

# Chapter KY-T

## Gold Wing Road Riders Association



Richard Hites, our Asst. Chapter Director

# Good-Bye Dear Friend

## In Memory of Richard T. Hites Chapter KY-T;



Richard was born Feb. 11, 1930, making family & friends happy here on earth for 78 yrs. As anyone who knew him would agree.

He sadly left to be with his beloved Eunice on July 29, 2008, leaving behind a host of family & friends; who will miss him tremendously and feel very blessed to have known & loved him. He is now at rest along side of Eunice at Highlands Memorial Park.

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## **There Is Never Enough Time...**

I've often heard people (including myself) say, "I just didn't have time." They didn't have time to make a phone call, write a note to a friend, visit a dear friend or write an article for their chapter newsletter. That has been the case with us lately. Charles has been working way too much. My mom, Nina, also known as chapter Mom, has been very sick. In addition to this, we're on baby watch. We're getting our first

grandchild (a son) and he has been trying very hard to arrive early. This explains why this article is short.

However, we will find time for the upcoming chapter events. We have Bluegrass Blast, Apple Days Bike Show, the Lady Gold Wings will be starting their bowling season this month, and we will be organizing activities for our friends at the Paintsville Nursing Home for the upcoming Holidays.

We will all be very busy, but, I know that we will have time to miss our dear friend and Assistant Chapter Director, Richard Hites. Our Chapter has lost a dear friend. When Charles and I joined GWRRA and became part of Big Sandy Wings, Richard was one of the first to welcome us. He was the perfect example of a Goldwinger. He was ready to ride when his health permitted. He was willing to help with any project or decision the chapter had to deal with. He opened his home to the chapter every year for tech day. When a volunteer was needed, he was the first to volunteer himself or someone else. He was always looking for a Dairy Queen to stop at for ice cream. If you were having a sad day, he would cheer you up. He was looking forward to getting well enough to ride again. If he could talk to us, I think he would say "Sorry, fellas, this is one ride I

have to go on alone. I'll check things out when I get there and when you arrive, I'll know where all the Dairy Queens are located. Until then, over and out"

Charles and Teresa

## Rider Education News



Educators: Greg & Freeda Kidd



## Educating both the Motorcycle and Motorist Community

Our World Class Educational Program has many avenues to educate both our motorcycle community and the general driving public.

The GWRRRA Rider Education Program (REP) is intended to make the motorcycle riding environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities and increasing motorcyclist skills and awareness. The REP does not propose to have all the answers.

However, our close-working relationship with the Motorcycle Safety

Foundation (MSF), as well as additional GWRRRA programs and studies, has provided a wealth of information for use in establishing a comprehensive Rider Education Program. Through **Commitment, Education** and **Application**, we can reduce our accident rate significantly.

Listed below are several benefits of a fully implemented GWRRRA Rider Education Program at the District and Chapter level:

- Increased rider knowledge
- Increased rider safety skills
- Prevention of accidents
- Reduced injuries
- Reduced fatalities
- Improved general public image of motorcyclists
- Enhanced enjoyment of motorcycle riding
- Enhanced motorcycle safety through Motorist Awareness public presentations

Both the motorcycle and motorist community are already realizing many positive benefits from the GWRRRA Rider Education Program. Through the efforts of the Rider Education Officers and volunteers throughout the world, we will reach our goal of establishing the safest motorcycle environment possible.

Ride Safe and COAST (-- Concentrate On a Safe Trip --).

The KIDD'S: Greg & Freeda

Note:

As a special tribute to our very special Chapter Member; who passed away on Tuesday of this week, Richard Hites. We are going to dedicate this newsletter to Richard Hites and his family.

## Remembering Richard



This was taken of Richard, in Nashville, TN. At Wing Ding. We had such a great time; Richard especially loved it after we discovered the Mall had a Marble Slab in it, any one who knew Richard knew he loved ICE-CREAM!!!

