

January 2004 Newsletter



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A Word From The Director

By Jim Rippy

As we begin a new year for Chapter A I would like to thank all of the people who participated throughout last year. We covered many miles and made new friends. I have heard many theories on what makes a successful chapter and no matter what theory is put forth it boils down to the people who come to ride and become part of a family. Thanks to all of you for a great 2003, I am looking forward to 2004.

It is time now to think of the coming year. Spring is just around the corner, get ready to ride. I have already had several conversations with our Ride Coordinators, Don and Renee Vier about rides for the new year. We are planning ride schedules now and your input is needed. We have a thread on our message board dedicated to rides and where you would like to see us ride to. We are planning on a couple of overnights most likely around the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. The rest of the rides will be day rides or dinner rides. You can pass on your suggestions on the message board or to Don and Renee or me and I will pass it on to them.

Don't forget Winter Wrap Up 2004. It will be held on February 21st at the Ramada Inn in Lexington. This year's theme is "Survivor Kentucky Style". Registration will begin at 8:30 AM with COY selection at 10:00 AM. During the day the entries for the Bluegrass Blast logo will be on display for voting. The selected logo will grace the 2004 BGB shirts. Also there will be a cake walk; each chapter will be bringing two baked goods. We need two volunteers to bake a special creation for our Chapter A contributions. Talent and Talent-less contest will begin

at 6:00 PM Saturday evening. Pre-Registration is \$12.00 for members and \$14.00 for non members. Registration at the door is \$14.00 for members and \$16.00 for non members. Children under 16 are admitted free with a paying adult. Pre-Registration ends on February 7th. If you would like to spend the night, room rates at the Ramada for this event are \$69.00 plus tax per night. Call 859-299-1261 for reservations. Mention GWRRA of KY for the room discount. I will have Pre-Registration forms with me at the Holiday get together and party on January 17th.

If you would like to submit a drawing for the 2004 BGB, the theme is "America, past, present and future". I know we have some talent out there because of the good entries we had submitted for our Chapter A logo. Here is your chance to create the logo that hundreds of people will be wearing in August at the blast.

If you have pictures you would like to get into a 2003 Chapter A scrapbook bring them to the Holiday party. The scrapbooks will be on display for viewing and voting during the winter wrap up.

Speaking of our Holiday get together, our annual Holiday party will be held at the time of our normal get together. We will meet for food and socializing at 5:30 PM and have a short meeting at 6:30 PM and after the meeting the party will begin. We will have dinner catered so we will need a RSVP to me by January 11. If you would like to bring some dessert or snacks for later that evening let me know. The January get together will be not be at our normal meeting place. It will be held at 9902 Fairmont Road. A map is included later in the newsletter. Fairmont Road is off Bardstown road just before you

get to Bootleg Bar-B-Que headed south from the Snider expressway. We will put some balloons next to the drive to help you locate where to turn in.

As many of you know Rich and Sabine Miller from Chapter S are our new District Directors. Congratulations to Rich and Sabine, this is a terrific responsibility and will require a lot of their time and energy. Next time you see them give them a hug and thank them for stepping up. Our own John and Liz Tenerowicz have been asked to take the position of District Educator. They have accepted. I have asked Don Willi to take on the responsibility of Chapter Educator and he has accepted. Please thank Don for taking on this job next time you see him.

Speaking of Chapter Educators, one of the responsibilities of the Chapter Director and Educator is to see that each and every chapter participant is at least Level One in our rider education program. This takes only a commitment to ride safe and a small fee to cover the Level One patch and the mileage pin. If you have not made this commitment please see Don at our next get together.

If you have not been on the Internet and checked out our chapter web site please do so. Don and I have been maintaining the site, with Don doing most of the work. It looks really good. You also want to check out our message board as well. It is a great forum for ideas on riding, Goldwings and in general anything that you feel is of interest to your fellow chapter members or other people who may wander in. The address for the web site is www.geocities.com/gwrakya.

Let's Party

OK Chapter "A" Wingers, its time again for our annual January party to catch up with all your riding pals and gals that you haven't seen for a couple of very cold months.

