



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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Greetings Chapter C!

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I hope everyone is doing well in this snowy, icy, frigid weather. As I write this, our street has not seen a salt truck or plow, and it is icy with a couple of tire tracks/ruts that are finally showing some asphalt breaking through. It's a rough ride but once we get off our street, the roads are better. I wish we had just had snow and no ice. The forecast for the next week looks much better with highs in the 40's and possibly higher.

The Winter Warm Up, held on 1/30 and 1/31, was a good way to get away from Lexington and have some fun. Karen and I were joined by Tim and Jayne Ellen Mourning as well as Gerry and Denise Harris. All of us were there on Friday night and Saturday. On Friday there was a Pizza Party, and The Charitables Band provided music. The music was pretty loud at first, but I think they tried to turn it down as the evening progressed (or maybe I just got used to the volume).

Saturday, we had the meeting part of the weekend. We learned the theme for the 2026 Blast will be "Buccaneers on Bikes". The Blast will be held at General Butler State Park from 8/13/26 to 8/15/26. We also had some breakout sessions for various roles. I attended the Road Captain session as well as the Chapter Director session. They were both interesting sessions with plenty of informative discussions. We also had sessions for Membership Enhancement Coordinators and Treasurers. These sessions were not limited for people in those roles, they were open to anyone. There was also a session called Tech Talk that was open for any motorcycle related topic.

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As part of the meeting, the Individuals and Couples of the Year were introduced. The mascots that were used in the 2025 mascot competition were also awarded to the Couple and Individual that scored the most points through 2025. I am happy to announce that our Couple of the Year, Tim and Jayne Ellen won the 2025 Couple of the Year Mascot. Congratulations Tim and Jayne Ellen!

Saturday evening, we had dinner catered by KFC and then we split into teams and started the Kentucky Winter Olympics. The teams were randomly selected which gave everyone a chance to compete with people from other chapters. I was busy trying to take pictures and it was very chaotic, but everyone seemed to have a great time. The last game was a human game of "Trouble". Hopefully, you have played the game where you roll a dice to determine where you can move. The object is to get all of your pegs (human pegs in this case) to your safe area of the board. Each team had a designated roller and 4 pegs. The game was not completed because of time.

The evening concluded with the awards ceremony and Karen's team won the Olympics!

To see the photos from the Winter Warm Up go to
<https://kyroadriders.org/photos-page/nggallery/album/2026-winter-warm-up>

Our next meeting is on 2/21/26. In addition to our regular meeting, we will have a meeting after our visitors leave to discuss the Ride In. I hope you can join us for both meetings. As usual we will meet at Roosters on Richmond Road. We eat at 11:00 and meet at 12:00.

Ride Safe,
Roger Early
Chapter Director

State News

2026 Ride In

The 2026 Ride In will be hosted by Chapter C, Lexington, KY. It will be held on June 5th and 6th at Immanuel Baptist Church, 4451 Winchester Rd, Lexington, KY 40509. Please check back later for more details.

The Host Hotel is the [Holiday Inn Express](#), 100 Winchester Plaza, Winchester, KY 40391. The room rate is \$159.00 + tax per night. Call 859-795-8050 to make the reservations. Please mention Kentucky Road Riders, to secure the block rate.

The host campground is the [Kentucky Horse Park Campground](#), 4089 Iron Works Pike, Lexington, Kentucky, 40511. You can make your reservations through [Reserve America](#).

2026 Blast

The 2026 Blast will be held August 13th through the 15th at General Butler State Park. The theme is “Buccaneers on Bikes”. Please check back later for more details.

2026 Riding Challenge: Around the World in Kentucky

The State Membership Enhancement Team has designed a State-wide challenge to get our members out riding and visiting various parts of the state. Everyone who wants to participate will receive a location list of 29 Kentucky cities. Each of these cities correspond to one in another country – the countries are also included on the list. The objective of the Challenge is to visit each city and snap a picture. For more information, please see the rules below.

