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## From the Chapter Director

Our last Chapter A meeting was held at Picadilly's on Hurstbourne Lane on Saturday, October 18, 2008. Please welcome visitors Rich and Jan from Prospect; Mark and Debbie from North Carolina by way of Florida now living in Kentucky; and Pat from Kentucky by way of Virginia now living in Shelbyville. We are glad you could join us.

There is not really a lot going on. The riding season is winding now. Our last scheduled ride is for Sunday, October 26, 2008, to the Red River Gorge.

CPR fell through this month due to lack of interest. Only two people signed up for the class and we needed a minimum of six. We will reschedule for February.

High mileage concluded at the October meeting. There were 13 participants who drove a total of 73,942 miles. The winners will be announced at the November meeting. There will not be a meeting in December and our winter party will be in January instead of our regular meeting. Details of the winter party will be forthcoming. We talked about possible venues for the party. The Chapter will be providing the main entrée and drinks. Everyone will be asked to bring a dish. Plus, those interested in the gift exchange should bring a \$15 gift. In the past the gift exchange has been quite entertaining.

The meeting concluded with the sale of a few Chapter A shirts. A final shirt order has been submitted and the shirts should be available at the November meeting.

Be safe and we will see you soon.

**Terry and Karen**

## Meet the Chapter

Lets just make it short and sweet! 🍬

Eric and I moved to Shelbyville from Maryland in 2007 because we wanted to get out of the East Coast rat race.

We spent a lot of time in Maryland riding our 2001 Honda VFR. In 2006 we bought our Goldwing and have been members of GWRRA since that time.

I have one daughter who is 24 and lives in Baltimore. We have two big furry kids. We spend most of our free time either riding motorcycles or running around after our dogs. When not working, Eric can usually be found fixing or building something in his garage. I like to read, clean and refinish furniture. We both enjoy working on our farm.

We are glad that we just happened to drive by

one of the chapter meetings in June. We have really enjoyed our rides with the group and can't wait until winter is over!

Thanks to all for welcoming us.

Missy and Eric

## Rider Education

### Frosty Mornings and Sunny Days

Okay, we've reached the time of the year when the temperature has much to do with how you ride as anything else. Many days the temps are at or below freezing in the mornings and shooting upwards to the 50's and 60's later on in the day. It is these days that all we hear "It's going to get to 60 today and sunny". You immediately scramble to figure out a way to get the bike out. You don't care that it's 35 degrees in the morning when you head out. You figure you can put enough clothes on to take care of that. That may be so, but that's another topic, not the one I'd like to get into on this article.

No, the first topic I'd like to bring up is the effect that temperature, wind, and humidity have on different driving surfaces. When the combination is just right, it can create a deadly situation on surfaces known as "Black Ice."

This situation usually, but not always, occurs on bridges and elevated roadways where the air and humidity can get both under as well as over the surface. When the vapor (humidity) comes in contact with surfaces that are below or at freezing, it has a tendency to crystallize and stick to the surface. Sometimes this forms a very thin layer on the surface that cannot be readily seen. This is where the danger lies.

So, just be aware of this when you decide to take that 60 degree sunny day ride, cause it's not 60 degrees when you start out.

Of course, if you've winterized your bike you won't have worry about this too much. I've never winterized my bike. I usually find a couple of good sunny day where I can get out and ride throughout the winter. I know, I know, some people will not even think about getting the bike out until spring, but I just can't do it. I can't do it. I do not, however, fill the bike up when I stop for

gas though. I just put in what I think I'll need for the day's ride. I figure that if I just put in what I need for the day's ride, then the chance of having old gas in the tank is greatly reduced. But that's just me.

Keep the peepers peeping.

**Bruce.**



### November Birthdays

Tom Snow  
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