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Greetings Chapter C!

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I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and have been able to get out and ride. As some of you heard in our last gathering, I traded my 2008 Gold Wing in on a 2022 Indian Springfield. I bought my Wing in 2009 from the dealership in Richmond, I was the only owner and managed to put over 95,000 miles on it. It was a great bike and I was tempted to try to reach 100,000 miles. I owned a cruiser in the past and wanted to go back to a cruiser. The first maintenance on the Springfield was at 500 miles and thanks to the Mike's ride to the Big South Fork Railroad (320 miles for me) I was ready for the first service the week after I bought the bike. I had an appointment for 8/16 (first one available) to get the service but, thankfully, they managed to get me in on 7/23.

I know I have been sending lots of notes to the chapter about the closing of GWRR and what is happening with the new organizations. I am doing my best to keep everyone informed. As I write this article, we are still waiting for more information before we can make an informed decision about where to go from here. As I have said many times, I really want the chapter to stay together and continue our rides, dinners, and other events.

The District Blast will be held in Danville on August 25th through the 27th. In our District Team meeting on 8/1, Leah announced that we have 107 people pre-registered for the Blast from several states. I hope you will seriously consider coming to the Blast at least one of the days. Mike has been busy creating some routes for group rides as well as self-guided rides. I am certain we will have some time slots where our chapter will be asked to help at some of the tables at the Blast and I will send that out when I receive it. You can find more information and registration forms on the District website, <https://www.gwrraky.com/>.

Ride Safe!

Roger Early

Chapter Director



Membership Enhancement Meanderings:

By now, most of us are past the initial shock of being informed that GWRRA is defunct, kaput, dissolved, terminated, etc. after 45 years. Julie and I are honored to have been the GWRRA Membership Enhancement Coordinators for Chapter C but as of July 31, we have gone the way of GWRRA and await further developments. Many have expressed a strong desire to keep Chapter C together. Some have an interest in maintaining the status quo, while others view the demise of GWRRA as an opportunity to make changes and review options. Some want less structure. Some want to pay no dues, or at least a better accounting of where the money goes. It is time to let your voices be heard. Your ideas and opinions count. Julie and I are particularly interested in what Rick and Leah Cridlin and the District Team come up with by October 1, 2022.

We all have had our own personal journeys leading us to GWRRA membership. I made it nearly 50 years without riding a motorcycle at all and then rode very few miles each year until I turned 60 and retired. Until I began riding with some very experienced riders in Danville in 2013, I was not even close to a good rider. 2014 was the first year I rode over 20,000 miles, which was probably the amount I had ridden in the prior decade. Circumstances brought Julie and I together after about a 45 year gap in our relationship. Julie was my first and practically only passenger on a motorcycle, starting with a Suzuki Boulevard and two different Suzuki V-Stroms. Without Julie, there would have never been a Goldwing and without a Goldwing, there would never have been a GWRRA membership. Our main purpose for joining GWRRA was to meet and ride with other couples and to share new destinations and experiences with them. That does not mean that we want to exclude individual riders with shared interests. Our purpose has not changed.

There are at least four Goldwing rider's groups and many other motorcycle clubs that welcome all bikes. We hope Chapter C has what you are looking for but, if not, we hope you find whatever enhances your motorcycle experience.

Ride your ride,

Lynn and Julie Tucker

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/>.

Cane Ridge Meeting House

The Fields and the Tuckers took a scenic ride to Bourbon County to visit the Cane Ridge Meeting House. Built in 1791, it is in remarkably good condition. When it was built Kentucky was not a state. The museum on site gives the story of the early pioneers on the Kentucky frontier and the quest by Barton Stone and others to bring people together in Christian unity. Hundreds have worshipped at Cane Ridge Meeting House, including both free and enslaved African-Americans, who worshipped with their contemporary Caucasoids.

Barton Stone hosted what has been deemed the Great Revival in 1801 on the grounds of the Cane Ridge Meeting House, with several ministers preaching to somewhere between 10,000 and 30,000 people over several days. Some were sincerely searching for religious truth, while others attended for entertainment. Picture people traveling for days to attend, then sleeping on the ground or in wagons during the revival and then traveling for days to get home. All before television, cell phones, Goldwings and our other basic needs!



The Riders Trail

Happy August Chapter C!!

If the rain would ever let up, we might be able to enjoy some riding. On July 5th several of us enjoyed a nice dinner at Sonny's BBQ. Roger and crew went to the Overlook Restaurant last weekend and enjoyed the view with lunch. They did not make it to Marengo Caves so we can still do that another day. Upcoming ride opportunities include dinner at Davinci's Pizza on the 15th, Paducah Railroad Museum and murals on the 12th and 13th, our gathering on the 20th, and our own Kentucky Blast on the 25th thru 28th.

If you have any ideas for ride destinations, please feel free to let me or Roger know.



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/>



Couple of the Year Chatter

Greetings Chapter C !

The Blast is coming up soon! I hope one of us wins the Couple of the Year griddle raffle!!! I'm not sure when it will be drawn – maybe during the Couple of the Year selection, or at least with the rest of the drawings at 5pm Saturday night. The Blast is Thursday, August 25 – Saturday, August 27, 2022. If you haven't registered for the whole time, at least consider joining us for the day. Mike and I are riding/driving daily, so shoot us a text if you'd like to ride down with us. I am teaching Work/Life Balance on Friday at 3pm. Mike will be riding the. guided rides, so come join us!

Mike and I declined the opportunity to participate in the Couple of the Year Selection. There are two great couples who are competing, so come out at 8am on Saturday to watch the fun! Kent and Karen from Chapter A and John and Mary from Chapter G will definitely be entertaining!

Hope to see you soon at a Chapter C event!

Mike and Dedre VanHoose



District Educator—Richard Artmayer

Rider Education Report

I hope everyone is having a great summer and enjoying the knowledge gained from past and continuing educational experiences within GWRRA. Yes, I know that the Home Office is officially closed as you read this, but all the Rider Ed programs are still operational through the end of 2022. I just participated in a Zoom call on July 18th for Educators in our area. The Director of Rider Education, Susan Huttman, was the facilitator and was very candid and open with the facts as they are known at this time. She has ordered they entire GWRRA inventory of the Rider Ed pins and patches to be delivered to her home for proper distribution as needed. I will be double-checking my inventory and ordering additional items as required. Please be assured that if the patches exist, and have yet to be claimed by a Member, I will be able to get you what you need.

Please feel free to continue to check the database or contact me to check your file to ascertain what you are qualified to receive. Any Rider Ed courses you take can be added to your file and help to keep you current. Please continue to send the course completion cards to me, and the course rosters too. One thing that has changed is that I am no longer able to input the data, but I can get it to the responsible person and have it entered. I can still see everyone's records, and I can help you understand why you have the status you do. If I can't, I will ask Rider Ed team and get the answer for you.

At the end of this month, there will be several courses and seminars offered at the KY Blast in Danville. We have secured enough instructors for the ARC and TRC so everyone will have the feedback they require for a great experience. Our own Alan Ernest has promised to participate in the event as well. Whether you find them at the Blast or somewhere else, I hope you will take advantage of any courses offered. Knowledge is power. Be "power-full" and ride to success.

Richard Artmayer

KY District Educator



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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

James Springate 9/11

Anniversaries

Denny Grimmett 8/25

Lynn and Julie Tucker 8/26

Roger and Karen Early 9/5

Mitch and Kathyne Lawrence 9/9

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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.