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Merry Christmas Chapter C!

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I'm writing this article the day after our Chapter Christmas Party which was held on 12/6/22 at Roosters. We had a great time, but we missed those that could not attend. I made a few announcements at the party (included in another article) but we tried to keep the chapter business to a minimum so we could just be together and celebrate the Christmas season.

Everyone participated in the Dirty Santa game and it went well. One of the fun parts of the game for me, is watching what people pick and when my turn comes, deciding whether to "steal" a known gift or pick one that has not been unwrapped. We had a few "steals" last night. I had one gift stolen from me which provided me another opportunity to pick a known gift or go with something unknown. After threatening to steal, I picked an unknown gift and was happy I did. There are a few pictures from the party below, if you want to see all of the pictures go to: <https://www.kybluegrasswings.org/photos/nggallery/2022/christmas-party-12-6-22>

This has been an interesting year with GWRRRA closing down but I am confident we can continue enjoying Chapter life under Wing'd Riders. In my opinion, chapters succeed because of the members with assistance from the organization. I think we have some awesome members and I look forward to being part of the fun in 2023.

Karen and I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. We look forward to 2023 and hopefully many fun and safe rides with Chapter C.

Merry Christmas,
Roger Early











Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year News

Mike and Dedre VanHoose have been our 2022 Couple of the Year and have represented our chapter well while trying to capture the Traveling Plaque and the Couple of the Year Mascot. Frank Hardy is our 2022 Individual of the Year and has done a good job by participating in our Chapter events. He has also been on several chapter visits. The chapter is grateful for having Mike, Dedre and Frank serve as our Couple and Individual of the Year.

Alan Ernest has been in charge of the selection of the Chapter Couple and Individual of the Year and announced our 2023 Couple and Individual at our Christmas party. Alan contacted multiple people to get their feedback about potential candidates before making his decision. I am happy to announce the 2023 Couple of the Year is Jim and Karen Fields. Unfortunately, Karen could not attend the party but Jim was there and I'm sure he shared the news with Karen



Alan also announced that Jim Springate has been chosen as our Individual of the Year.



The Couple of the Year and Individual of the year programs were created to allow the chapters to honor people who have benefitted the chapter. Jim, Karen and Jim have been on several of our rides, they participate in chapter visitations and also attend many of our chapter events. Jim Springate stepped into the role of Newsletter Editor at the beginning of 2022 and continues to do a great job in that role. They all deserve to be honored but our chapter.

Please congratulate them the next time you see them.

The district will be providing the medallions for Jim, Karen, and Jim once a final design decision is made.

Roger Early

Chapter Team Update

Our chapter team changed at the beginning of the year and is also going to change at the start of next year. Mike VanHoose is stepping down as the Ride Coordinator. Lynn and Julie Tucker are stepping down as our Membership Enhancement Coordinator (MEC). It has been a pleasure to work with Mike, Lynn and Julie and I appreciate all of their efforts in 2022. I have not been able to find anyone willing to take these roles yet so if you are interested, please let me know.

I am not 100% certain what the duties will be for the MEC under Wing'd Riders but hopefully as the year gets started, we will receive more guidance.

I was Ride Coordinator for about 6 years for the chapter and I know that role has a lot of tasks and responsibilities. To help with all of these, I have formed a Ride Coordinator Committee that will work on these as a team. I am happy to announce the following people have agreed to serve on the committee:

- Lynn Tucker
- Julie Tucker
- Jim Springate
- Mitch Lawrence
- Frank Hardy

I also plan to stay involved with the committee to help them get organized and figure out the best way to divide and conquer the various tasks.

In the future, I am hoping the Ride Coordinator role can be filled and will work with the committee to keep our chapter riding since that is one of our primary goals as a chapter.

Roger Early

Chapter Director

2023 District Operations (OPS) Meeting

The district OPS meeting will be held at the Historical Courthouse in Burlington, KY on Saturday, February 25th, 2023. There will be a social event on 2/24 and a supper after the OPS meeting on Saturday night. This is a great way to learn about what is being planned for the year for the District and is also a great time to socialize with other chapters. Everyone is invited and I'll send out more details as I receive them.

Roger Early

Chapter Director

First Ride of 2023 (Hot Fudge Cake Ride)

At the Christmas Party, John Conner asked if we could continue meeting at Jerry's as we have done the last few years. Mike arranged the ride last year and suggested we make it an annual "Hot Fudge Cake Ride". We are still working out the details, so more information will be provided later.

I hope you will join us to kickoff the new year!

Roger Early

Chapter Director

[Chapter C Membership Enhancement Coordinator](#)

Membership Enhancement Meanderings:

By the time the November newsletter was issued, it had been determined that the Kentucky District and Chapter C would make the jump to Wing'd Riders, although I obviously thought things were still in the air. Julie and I are officially Wing'd Riders members now and probably the next time we all get together, we all will be. Roger is working hard to help us all make the transition.