Home at Last

“Welcome my child,” said  
the Master  
As Richard steps inside the  
gate  
He bowed at the feet of  
Jesus  
Then embraced Him, it felt  
so great!

“Go ahead and take a stroll,”  
said the Savior

Up here there is no rain or  
snow  
You won't take too many  
steps  
Till you meet someone you  
know

So beautiful was an angel,  
singing  
Her voice was clear and loud  
Richard stood and listened  
for hours  
Of his spouse he was so  
proud

She asked, won't you come  
to the play  
Over yonder is where it's at

Mary wants you to ride in  
the wagon  
And, Martha wants you to  
wear this hat

Later on, he got to talk to  
Noah  
Like old friends they were  
happy as a lark  
So peaceful was it, lions laid  
with the lambs  
As Noah told him about the  
Ark

Rounding a corner, Richard  
was surprised  
And, so happy—he just  
beamed  
For low and behold on a  
street of gold  
Was parked a memory of  
teal and green!

John H. Blackburn

Member Ky-T



Jimmy Kinney, Richard, & Buddy;  
Richard was making the presentation of  
a check for the Shriners Hospital.

**In Memory of Richard T. Hites**  
By Green Stewart

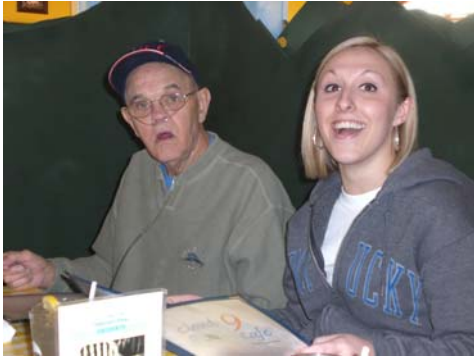
Richard T. Hites, one of the charter members of Chapter T, Gold Wing Road Riders Association, of Paintsville, Kentucky, passed from this life on Tuesday, July 29, 2008, after an extended illness.

Visitation was on Wednesday, July 30, 2008, at the Phelps & Son Funeral Home in Paintsville, from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Kevin White and Green Stewart of Chapter D were among the many mourners. To list the mourners from Chapter T, would have been the complete chapter roster, to include another charter member, J.B. Shelton.

The funeral services were held on Thursday, July 31, 2008, at the funeral home and again I think the entire roster of members of Chapter T were in attendance, along with Green Stewart of Chapter D. All of the GWRRA members were in black trousers, white shirts and their chapter vests, and we served as an honor guard lining the hall way and entry way as the casket was wheeled from the services into the hearse. Then there were a total of fifteen motorcycles and trikes serving as an escort from the funeral home to the Highland Memorial Park where Richard was interred. There is an old Kentucky saying when it rains on the day of a funeral that the angels in Heaven are weeping for joy as they greet the deceased person. This must be true because we had a slow, steady, rain for most of the day,

Anyone who has ever attended a meeting or other get together of Chapter T would remember Richard as he was always there and always with a cheery word of greeting, Lois remembers his hugs and warm words in greeting. He was one of the most pleasant persons

that I have ever met and always upbeat, even after losing his wife of many years. Richard stayed active in the chapter and was serving as the Assistant Chapter Director at the time of his passing. We will miss you Richard!



Richard & Grand Daughter Brittany; at a Sweet treat. We're eating at one of his favorite places; Cloud Nine.

## I'm Always With You

When I am gone, release me,  
for it is time to let me go  
I have so many things to see &  
do,  
You mustn't cry too many tears,  
But be thankful we had so  
many wonderful years,  
I gave you my wisdom my love,  
& friendship and you can only  
guess

How much you've given too me  
in happiness.

I thank you for the love that  
you have shown,

But now it is time I traveled on  
that green wing alone,  
So grieve for me a while if you  
feel you must.

Then it will only be for a while  
that we must be apart.

So treasure the memories that  
are locked deep, deep within  
your heart.

I will never be very far away as  
life; it will go on.

And if you ever need me, close  
your eyes and I will come.

