



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



April 2025



Chapter C,

Bluegrass Wings Team

chap:
terc@kyroadriders.org

Chapter Directors
Roger & Karen Early

Assistant Directors
Jeff Sullivan
Alan Ernest

Treasurer
Dedre VanHoose

**Membership Enhance-
ment**
Dedre VanHoose

Couple of the Year
Tim and Jayne Ellen
Mourning

Individual of the Year
James O. Springate

Web-Master
Roger Early

Newsletter Editor
James O. Springate

Ride Coordinator
James O. Springate

Rider Educator
Alan Ernest

Chapter Chaplain
Jonathan Jones



As I write this article, it has been raining for a couple of days and we also had some bad storms. I know the storms and rain are impacting the lives of many people so I pray they will all be able to recover. We still have a couple more days of predicted rain and storms, so I hope it is over soon.

Hopefully you have read my recent notes about the major announcements from John Lazzeroni about Wing'd Riders. First, the national rally was canceled due to low registration. Hopefully he will still plan some type of rally in 2025. The second announcement was about the organization being changed to JMC Riders to get away from the not-for-profit structure. Wing'd Riders will be shut down at the end of September and he has already started a Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1183575926540506>) and a website (https://jincorp.com/JMC-Riders-Group_c_25.html) for JMC Riders. The annual cost for solo membership to JMC Riders is \$24.99 compared to \$49.99 for Wing'd Riders. A couples membership is \$39.99 for JMC Riders compared to \$69.99 for Wing'd Riders. I hope everyone will continue to renew their memberships. If you have already renewed, you will be converted to JMC Riders automatically.

As of now, it looks like we can continue as a State and Chapter. JMC Riders will continue to provide insurance for our State events so the Ride In and Blast will continue as planned. If more changes are announced, I will do my best to keep the chapter informed and I am confident that our State Directors, Rick and Leah Cridlin, will also do their best to keep us informed. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to pass them on to me or someone on our chapter team.

(Continued next page)



Jim planned an impromptu ride on 3/29 since we had some great weather. We rode to the BBQ Barn in Tompkinsville, KY. It was a great day, and I thoroughly enjoyed every one of the 301 miles that I rode that day. I look forward to more chapter rides as we get into our riding season.

Ride Safe,
Roger Early



State News

Ride In

The 2025 Ride In will be held 6/6 to 6/7 in Mayfield, Kentucky and will be hosted by Chapter Y. Please check on the State website, <https://www.kyroadriders.org/>, for more details.

The Blast

The 2025 Blast will be held August 14th through the 16th at General Butler State Park. The theme is "Riding, Rocking and Rolling". Everyone is welcome and all motorcycle types are welcome!

A block of rooms has been reserved at the lodge. Call 866-462-8853 to make reservations and ask for Block 6977 Kentucky Road Riders. Reservations must be made by July 13, 2025. The following rates are for a lodge room with 2 queen beds and includes a continental breakfast.

August 13th & 14th: \$139.95 per night

August 15th & 16th: 154.95 per night

Other room types and cottages are also available. Contact Leah Cridlin for rates.

Camping reservations can be made at <https://www.reserveamerica.com/>

State Fall Ride

Bruce Hensley, the State Ride Coordinator, is planning a Fall Ride. He would like to ride in the area around each Chapter so hopefully members of the Chapters can join at least part of the ride when the group is in their area. The details are still being defined but it will occur October 18th to the 24th. He will start in Henderson and ride through Elizabethtown, Lexington and Louisville on the first day. Hopefully that will include a visit to our meeting. The second day will go to northern Kentucky and then to Pikeville. The third day will travel along the southern part of the state to Barren River State Park. The final day will continue along southern Kentucky and back to Henderson. More details will be provided later.

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 2024 OPS meeting. The purpose of the program is to encourage individuals to visit all the chapters in the state. The program runs from the 2024 OPS Meeting to the 2025 OPS Meeting. 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 the Chapters will be entered into a drawing for a prize at the 2025 OPS Meeting.

Roger Early

Chapter Director

Ride Coordinator Report

Hey Guys!

We had an Impromptu Ride to R & S BBQ in Tompkinsville on March 28th . The original destination was Dovies, but we discovered Dovie's was closed due to inadequate staffing. We diverted to R & S. I can guarantee no one will leave that place hungry! My pork chop dinner had 3 pork chops. We rode home through Burkesville and stopped for an ice cream at Tastee Foods. This is our second stop there, and it did not disappoint. If you venture in that direction, remember to bring cash.

Our ride schedule starts on earnest next month.

2015 Chapter C Ride Schedule

Tuesday, May 13, Feed Mill Restaurant, Felicity, Ohio.

Saturday, May 17 after meeting dessert ride, B&N Food Mart, Bagdad.

Saturday, May 24, Yoder's Sandwich Shop/Ayres Eat and Treat, Manchester Ohio.

Friday May 30 through April 1 Sweetwater, Tennessee/Cherohala Skyway overnight ride.

Tuesday, June 10, Red River Gorge/NADA Tunnell Loop/Thatcher BBQ.

Saturday, June 21 after meeting dessert ride, Cupcake Apothecary, Winchester.

Saturday, June 28, General Butler State Park/Sunset Grill, Carrollton.

Tuesday, July 8, Overlook Restaurant, Leavenworth Indiana.

