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The May Chapter Meeting is Saturday May 20, at Piccadilly Cafeteria on Hurstbourne Lane near Shelbyville Rd., eat at 5:30 PM, meet at 6:30 PM.

Chapter Update From the CD Mike and Kathy Lebre

Hi, it was so nice to see everyone who showed up at our get together last month. We had a total of 19 friends show up. Please check the web page for our ride schedule. We have multiple rides scheduled over the next few months. If you can't make one try to make another, we have a variety for everyone.

Don't forget to bring your bike Saturday to sign up for the high mileage award it starts this month.

If you haven't gotten your Bluegrass Blast door prize tickets just ask and we can get you some, remember the chapter gets back a percentage of the sales. They are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Maintenance day went great, we had a good turn out and looks like everyone had a good time along with plenty of food and socializing. Bikes had the oil changed, brakes adjusted and wheels and bikes got polished. A few people we need to recognize for the success of maintenance day are Terry and Karen Rogers for providing a place to have maintenance day along with their gas grill, Bob Church for the Burgers and Hotdogs and Buns. Thanks Bill Bond owner of Dairy Queen for donating the meat and buns. Please patronize Derby City Wing Riders Newsletter, May 2006

Dairy Queens, Lagrange, Middletown, and on Bluegrass Parkway. Everyone knows GWRRA members favorite ice cream place is Dairy Queen. Chapter A had 6 members take the ERC the weekend of the 23., we refreshed our riding skills. Personally the course made me think of things I already knew but over the years did not practice routinely. Our group-riding course put on by Jim Rippy our Chapter Educator, was a big success. Jim always has an interesting seminar, and with all of his motorcycling experience he is the right person to share his knowledge with us. Thanks again Jim.
See you at the next get-together on May 20th.

Rider Education

I would like to pass on an article from the NC District Rider Education Newsletter.

What do you do when your bike is going down?

Kyle and Mitzela Craig
NC Educators of the Year

This article was inspired by a question asked at the end the Co-Riders Seminar at the Wings over the Smokies Rally last September.

Answer: As a Rider and/or Co-Rider one has to make an on the spot decision. That is, to stay with our bike or to let it go. This is only a call that these individuals can make given their situation. He or she should keep their feet on the pegs or floor boards

and legs tightly into the side of the bike. They also should keep their hands on the handlebars and Co-Riders should keep a firm hold onto the Rider or hand grips. Arms and elbows should be kept close and tight to their body. In other words, one doesn't want anything flying around. It may get broken.

There's more to this question than meets the eye, so to speak. In my short time as a rider and member of the GWRRA I have learned many things about accidents at others expense. By this I mean that whenever I hear of someone having an accident I always want to know what happened. As with most of us, I listen to the stories given by someone else. But, at soon as I can I got the story from the Rider and/or Co-Rider first hand I do.

Accidents can be described as two basic types. These are high side and low side.

High Side: A crash in which the rear of the bike slides out in a turn, then suddenly grips, (catches traction) and flips the bike and the rider over. Quite often this results in the bike landing on the Rider and/or Co-Rider. **Low Side:** A crash in which the rear wheel or both wheels loses traction. The motorcycle slips out (fall sideways) from under the Rider and/or Co-Rider.

After listening to many stories from many accident victims I've narrowed down some of the causes and these are just a few. **Causes:** Some of the general causes of these two crashes are sand, oil spots, plastic bottles (water), leaves, curves, speeding, road kill, other road debris, steering maneuvers, improper braking and avoidance maneuvers.

Steering maneuvers, improper braking and avoidance maneuvers seems to be the culprit in a lot of cases. Furthermore, when one starts checking out the statistics with various agencies such as the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) these are confirmed.

Correction: Take an ERC and practice, practice, practice the proper skills and techniques that you've learned.

For Sale

Chrome Luggage rack for GL1800. Show Chrome tubular design. New still in packaging \$59.00 Call Jim Rippy at 502-231-7134

If anyone else has anything for sale that they want put into this section of the newsletter, contact Jim.

Chapter Maintenance Day

Maintenance Day went off as well on Saturday April 22 at our alternate location. Terry and Karen Rogers home. Thanks from all of us who were there to Terry and Karen for their hospitality and use of their home. As usual we had plenty of food and dessert, if you weren't there you missed some real treats, especially the mini éclairs brought by Renee.

We had a good turnout and plenty of help on hand for advice on bike maintenance and tool sharing.



There was ample room for multiple people to work on bikes.





May Chapter A Events

May 21, Sunday – Brunch Ride to Overlook Restaurant in Leavenworth, IN, leave DQ on Hurstbourne at 8:30 AM.

May 25, Thursday – Dessert Ride to Mom and Pops in New Albany. Meet DQ Hurstbourne at 6:30 PM

May 27 – May 30, Memorial Day Camping – Cherokee KOA in Cherokee, NC, Leave Saturday Morning at 8:00 AM, meet at DQ in Fern Creek on Bardstown Rd.

June 3, Saturday – Ride to French Lick, IN, meet at DQ on Hurstbourne at 10:00 AM

2006 GWRRA Events

May 11 – 13: Appalachian Adventure, Region N Rally, Maggie Valley, NC

June 16 – 17, Kentucky District Ride In, Crossroads Campground in Elizabethtown, KY. This is a ride in and camp event. There is no entry or event fee. Camping is \$15 for tent site, \$20 for a tent site with water and electricity. They will permit more than one tent on a campsite for this event.

Jul 3 – 6: Wing Ding, GWRRA National Rally, Nashville, Tennessee, Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center

Aug 10 – 12: Waller in the Holler, West Virginia District Rally, Cedar Lake, WV.

Aug 25 – 26: Blue Grass Blast, Kentucky District Rally, Bowling Green, Kentucky.



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May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Karen Rogers – Happy Birthday
Don Vier – Happy Birthday
Joe Schoene – Happy Birthday
Ken Maxwell – Happy Birthday

Jessie and Kristen Tipton – Happy First Anniversary

Congratulations to Steve Kratzwald and Don Vier on winning the 50/50 at our April meeting.



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Group Riding Seminar

Thanks to all of you who came to our Group Riding Seminar on April 29 and thanks to Mike at Petscriptions for donating the use of his shipping area for the seminar. We had a good crowd and I could see the results on the next ride. It really does make a difference when everyone is knowledgeable. We looked good as a team on the road.

Wing Ding Hotel Information

I have had some calls about the Wing Ding hotel information so here it is again.

Jack and Sharla Dozier have made arrangements with Alexis Suites and Inns in Nashville for a discount rate. Standard room with a King bed is \$54.95 and Standard rooms with two Queen beds is \$64.95. You must ask for Carol at the front desk and tell her you are with the Kentucky Gold Wingers. Reservations can be made at 615-889-4466. The hotel is just 3 miles from the Wing Ding site



Bring on the food...



I can't eat any more...



I guess we're going to have to work on 'em now...