Though you cannot see me or  
touch me, just know, I will  
always be near

And if you will listen with your  
heart ---v---room ----v---room  
you will hear.

All my love around all of you  
soft & clear.

And when the time comes for  
you to come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a goldwing  
hug a smile & together, we will  
jump on our goldwing & ride to  
our most welcomed home.

By: Freeda Kidd, I will miss  
you so very much; my dear  
friend.



Richard & Nina, wrapping presents to take to the nursing home for Christmas.

### **The Green Goldwing in the Sky**

The blue skies are beautiful, the clouds  
pearl white  
The country side in bloom and the  
golden street are bright  
The perfect place for the green goldwing  
to take one last ride  
The rider smiled happily as he took in  
the view  
He looked all around, the trees, the  
flowers and the old friends he once knew  
He waived hello to each of them and  
down the golden trail he flew  
This is something else, he thought.  
What a beautiful ride this is  
As he rounded a turn, a waive caught his  
eye  
It was a beautiful woman he had once  
told goodbye  
He pulled alone side her and held out his  
hand  
As she climbed upon the green  
goldwing, she said "I sure have missed  
you"  
"Sorry I took so long, but there some  
things I first had to do."

"I, now, have finished my errands. All  
my ducks are in a row.  
There was nothing left for me to do, so I  
decided it was time to come to see you."  
They rode every highway and waved to  
everyone they saw.  
They stopped for a break and to  
remember their happy times,  
I've had a wonderful time, but there is  
just one thing missing...  
She gently replied with a smile, "I know,  
but we don't have Dairy Queens in  
Heaven"

As he patted her hand, he said, "But I  
have kept my promise of one last ride"  
"That you did" she said as they looked  
below.

They watched their friends, some  
smiled, some waved, some cried while  
others pointed upwards beyond the  
clouds

He laughed and waved back to his  
fellow Goldwinger. Then said with a  
sigh

"You'd think they'd never seen a Green  
Goldwing in the Sky"

(Written in loving memory of Richard  
& Eunice Hites) –anonymous



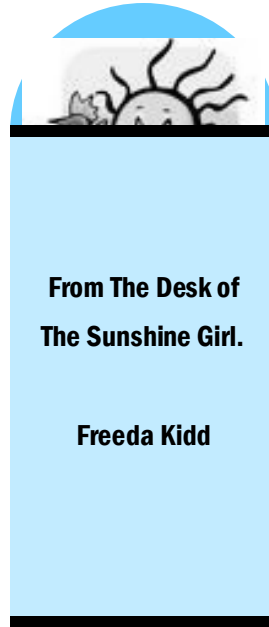
Visit Chapter KY-T's Web  
Sight.

[www.geocities.com/kytbigssandywings](http://www.geocities.com/kytbigssandywings)

