



## March Newsletter



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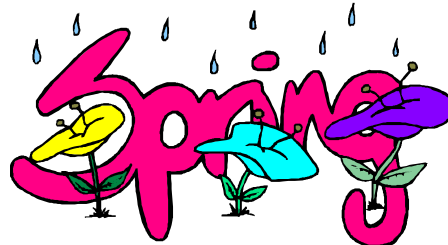
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## A Word From The Director

By Jim Rippy

Last week on the plane coming back from California I was rereading the latest Wing World. Yeah, I carry it with me when I travel. Between the time on the plane and waiting in airports I get time to really enjoy it. This time after spending the week where the weather was in the 80's and there were bikes everywhere I really had the fever to get out and ride. I got to thinking about what GWRRR is about and what it means to me.



I've been riding some type of motorcycle or scooter since I was 14 or so. As much as I love to ride it is an experience that is so good that it begs to be shared. There is something about getting together with friends and riding as a group. Some say it's safer, you know more eyes to watch for danger, but I get a thrill out of seeing all those bikes cruising together. Listening to the chatter on the radio between the bikes. We are in our own world as we move down the highway, wind on our face feeling the power of these great motorcycles. But to be really enjoyed you need to share this experience. You get a hint when we are working on ride schedules and we are asking for places to

ride to and most people don't seem to care. It seems many of us really don't care what the destination is. It is the ride that we go for. The destination is just a place to turn around, take a break and talk about our motorcycles. We walk around, stretch, kick the tires and admire each other's bikes and discuss what accessory, light, gadget or piece of chrome we need to add next. And there is the good natured kidding that usually goes along with the stops whether it is a comment about 8 tracks or last time the ride captain got lost and led the group right into a farm field when the road ended.

As much as I love to ride I have become addicted to having this great group of friends that have the same passion and are always ready to go for a ride. Weekend before last we had a beautiful warm day and a few phone calls brought 16 bikes to the Wal-Mart parking lot for an afternoon ride. I'm thinking this is what it is all about. We are having fun, socializing with friends, enjoying a great day and of course there was the stop for a late lunch at the little country buffet. The kind of day you hate to see come to an end.

The more GWRRR members I meet the more friends I find I have. In some cases they are more like a family than a group of friends. Ready to chip in and help at a minutes notice whether it's for a chapter member or a member from out of town. When we go to rallies anymore it is like getting a chance to chat

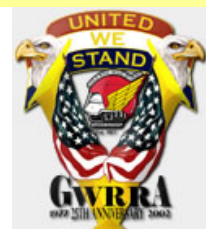
with long lost friends you have not seen for months. That even includes some of the vendors we met over the years.

We have the Tennessee Spring Fling coming up in April. Last year we rented cabins at the KOA near the rally and after visiting the rally and riding the mountain roads we sat around the fire and talked about our bikes and how great the riding was. But, just having the chance to do that was even better than the riding. That's what GWRRR is all about, Friends, Fun and Knowledge. I can hardly wait to do it again this year.

Thank you to all of my friends in Chapter A who make motorcycling so much fun.

Ride Safe, Ride Often

On another note the last update I have on Jack Dozier the Senior Chapter Director of Chapter S in Elizabethtown. Jack underwent major brain surgery last week and is recovering in Jewish Hospital in Louisville. Please include Jack in your prayers. Right now Jack is not ready to have visitors, I will update everyone as I get reports. Thanks to Rich Miller and the Assistant Chapter Directors Cathy and Robert Williamson who have been in contact and kept us informed.



# Comming Attractions!

# Spring Fever

## Chapter Meeting

Saturday, **March 20** at 6:30 PM

## Maintenance Day at Kenny's Garage

**April 3rd** at 10:00 AM followed by lunch cook out. (Rain day, April 4th)

## Desert Ride

**April 8th** at 6:30 PM, Meet at DQ- Bluegrass Pkwy.

## Makers Mark Ride

**April 11th**, Meet at Fern Creek Wal-mart at 1:30 PM, our tour is at 3:30 PM, we'll eat at the Stephen Foster restaurant

## Spring Fling

**April 22-25**, Pigeon Forge, TN



What a beautiful day and what a beautiful sight!



On April 29th, the members of the chapter (along with a few new friends) responded to a few phone calls. WOW—we had sixteen bikes on a ride down to Springfield, over to Bardstown and back to Louisville. I'm sure this was the result of **Spring Fever**.

**Check Out The Chapter Web Site:**

[www.gwrrakya.org](http://www.gwrrakya.org)

# High Miles Club

Make sure you ride your bike to the **APRIL** meeting; that's when we'll be signing up members for the **HIGH MILES CLUB** (not to be mistaken for the Mile High Club). It costs just \$5 to join. We'll log your miles at the **APRIL** meeting and each subsequent meeting through the end of the year.