The Christmas party was a success. I don't know who my "dirty" Santa was but I brought home a can of Plexus. What a great, thoughtful, motorcycle related gift! The next rainy day I will be treating 4 motorcycle windshields, several helmet face shields and headlight lenses. This product will also be good on the headlight lenses of my soon to be 12 year old truck, which has never seen the inside of a garage. O.K., now it is beginning to sound like an advertisement! I am not at all fanatical about a clean bike and occasionally need a little inspiration.

Some of us have had issues in 2022, which have kept us from riding as much as we wanted to. We are looking forward to seeing everyone healthy and ready for a great year of riding in 2023, starting with our New Year's Day Polar Bear Ride, which will be launched from Jerry's in Paris at 10 o'clock. There has been some discussion about some of us retired curmudgeons getting together during the week to ride and to thank those still working for paying into our social security fund. Sorry, that was just wrong!

A note from Julie:

Lynn and I have enjoyed our riding experiences this year. We have made new friends and had good times even when the circumstances were a little questionable at first. It speaks to your heart when people are so willing to be helpful and welcoming. Of course, we especially enjoyed the Blast being in our back yard and looking forward to many more good times this coming year.

My wish for all is to stay healthy in all ways during this holiday season and beyond. I read today that life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it. CHOOSE JOY!!

Have a Merry Christmas and we'll see you next year!!

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 December Chapter C!!

Riding season is pretty much behind us now with the rain and cold sitting in. We knew it was coming, but I for one was not ready for it. We haven't gotten many rides in, again thanks to the weather. December 6th you enjoyed the Christmas party, and before that we had a ride to Joe B's.

To finish the year, I wanted to thank you for a wonderful year as I conclude my time as your Ride Coordinator. Please continue to support Roger and your other officers and they work to keep Chapter C the excellent chapter I know it is. We have really great people!! Keep it simple and keep it fun!!! I will see you down the road.

Mike VanHoose



Couple of the Year Chatter!

Congratulations to your 2023 Chapter C Couple of the Year – Jim and Karen Fields!! I hope they have as much fun as we did chasing after the Couple of the Year Mascot and getting to know the other chapter's couples.

Our term is now complete! Thanks again for giving us the opportunity to represent Chapter C!

We wish you all the merriest of Christmases and a fabulous new year!!

Mike and Dedre 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/>

District Educator—Richard Artmayer

Rider Education Report

Happy Holidays everyone. Riding season has ended and many of us have put our motorcycles away until next year. We are now busily focused on our holiday party planning and gift giving. For those of you who find it difficult to plan effectively or find that perfect gift, you are in luck. I have some timely suggestions to hopefully make your life better.

First, regarding your motorcycle, be sure to check the list that the factory made for you in the owner's manual. Being that it is a machine, your motorcycle has parts that wear out and need to be replaced. Buying the right parts and replacing them on time will keep you, your co-rider, and your bike very happy and your relationship drama-free. Maybe you should even give your machine an early present and start placing fuel stabilizer in the tank now with every fill-up. This way you are sure the stabilizer will be everywhere it needs to be if your season is suddenly cut short and the bike needs to sit for longer than expected. If you are a DIY mechanic, perhaps there is a new tool that will help you perform a maintenance task better or more easily.

Second, regarding you the rider, be sure to check the list your factory gave you when you were built. OK, you are correct, no child of which I am aware comes with an owner's manual. Being the new grandparent that I am, I checked with the parents of each of my grandchildren, and they confirmed their newborns did not come with a manual. All our technological improvements, and still no manuals for newborn children? Hmm. But as adults we often get a "list" after each doctor visit. I know my report sometimes reads like a maintenance checklist. For all you DIY riders (and as I am not aware of any motorcycle currently produced with Autonomous Driving Technology, we are all "do it yourself" riders) there may be some suggestions on your "lists" for things you should have that will keep you riding safely.

And third, regarding your interaction on the road with others, check your Riders Education database history. In essence, it is your DIY rider's toolbox. Here you will find listed all the tools you have collected and the ones that need to be sharpened. Being an educated rider is your gift to others. It allows you to be more aware and more prepared for when you interact with other road users, even to the extent that you can prevent any drama from occurring. This is because you recognized in the moment the potential for disaster and took the necessary actions to avoid it, all due to the tools you learned through your training.

As we all navigate through this Holiday season, I want to wish everyone good cheer, and look forward to continuing our relationship in the New Year. I am making my lists to be sure to include my gifts to you. I am hoping you will do the same for me.

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

11/21 Jim Fields

11/30 Sherri Springate

12/13 Roy Taulbee

12/13 Joni Conner

Anniversaries

11/25 Jim and Karen Fields

11/28 Roy and Lena Campbell

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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.