**If you haven't visited our web-  
sight, you owe it to yourself to  
do so.**



**Happy Birthday**



**From The Desk of  
The Sunshine Girl.**

**Freeda Kidd**

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**August 2008**

**3<sup>rd</sup> ----Nina Howell aka... (Chapter MOM & Granny).**

**6<sup>th</sup> ----Corey Combs (1<sup>ST</sup> Birthday).**

**8<sup>th</sup> -----Jeannie McKenzie.**

**18<sup>th</sup> ----Mary Garland  
----Misty Rowe.**

### **Anniversaries:**

**1<sup>st</sup> ---Ron & Linda Ramey.**

**12<sup>th</sup> ---Bill & Carolyn Stapleton.**

## **Chapter News**

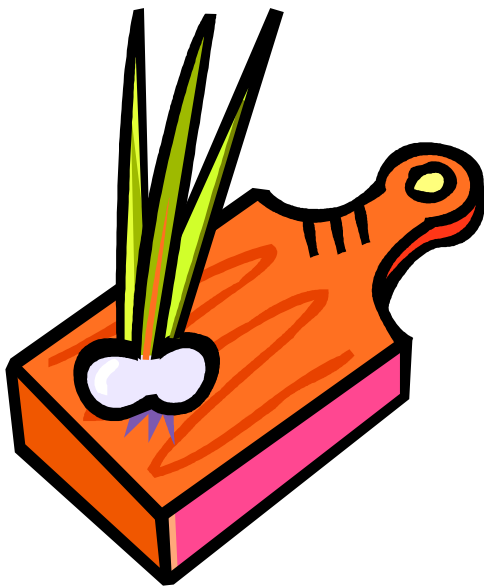
Chapter "T" would like to wish a speedy recovery; to Eddie Tackett, he is the brother of one of our chapter members, Patty Goff. He wrecked on his motorcycle on the Christmas in July ride.

We had a happy surprise for the July; Social Gathering, Jim

& Barb Panel came from Tennessee; for our meeting. We think of them as part of our chapter & are always so glad see them.

Our Recognition & Special awards Coordinator (Gail Campbell) made a special award presentation at our July social gathering; she presented Charles Conn & Greg Kidd with matching plush animal phone cover; as they both broke theirs in South Carolina at Wing Ding. Great job Gail.

Get well wishes also go out to a co-worker of Lonnie & Josh Allen; who also wrecked during the Christmas in July Ride. Get well soon Eric Step.



Recipe Corner

#### Malta's Cole Slaw

2 packages Chicken Flavored Ramon Noodles  
Lots of Green Onions  
1 package Slaw Mix  
1 package Sunflower Seeds  
1/3 cup Vinegar  
1/2 cup Sugar  
1/2 cup Oil

Mix the flavor packages from the noodles, oil, vinegar and sugar well. Break the noodles and put in a bowl. Add the slaw mix, sunflower seeds and onion. Pour dressing mixture over the noodles and slaw mix. (Do not pour over early as noodles will get soggy).

## Calendar of Event's:

### Sweet Treat Rides,

They are every Tuesday evening at 6:00 P.M. If weather isn't permitting, refer back to coffee break time, e-mail will be sent out.

**Blue Grass Blast:** August 7—9. The Center for Rural Development, Somerset, KY.

**Wings Over the Smookies:** September 18—20<sup>th</sup>.

### Officer/Staff Meeting

Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> at Jerry's of Prestonsburg, 6:30, place may change at a later date.

### Social Gathering

Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, Ramada Inn, Paintsville, KY.

Eat @6:00, Meet@7:00 P.M.

## Come Visit Chapter "T"

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*"Reminder" Chapter KY-T; meets on the third Saturday of the month, at The Ramada Inn, Paintsville, KY. Eat @6:00 –meet@7:00 p.m.  
"Come join us!!"*

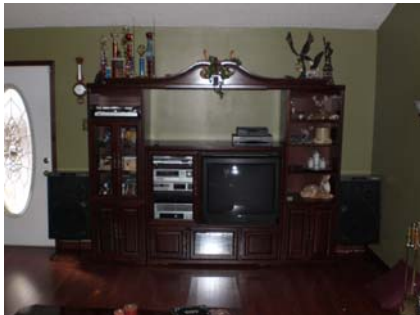
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## For Sale Items:

### 1. Honda Shadow:

2000 – 1100cc Honda Shadow Spirit. Mint Condition, red / black in color, trophy bike, lots of chrome, (10,200 miles). Price \$5,500.00. Call Jr Garland for more information. 606 297- 6802.

**2. 4-Piece Cherry Entertainment Center can be used all together or separated. Holds TV, stereo, lots of pull out CD holders, with plenty of storage. For more information call 606 478-2710.**



CHERRYENTERTAINMENT CENTER FOR SALE.

