



## September 2022

Greetings Chapter C!

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The 2022 Kentucky District Blast is in the books and the planning is already beginning for the 2023 Blast. It will be held at the same location, the Showroom in Danville, on 8/17/23 to 8/19/23. The Showroom is probably the best facility we have had for the Blast in several years. We had a room for registration, vendors, games, etc. We also had a room large enough for the closing and the Couple of the Year Selection and we had a very nice classroom. The parking lot is huge, and we were able to have on bike games and a small bike show.

At the Blast, we had guided rides and self-guided rides. We also had a food truck each day or there were plenty of restaurants nearby. Fortunately, we had great weather each day. Karen and I stayed at the Hampton Inn, and it was also very nice and had the highest shower head that I have ever used. It was awesome!

Unfortunately, on one of the rides on Saturday, the group ran into some gravel and one of the riders went down. He will be fine but has some broken ribs, a broken shoulder blade and some road rash. I was told the group did a good job pointing out the gravel to everyone but unfortunately, he still crashed. On our group rides we need to make certain we do not rely on our CB radios and headset to point out the road hazards. We need to use hand signals and warn those behind of any dangers. It is even more important now that we have some people using CB radios and some using Bluetooth headsets.



We had a very long but productive discussion with the Chapter Directors about what the District should do since GWRRA has closed. It was decided the District would stay independent for now to give the new groups time to mature. Our chapter will stay with the District. If the District decides to join one of the new organizations in the future, we will determine what the chapter will do at that time.

To see the photos from the Blast, please go to <https://www.gwrraky.com/2022-blast-photos>. We had an additional photographer at the Blast so please scroll to the bottom of the page to see a link to her photos.

Chapter C has the Traveling Plaque so I expect we will have many visitors at our gathering on 9/17. I hope you will come out and join in the fun.

Ride Safe,

Roger Early

Chapter Director

### [Chapter C Membership Enhancement Coordinator](#)

## Membership Enhancement Meanderings:

Julie and I had to travel less than 5 miles to attend the 2022 Blast in Danville last month. It was well attended and organized. Rick Cridlin announced that after the end of the year Kentucky will likely be an independent riding organization with more to come. Roger is asserting his independence with his new Springfield Indian motorcycle. In the picture below, you can see Roger's new Indian next to my 21 year old Kawasaki Drifter with Indian accessories.

There is a Kawasaki Drifter Facebook Group and I made the horrible gaff of referring to my Drifter as an Indian Imposter. I was told repeatedly and sometimes rudely that Drifters are Indian TRIBUTE bikes! Boy, we can sure get touchy about our bikes. This was my third Blast and I found the Showroom in Danville to be the best facility yet and was happy when it was announced that it will be in Danville again August 17<sup>th</sup> through the 19th in 2023.

The week after the Blast Julie and I ventured to Standing Stone State Park in Hilham, Tennessee for two nights. This was our first adventure pulling a camper trailer behind the Goldwing. It is a little different from pulling a cargo trailer and with a few adjustments, the next camping trip will be even more successful. The picture of the school bus confirms we were in Tennessee.

This Friday we will embark on a trip to Branson, Missouri with our Chapter A friends and Julie tells me we will be taking the cargo trailer, which will be the first time it will be used for other than camping. That word "shopping" has been mentioned more than once. There is a definite advantage to keeping your cargo trailer full of camping gear.

Ride your ride,

Lynn and Julie Tucker

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## 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/>.

## *The Riders Trail*

Happy September to all!!

Another Kentucky Blast is in the books, and it looked like we had a good crowd! The weather was awesome, and I think everyone enjoyed the rides Don set up for them.

Upcoming ride opportunities are the Motorcycle Hall of Fame in Ohio Sept. 20 -21. This is an overnight ride. On Sept 30 thru Oct 2, we are going to The Breaks Interstate Park in far eastern KY and Virginia. The scenery is beautiful, and the roads will be impeccable. This is a weekend trip, and I have blocked rooms at the Gateway Motel at the entrance to The Breaks. On Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> we are going to Jerry's in Paris and on the 13<sup>th</sup> we will meet at the Texas Roadhouse in Georgetown. I will send more emails later with specifics. Ride safe and see you on the backroads!!

Mike VanHoose

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!

Another Kentucky Blast is in the books! I wish Mike and I could have spent more time there, but we had a funeral on Saturday. The location was a vast improvement over Lawrenceburg, so mark your calendars for next year's Blast – August 17-19.

Karen and Kent from Chapter A (Louisville) are our new District Couple of the Year. They will do a great job for the District! Congrats to them! Chapter G won for visitation and Chapter A won the traveling plaque. As Roger mentioned, Chapter C won the plaque at the Blast, so we will probably have lots of visitors at our September gathering!

We had a fun Chapter Challenge which our very own Chapter Director was drafted into serving with us. As you can see, Roger is having difficulty with this hula skirt, but doesn't he look striking in his coconut bra, lei and pineapple glasses?!?!?

Hope to see you at our next gathering on September 17!

### Mike and Dedre VanHoose





District Educator—Richard Artmayer

## Rider Education Report

I hope everyone who attended the 2022 Kentucky Blast had a good time. As you may have heard, the Rider Education Program (REP) is continuing unchanged through the end of 2022. All the courses and seminars are still available to be taught and can still be added to your records in the Rider Ed database. It is now really important to complete the appropriate form for any addition to your record. I am happy to send you the form you need electronically, or by mail if necessary, and I can assist you with its completion. The pins and patches associated with completion of the various courses are still available from me. Just let me know on the form what you want and are entitled to and I will get them to you.

I just attended a Zoom call on August 22<sup>nd</sup> with the Rider Educators from our area, and led by Susan Huttman, the Director of Rider Education. As I understand things at this time, continuing your education within the Rider Ed program will not be time wasted. You will receive the immediate benefit of the information you learn today, and the credit given in your database record will continue to be relevant moving forward, even beyond the end of 2022.

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

Roy Campbell Jr. 9/20

Frank Hardy 9/21

Earl Broome 9/23

Peggy Prang 10/10

Anniversaries

Gerry and Denise Harris 9/30

Mike and Dedre Vanhooose 10/10

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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.**