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From the Director's Track

Spring is almost here and it can't come too early to suit us after this bitter cold winter. If you haven't already done so, now is the time to check over your bike for any needed repairs and order tires if you think you will need them before long. One of our Chapter web page sponsors, Chris at Shelby Cycle, has excellent prices on tires. If you have had your bike parked for these many long months, and most of us have due to the snow, ice and temperature, time to polish that Wing and get out and practice, practice, practice. Find a large, empty parking lot and get back into the groove.

It is also the time to start thinking about ERC and CPR classes. Some Chapter members are taking a CPR class this month and we will be working on future classes with John. Also, we are fortunate to have a Chapter member who is an ERC instructor, Bridwell, so we will be getting information from Bridwell concerning future ERC classes.

Last month we handed out ride suggestions forms. As always, rides can be a place to visit, a certain restaurant where you would like to eat or just a road to travel. We would like *all* Chapter members to submit rides. Last year we had some great rides suggested...so y'all keep up the good work and please get those forms filled out and

returned at the March 19th meeting. We will start drawing rides in April.

Don and Renee

Words of Wisdom

If at first you don't succeed, sky diving is not for you.

No cat here!



From the Educator's Headlights

Well it's March and hopefully the weather will get warmer and we can all get some riding in. It's been a while since we've had our Wings out so let's make sure that we are prepared for a safe start. One of the ways to ensure our safe start to the season, and before any ride, is to perform our T-Clock check. Oh yeah, T-Clock now let me think what did that all stand for? Let's see:

T- Tires and wheels

C- Controls

L- Lights

O- Oil

C- Chassis

K- Kick stand

Yeah, now here are a few items for each of these things to look for:

Tires and wheels: Check air pressure; tread depth and wear. Spokes, any broken, missing or bent?

Controls: Check your levers conditions and pivots. Check your cables for any fraying, kinks. Check your hoses for cuts, cracks or leaks. Check your throttle; ensure it moves freely, snaps closed, no revving.

Lights: Check your batteries terminals are clean and tight. Check that your vent tube isn't kinked or plugged. Check your lenses/reflectors for cracks, excessive moisture.

Oil: Check your engine oil, hypoid gear oil, brake fluid, coolant, and fuel levels. While you're at it check for any leaks in these areas.

Chassis: Check your frame for cracks, your accessory mounts and look for paint lifting. Check your steering head bearings--no detent or tight spots through full travel. Check swing arm bushings and bearings. Fork should have equal air pressure. Check that the shocks have smooth travel.

Kick stand: Check both your center stand and side stand for cracks and that springs are in place.

These are just a few of the items that need to be checked for each area. You can find a more detailed list and print it at:
www.mtctraining.com/trans/t-clockform.pdf

Check your Wing over good and start the season safe. Hope to see you on the road soon.

John and Beth

March Birthdays



Mike Reilly
Shirley Tipton
Renee Vier
Gerry Whitson

February Meeting Highlights

We had numerous visitors at last month's meeting...some there to capture the COY mascot, Rascal, others visiting from Chapter B in Indiana and our District Educator, Rick Andreen, to deliver some papers to our new Chapter Educator, John. Thank you, Rick. Chapter N captured the COY mascot and will be taking it to a GWRRA event soon where John and Beth have vowed to recapture it for Chapter A. We really enjoyed having the visitors, hope they enjoyed the meeting and will come back soon.

Steve and Lani introduced a new Chapter game, the *Chapter Patch Letter* contest and some members have already entered. For those that have not, it is \$5 per bike and you can start collecting those letters whenever riding weather permits. For those unable to attend the meeting or if you forgot to join in on the new game, you can

do so at any time during the year. The contest will not end until the October 2011 meeting. These contests are always fun and give you a good excuse to do some extra riding (as if any of us needed one) and you will find yourself visiting places you never thought of and discovering great riding roads you never knew existed... so join in on the fun!

There is a new site on our Chapter web page, *Derby City Wings Mascots*. Since most of us have pets, all spoil them terribly and talk about them often, we thought it would be nice to actually see what other's pets look like. Check out the new page and if you have not yet sent in a pet picture, try and get those to us ASAP so we can all see just how cute your little family member is.

[www.gwrakya.org/Derby City Wings Mascots.html](http://www.gwrakya.org/Derby_City_Wings_Mascots.html)

We also have a new Chapter *hot potato*, Harley. Someone took him home from the meeting and will be trying to pass him off to the next unsuspecting person as soon as possible so check those pockets and purses...and once riding season kicks in you may want to look in saddlebags, bike pockets and trunks a little more often than usual. Let's all have fun finding Harley and passing him along.



Harley

March Events

Visit to Indiana Chapter B on Sunday, March 13th. (Maybe it will even be nice enough to ride.)
Saturday, March 19th – Chapter Meeting
Saturday, March 26th - Bill and Linda's wedding.

http://www.gwrakya.org/11rides_calendar.html

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Pet of the Month



Katie and Lola
Bridwell and Marnie





Kentucky District



The District Traveling Plaque is with Chapter H
 Next meeting is March 4th
 Stratton Community Center
 215 Washington St. Shelbyville, KY 40065
 Meet @ 6:30 PM (No Meal)

The Coy Rabbit is with Chapter N
 Next meeting is Friday, March 11th
 Vanessa's Heavenly Temptations
 119-A S. Main St.
 Dry Ridge, KY 41035
 Eat @ 6:30 PM, Meet @ 7:30 PM

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