## FOR SALE

### 2006 Harley Davidson Custom Sportster

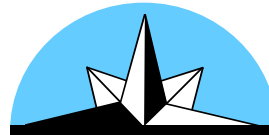
### Glacier White Pearl with Turquoise Trim Package EXTRAS INCLUDE:

Drag Pipes, Harley Davidson Drag Handle Bars, Arlin Ness Mirrors  
Harley Davidson Sissy Bar, Leather Saddle Bags,  
Leather Tool Pouch and  
Motorcycle Cover Less than 5,000 Miles Excellent Condition Asking \$7,000

For more information and to see the bike, please contact Ryan Mitchell at 606-424-6828

*(If no answer, please leave message*

*If you have an item for the sale ads; contact Greg or Freeda Kidd.*



**Advertise your For Sale Items here!!!  
Contact Greg Kidd  
at  
kidwinger@mikrotec.com**

## **How do you say Good-Bye?**

**As I sit at my desk;  
searching my heart & soul,  
trying to do our friend  
justice, as I put into words  
just what Richard meant to  
me, our chapter, and  
everyone who knew him. I  
knew this couldn't possibly  
be easy. I just want to do  
him justice; then I could  
hear him saying to me"  
well, I'm just Richard"; with  
that big smile spread across  
his face from ear to ear.**

**So, here goes. When  
someone close to you dies,  
the pain that you  
experience is not a sickness,  
or disease from which you  
recover. It is a  
transformation with which  
we must learn to live with.  
Our memories are often  
what helps one to cope.  
Richard left each & every  
one of us with that. I know  
all of us have a favorite  
Richard story to tell. His**

**love for Chapter T, was  
extremely great as he was  
one of the charter  
members, he was present  
for every rally, fun raiser,  
ride, chapter meeting or  
anything else that might be  
going on. But, most of all  
he was there for the bad  
times in all of our lives also,  
a truer friend you would be  
hard pressed to find.**

**Richard was always  
quick with a funny little  
joke or quote, when it was  
needed the most.  
With the sudden  
unexpected death of our  
dear friend; we are faced  
with the fact that our  
chapter will never be the  
same, but Richard would  
want us to continue on &  
think of him as we do our  
meetings, rides etc...even if  
we will continue to expect  
him to come bouncing in  
with a big H E L L O  
E V E R Y O N E !!!!!**

**When we go to a D.Q,  
we will remember him with  
a smile, or when someone  
say's I've got tail gun, we'll  
always remember, that**

right behind him or her will always be a teal trike.  
Allow your heart to grieve, be patient with yourself - & remember Richard is now back with Eunice. He has been so lonely without her. It wouldn't surprise me if he wasn't already chartering the first goldwing chapter in heaven.

So, let's remember Richard, tell our stories, grieve for him, and love him in our own way. Eventually we will smile again. Simply put; to know him was to love him; to love him was to know him.

So; let's not say good-bye, let's just say until we ride again.....

-----Freeda Kidd

**Note:**  
Sorry this newsletter was a little later than usual, as this was not an easy one to do, I hope I did him justice. We will miss you dear friend.



**This is Richard, at his best with Jim Campbell.**

An advertisement for Honda of Prestonsburg. At the top, it says "HONDA OF PRESTONSBURG" in large red letters. Below that, in smaller text, is the slogan "ONLY FOR THOSE WHO LOVE ADVENTURE". The address is "631 South Lake Drive • Prestonsburg, KY 41653". Contact information includes "Bus: (606) 886-9261 • Toll Free: (888) 718-0091", "Fax: (606) 886-1845 • E-Mail: cyclectr@yahoo.com", and "www.ridehonda.com • www.hondapartsworld.com". A red Honda motorcycle is shown in the center. To the right of the motorcycle, it says "STEVE BLACKBURN General Manager" and the Honda logo is at the bottom right.



*Come visit, Chapter KY-T;*

*It's a fun place to be!!!*



*Happy GWRRA Anniversary*



We would like to recognize our Chapter participants of KY-T during their GWRRA Anniversary month.

**August:**

Mike & Nancy Orem      8 yrs

Jim & Gail Campbell      2 yr

Greg & Jennie Justice      4 yrs

**Congratulations to each one. We are glad to have you as part of our Chapter!!!**