



# Derby City Wing Riders



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## *From the Director's Track*

Spring and the riding season draws ever closer. Thank Goodness! If you didn't check the fluids, filters and tires before you put your beloved bike away for the winter or even if you did, it is time to do it again. Remember to check that your turn signals and brake lights are working properly as well. And all those repairs you decided to put off until next year, well next year is here. Repairs done now, as well as problems caught and fixed, means more riding time later. Many of you may remember when a photo was brought to a chapter meeting of a large mouse nest that had been constructed in the fairing area of a Goldwing over the winter. While you are looking over your bike make sure that a little field mouse hasn't decided to make a home in a pocket or space. When that first pretty day finally appears you don't want to be longingly looking up at the sky and then back at a motorcycle that is not ready to roll. And it can not only be a bike that is not ready to roll but the driver as well.

Derby City Wing Riders are blessed with numerous skilled and experienced drivers that have more than 100,000 safe miles in their riding history. Jim Rippey, for example, has more than 200,000 safe miles under his belt. All of these drivers regularly take an ERC class. If you have

never taken an ERC class, two wheels or three, because you think you don't need it, you couldn't be more wrong. It is not too early to be thinking of taking a class this year if you have never taken one or haven't taken one in more than two years. There is a link to the Kentucky Driving School on our Chapter web page under the MSF link. The skills you learn in those classes could one day save your life or the life of another you are sharing the roads with. And it could also save you some hard earned money as most insurance companies give a discount on motorcycle insurance when you take an ERC class knowing you are serious about being a safe and practiced driver.

Mike Knight of Heritage Honda was to attend the meeting last month but postponed due to a faulty weather forecast. Nope, it didn't snow and some even road their Wing to the February meeting. Mike plans on attending this month's meeting. We will also be discussing upcoming events for April; high mileage, a Chapter contest Lani and Steve are putting together and a spring picnic. Please remember to fill in at least one ride on your ride forms and bring them with you to the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. See you there.

*Don and Renee*

## *Words of Wisdom*

**J**unk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.

### *From the Educator's Headlights*

#### *"Before you fly your Wing"*

**A**s another riding season is just around the corner we turn to thoughts of getting on our bikes and riding down those country roads. Just the thought of a ride puts a smile on our faces. A well maintained motorcycle will help keep the smile on your face. I own a Honda Service Manual for my GL1200 and I recommend that anyone that has a bike and a few tools own one for their ride. Most maintenance can be performed by the average person with little or no mechanical aptitude. Especially when it is laid out in black and white with step-by-step instructions. This is a onetime investment of around \$100.00 that will pay for itself over and over. Plus just picking it up and reading it from time to time will give you a better understanding of your Wing and the way it operates. There is no substitute for knowledge.

**J**ust like a fighter jet, you and your Wing should have a "pre-flight" inspection. A motorcycle is a complex piece of machinery that demands respect. Never take anything for granted, when things are taken for granted important safety aspects are overlooked. Some are more familiar with the T-Clock safety inspection list than others. This is a check list to perform from time-to-time. Those that are not that familiar go to:

<http://nutsaboutbikes.com/PDFs/T-ClockForm.pdf> and print off a copy. It makes perfect sense! Anyone that wants help or does not fully understand the check list please feel invited to contact me. I will answer your questions and/or help you complete the checklist on your Wing.

**I** would like to touch on one "pre-flight" in particular. The one thing that separates you from the road more than any other one thing.

**TIRES!!** If something looks wrong with your tires assume that there *is* something wrong. Tires should be inspected visually for cracks and nails etc., and pressure. Tire pressure fluctuates with temperature changes. Three to four minutes is all it takes to save yourself from being stranded or worse. Please take that little bit of time.

**T**ake care of your Wing and it will take care of you is the moral to my article this month. Thanks for reading and enjoy the ride!!!

*Bill*

### *Congratulations Ken and Lorrie Maxwell 2010 Couple of the Year*



### *Thank you to our web page sponsors...and is it time to renew?*

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## ***March Birthdays***



Shirley Tipton  
Renee Vier

## ***March Anniversaries***



No March Anniversaries

## ***February Meeting Highlights***

Last month was our first meeting at a new location. Yes, it was busy and the parking lot was crowded due to the U of K and Louisville basketball games that took place during our meeting...and we had to use that long awkwardly shaped room. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and next month we will have a room much more suitable for the meeting...and again, everyone is welcome to keep searching for a different meeting location.

Several new couples attended our meeting. We all enjoyed meeting Gerry and Susan and Mark Joan and look forward to seeing them again. Mike and Carolyn have attended meetings and ridden with us in the past, however, their rides will be somewhat different now that they have purchased a new Goldwing. Congrats again on the new bike!

District was represented at our February meeting by Darrell, Kristy and John. All are members of Chapter S. Members of Chapters C, Russ and Jerry, also attended as well as former Chapter A members that are working to form a new Shelbyville/ Frankfort chapter. We always enjoy seeing fellow GWRRA members.

## ***Dinosaur Extinction Mystery Solved!***



## ***Region N News***

There is still time to buy raffle tickets for the Region N raffle. The prizes include four nights in a Des Moines hotel for Wing Ding 32; three hotel nights at the District N rally; two registrations for Wings Over Smokies and a 4<sup>th</sup> mystery prize. The drawing will be held at Spring Fling on April 24<sup>th</sup> and you do not have to be present to win. Complete details can be found on the Region N website: <http://www.region-n.org/>

## ***Kentucky District News***

The District Traveling Plaque is with Chapter S.  
Next meeting is Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
Golden Coral, U.S. 31 W., Elizabethtown, KY  
Eat @ 4:00 PM, Meet @ 5:00

The COY Duck is with Chapter Y.  
Next meeting is Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Dinner Bell, HWY 45 N., Mayfield, KY  
Eat @ 6:00, Meet @ 7:00

Kentucky District Newsletter:  
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