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**November 2021**

A fond farewell,

All good things must come to an end. Since Dedre and I took over the chapter in 2011, we have seen so many changes and made so many friends. We have ridden thousands of miles full of wonder and laughter. We chased the Traveling Plaques and visitation points like no other chapter did. We have the wood to prove it! And you chapter C responded so wonderfully! The beauty of riding can never be beat, nor would I begin to try. We have enjoyed many a game of Pass the Trash, had our share of breakdowns, rode The Dragon in the rain and quite simply had a great time. We will never forget the rallies, and rides that took us out with our friends for a scoop of ice cream or a great dinner, and more laughter!

Dedre and I feel very privileged to have led Chapter C and being a part of the lives of everyone in the chapter. You folks have been through the best and worst with us, and for that we are so grateful. We will always be here to assist the chapter in any way we can, and we will see you on the road again!

With that being said, please welcome Roger Early as your new Chapter Director. We know you will give him the same support and courtesy you have shown us. Here's to many more miles with you all and Roger. Roger will announce his choice of officers soon. If any of you have an idea about holding a position in the chapter, please reach out to Roger. We have a lot of business to do this month, we hope to see you at our next gathering!

Michael and Dedre VanHoose  
 Signing Off!!



Greetings Chapter C!

Save the Date! Our Chapter C Christmas party will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 6:30pm at Versailles Brewing Co in Versailles. We will also enjoy our Dirty Santa gift exchange! If you want to participate, please bring a gender specific gift (a man's gift if you are a man and a woman's gift if you are a woman). The cost should stay between \$20 and \$25.

Mike and I traveled (by car) to South Carolina via Jellico Mountain and the Smokies. What beautiful colors!!! I hope you all have gotten out and found some fall colors. Hopefully, there will still be some on our way home.

Chapter A (Louisville) captured the plaque from Chapter S in October, so we'll be making another trip back to the Rooster's on Shelbyville Road in Louisville on Saturday, November 13. Watch your email for more specifics, but they eat at 11 and meet at noon. Look for departure time of 9:30 – 10:00 depending on weather and mode of transportation.

Save another date! The Kentucky District is having its annual Operations Meeting (Ops) on Saturday, January 29 in northern Kentucky. They have decided to make it a fun weekend event by adding in a Cyclones hockey game on Friday evening, the Ops meeting on Saturday, and a sock hop Saturday evening. Details will be on the District website ([www.gwrraky.com](http://www.gwrraky.com)). All members are welcome to attend – not just the Chapter C team.

We'll have a lot going on at our November gathering – looking forward to seeing you there!

Dedre VanHoose

Membership Enhancement Coordinator



Oak Island Lighthouse, north of Myrtle Beach

## 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](#)

In October some of us attended the WV-STOC event at the Canaan Valley Resort, in West Virginia. Last month I reported we were not sure if it was going to happen in 2022. I am happy to report this event will be held in 2022 with the planned dates of October 5-9. If you are interested in attending, please contact me and I can tell you more, and help you sign up for the event.

We attended the Chapter A meeting at Roosters on Shelbyville Rd, in Louisville on Oct 9. We also attended the Cruise-In at Jerry's Restaurant on October 12. Several of us made it to the event and enjoyed the great company and good food at Jerry's. Here are some photos.





Our chapter meeting was on Oct 16. We had a ride to Daniel Boone National Forest and rode to McKee, then north on 89 to Winchester before returning home. Mitch and I stopped by Frank's to visit him when we got to Winchester. Was a great ride with some interesting roads. Unfortunately, the fall leaves had not really arrived yet.

The dinner ride on Oct 28 was canceled. The weather has turned into serious fall weather with a lot of rain and cold. But we will get some riding in over the next few months. We are planning a Polar Bear Ride for January 1.



Looking forward to seeing everyone at the chapter meeting this month. Until then...

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 Educator—Richard Artmayer

I had the privilege last month (October) to attend the Virginia District Rally in the Valley in Lynchburg, Virginia. I had never been to this rally and was not sure what to expect. The area has some nice roads, including the Blue Ridge Parkway. I was able to experience a decent number of miles on it and enjoy the tremendous views it offers.

This was not my first experience on the Blue Ridge Parkway, and I hope it is not my last. This road is smooth and well maintained, has a comfortable speed limit of 45 mph, and with so many turns of various radii, it is really a perfect place to use the training GWRRA Rider Education (and other rider programs) offers. It seemed like I was endlessly slowing, looking, pressing, and rolling, trying to be just as smooth as I could, going from outside to inside and back to outside again. Just as I was trained and practiced in the Advanced Rider Course.

Another experience this rally afforded me was a guided ride organized by the Virginia District. While not particularly long at about seventy-eight miles in total, the nine motorcycles that participated enjoyed some curvy sections, with several elevation changes to keep things interesting. What impressed me most about the ride was not the roads chosen, but the riders in the group. In the pre-ride instructions, crash scene response was discussed so that everyone was made aware who would take responsibility if there was a need. The riders in our group were from different Chapters of Virginia, Maryland, and Kentucky, yet we all rode as if we had ridden with each other for years. When the lead called for a change from staggered formation to single file, and vice versa, every member held up his hand to signal the change, even though every bike on the ride had a radio. Most everyone was signaling road hazards too, and the lead and drag had complete freedom to use the radio as needed. From my position as bike 5 of 9 (center of the group) I observed no spacing issues between the bikes. Everyone seemed to hold their spacing as normally recommended. For me, this built trust in the others and made the ride relaxed and stress-free.

I was also able to speak with Lorrie Thomas, the Director of GWRRA University. She is committed to providing instructors for any classes we want presented, and for which we do not have any instructors that are qualified to teach. Please let me know what classes you would like to experience, and your District Team will work to make it happen for you.

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](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**

Jim Fields 11/21  
Roy Taulbee 12/13  
Joni Conner 12/13  
Karen Early 12/14  
Ben Smith 12/29  
Scotty Gray 1/15

**Anniversaries**

John &Joni Conner 11/21  
Dick & Peggy Prang 11/23  
Jim & Karen Fields 11/25  
Roy & Lena Campbell 11/28

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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. Socialize @ 6:30pm, 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.**