The winner of the contest will be recognized at the last meeting of the year.

Bike thief "Dick" caught in the act by Kathy...



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# Target Fixation



By James R. Davis

Sometimes we riders tend to minimize the risks we hear about. Take, for example, what every student of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation has heard about - 'target fixation'. 'Fixating' on something means not being able to take your attention (your eyes, for example) away from it. In the case of riding motorcycles, for example, this leads to the phenomena wherein our motorcycles tend to go in the direction we are looking and is usually described with an example familiar to all -- that if you see a pothole in the street ahead of you and don't take your eyes off it you are likely to hit it.

While that is true, it is too trivial an example to get our attention appropriately. We are left with the opinion that 'target fixation' is of trivial concern because we all know that we can, if we try, avoid that pothole.

It is insufficient to simply post the advise that you should avoid target fixation. Saying "don't fixate" is all very well, but once it starts, you need a positive technique to get yourself out in one piece. So once you are in trouble, use target fixation to save your skin.

*Don't look at the oncoming truck/tree/pothole; figure out where you would rather be and fixate on that instead.* In fact, those of you that have taken the MSF classes know that "target fixation" is an excellent way to control skids - fixate on a point dead ahead on the horizon, and you'll be well on the way towards automatically correcting most skids.

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## A Favorite Ride - Owazaki Pass

By Steve Hamm

One recent morning my brother and I were pondering where we would ride that day. Then it occurred to me that it would be great to share ideas for places to ride. More specifically, it would be nice to have a list of interesting roads and places recommended by fellow riders that could quickly be reached from our base here in Louisville.

Now I'm not discouraging anyone who wants to share their experiences, say, on a ride they took out west. We whole heartedly welcome those stories. But if you're like me, most of your riding is done within 120 miles of Louisville.

Riding my Wing is an exhilarating experience regardless of where I ride. However, it is nice to mix it up a bit and it's especially fun to discover new "twisties" that I didn't even know existed. Such a discovery took place just a couple of weeks ago and I'll take this opportunity to share this ride with you as it has become one of my favorites.

We started out heading east on Hwy. 148 (Taylorsville Road) from the Snyder Freeway. This will take you to Southville. From Southville, follow Hwy. 512 east to Hwy 127. This stretch between Southville and Hwy. 127 is beautiful but watch out for deer. We had a "heard" of does cross in front of us at 10:30 in the morning.

Take Hwy. 127 North through Frankfort. While in Frankfort you can take a slight detour by heading east on Hwy. 60 and roll pass the Capitol building. From there you can continue east on Hwy. 60 for a couple of miles and visit Daniel Boones grave. This is one of my favorite stops as the grave is located on a very high bluff overlooking the Capitol and Kentucky River – don't forget your camera.

Turn left out of the cemetery and head West on 60 back to Hwy 127 North. Follow 127 up to Owenton. This section of 127 consists of wide sweepers and fantastic scenery. When you reach Owenton, turn right on Hwy 227. You will find a Dairy Queen on your right (which is about the only place heading that direction to take a break).

After your break, head south on 227 (also known to some as "Kentucky's Deal's Gap") towards Stamping Ground. I'm not sure I would go so far as to say it equals the excitement of Deal's Gap, but still it's a lot of fun.

There is one curve about 12 miles down that is known as the Owazaki Pass. Why? Well, there have been 3 Kawasaki's go down in this same corner in the last few years, all the riders walked away, but ALL THREE BIKES had the K knocked off the lettering in the tank, leaving them to say awasaki. Thus the stuff of legends is born. Watch out for Owazaki Pass – I did throw some sparks in that curve.

Hwy. 227 ends at Hwy. 460 just west of Georgetown. Head west on 460 through Frankfort and then continue on Hwy. 60 back to Louisville. You should allow six and a half to seven and a half hours for this route. Hope you enjoy!





A Harley rider is dining in a fancy restaurant and there is a gorgeous redhead sitting at the next table. He has been checking her out since he sat down, but lacks the nerve to talk with her.

Suddenly she sneezes and her glass eye comes flying out of its socket towards the man. He reflexively reaches out, grabs it out of the air, and hands it back.

"Oh my, I am so sorry," the woman says as she pops her eye back in place. "Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you."

They enjoy a wonderful dinner together, and afterwards the woman invites him to the theater followed by drinks. After paying for everything, she asks him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap...and stay for breakfast the next morning.

The next morning, she cooks a gourmet meal with all the trimmings. The guy is amazed! Everything had been incredible!

"You know," he said, "you are the perfect woman. Are you this nice to every biker you meet?"

"No," she replies..... "You just happened to catch my eye."

### Winter Wrap Up Photos c/o Renee Vier



Somebody—wake John up.....



Hey Don(s), are you sure you know how to put that bike back together?

# For Sale

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I guess that's what they make the manual for.....  
(The two Dons—must be the repair mafia....)