Date: Saturday, January 17th

Time: 5:30

Location: 9902 Fairmont Rd., Louisville

RSVP: To Jim Rippy

Directions:

Take the Synder to Bardstown Rd. Go south on Bardstown (away from Louisville and toward the city of Bardstown). You will pass a Thornton's on your right, then a little place called the Fish Inn.

At the next traffic light, turn right onto Providence Rd.

Providence is just a connecting road about the length of 3 cars that connects new Bardstown Rd. with Old Bardstown Rd. Turn left off of Providence onto Old Bardstown Rd.

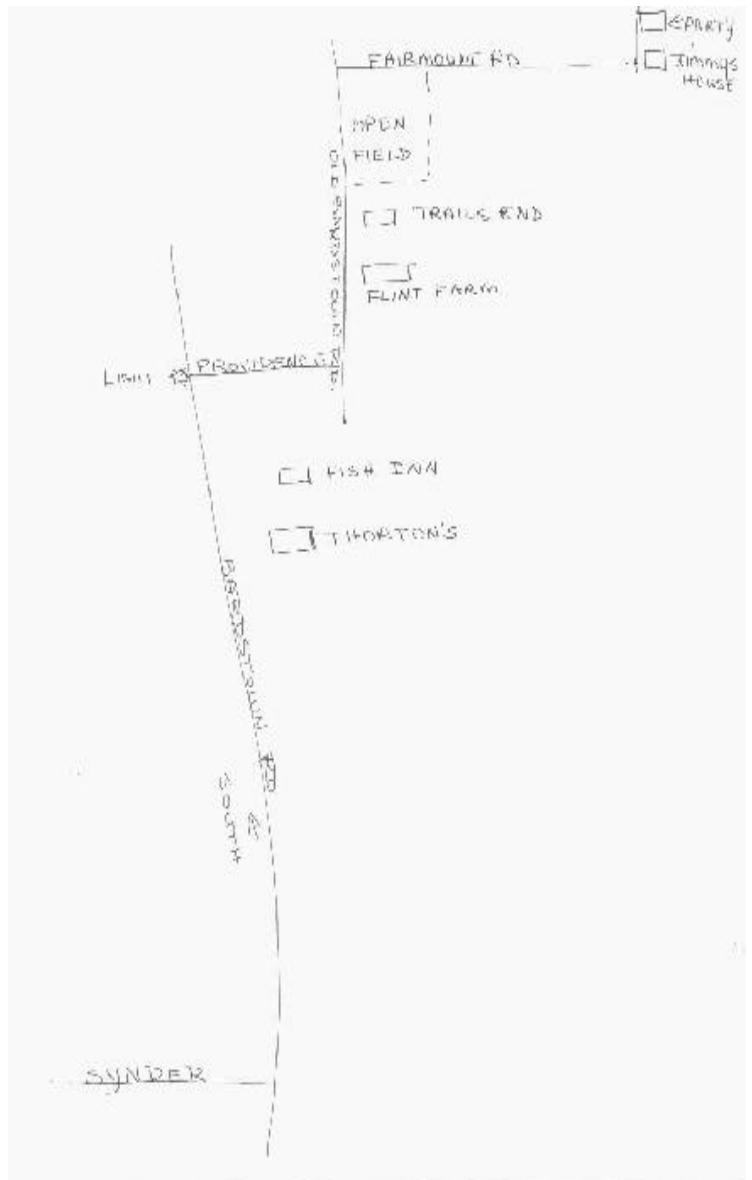
After a small distance, you will pass Flint Farm on your right, then Trails End Subdivision, then a large open field. Just past the open field is Fairmount Rd. on your right. Turn onto Fairmount Rd.

Jimmy's is the 11th house on the left side of the street at the top of a slight hill about half way down the street. The numbers on the street first run in descending order, then ascending, then back to descending. (Confusing? YES!) Jimmy's is 9902 but he has no numbers on the house and with all the up and down numbers you can just ignore it.

At the top of the slight hill, you will see a driveway with two small trees at the end, lights shining on them. Jimmy's driveway is the VERY NEXT driveway on your left. (We will put a sign at the end of the driveway.) Turn into his driveway and go PAST the house. You will see a large, long gray building. Park on either side of the driveway in the grass once past the house.

Door to the party room can plainly be seen and we will also put a sign on this as well.

Don't knock because no one inside will be able to hear you. Just come on in. See you on the 17th!



