopped at Sturgis, South Dakota thankfully ahead of the rally. If you ever see the Badlands, you will understand why a lot of movies were filmed there and wonder how anything could ever have lived there.



Again, to all, thank you for sharing this episode of my life with me!! You will never understand what this trip meant to me nor how much you mean to me!

Michael VanHoose

Feeling very, very blessed for this opportunity!

Chapter Couple of the Year Lynn and Julie Tucker

After some unforeseen circumstances and plan changes, Julie and I headed out on two wheels to meet up with Darrell and Alice Hampton on four wheels on June 20th for Yellowstone. It was a rocky start with us going down in the driveway, when I pulled onto the grass to get around my truck and unsuccessfully did not transition back to the driveway. A lesser (or smarter) woman might not have gotten back on the bike and rode for 425 miles. The cosmetic mirror I duct taped to the broken left mirror magnified my view significantly from the right mirror.

Our first tourist attraction was Sioux Falls Park. Then on to the Corn Palace. The rocky trip continued in Kennebec, SD. We had checked in to our motel and I went to top off the gas tank for the next day. After filling up, I let out the clutch lever and watched it hit the ground. We couldn't find a clutch lever within 500 miles, so enter Road Rescue, Honda dealership in Chamberlain, SD and Julie and I in the back seat of the Hampton's very full SUV.

Our foursome enjoyed the Badlands, Mt. Rushmore, Deadwood, Aladdin, WY (population 15) and the Aladdin General Store, circa 1895. The only traffic problem we experienced was trying to get to Devil's Tower Visitors Center, so we passed it up and just enjoyed the landscape.

Beartooth Pass was still beautiful, even though we saw it from a car. I was sorely tempted to turn around and go again on the Chapter C Wild West Ride. Absolutely no waiting on June 25th to get into Yellowstone. We exited the east park entrance and spent the night at Pahaska Tepee, a hunting lodge built for Bill Cody in the early 1900s. We stayed in one of the original cabins with no TV, internet or A/C but had a pleasant night. Amenities include a nice restaurant, a complimentary tour of the old hunting lodge and a complimentary trail ride, which we declined.

The next day we headed back into the east entrance, again with no wait, and made it to Old Faithful about 10 minutes before the 5 minute show. Darrell was standing down wind and actually got to wear a geyser- a Geezer in a Geyser! Then on to the Buffalo Bill West Museum, where we spent several hours and did not see it all. The tickets are good for two days.

We got a little more Bill Cody the next day at the breakfast buffet at the Irma Hotel in Cody, which he built and named after his youngest daughter.

Belle Fourche, SD may not be a traditional stop but we really enjoyed it. John Wayne fans are familiar with the movie "The Cowboys," where the Duke hired little boys to drive his cattle to Belle Fourche. A dirty dog, played by Bruce Dern, shot the Duke in the back and killed him. The town shows the movie annually at a big outdoor screen behind the visitor center/museum. Bruce Dern has never been invited but some of the boys have and one remembered John Wayne showing up on the set a little tipsy the day he was to be killed. Belle Fourche is also near the geographical center of the United States.

After spending the day in Chamberlain, SD and visiting the Lakota Museum, we finally got the Wing back with new levers and a new mirror about 3 p.m.

The Hamptons wanted to take the express route and we wanted to try to see some of the sites from our original plan, so we parted. We landed in Hays, KS and went to Ft. Hays Historical Museum. Even there, we couldn't get away from Bill Cody and George Custer!







July 24 Ride with Chapter A

Julie and I were able to meet up with some Chapter A friends, including my old friend Jose Zellers, at Bread of Life Cafe. Jeffrey Sullivan and Sharon were also able to join us.



District Educator—Richard Artmayer

Happy August greetings to the members of the Kentucky District. Many of us are back from Wing Ding 42. I had a good time and I hope those of you that attended did too. Even though this was my 10th Wing Ding, I have often wondered about the people who say they are excited to see their old friends and make new ones every year. Now I know. Being a volunteer puts you in direct connection to other like-minded volunteer members. For example, I helped stage the parade, and met several of the Maryland District members who were also there. I also went to the Rider Educator's Forum and had the chance to greet in person many of the Educators I had only met on Zoom.

This month I want to relate some of the information I have learned from both Wing Ding and the July District Educators Zoom call. One of the people I was able to meet in person is Lorrie Thomas, Director of GWRRA University. In discussion, she explained that if we have a need for trainers, she has some that will travel. She also gave me a challenge; to put together an opportunity in our District to host the GWRRA 101 course. I am hoping that everyone will want to experience this opportunity to learn the facts and dispel the rumors of how and why we do what we do in GWRRA. I hope every Chapter Director will discuss this in their upcoming Gathering and send me a list of interested members by the middle of September. It would be helpful if there would be a recommendation of a venue as well. I would like to get this organized to be on the books by the middle of November, before the holiday crush.

The effects of the Pandemic are still causing some consternation with Members' status in the Levels program. While there are increasing numbers of opportunities to obtain the training one needs to stay current, many of these courses are out of our District. We are not the only District in this predicament. Because so many instructors have not had the opportunity to train (an instructor must be current in his achieved level to teach a Rider Ed course), they have become expired. For the Members, because of the difficulty of having to travel to find courses, the grace period has been extended one last time through June of 2022. So, if your Level status has expired after January 1, 2020, completing the necessary Rider Ed course will bring your status back to current, with no lapse of time. If you need an on-bike course and this is your normal year to need the full course (both classroom and range) this year you can take a range only class again to bring your status current.

I have also learned of the importance of having your medical and emergency contact information where someone on a group ride can find it. While some of us keep this information in a small tube in our left fairing pocket, others may not be comfortable with this personal information being available to anyone. For this reason, it is critical for a responsible member of the group to have a ride participation roster with emergency contact information on it. Any GWRRA group ride needs this roster to be made. Just because you wish it, does not mean that something is not going to happen on your ride. If something were to happen to you, how long do you want your loved ones to wait to find out? Why make the EMT have to guess what to do for your condition? It is also a good idea for someone on every official GWRRA group ride to have a GWRRA Accident/Incident Report form. Completing this form as soon as possible while all the details are fresh will help to protect everyone involved.

Hopefully, everyone knows they can check the Rider Ed data base to confirm their status in the Levels Program. If you do not, please contact me and I will send you the instructions, and/or call you and talk you through it. I will also be working to check the database each quarter and send a report to each Chapter listing the members who are expiring and need to retake one or more classes.

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

Catherine Kaulback 8/27
Jim Springate 9/11

Anniversaries

Denny & Terri Grimmett 8/25
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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.