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## June 2022

Greetings Chapter C!

I can't believe we're into June, the time is flying. I hope everyone is taking some time to put some miles on your bike.

The 2022 District Ride-In in Bardstown was a lot of fun. I did not go on any of the rides because I wanted to get photos of the groups as they were leaving for the district website. I also managed to get most of the groups as they returned. I have added the photos to our District Website. Here is a link to the photos: <https://www.gwrraky.com/photos-page/nggallery/2022-ride-in>

The 2023 Ride-In will be on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Jenny Wiley State Park. The park has some 1 and 2 cabins as well as rooms at the lodge. Chapter T will be providing more information later. Please mark your calendars, I am sure it will be a fun time!

Please register for the Blast which will be held August 25<sup>th</sup> to August 27<sup>th</sup> in Danville. Following the Blast on the 28<sup>th</sup>, the district is holding a Trike Riders Course (TRC), an Advanced Rider Course (ARC) and a Medic First Aid (MFA) course. For more information, please see our district website: <https://www.gwrraky.com>.

As was announced in our chapter gathering in May, Mike asked me to get the team together so we could work on the ride calendar. We met on 5/16 and made some great progress. We still need to add some dinner rides in September and later, but we have some exciting rides coming up including some overnight rides. Please check the Chapter Calendar at <https://www.kybluegrasswings.org/events-calendar/> but keep in mind that things can change.

I put together a class on how to input a route on a Garmin GPS and we had the class at the Beaumont Library on 6/1. I had prepared some notes to try to keep me from skipping around to different topics, but I ended up skipping around more than I had hoped. If you missed the class and are interested in learning how to use routes on the GPS, please let me know.

Ride Safe!

Roger Early

Chapter Director



# Membership Enhancement Meanderings:

## Greetings Chapter C!

Julie and I were able to attend the Ride-In at Bardstown and we were finally able to use our cargo trailer for a GWRRA event. Kent and Karen Risen, Chapter A, were our ride leaders both days and did a great job. We never knew there were so many twisties between Bardstown and Perryville. After the ride Friday, we rode to My Old Kentucky Home State Park campground to set our tent up before supper. There was no attendant at the gatehouse and the campground host was directing us to a hillside a good distance from the shower house and restrooms. It was about to get unpleasant, when Pam Haines (a/k/a Julie's Angel of Mercy) of Chapter G, pulled up on her trike and invited us to set up amongst the 10 Chapter G campsites, at a much better location. Saturday we first rode to The Abbey of Gethsemane, where I unsuccessfully tried to convince Julie to take a vow of silence. The next plan was to tie her to the train tracks at the Kentucky Railway Museum. I was unable to come up with the name of the villain known for such mischief but our Gerry Harris came up with the name Snidely Whiplash. Good man to have on your Trivia Team! After closing events, we returned to the campsite and were treated to a tour of the Chapter G campsites by Donita Nardi. We saw RVs, toy haulers, trampers and campers. I REALLY LIKE OUR TENT! However, it is always fun looking at other GWRRA member's toys. Chapter A did a great job and we are looking forward to seeing some of the pictures taken by Roger.

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*

As I write this, I have been enjoying the back roads of Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Frank and Alan had invited me to ride with them to Americade to which I gladly accepted. Shea broke her wrist so Alan couldn't go. Frank and I have enjoyed the last 2 days immensely!! It is so nice being retired!! Since our last gathering we have enjoyed a trip to Mi Pequina Hacienda and Lee's Ford Marina. Coming home we rode 873 and what a ride!

Upcoming rides include Casa Cafe on the 9th, Chapter A on the 11th to capture the plaque, Hoggy's Ice Cream on the 18th, and the Underground Railroad Museum on the 23rd. More exciting rides coming soon to your chapter! Check out the calendar on the website!

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!

### Request for Road Captains

Our chapter could use a few more Road Captains. The Road Captains take the 2 most important roles in our rides, the Lead and the Tail-gunner. They work together to keep the group organized and safe throughout the ride.

GWRRA offers a class for Road Captains. It consists of some classroom instruction and some time on the road to reinforce what was taught in the class. Please let me know if you are interested in becoming a Road Captain.

If you have any questions about the role of the Road Captain, please contact me and I will do my best to answer the questions or find an answer for you.

Thanks,

Roger

Chapter Director

### Couple of the Year Chatter

Greetings Chapter C!

Mike and I were happy to see four couples at our last gathering that came to win Smokey! Chapters A, G, K and S were there and Chapter A won him! They took him to Chapter S this past weekend, but we were not able to try to win him back. Chapter S won him and they are taking him to Chapter Y in Mayfield on Thursday! Hopefully it will be closer to home soon.....I'm still a working stiff!

Watch your email for opportunities to go with us to capture Smokey!

See you at our gathering!!

Dedre & Mike VanHoose



## Rider Education Report

When we ride in groups, especially if we have riders that are unknown to the group, and they do not know our group, we need to be communicating with each other while on the road. For this purpose, the CB radio is a great tool, but only one person at a time can convey information. However, common hand signals can be used by everyone at any time and can be a faster way to relay important information.



**Speed Up** Inexperienced groups will benefit most from this signal. Experienced groups rely more on body language. Use it to tell the rest of the group to match your pace by increasing their speed. Extend your arm and swing your palm in an upward direction to give the signal.



**Slow Down** This signal is useful because motorcycles generate intense engine-braking forces, which do not activate the rear-facing brake light. Extend your arm and swing your palm down toward the road to tell everyone in the group to slow down.



**Follow Me** Used to announce a new, often self-appointed group leader. Also used to segment a large group into a smaller group. Make the signal by extending your arm forward at the shoulder with your palm facing outward.



**You Lead/Come** AKA the “YOU! Follow me!” signal. It has 2 distinct parts. Start by pulling up alongside the rider you want to follow or lead. In one motion, point to their bike and then swing your arm forward. Repeat this motion until the other rider understands.



**Road Hazard** This is a “2 in 1” signal. The signal is different depending on whether the hazard is to the right or the left. If the hazard is on the left, point with your left arm. Point with your right foot if the hazard is on the right.



**Single File** An easy gesture. Extend your left index finger and bend your arm up to the sky. In other words, pretend the riders behind you are asking “How many?” and then indicate the answer by gesturing with your *left pointer finger*.



**Double File** Bend your left arm at the elbow and point to the sky with your index and middle fingers. Do not forget to include your index finger.



**Turn Signal On** To make a “blinking” gesture using your left hand, alternate between extending your fingers and making a fist. Use this signal to let another rider know he left his blinker on, allowing him to save face during the next comfort or refreshment stop.



**Pull Off** Indicate to the rest of the group to pull off of the highway, either immediately or at the next exit. The pull off signal is given when the reason for the stop is something other than a comfort or refreshment stop.



**Fuel** When riding with most groups, running out of gas will earn you a nickname you probably won't like. Communicate your need to refuel by pointing to your fuel tank using your left index finger.

Please be courteous to your fellow riders, and signal important points as necessary. Also, when another rider signals, be sure to pass it back for everyone else.

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

6/27 Gerry Harris

6/28 Shea Ernest

7/5 Richard Prang

7/5 Mitch Lawrence

Anniversaries

6/27 Jonathan and Connie Jones

6/28 Al and Lynn Ervin

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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.**