[Around the World in Kentucky Rules](#)

[Around the World in Kentucky Locations](#)

Passport Program

The Kentucky Passport Program was introduced at the 2023 OPS meeting and was well received so a new passport program was started at the 2026 Winter Warm Up. The purpose of the program is to encourage individuals to visit all of the chapters in the state. The program runs from the 2026 Winter Warm Up to the 2027 Winter Warm Up. Simply print the Passport and when you visit a chapter, have the Chapter Director (or Assistant Director) add their initials and date to the Passport. Everyone that visits all of the Chapters will be entered into a drawing for a prize at the 2027 Winter Warm Up.

[Kentucky Passport](#) (contains 2 Passports per page)

Roger Early

Chapter Director

Ride Coordinator Report

Hey Guys!

The Ride Committee met last month and propose the following ride schedule for 2026:

March 21st, after meeting dessert ride, TBD.

March 28th, day ride Feed Mill Restaurant, Felicity OH.

April 18th, after meeting dessert ride, Cupcake Apothecary, Winchester.

April 25th. day ride, TBD.

May 8th, midweek day ride, Whistle Stop Café, Glendale.

May 16th, after meeting dessert ride, Sweet Boutique, Cynthiana.

May 23rd, day ride, Overlook Restaurant, Leavenworth, IN.

June 5th and 6th, Ride in.

June 20th, after meeting dessert ride, Blackbird Café, Harrodsburg.

June 27th, day ride (maybe overnight) Portal 31, Lynch, eat at Benham School House.

July 3rd, midweek day ride, R&S BBQ, Tompkinsville.

July 18th, after meeting dessert ride, B&N Bagdad.

July 25th, day ride, Swopes Cars of Yesteryear, Etown.

August 7th, midweek day ride, Bread of Life Café.

August 22nd, (rescheduled date) after meeting desert ride, Bud and Cheryls, Junction City.

September 11th, midweek day ride, Fish House, Louisville.

September 19th, After meeting dessert ride, Kristens Kreations, Versailles.

September 26-27th, Overnight ride, Iron Pony, AMA Museum, Dayton OH.

I'll see you on the road.

James O. Springate

Ride Coordinator

Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

Happy February, Chapter C!

I hope everyone has survived the snow and bitter cold temperatures! Hopefully warmer days are on the way!

We had a great turnout at our recent lunch ride. On January 29 eleven of us enjoyed lunch at Ford's Garage. Alan, Shea, Tim, Jayne Ellen, Roger, Karen, Mitch, Kathryne, Frank and I enjoyed a great meal and great company! Again, we forgot to take a picture!

The next lunch ride was decided as well. On Tuesday, February 17 will meet at Texas Roadhouse on Richmond Rd at 12:30. (3116 Richmond Rd) As usual, just reply to the email that I send closer to the date. Also text me any place that you'd like us to go to on an upcoming lunch/dinner ride.

The Winter Warmup looked like a fun time! The Couple and Individual of the Year Mascots were introduced and sent out to play! The Couple Mascot is Winston and Chapter A's Miles and Mark are taking him to Chapter K on Saturday, February 7. Bevis is the Individual Mascot and he is currently with Dan of Chapter Y. No word of where he's going to be. As I warned you at our last gathering, we will be heading to where the mascots are and will be asking you to go with Tim, Jayne Ellen and me!

The Traveling Plaque is with Chapter A. We will go to their meeting on Saturday, February 14 to try to win it back. They eat at 11 and meet at 12 at Roosters on Shelbyville Road in Louisville. I'll be sending an email soon to see who can go with me!

In the meantime, stay warm, safe and see you at an event soon!

Dedre VanHoose

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District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

My day job requires me to follow a project from its inception until its delivery to the customer. As a direct result, the customer becomes accustomed to contacting me with all of their questions about the product we are providing for their application. They will often then contact me during the installation, especially if things are not going smoothly as they commission the product. Many times, the roadblock the customer experiences is a result of their failure to plan their side of the project properly. Fortunately for me, we have an After-Sales department, and I can hand the customer off to them. □

The best riding I have ever experienced has been the direct result of good planning. Benjamin Franklin has been credited with being the first person to suggest “If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail”. You can search the internet to confirm that many people have an opinion about this idea, but it seems to me that the concept is clear. I accept this idea as a rule in life, and I work hard to live by it. Lest you think this is untrue, just ask my wife.