Saturday, July 19 after meeting dessert ride, Sweet Boutique, Cynthiana.

Saturday, July 26, R&S Barbecue, Tompkinsville.

Tuesday, August 12, Jim's Restaurant, Huntington West Virginia.

Saturday, August 23 after meeting, dessert ride, Beans, Dry Ridge.

Tuesday, September 9, Portsmouth Brewery, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Saturday, September 20 after meeting dessert ride, Bud & Cheryl's. Junction City.

Saturday, September 27, Five Broke Girls, Horse Cave.

Save the date!

I'll see you on the road.

James O. Springate

Ride Coordinator



Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

Welcome to April showers Chapter C!

At this rate of rain, we should have bunches of flowers in May! Hopefully you were able to get out and ride before the monsoon started.

Seven of us enjoyed Lexington Pasta Garage on March 25. I forgot to get a picture, but Tim, Jayne Ellen, Mitch, Kathryne, Frank, John and I had some yummy food! Then on April 2nd many of the same folks joined me at Cracker Barrel. Kathryne, Mitch, Frank, John, and Jim were there. The bearded one in the corner of the picture is my son, Ben.

On Thursday, April 24th we will meet back at BJ's Brewhouse at the corner of Nicholasville Rd and Reynolds Rd in front of Macy's. Let's meet there at 6pm. I warned you that we were going to go back! As usual, please respond to the email to let me know you're coming so I can get the right size table.

In May, put Tuesday, May 6 on your calendar. Location to be determined! I am headed to Alaska the middle two weeks of May, so I will not be able to attend the May meeting.

Mike's birthday was Saturday, April 5, so I decided to go to Pigeon Forge as we usually did for his birthday. I had planned to leave some of his ashes at our favorite picnic spot in the Smokies, but it was not to be. The picnic spot was still closed from winter. Hopefully our Blue Ridge Parkway excursion will be more successful.

See you in a couple of weeks for our gathering!

Dedre VanHoose

859-229-5859

PS There will be a bunch next month!

District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

As I sat down to write this, I had just ridden home in high wind. This is a good example of a training opportunity that can offer valuable experience before heading West to the Rally this year. But more on that subject at another time.

Last month I broached the subject of packing your gear and properly loading your motorcycle. Especially for longer trips, the weight of the required gear can be more than your motorcycle gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) allows. As promised, here is part 2; ways to carry the “stuff” you need or want to take with you and staying safe while doing so.

The first option is to purchase what you need when you need it and then dispose of it when you are finished using it. While I admit this is not very cost-effective nor environmentally friendly, the one credit card that you use to purchase everything will not overload your motorcycle. This method does have the drawback that you must find or plan the locations of all your purchases and take the time to make them. And there is also the chance that your size is not in stock.

A second and less expensive option is to organize your clothing and other equipment into convenient packages and ship it to your destination(s). Having a freight service deliver the items you need to use while at your destination will also not overwhelm your motorcycle’s GVWR. This method tends to be more reliable than the “buy it now” option above but can be somewhat of a burden to your wallet and has the drawback that you will also need to find a way to ship the items (if they are not disposable) back home.

The third option, and the one I have almost always chosen, is to use what the former GWRRA described as “alternative loading” of the items you need or want to take with you while touring. The most common form of alternative loading is using a trailer. The advantage of a trailer is the weight that adds to your motorcycle’s GVWR is only the weight of the load measured where the trailer connects to your tow vehicle, called tongue weight. To illustrate this, let me use my circumstance as an example. I have a Bushtec Turbo+2 which weighs about 125 pounds empty. Industry standard for trailer tongue weight is about 10% to 15% of the gross weight of the trailer and its contents. When I pull my empty trailer, the weight on the motorcycle at the connection point of the trailer hitch (the ball or pin) should be between 12 and 19 pounds. As discussed last month, this is well within the capacity of my 2004 Gold Wing, especially if the trunk and saddle bags remain empty. The GVWR of my Bushtec is 350 pounds, which means I can add to the trailer up to 225 pounds of “stuff” before I overload the trailer. When fully loaded, the tongue weight should be between 35 and 53 pounds. Again, this load is still within the capacity of my bike under the same circumstances. Of course, this option, like the others, also has drawbacks.

The first drawback is that the trailer, hitch, and supporting harnesses and gear must be purchased and installed on your towing vehicle. While this cost can be substantial in the short term, when properly maintained trailers can last the life of your bike, and often longer, depending on frequency of use. Second, shifting cargo can change the balance of everything and cause unsafe and uncomfortable experiences. Third, while we are using the trailer as an alternative way for the motorcycle to carry the load, our bikes still must start, stop, and steer the complete rig on the road. In my case, at its maximum, an additional 350 pounds is now being controlled by the same brakes that were installed on my motorcycle which were not designed to manage this much mass. And finally, all this weight is at the end of a lever (the tongue of the trailer) that now has a mechanical advantage to force the rear wheel of your motorcycle in the direction of the trailer’s momentum if it chooses.

Next month we will consider ways to mitigate the drawbacks of pulling a trailer.

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

None

Anniversaries

5/5 Earl and Lily Broome



4129 Lexington Road,
Paris, KY 40361

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 American Legion Post 4, 8385 US Hwy 42, Florence. Socialize @ 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.