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Advertise your business for only \$50 per year for a business card size display!

Members; remember to support the businesses of those who advertise in our chapter's news letter!

Gassing Up?

GET OFF!

By James Davis

The tank is running low so you pull into a service station next to a pump. Down goes the kickstand. The next few things you do could save your life.

TURN OFF THE ENGINE. If gasoline were to spill as you bring the nozzle to the tank or as a result of overflow or as you take the nozzle out of the tank, you risk setting it ablaze. You should be concerned not just about a hot engine or exhaust pipes, but also any electrical system.



TAKE OFF YOUR HELMET. If your helmet is on you cannot determine if a fire has started as easily as you can without it and, particularly if the helmet is attached to the bike with an audio system cord, you cannot evacuate the area quickly should a fire be detected.

GET OFF YOUR MOTORCYCLE. For some reason this step seems to be ignored more often than any other. Maybe it 'looks' good. Maybe it's just too much work to get off when you're tired. Whatever, putting fuel into your tank while you're straddling the bike is *dangerous*! If there is a gasoline spill your crotch will get wet. Then what do you do? (Oh, and don't forget to have your co-rider get off the bike also!)

FILL THE TANK, BUT NOT TO THE TOP. Gasoline expands as it warms up. Some gas tanks are not sealed units and if you fill them to the top they can easily leak. Some motorcycles have dual (side-by-side) tanks that are connected internally. There is a 'secret' you should know about filling these bikes - when putting gasoline into the higher tank WATCH the level in the lower one. Since you are on your side stand the bike is leaning and overflow from the higher tank will go to the lower one. Obviously, with this kind of system you cannot fill the highest tank without overfilling the lower one. This is one reason why owners of these bikes tend to sit on them when they fill up - to keep the bike vertical so they can load as much gasoline as possible. But it's obvious why you shouldn't do so (odds are good you will stop and put your side stand down before you have burned up enough gasoline to prevent leakage.)

DO NOT SMOKE WITHIN 20 FEET OF THE GAS PUMP.

KEEP YOUR IGNITION SWITCH IN THE OFF POSITION ANY TIME YOUR FILLER CAP IS OFF YOUR TANK. (ESPECIALLY DO NOT USE YOUR CB.)

Earlier I asked what you would do if gasoline spilled onto your crotch. Actually, I should have asked what you would do if it spilled on any part of you or your clothes. This is so important I will offer my own suggestions at this point. **DRENCH with water!** THEN

take the article of clothing OFF! DO NOT WALK IF THERE IS GASOLINE ON YOUR CLOTHES!!! Static electricity can easily ignite gasoline fumes.

Allow wet clothes to dry OUTSIDE. If you happen to be at home, DO NOT PUT THESE CLOTHES INTO A WASHER/DRYER!!!!

If you can smell gasoline on them there is enough to ignite.

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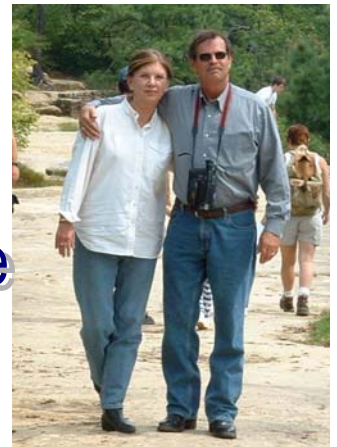
Check Out The Chapter Web Site:

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Thanks Don & Jim for all your hard work!

**Chapter A
2004 COY**

**Don & Renee
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A winger is rolling through town on his custom Goldwing, fastest bike in town. He's going around a bend when he rolls up on a cop. The blue lights come on and out rolls the cop. The winger thinks, "He'll never catch me in that car" and takes off. Several miles later the cop is still behind him as he pulls over.

The cop walks up to the biker and asks for his license. Then the cop says, "OK. I've had a crappy day, and I'm ready to head home. Come up with a good excuse for speeding away from me and I'll let you go."

The biker looks at the cop and replies, "The old lady left me last week for a cop. I was afraid it was you and you were trying to bring her back."

Cop hands him his license and tells him to have a nice ride home.

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Chapter "A" Louisville, Kentucky



Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge.

Come Ride With Us!

There are no scheduled rides in January or February.



Me Too Ride?!

