



Bluegrass Wings Chapter C



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May has arrived and our Chapter Riding Season is finally beginning. We have had a few impromptu rides as the weather cooperated. Our last one was on 4/23/25 when we rode to Mike Linnig's in Louisville. I did not get any photos at the restaurant, but I did get some photos at the stop we made on the way home. We stopped at the Double Dip Soda Fountain in Bloomfield. It was an interesting place and included a small bowling alley.



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Karen and I were honored to join the group with Dedre and her family on the trip to spread Mike's ashes. We did not take our bikes because the weather forecast predicted thunderstorms and rain on most days. We had some rain as we were eating lunch at the DQ in Middlesboro on Wednesday. We also had rain as we had lunch at the Pisgah Inn on Thursday. We could have easily handled that much rain on the bikes. On Friday we ran into some hard rain that we did not expect. I was glad we were in the cars because we would not have been able to pull off and put on our rain gear. It was a great trip, and we are grateful we were able to participate.



To see more pictures from the trip go to <https://kyroadriders.org/chapterc/photos/nggallery/2025/blue-ridge-parway-4-30-25-to-5-2-25>.

Our next meeting is 5/17. As usual, we will meet at Roosters on Richmond Road. We eat at 11:00 and meet at 12:00. Please come join the fun.

Ride Safe,
Roger Early
Chapter Director

See additional photographs next page.



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 on April 18 to 5 Broke Girls in Horse Cave, KY. Great destination. John Conner had the largest chicken Fried Steak I have ever seen!

On April 23rd we had an impromptu ride to Mike Lennigs in Louisville. We had some pretty decent fish. But the star of the ride was the milkshake I had at the Double Dip Soda Fountain in Bloomfield. Stop in next time you are passing through.

We will have some great rides in the coming month.

On Saturday May 17 our after meeting desert ride will be to B&N Food Mart in Bagdad. We will be riding beautiful Central Kentucky back roads to and from. We will end the ride at the Versailles Brewing Company in Versailles. Stop in and get a chicken wing snack if you have any space left after B&N.

The Feed Mill Restaurant ride was cancelled due to weather and will be held on Monday, May 19th.

On May 24th we will ride to Yoder's Sandwich Shop and then get desert at Ayres Eat and Treat in Manchester, OH. I've never eaten at Yoders, but Frank insists that it is wonderful. I have been to the Eat and Treat. It reminds me of the old Dairy Queens in the 60s; only better.

On May 30 through April 1 we will ride to Sweetwater Tennessee to ride the Cherohala Skyway and several of the beautiful roads in the North Carolina mountains.

On Tuesday June 10 we will do a midweek ride to the Red River Gorge.

As you can see, our ride schedule is starting in earnest. More detail on these rides will be posted on the events section on our Facebook page.

Tuesday, May 13, Feed Mill Restaurant, Felicity, Ohio (moved to May 19).

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 June 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 dates!

I'll see you on the road.

James O. Springate, Ride Coordinator

Membership Enhancement Coordinator Report

Hello Chapter C!

We're getting into riding weather so everyone should have a happy face!

We've had two dinner rides since our last meeting. The first was a great turnout to BJ's Brewhouse. We actually remembered to take a picture this time! The second was this past week at Make Mia Pizza. This time we forgot the picture, but good food was enjoyed by Tim & Jayne Ellen, Frank & Pam, Alan & Shea, Roger & Karen and me!

We've got some rides coming up so we'll be taking a short break from dinner rides.

We do have a fun event coming up at the state level though! The Ride In is 6/6-6/8 at Kentucky Dam Village, hosted by Chapter Y. I hope you'll consider going with us. Our fellow chapters are fun folks to hang out with!

Dedre VanHoose

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District Educator Report

Richard Artmayer, Kentucky State Educator

This month as promised, here are some tips for the safe use of a trailer. First, we need to make sure our equipment is correct.

TRAILER HOOKUP CHECKLIST

- ◇ Trailer ball matches coupler size
- ◇ Trailer ball properly torqued on the ball mount
- ◇ Ball mount secured in the receiver tube with a hitch pin or lock
- ◇ Trailer ball fully engaged in the coupler
- ◇ Trailer is level and inline with the tow vehicle
- ◇ Coupler latch in the locked position and secured with a safety pin or lock
- ◇ Trailer jack fully retracted
- ◇ Electrical plug firmly inserted in the vehicle socket
- ◇ Safety chains hooked up and crisscrossed underneath the coupler
- ◇ Running lights, brake lights and turn signals working on the vehicle and trailer

Second, loading and weight distribution is important. The simple rule to follow is to place 60% of the weight in front of the axle and 40% behind. An unbalanced trailer can lead to trailer sway and other dangers while driving. Plan to load from the center of the trailer towards both ends, with the heaviest items more towards the front. This will help to decrease the rotational inertia about the vertical axis and keep the trailer more stable. Don't get too worried about the distribution of weight but do be conscious of it. Even distribution of the load usually works just fine. Try to keep the load low and flat, with heavier items on the bottom, and lighter ones on top. A lower center of mass is always better. A tall load will need more care in corners, and slower speeds are recommended for trailers with a high center of mass. Keeping the load generally centered left to right in the trailer is also recommended. It may be necessary to use cargo dividers, straps, or empty containers to keep items from shifting during travel.

Once everything is loaded, recheck your tongue weight. Be sure that it does not exceed the rating of your hitch, and that it does not overload your tow vehicle. Then take it for a test ride, and if anything feels strange, stop and reposition things as necessary. Be aware of the effects of increased speed on the trailer handling. The increased momentum will require more effort to steer your rig down the road.

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

5/19 John Conner

5/20 Randy Hyde

5/26 Linda Hyde

6/1 Dedre VanHoose

6/5 Lynn Ervin

6/12 Kathryne Lawrence

6/18 Tim Mourning

Anniversaries

Tim Wiseman 5/30



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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 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.