As motorsport enthusiasts, we can all benefit from good planning. And I do not mean only when we are working on the details of some big tour from a bucket list. We can, and should, plan our everyday riding. Of course, there is no way to know every scenario we will encounter before our ride begins, but there is plenty we can do to plan and do the best we can for a successful and safe experience.

Our environment is constantly changing. Modern day forecasting is relatively consistent and, at least in my experience, provides enough accuracy to allow me to plan what equipment I need to wear and what additional accessories I will pack just in case. I find it especially important to look at the average weather scenarios for a given region. Knowing the average temperatures and precipitation helps in planning your equipment. Being comfortable is important for more than just your mood; it is important for safety, because if you are not thinking about staying warm or staying dry, you can concentrate better on the traffic conditions around you.

Traffic conditions are also constantly changing, but weekday traffic tends to present a predictable pattern and allows one to plan around it. Knowing where the usual bottlenecks occur allows us to plan a different and safer route. And listening to a local radio station that offers traffic reports will aid in choosing one of your planned alternate routes at the appropriate moment.

Maintenance of our transportation is always important for the best experience. Most every vehicle sold in the last century has been given a recommended service interval for various items to keep the vehicle trouble-free. It is important to know the number of miles and/or the duration of the trip to plan for proper maintenance. Longer trips require proper calculations to ascertain if maintenance procedures should be performed before or planned to be performed during the adventure.

Personal maintenance may be the most important planning you can make. Maintaining a proper diet is one way to plan for when the only food available is farther away than you thought and not as nutritious as you might otherwise need. A medically approved exercise program is one way to plan for a longer day than expected due to a traffic delay, or a more physical ride than expected due to strong weather. And participating in the occasional, at least annual, “on-bike” training is planning for the inevitable sudden traffic events that require the “muscle memory” such training provides.

I am my best customer when it comes to making a fun route for riding. Unfortunately, I do not have an “After-Ride-Planning” department to solve any issues I may encounter. While it is true that what doesn’t kill us makes us stronger, I like to avoid any uncomfortable drama on my trips by planning for as many scenarios as possible, so I have options for which I am equipped. I accept that I may experience failure in my plan, but I cannot accept failure because I did not make a plan.

Richard Artmayer
KY State Educator

Attention Facebook Users:

Jim Springate has created a Facebook group for our chapter. It is another way to communicate with chapter members. If you use a Facebook application, search for “Bluegrass Goldwing Riders”. You can also use the following link to get to the group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1036597176793894>

The Kentucky District also has a Facebook group. Search for “Kentucky Road Riders” or use the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/328362664780>

Birthdays

3/19 Roger Early

Anniversaries

None



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Information from your Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Lets get out and VISIT our fellow chapters. Here is a list of when and where they meet. It's FUN to make new Friends.



Chapter A Meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month at Roosters, 10430 Shelbyville Road #7, Louisville. They eat @ 11:00am, meet @ 12:00pm.



Chapter C Meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Roosters, 2640 Richmond Road; the location of the old Chop House. Eat @ 11:00am, meet @ 12:00pm.



Chapter G Meet on the 1st Tuesday at Acapulco Mexican Bar & Grill, 7718 US-42, Florence, KY. Eat @ 6:00pm, meet @ 7:00pm.



Chapter K Meet on the 1st Saturday of the month at Diamond Echo Lanes, 1698 2nd St., Henderson, KY. @ 12:30 pm.



Chapter S Meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Shoney's, 1046 Executive Dr. Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Eat @ 4:00pm, meet @ 5:00pm.



Chapter T Meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Giovanni's Pizza. Address is 261 Court St., Paintsville, Ky. Eat at 5, meet at 6.



Chapter Y Meet on the 1st Thursday at Majestic Family Restaurant 700 S. 6th St. Mayfield, KY 42066. Eat at 6:00pm, meet @ 7:00pm.

Look at the Chapter Gathering days as we will try and visit them all sometime.