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Greetings Chapter C!

As the weather continues to improve, I am hoping everyone is taking advantage of some riding opportunities. I have been on a few solo rides and was also able to join John Conner and Alan Ernst for a nice ride into eastern Kentucky. I did over 300 miles that day and that is a long ride for me in the early riding season. I also joined the chapter ride to Our Best Restaurant in Smithfield. We had some great food and awesome riding. I can't leave out the rides we did to and from the Tennessee Spring Fling as well as the ride we took on the Cherohala Skyway. I always love visiting the Smoky Mountains and this trip was fantastic!

I recently purchased a new helmet because I try to follow the manufacturers recommendation to replace a helmet after 5 years. The protection breaks down over time due to UV rays, dirt, sweat and other factors. This is one of those topics that can generate many opinions like "what oil is best?" or "what tires are best?", but the helmet is an important part of our safety gear, so I try to stay with the 5-year recommendation.

The Kentucky Ride-In is less than a month away, it is June 3rd and 4th. I plan to be there both days since I am part of the District team. I hope you will consider coming to Bardstown and enjoying the rides and fellowship with chapters from across the state. Most of the activities will be indoors and there are multiple guided rides available each day. Please see our district website for more information. It is <https://www.gwrraky.com/>.

Ride Safe!
Roger Early

Chapter Director



Membership Enhancement Meanderings:

Greetings Chapter C!

Julie was happy to be on Tennessee soil for their Spring Fling. She scored her first GWRRA Tennessee District shirt. We appreciate the VanHoose hospitality. Michael led a ride Friday that satisfied Julie's need to ride twisties for a while. We had to leave Saturday morning so Julie could get ready to catch a plane for Denver to be with her new, first and only grandchild. On the return trip we were finally able to wear the Goldwing tires in the middle. Yesterday I put another 240 miles with a lot of twisties on the Wing. It is very rare for our Wing to roll without Julie and I look forward to many more miles and destinations with her.

Lynn and Julie Tucker

Membership Enhancement Coordinators



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](#)

The Riders Trail

Where in the world did time go? Here it is May of 2022 already and the year has flown by. For the past month we have attended our gathering, went to Chapter A and captured the Couple of the Year mascot, took a ride to Our Best for lunch, rode to Frankfort after our last gathering to Hoggy's Ice Cream shop, then landed in Florence at the Chapter G gathering where we captured the Traveling Plaque and Couple of the Year mascot. And finally, Chapter C took a ride to Pigeon Forge, TN where we attended the Tennessee Spring Fling. We had a great time at the rally, Dedre and I took the co-rider seminar again to maintain our levels status, and the group also rode the Cherhola Skyway The weather is getting better and we are starting to get out more, thankfully!

It's official, by the time you read this I will be completely retired!! May 6th is my last day of work! I will not be riding for a couple of weeks though, because I had hand surgery this past Monday, so I am laid up for 2 to 3 weeks.

Our next ride will be (mark your calendar) May 17th. We are going to Jerry's Restaurant in Paris for dinner. Let's just meet there at 6 pm, fellowship, eat and have a good time!!

Mike VanHoose

Ride Coordinator

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 Chapter Skill Enhancement Advisor (CSEA)

No article this month. Alan is recovering from surgery. Get well soon Alan Ernest!

Couple of the Year Chatter

I'm very happy to report that the Couple of the Year Mascot is hanging out with us until our next gathering! Jeff, Frank, Alan, Mike and me braved Chapter G this week and cleaned house! We won the traveling plaque, the mascot and Dedre (not Jeff!) won \$10 in their membership drawing AND \$15 in the 50/50. It didn't last long.....I sprung for ice cream on our way home!

Remember that we have raffle tickets for a 22" griddle that will be given away at the Blast. Tickets are \$2 each and you do not need to be present to win.....although we do hope you will join us at the Blast! See Mike or Dedre to purchase tickets.

The Kentucky Ride-In is coming soon! Please see the registration form on the GWRRAKY website. Mike is leading a ride on Saturday to the Abbey. You can sign up for one of the many rides as a part of your registration form. The dates are Friday June 3 and Saturday, June 4. We will be driving back and forth each day and you're more than welcome to join us!

Your Chapter Couple,

Mike & Dedre VanHoose



District Educator—Richard Artmayer

Rider Education Report

May is Motorist Awareness Month. This month I would like to share an article from Bruce Luhrs, the NH-VT District Educator. It is a first-hand account of something we all face every day. It is reproduced in its entirety below with his permission.

“They Looked but Failed to See”

The mission of the GWRRA Motorist Awareness Program is “To Facilitate A Reduction in Motorcycle Accidents through the Education of the Non-Motorcycle Riding Public”. For Motorist Awareness Month, I’d like to share information about the most common type of car-motorcycle accident classified as a looked-but-failed-to-see crash.

While on a ride last Fall, I collided with a driver who made a left-hand turn in front-of me into his driveway. He appeared to have stopped to let me pass, but at the last minute turned into me. I was wearing a high-vis jacket, a full-face helmet with high-vis markings and riding my GL1800 Gold Wing with the headlight on. We were the only two vehicles on a long stretch of straight road. The driver said, “he never saw me”. Because we believe in the GWRRA’s safety mantras - ATGATT and Rider Education, I avoided serious injuries.

My wife, Sue, was baffled by the fact that “he never saw me” and spent some time researching why these types of collisions are so common. There is a very real psychological phenomenon causing this. Inattentional Blindness is defined as “a person is missing critical information even when their eyes are focused on the road ahead”. There are two contributing factors:

- It can happen when you are very focused on only one thing while driving. For example, if you become hyper-focused on reaching an exit or turning into a driveway, you can miss other things happening around you on the road.
- Inattentional Blindness is also called Perceptual Blindness. Our brains cannot process every detail of our surroundings all the time, so it concentrates on what is expected to be in our surroundings. In other words, people do not always see new and unexpected things that suddenly appear within their visual field – like motorcycles! As many as 92% of households do not own a motorcycle. So, we are a rare group of 8%. Plus, we do not ride all the time, especially here in the Northeast when riding is seasonal. People do not expect to see us!

There are a couple ways we can combat this dilemma – ride more and promote Motorist Awareness by displaying Check Twice – Save a Life ©, Motorcycles are Everywhere bumper stickers.



Sue and I will be in touch with each of the NH-VT District’s Chapter Directors to discuss our plans to distribute some bumper stickers. These purchased from Paul Cote at <http://www.checktwice-savealife.com/> whose mission is to help raise awareness of drivers sharing the road with motorcycles by displaying bumper stickers, signs and other products aimed at reducing motorcycle accidents, injuries, and fatalities. While thanking Sue for our order, Paul also thanked GWRRA members for promoting motorcycle safety awareness aimed at reducing accidents and injuries, and all the positive reflections the owners of Gold Wings generate in the riding community.

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

6/1 - Dedre VanHoose

6/5 - Lynn Ervin

6/15 - Lynn Tucker

6/18 - Tim Mourning

Anniversaries

None

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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, 2640 Richmond Road; the location of the old Chop House. Eat @ 11:00am, meet @ 12:00pm.



Chapter G Meet on the 1st Tuesday at American Legion Post 4, 8385 US Hwy 42, Florence. Socialize @ 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 Giovanni's Pizza. Address is 261 Court St., Paintsville, Ky. Eat at 5, meet at 6.



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.